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Nine Rotan Students Inducted Into National Honor Society Last Week

Nine students from Rotan High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony at the high school Friday.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted were: Ward Hayes, Rocky Roberts,

David Stevens, Shelly Hayes, John Pease, Tina Mendoza, Jackie Martinez, Terri Whitefield and Raymond Baker.

"National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Patsy Hamric, chapter adviser.

The Rotan High School

Chapter has been active since 1945, and formal induction ceremonies started in 1981.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools.

Ward Hayes is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Louie C. Hayes; Rocky Roberts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts; David Stevens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Helms; Shelly Hayes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hayes; John Pease is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Pease; Tina Mendoza is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aberlado Mendoza;

Jackie Martinez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert X. Martinez; Terri Whitefield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Whitefield; and Raymond Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Baker.

Following the induction ceremony, a luncheon was held in the high school library for NHS members, parents of NHS members and high school faculty, and other guests of NHS inductees.

NHS members are required to render service to the high school and community as a group and individually.

Phil Springer Announces For Rotan Council

Rotan residents will be electing a new Mayor and two people to positions on the Rotan City Council when balloting takes place on Saturday, April 6th.

Former Rotan Councilman Dr. Jerry Marshall has officially filed for the post of Rotan Mayor. Mayor Les Sencil indicated that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Councilman Phil Springer has re-filed for another term on the council as has Rotan resident Jim McCright.

The deadline for filing for either the Mayor's position or a council post is Wednesday, March 6th, according to Kenneth Vann, Rotan City Secretary.

No One Signs Up For Vacant Board Spots

Fisher County voters will be naming two county residents to positions on the Fisher County Hospital Board. The current terms held by Glen Copeland and Kirmitt Terry expire this year.

Copeland has indicated that he will not re-file while Terry has said that he will seek another term.

The deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 6th.

Matthies And Simmons Sign

Roby Mayor Carl Matthies has completed the necessary forms to have his name placed on the ballot for the position of Roby Mayor on Saturday, April 6th, according to Jimmy Price, Roby City Manager.

Murray Simmons has filed for one of the two vacant Roby Commission positions. Incumbents Ed Deaton and Jack McClure have not as of last Tuesday re-filed for a commission position. The deadline for filing is Wednesday March 6th.

Dr. Maurice Callan Given Silver Beaver Scout Award

Dr. Maurice C. Callan, Rotan physician, was presented the coveted "Silver Beaver" award by the Chisholm Trail Council of the Boys Scouts of America during a recent awards ceremony.

The award received by Dr. Callan is awarded to men in the local council for "distinguished service to boyhood."

Jack Cadenhead, Scoutmaster of the local Rotan troop had the following to say concerning the award presented to Dr. Callan.

"As a boy he joined a Troop in 1942 and attained the rank of Eagle in 1946. One of his experiences as a Scout was to go to Philmont Scout Ranch."

As an adult Scouter he has assisted the local Scouting program in Rotan by serving on the Troop Committee of Troop #133, sponsored by the Rotan Lions Club. He has also served as a Merit Badge Counselor and has assisted with Boards of Review.

He has been a member of the Chisholm Trail Council Executive Board for many years, and served as community chairman for the Sustaining Membership Enrollment in Rotan on numerous occasions.

An Elder in the Rotan Church of Christ, he has also been a Sunday School teacher for many years.

He is a past president of

the Rotan Lions Club, has served on the Rotan City Council, and is on the Council For Aging.

In a professional capacity he is a member of the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, County Health Officer, and the Fisher County Hospital Board.

He is a member of the Advisory Board of Abilene Christian University and serves on the committee for Science and Mathematics at A.C.U.

It is with great pleasure that the Chisholm Trail Council presents the Silver Beaver to Dr. Maurice C. Callan.

Ray Farabee Will Be Made Governor For Day May 4th

Senator Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls has announced that May 4th has been set as the date for the traditional "Governor-for-a-Day" celebration in Austin, at which he will be sworn in as the acting Governor of Texas.

"The celebration is an occasion for the President Pro Tempore's constituents to come and celebrate 'their day' in Austin. We will hold the swearing-in ceremony in the Senate Chamber and have a barbeque on the Capitol grounds. This will be a good time for all those living in the 30th District to come to Austin and enjoy the District's elevated status for a day," Farabee explained.

Each session the Senate chooses a member to serve as Senate President Pro Tempore. That member is third in line to govern the state, following the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The President Pro Tempore traditionally serves one day as Governor while the Governor and Lieutenant Governor leave the state. Farabee was elected to the Pro Tempore position January 8, 1985, at the beginning of the 69th Legislative session.

"more specific plans will be announced in about a month. In the meantime, I hope that everyone in the 30th District will keep May 4th open on their calendars," Farabee concluded.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: The above 9 students were officially installed in the National Honor Society last Friday. Left to right: David Stevens, Jackie Martinez,

Shelly Hayes, Terri Whitefield, Raymond Baker, Tina Mendoza, Rocky Roberts, Ward Hayes, and John Pease.

Local 4-H In Fort Worth

Fisher County 4-H'ers exhibited 4 placing steers at the Ft. Worth Show held February 1.

Reggy Spencer placed 12th in the middleweight Hereford Class. Todd Matthies placed 13th in the lightweight Crossbred Class. Ricky Spencer placed 7th in the middleweight Crossbred Class. Ryan Jeffrey placed 11th

in the heavyweight Crossbred Class. There were 32 Herefords in each class and 52 crosses in each class.

At a San Antonio Show, held February 9 and 10th, Rodney Matthies placed 13th in the lightweight Charolais class. Ryan Jeffrey placed 14th in the middleweight Chiniana

class and sold his steers in the Premium Sale for .85 cents a pound.

Jeffrey Cattle Company entered 3 head of cattle in the San Antonio Chiniana Show and Sale held February 8. They showed the Champion Bull and Reserve Champion Prospect Steer. The bull sold for \$2900, the reserve steer \$2500 and another steer

for \$3100. This is an example of the quality cattle raised in Fisher County in that 2 of the 3 head were raised here.

In the San Antonio Barrow Show, Joey Teague placed 4th out of 126 in the Heavy Weight Duroc Class and sold his pig for 2.25 per pound.

Speech Team Places At Amarillo

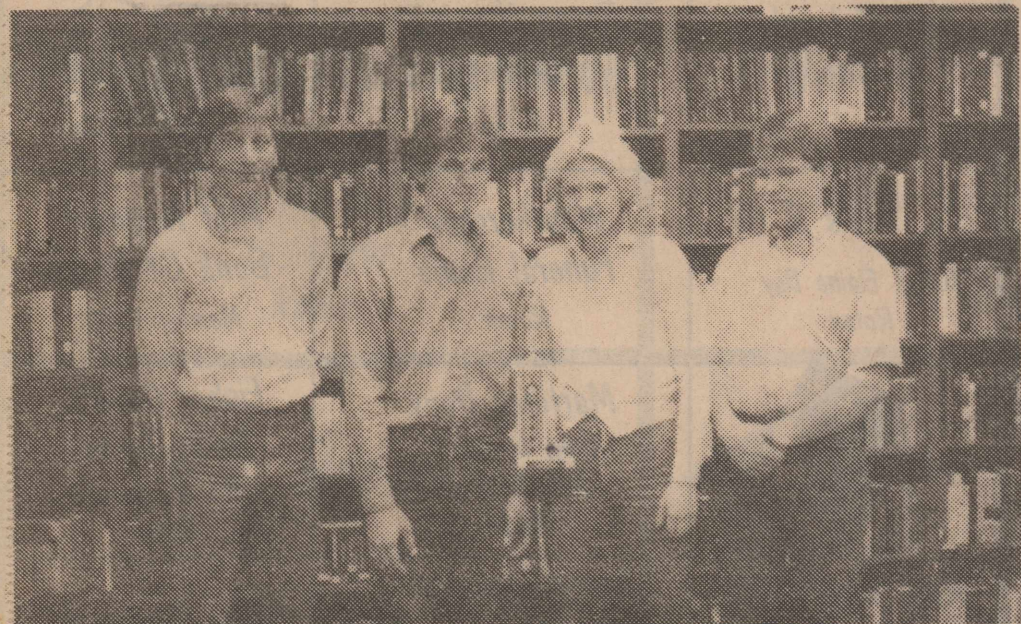
Four members of the Rotan High School Speech Team and sponsor Barbara

McCain, traveled to Amarillo on February 16-17 to attend the Tascosa High

School tournament. Meg Field and Lyle Hale placed second in Duet Acting with

their presentation of "Birdbath" by Leonard Melfi. David Stevens and Tony Gruben placed third in Standard Debate. By placing second at the tournament, Meg and Lyle have qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State Meet to be held March 9 in San Antonio.

The Texas Forensic Association, TFA, was formed several years ago to give students another avenue for speech competition. In an effort to avoid conflicting with UIL, TFA adopted different events and finishes the season before UIL competition begins. In order for a student to qualify for the State TFA meet he must place in the top three places at a TFA qualifying tournament in a TFA event.



QUALIFY FOR STATE MEET: The above 4 Rotan High School students qualify for the Texas Forensic Association Meet last weekend in Amarillo. Left to right: Tony Gruben, Lyle Hale, Meg Field, and David Stevens.



MAKES DONATION: Don Bolton, Roby Insurance Agent, presents Ruben Rodriguez, center, with a firemen's hat to be used by the Roby Jr. firemen.



Pots And Pans

I made another tactical error-not the first, sure won't be the last.

I offered to assist my bride with the supper dishes. Why? I try to keep her off balance, thats why.

I figure if I help with the dishes once in a while, break a few cups, she won't ask me to do them anymore.

That tactic works for about 3 months, then she forgets that I break dishes and asks me to help her again.

The latest episode backfired.

She asked me to help her with the dishes but assigned me to wash a "few" pans and pots.

"A few"--she had pots and pans stored back from Thanksgiving.

I washed the "chicken fried steak pan", then the spaghetti pot, then she began bringing out more and more till I wore out 3 SOS pads--"just one more-honey, isn't this fun?"

"Well, one more-what the heck" I kept washing, she kept finding dirty pans.

I finally asked "what are we doing with all these pans, do they belong to the neighbors?"

Do you want to help me or not," she said--

Reminding me of our 50/50 arrangement and letting me know that a working Mother needs help from her husband.

I kept washing.

I was stuck--no glasses to break.

The idea hit me--

If I leave a little spaghetti sauce on the rim of the pot, I'll get fired.

Tried it--didn't work, she just handed me another fresh SOS pad and instructed me to do a better job.

"Do you want us all to get BOTCHALISM OR TOMAIN POISONING!"

I kept washing.

This 50/50 arrangement works fine, but my hands are all cracked from the detergent.

She has decided she won't cut wood for the fireplace, so we're trading out--I cut wood-she washes pots and pans. I think I bargained and came out on top.

Little League Organizational Meeting Feb. 21

There will be an organizational meeting for the Rotan-Roby Little League Thursday, February 21. The meeting will be held at Homestate Savings at 7:00 p.m. All those who are interested in the 1985 little league season are urged to attend. Officers will be elected and plans be made to begin the year.

Tax Planning

By Gerald Rodgers
CPA



COMPUTER MISTAKES
(How to Avoid Them)

There's a right way and a wrong way to computerize your business. Don't make these very common mistakes:

1. Delegating the buying decision, buying what a friend or business acquaintance has without further investigation, buying a computer before you know exactly what you want it to do. The first step in buying a computer is deciding the tasks you want it to perform. Look for software that will do these tasks, then find hardware to run that software. Get involved in the decision making process yourself, even if you hire a consultant. It's your business and you need to be involved. Don't be overly influenced by someone else's recommendation. What works for another's business may well be totally inadequate for yours. Investigate what's available, and go see the most promising computers in operation on the job site.
2. Buying to little capacity. Project your computer needs for several years and buy a computer that will grow with your business.
3. Failing to involve the entire staff. You'll eliminate a lot of feat of the computer and have a staff more willing to learn and maximize the computer if you involve everyone right from the start.
4. Expecting too much to soon. Learn exactly what the computer can do and be willing to invest the time to learn how to use it.
5. Thinking you will program the computer yourself or make changes in the programs you buy. Unless you're a computer programmer by profession, thinking you can write complicated programs or make changes in purchased software is an invitation to disaster.
6. Believing everything the salesman tells you. Be especially wary when you're told that a feature you consider indispensable is in the development stage but will be available soon. It probably isn't and it probably won't be, and you'll end up with equipment that won't do what you thought it would.
7. Paying prematurely. Don't write your check before you have your equipment and are satisfied with the performance.

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Four File For Positions On Roby School Board

A total of four Roby Independent School District residents have completed the necessary paperwork to have their name placed on the ballot for the position of Roby School Board trustee in the upcoming April 6th election.

Those already making application include: Richard Gaona, Andy Moore, Calvin Elkins and Scott Feagan. Elkins and Feagan are incumbents as is Jerry Upshaw. Upshaw has not, as of last Tuesday, made application for his name to be on the ballot.

Golden Haven Home

The residents enjoyed the nice weather and sunshine we had last week.

We want to thank June Petty of Houston for her gift to the residents.

Visiting Letha Meek-Norma Meek of Sylvester.

Visiting Mary Burrows-Claudine Stephens of Rotan.

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Joe and Vera Jennings, of Throckmorton.

Visiting Ezell Whitten-May Hurst and Ruth Brown of Sylvester.

Visiting Eva Chapman-Bessie Pillow of Roscoe, Rocky George and boys of New Orleans, Louisiana, Sill and Bertha Carlile of Sweetwater.

We thank the volunteers who bring our Sunday Services each week. You bring a ray of sunshine to our residents.

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Funeral Held For Leonard B. McCombs

Leonard B. McCombs, 79 former longtime Rotan resident, died 7 P.M. Thursday, at Memorial Hospital in Kermit. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Philip Goodrum, Baptist minister from Levelland, and Rev. Mike O'Neill, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. McCombs was born February 25, 1905, in Fisher County and had lived in the area all of his life except the past year when he lived in Kermit. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McCombs. He married Verna Maye Head, June 19, 1931 at Lovington, New Mexico. She died October 15, 1983. He was a retired carpenter and a member of Cross Roads Baptist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sherwood Edwards of Kermit; a son, Devon of Matagorda and a sister, Vida Royalty of Santa Maria, California; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: A.B. Parker, J.T. Palmer, Jess Goforth, Horace Carter, Jiggs McCombs, and Billie Joe McCombs.

Hobbs Names Honor Roll

6th Grade
B-Eddie Onofre

5th Grade
A-Ronda Gantt
B-J.P. Martinez

4th Grade
B-Jerami Martinez
Elaine Gomez

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to each of you for your prayers and concern during the illness and passing of our Dad, Leonard McCombs. We shall never forget the kind deeds shown us during this time. May God bless each of you.

Mr. & Mrs. Sherwood Edwards & family
Mr. & Mrs. Devon McCombs & family
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Roby Honor Roll

SENIORS
All A
Nyle Field
Kim Hunt
Marcy Mauldin
Mike Meek
Ricky Spencer
Ellen Walker
Jennifer Wright

A-B
Susan Gaona
Cindy Gonzalez
Sharon Haggard
Wenzal Hardwick
Sabrina Herron
Pache Parks
Steve Turpin
Kari Underhill

JUNIORS
All A
Tammy Mauldin
Patricia Parks
A-B
Gary Teague

SOPHOMORES
All A
Michelle Burk
Kristy Martin
Jody Mauldin
Charla Wiley
Deena Williamson
Mary Lee Hicks

A-B
Latricia Allen
Jeff Branson
Debbie Everett
Jeff Green
Rodney Green
Theresa Lipke
Vahid Morris
Jonny Parks
Gerry Streety
Marlon Terry
Darry Thomson
Kerrie Upshaw

FRESHMEN

All A
Jill Branson
John Everett
Reggy Spencer
A-B
Kenlee Dennis
Cherie Feagan
James Gantt
Donna Gordon
Stephen Henington
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Mrs. Wilson was born October 25, 1899 in Navarro County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James T. Reese. She married John M. Wilson in 1922 in Denton. Mr. Wilson died June 24, 1938. Mrs. Wilson had lived in Fisher County since 1917 after moving from Denton. She was a retired City Secretary for Rotan, serving as such for 6 years. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include 1 sister, Mamie Lois Johnson, Rotan; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 sons: Fred Allen in 1969 and J.M. in 1980. Pallbearers were Yoke Fleming, Bill Day, William Duke, Alton Smith, Charles Atwell, and Carlton Burrow.



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Worship This Week At A Fisher County Church

Read Philippians 1:1-11
Paul wrote, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." —Philippians 1:3-5 (ASV)

THE Eighth World Congress of the International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicaps held in Nairobi, Kenya, in November, 1982, was an exciting event. It began with a "partnership market." This market gave any of the 500 delegates the opportunity to request aid or to respond with an offer of aid. An example of its effectiveness was evident when a third-world country needed two teachers to organize a school for the mentally retarded. Another third-world country had two teachers to send but no funds to send them. An industrialized nation offered travel funds. The atmosphere of caring and sharing among the 65 participating nations gave a beautiful feeling of partnership.

Although the congress was not a Christian event, it definitely was caring. I came away thankful for the worldwide partnership working to meet needs and improve the quality of life for persons with mental handicaps and their families.

PRAYER: God of all people, teach us that we are all persons of worth, regardless of our limitations. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Our own limitations are minimized when we compensate for the limitations of another.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 735-3471 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening Church Training 6:00 Wed. Night 7:30 Rev. Derrell Monday Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ROTAN 735-2334 Sunday School 9:15 Sunday Evening 6:00 W.H. (Fred) Brown-Pastor
ARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH West Of Roby Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening Church Training 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Derrell Monday Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ROBY 776-2308 Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 5:00 UMYF Warren K. Schoenecker-Pastor
CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH 735-2748 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening Training Union 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Mike O'Neill Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-MCCAULEY 694-1350 Abilene Sunday School 10:00 Wed. (second Wed. in each month family nite 7:00) Barbara Gammeter-Pastor
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IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH 735-2187 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:30 Wed. Night 7:30 Rev. Jim Rader Pastor	CHURCH OF THE NAVARENE Joe Norton Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Wed. Night Worship 7:30
SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH 793-4479 Sunday School 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. J. Hattie D. Pastor	FOURSQUARE CHURCH 735-2553 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Claud Fry Pastor
HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH 776-2593 Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 L.D. (Dutch) Parks Pastor	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 735-3285 Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m. Mass Father Austin Kittredge
MCCAULEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Rick McMinn Pastor	MAHANATHA CHURCH Bill Dickson Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Evening 6:00 Bible Study Wed. Night 7:30 Roby, Texas
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Rotan And Roby FFA Chapters Spotlight Students



FFA OFFICERS: (l to r back row) Edward Martinez-treasurer; Ward Hayes-Vice President; Tony Gruben-President. Front (l to r) David Zambrano-Sentinel; David Stevens-Secretary; Rocky Roberts-Reporter.

Rotan FFA Chapter

Students in VAI, VAIL, VAIIL, study animal science, soil science, plant science, leadership and ag mechanics. The farm mechanics course for seniors is a 2 hour class that studies farm power, safety, metal work, electrification, and soil and water management. VAI is currently studying animal science. VAIL is learning to weld, VAIIL is working on individual arc welding projects. Farm mechanics just finished small gas engine overhaul.

Besides the areas listed above, students learn record keeping, leadership and judging. Students learn responsibility because each student completes a supervised occupational experience project. This can be an animal to show, a feeding project, a crop project, just to mention a few.

FFA members receive points for FFA activities and responsibilities. High individual points are used to determine who qualifies for a camping trip to Colorado.

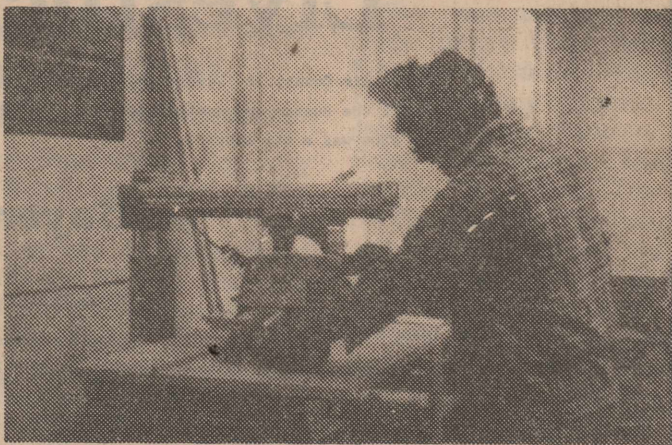
The fruit sale has been a successful money raiser for our chapter this year and in years past.

The Young Farmers have been very helpful in working the Rotan Jr. Livestock Show a success.

VAI: Bobby Carrillo; David Carreon; Steve Dickson; Donnie C. Gruben; Todd Gruben; Jerry Harbin; Mark Hargrove; Nick Hernandez; Erick Kelly; Carl Laughlin; Steve McClain; Vicente Ortega; Glen Overby; Jan Posey; Darrian Ragan; Roy Ramirez; John Frank Soliz; and Mitchell Whitefield.

VAII: Joe Almanza; Jerry Carter; Leo Castillo; Rafe Hargrove; David King; Brad Long; Jim Mann; Jeff Perales; Darrin Pinkard; George Reyes; Farm Mechanics: Tim Carrillo; David Carter; and Armondo Yanez.

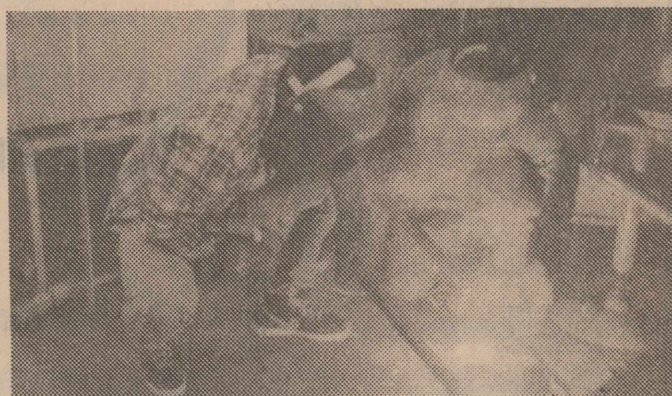
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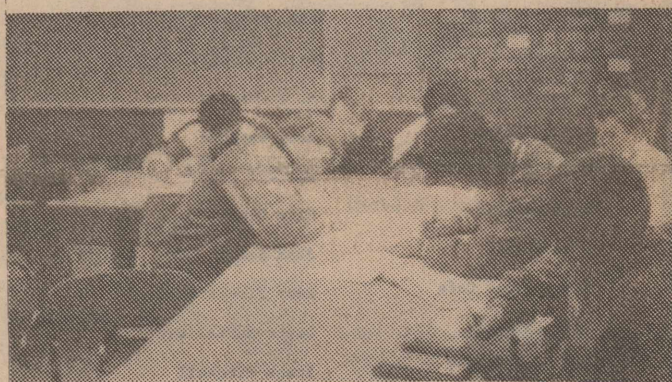
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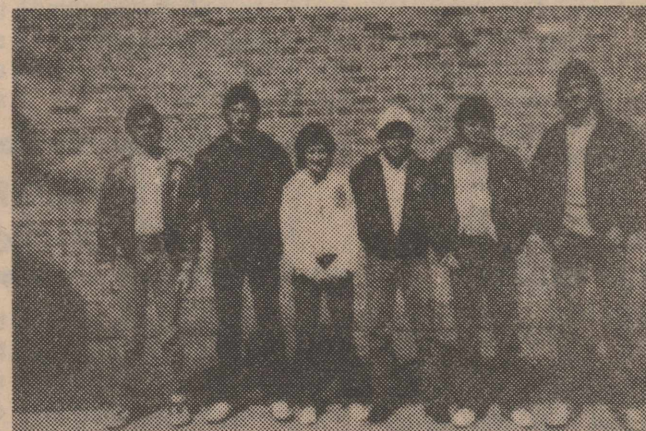
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ROBY FFA OFFICERS: (l to r) Ricky Spencer-Treasurer; Wenzal Hardwick-Sentinel; Tammy Mauldin-Sweetheart; Jimmy Carreon-Vice President; Lance Green-Secretary; Pache Parks-Reporter, not pictured, Gary Teague-President.

Roby FFA Chapter

The FFA motto is the statement that every Vocational Agricultural student strives to follow. Through all aspects of the Vo Ag program, plant science, soil science, animal science, agriculture mechanics, leadership, and judging contests, the students are preparing to enter the field of agriculture or agribusiness, or some other related field.

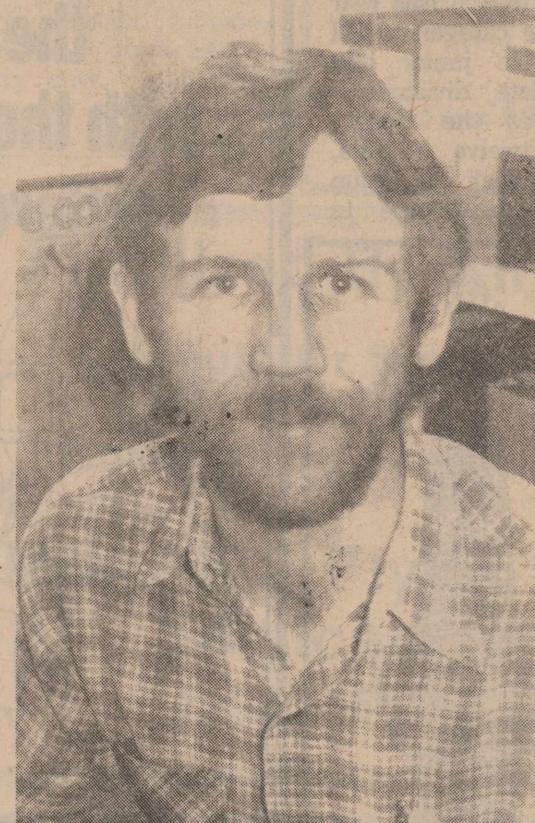
Members of the Roby FFA are preparing by classroom, shop, and field work to use their knowledge in the spring judging contest. Teams they are preparing for are land, meats, cotton, dairy foods, crops, livestock, dairy cattle, and ag mechanics. The rewards they receive in participating above the chapter level proves the motto learning, doing, earning, and living is a worthy investment to their future. In the fall they prove their skill in parliamentary procedure, jr. & sr. farm skill, farm radio, and the FFA quiz. In January, many members participated in the Fisher County Livestock Show in exhibiting their SOEP projects.

Vocational Agriculture and FFA is an exciting organization. Be a part of it. Contact an FFA member or a Vocational Agriculture teacher for more information.

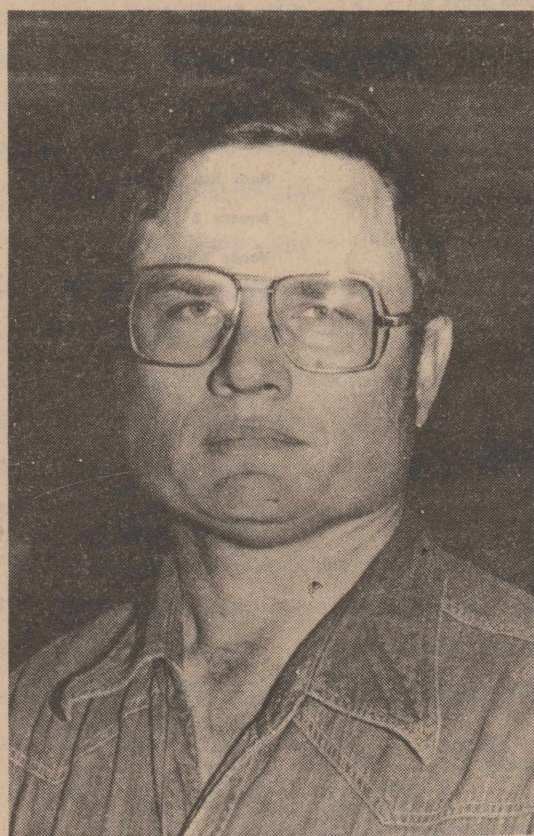
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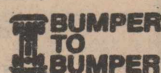
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Fifteen Boys To Make Up Roby Track Team

Fifteen boys will be participating on the Roby Lion track team this year. Coach Tommy Miller predicted that the team should be strong in some individual events but that overall depth is somewhat

lacking for team wins. Of the fifteen boys on the team ten will be involved in running events while on the other five will specialize in field events.

Coach Miller said, "Lance Green should be one of the top sprinters in the area in Class A and should also make a strong showing in the long jump. Danny

Carreon should do well in pole vault and I expect our 400 meter relay team to do well."

This year's Lions team is composed of seniors Lance Green, Pache Parks, Ricky Spencer, Jimmy Carreon, and Steve Turpin; Juniors: Danny Carreon, John Kiser, and Clifton Terry; and Freshmen Shalon Thompson, James Gantt, Greg Meek, Billy Scott, Jason Terry, Kenlee Dennis and Reggie Spencer. There are no sophomores on the team this year.

The girls track team will be competing at the same meets as the boys. The 1985 schedule is:

Roby Track schedule for 1985: March 9 Garden City, boys and girls; March 16, Sands, boys and girls; March 23, Aspermont, boys and girls; March 30, Jayton, boys and girls; April 5, Robert Lee, boys and girls; April 13, ACHS, boys; April 19, District at Aspermont.

Roby Lion Report By Mickey McCarty

The Lions had a good season finishing with an 18-5 record, but we were also disappointed that we didn't make the play offs. We did beat three teams that made the play offs.

We just didn't win the games that we had to win. The boys played hard every game and were mentally ready except for the McCaulley loss and that's my fault. The coach should have the team mentally ready for every game and I let them look past McCaulley. We were not talented enough that we could look past anybody. I know that every team was ready to play Roby because of our past record and that made it even harder for us. Also losing

to McCaulley early in district put added pressure on us throughout the rest of district.

I know the players were more disappointed than anyone that we didn't make the playoffs. I'm proud of the boys effort, I feel like they played as close to their potential as any team I've had. We had very good Senior leadership from Nyle Field, Pache Parks, Mike Meek, Todd Donham and Ricky Spencer and we will miss them very much next year. Hopefully, next year we will be back in the play offs—it's not much fun watching the other teams play.

Palette & Brush Club Holds Meeting

The Palette and Brush Club met Feb. 18th for an all day workshop with Myrtle Joiner.

Members present were Fay Anderson, June Anderson, Nan Arnett, Billie Coffman, Jonnie Hoodenpyle, Nell Hughes, Sis Killingsworth, Edna McArthur, Bobbie McKinney, Sue Medrano, Glenna Gene Moore, Luella Waddell, and Bertha Warren.

The next meeting will be held March 4th at the Senior Citizens building in Rotan. It will be an all day work shop with Myrtle Joiner. We will be finishing some of the paintings we haven't finished at earlier workshops.

Extension Homemakers Report By Alice Ballenger

Fisher County 4-H Clothing leaders met recently to make plans for 4-H clothing projects and county 4-H Fashion Show. A change in time of year for both District and State Fashion Show makes it necessary to do 4-H Clothing projects now.

The County 4-H Fashion Show is scheduled to be Sunday March 24.

Another change in Fashion is that 4-H'ers will not only be broken into three age groups as in the past, but will have four categories in each age group. The age groups will consist of third grade through 11 years old, junior division. Ages 12-13 will be intermediate and 14-19 will be Seniors. These ages are as of Jan. 1, 1985.

Last year seniors were in the four categories of Tailored Daywear, Active Sportswear, Non-Tailored Daywear, Evening and Specialty wear. This year these four categories will also be in junior and intermediate divisions. This gives the County possibly twelve winners, four from each age group that can participate in

District Fashion Show.

Leaders attending the meeting to make these plans included Kathleen Hicks, Charla Moore, Carol Gruben, Shelia Gruben, Carol Posey, Maxine Burk.

Movies To Be Shown At Teen Center

Teen Center will sponsor their monthly movie time Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Courthouse Annex beginning at 1:00 p.m. with animated feature followed by Walt Disney Movie.

Movie for Teen Center members will start at 7:00 p.m.

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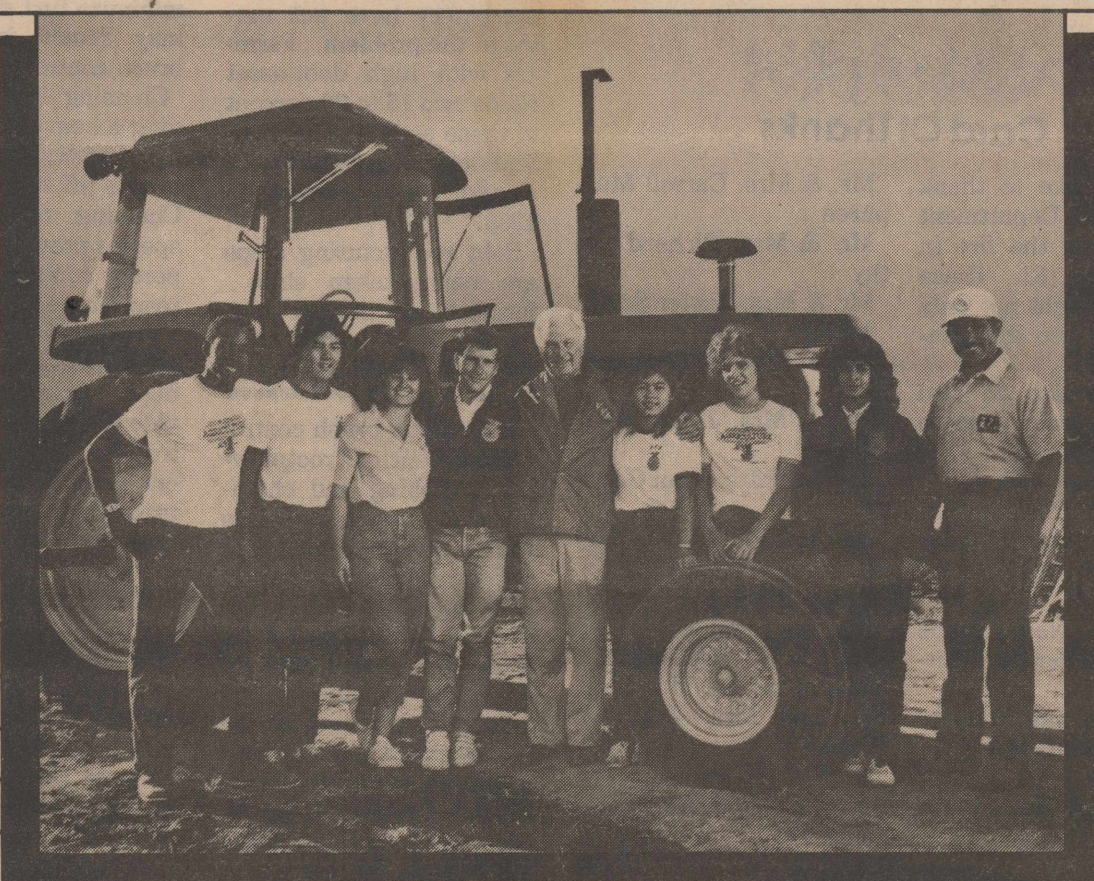
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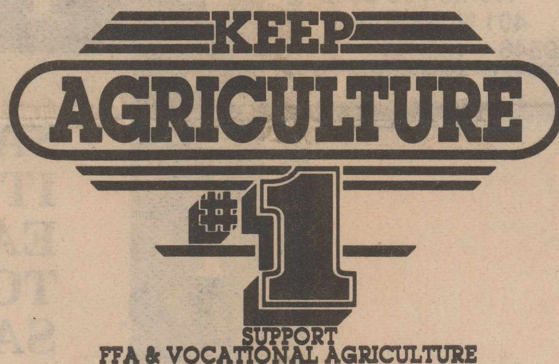
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County Agent Report By Richard Spencer

Farm debt is like a heavy weight on the shoulders of many farmers today and has been the cause of increased farm liquidations, farm bankruptcies and agricultural loan delinquencies the past few years.

"Eighteen percent of the

nation's farmers and ranchers have debt-asset ratios of more than 40 percent." "The most integrated farming operations have the highest ratios, but they are accepted as normal operating procedures for their businesses and are not typically part of the farm debt prob-

lem." Thirty percent of the farms with annual sales exceeding \$100,000 have debt-asset ratios of more than 40 percent. Farms with less than \$40,000 in annual sales usually have

a greater off-farm income. Therefore, these operators are not as vulnerable to high farm debts as the larger commercial farms. The Great Lakes, Corn Belt and Northern Plains states have the highest

concentration of debt-asset ratios greater than 40 percent. The Southern Plains, including Texas, is below the national average.

Weak asset values for farmland and farm machinery have not curtailed the problem. Farmers with high debt-asset ratios own 15 to 20 percent of these assets. So, more liquidations and farm debt should be expected in 1985.

Debt restructuring steps are being taken since farmers are neither borrowing nor buying like they were a decade ago.

Mechanical brush control methods such as rootplowing, grubbing and chaining should work well this winter due to good moisture conditions.

Rootplowing is an effective method of controlling brush but is more efficient when soil moisture is sufficient to allow the blade to pass through the soil with reduced resistance. Seeding of forage species is often necessary and desirable following rootplowing.

Because rootplowing is

expensive, it should be used on sites with high production potential. Root plows with fins usually provide the best control but they also destroy existing turf. A thin bladed root plow without fins will minimize turf damage but may result in reduced brush control.

Chaining involves dragging a heavy anchor chain over brush; this uproots or breaks off brush species. Chaining of live brush species provides only temporary control because of resprouting. However, more live plants are uprooted when soil moisture is high. Chaining can provide temporary brush control that will allow sufficient grass growth so that prescribed burning can be used as a follow-up treatment.

Chaining is used effectively to retreat areas that have been treated with herbicide. For example, mesquite may be controlled effectively by chaining an area three years after spraying with a herbicide. With high soil moisture, many previously sprayed trees are uprooted. Dead or partially dead mesquite

trees are easier to uproot than unsprayed live trees. Chaining is most effective on plants with a main stem diameter of 5 inches or more.

Power grubbing is generally used as a maintenance practice. It is most useful with scattered plants large enough to be easily seen by the equipment operator. The efficiency of

grubbing also increases as soil moisture content increases. A large portion of the plant's root system is pulled from the soil when soil moisture is high.

So, ranchers interested in one or more of these methods of mechanical brush control may want to give them a try this winter while moisture conditions are favorable.

Joey Teague Receives Award At Swine Show

Joey Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague, Rt. 2, Roby, received 4th Duroc Heavy Weight in the Swine Show at San Antonio Livestock Show, held Feb. 10-16 in San Antonio, Texas.

The heavy barrow was farrowed from the Teague's Duroc herd. The barrow sold for \$555.75.

The brothers, Gary and Joey plan on entering the Houston Livestock Show next week.

Fisher County Gin Report

Terry Gin recently joined ranks with Longworth and Farmers Union Coop Gins who have completed work for the season. Terry Gin worked a total of 2186 bales for the year.

Other gins still in operation are the Rotan Gin

which has ginned 10,018 bales and Farmers Gin whose count stands at 3974 bales. Reports from the Farmers Gin are that a few more loads are still on the dock before their season will also be finished.

Rotan Varsity Squad Winds Up Season

The Rotan Varsity squad played their final game against Hawley on February 5 and finished the season with a loss at 47 to 74.

Leading scorer for the Yellowhammers was Charles Williams who had thir-

teen points. Tony Gruben and Ed Martinez both scored nine points for the evening followed by Ward Hayes with seven, Jerry Carter with five and Sammy Ramirez who had five points for the evening.

Mark Mauldin & Russell Smith Named Who's Who

Two Fisher County residents attending Western Texas College in Snyder have been named to "Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges" for 1984-85.

Who's Who students are

selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential.

WTC honorees are: Mark Mauldin of Roby and Russell Smith of Rotan.

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We would like to thank the Rotan Fire Department for controlling the fire in our home Jan. 31. These men had to fight not only the fire but also the weather.

We would like to also thank those who wish to remain anonymous.

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Rotan Yellowhammer Track Team

The Rotan Yellowhammer track teams are gearing up for what they hope will be another successful year that will see team members in state competition.

Special On Agriculture To Be Aired On TV

A nationally syndicated half-hour television program entitled "Agriculture's Next Generation: A CONFLICT OF INTEREST" is set to be broadcast Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. on television station KRBC-Ch. 9. The National FFA Organization has commissioned this program, which will be narrated by Eddie Albert and will be aired on over 120 television stations nationwide.

Gary Teague, Roby FFA Chapter President said of the special program, "It will focus on the need for more young people to enter agriculture to assure the industry of maintaining its global 'number one' status."

Coach Ted Posey reports that about twenty boys will be participating in track events this year. Their first meet will be March 9 at the Ranger Relay with

AAA, AA and A teams competing. Coach Posey said, "We will have to work hard to be ready for that type of competition so early in the season."

Rotan Nursing Center

We had a nice week last week. Russell Ahrlert's family gave him a birthday party Saturday complete with a fish fry and musical entertainment. Russell and the rest of the residents in the home enjoyed the fish and music.

We had a Valentine party for Valentine Day. We presented the Valentine King and Queen with flowers. Russell Ahrlert was our King and Annabell Hudnall was our Queen. Visitors in the home last week were: visiting Romie Kersh were Mrs. Rodgers

of Sweetwater, Era May Woody, and La Vera Pitman of Albany. Vera Crawford of Odessa visited Maudie Maize. Mary Lee Hicks of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. James Nettleton of Hobbs visited Jewell Willingham. Rosa Botello of Peoria, Arizona and Mollie Botello Garcia of Lubbock visited Johnnie Trejo. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin and Carrie Boothe of Spur visited Ina Joy Smith, Dorothy Scifers of Hamlin visited her mother, Nancy Bagwell.

Lora Cleveland

Two On Hobbs School Board Terms Expire

Two of the five members of the Hobbs School Board have elected terms expiring in 1985, according to M.B. Maxwell, Hobbs Su-

perintendent.

The terms of Dan Bavousette and Gary Hyer expire in 1985. Bavousette has re-filed for another term.

Leadership this year will come from the only two seniors on the team, Charles Williams and Tony Gruben, who are serving as co-captains."

Other team members include juniors Chad Alls, Edward Martinez, Ward Hayes, Sammy Ramirez, John Pease and Raymond Baker; sophomores, Leo Castillo, Brad Long, Darin Pinkard, Scott Toliver, and Nathaniel Wynn. The single freshman on the squad is Donnie Gruben.

Coach Posey added, "I feel there is a tremendous amount of raw material in these young men. Williams was second at state last year in the 800 meter with a lot of work he could develop into one of the tops in the state regardless of classification. Tony Gruben has developed better than any young man I have worked with in track. I'm hoping (I know) we are going to surprise many this year."

The girl's team will see the return of several members who were in state competition last year. The sprint relay team which went to state in 1984 is intact with members Cathy

Conner, Barbara and Mary Williams, and Cheryl Reese. Shelly Hayes who went to state in the discuss is also returning.

Coach Greg Gillis says, "I'll try to do my best. Our goal is to win the District and to get into state competition. We have a good team with several state competitors returning this year."

The 1985 girls team includes Cathy Conner, Shelly Hayes, Cheryl Reese and Terri Whitefield (seniors); LaTonya Daniel, Diane Gentry, Mary Williams (juniors); Cindy Gasper, Rosemary Hernandez, Barbara Williams, and Vikki Wright (sophomores); and freshmen Millie Gasper, Melinda Mathies, Jan Posey and Jennifer Nettleton.

The Yellowhammers first event was last weekend in Hamlin. The event was primarily for conditioning with the teams from Hamlin, Stamford, and Rotan competing.

Results of the 2.3 mile competition, approximately 40 boys competed in the cross event which encompassed 2.3 miles. Placing for Rotan were Donnie

Gruben, 4th (14:59); Chad Alls, 5th (14:59.6); John Pease, 9th (15:40); Leo Castillo, 17th (16:56); and Scott Toliver, 19th (17:30).

Fifteen girls ran the same course with Rotan placing the following girls in the top-LaTonya Daniel, 4th (20:32); Mary Williams, 5th (20:32.5); Barbara Williams, 6th (21:45); Diane Gentry, 8th (23:04) and Cheryl Reese, 9th (23:04.2).

The teams will compete in another cross country meet at the Rotan Golf course on Friday at about 4:30 p.m.

Rotan Track Schedule: February 22, Cross Country, Rotan backside golf course; March 9, Ranger relay, Ranger; March 16, Buckaroo, Breckenridge; March 23, Lion relay, Albany; March 30, Rolling Plains relay, Jayton; April 5, Cap Rock relay, Post;

April 13, Pied Piper relay, Hamlin; April 19, District, Hamlin; April 27, Regional

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One acre tract of land out of the Southeast corner of Section No. 116, Block No. 2, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Surv Fisher County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed, dated July 24, 1899, recorded in Volume 9, Page 258, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas, reference to which is hereby made for all legal purposes.

Priority of sale to be given to the adjoining landowners.

Marshal Bennett
County Judge
51:3tc

Cotton Divison Report

Local cotton prices were weak to mostly steady during the week ending February 15th; according to B.B. Manly, Area Director of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Division Classing Office in Abilene. Spot prices were mostly 250 to 300 points over loan values, with most cotton selling at physical prices ranging from 42 to 44 cents per pound. Demand was generally light; but was very light for low mike, high grade, and long staple cotton. Late season trading was inactive to mostly slow. Forward-contracting was inactive. Cottonseed prices paid farmers ranged from 85 to 105 dollars per ton.

About 15,000 cotton samples were classed during the past week, bringing the seasonal total to 251,000. Mr. Manly estimated that about 10,000 additional samples remain

to be classed for the 1984-85 season.

Cotton classed in Abilene this season was about 69 percent light-spotted, 28 percent white, and about 2 percent spotted grades. Grade 42 was predominant at 37 percent; followed by grade 52 at 24 percent, grade 51 at 14 percent, and grade 41 at 11 percent. About 38 percent of the samples classed were reduced in grade because of bark or grass content. Staple length averaged 31.9 for the season; with staple 31 the predominant length at 28 percent. Staple 32 comprised 24 percent, staple 30 comprised 13 percent, and staple 34 accounted for 11 percent. Micronaire readings were 69 percent within the 35 to 49 range, and averaged 36.5 for the season. The average strength reading was 24.6.

CHART

Fisher County Nursing Home

We have had quite a few birthdays this week. Friday, Feb. 15, was Mrs. Lucille Wright's birthday. Her daughters Doris Branch and Sue Htt honored her with a birthday party in the dining room. We all enjoyed the cake, punch and cookies, but we especially enjoyed the guests who came to the party and visited with all of us.

Tuesday, Feb. 19th we had our monthly birthday party for our residents who have birthdays in Feb. These residents are Mrs. Wright, Jewell Cummings, Katie Boales, Elsie Carter and Edna Taggart. Many thanks to Mary Singley's J.O.Y. Class for doing this for our residents.

We'd like to welcome Sandy Eaton, our new L.V.N. We look forward to working with you!

Our bingo winners this week were Mabel King, Dove Blevins, Nell McGuire, Ella Singley and LaNita Moore.

Our sympathy to the family of Thaddie Wilson. Thaddie passed away last Tuesday. We will miss her very much.

Our visitors this week: Billy Nestworth and his wife from Plainview, Texas and Mr. and Ms. Mike Nestworth and 2 children from Snyder visited Mrs. Cummings. Visiting Mr. Deel was Richard Ochs and Carla Brown from Smyer, Tex. Paul Ogden from Irving, Texas visited Maebell Ogden and Faye Cooper from Hamlin visited Mrs. Milliorn.



Leamon Charles Blanton, Jr., was born February 3 at 11 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston to Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Charles Blanton. He weighed 8½ lbs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Blanton of Rotan.

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Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Feb. 12 thru Feb. 18 were: Thaddie E. Wilson; Hattie B. Howard; Minnie Latham; Andres R. Almanza; Linda Williams; Christy E. Hudnall; Jean Stanford; Annie L. Beauchamp; Martin L. Hayes; Woodrow K. Crawford; Becky Montez; Teresa Gonzales; Thomas W. Stinson; Brooks Clements; Annie C. Paske; Neeva A. Carter; and Melissa Matthews all of Rotan; Adam Torres; Deanie Blaine; Floyd J. Wright; Jennifer Wright; Ramiro Flores and Juanita Neves; Hannah L. Arthur; and Heather Martinez, both of Abilene;

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, spent several days last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave. Mrs. Billy Carter from Brownwood also visited with them all on Tuesday and Wednesday, so they really had a good time.

Mrs. Opal Phillips ate dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge, Mrs. Randy Etheredge and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn all attended the Sweetwater girls vs. Levelland basketball game on Saturday at the Snyder Coliseum. Shannon Wilburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn, plays on the Sweetwater team.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Yearwood of Levelland on the birth of a new baby daughter, born Thursday at Lubbock. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Sher-

rill of Sweetwater and the proud great grandmother is Mrs. Lealon Wilburn of Roby.

Julie Hardin from Abilene came after Mrs. Bea Hardin on Thursday and they attended the wedding of Jay Lyn Hardin and Cynthia Kay Pasco Thursday night in Abilene. Jay Lyn is the youngest son of Joe Hardin and Bobbie Hardin, and is Bea's grandson. Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin and two boys from Bellville came home with Bea and spent Thursday night and all day Friday with her.

Jim and I have sure been busy watching all the girl's basketball play-off games; went to Sweetwater on Tuesday night to watch two really good games- Highland girls beat Roscoe

girls by just 1 point and was it an exciting game. Ronnie Kincaid, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Windle Kincaid of Rotan, is the Highland girl's coach. Sharon Neighbors (Kiker) who used to live in Roby is the Roscoe girl's coach. We also watched the Highland boys and Roscoe boys play that night. The Sweetwater gym is sure nice and there was such a big crowd there. We visited for a short while with Sammie Lee who used to be a coach at Rotan, and is now coaching at Sweetwater. He and his wife, Tonya, are expecting their first baby in about 6 weeks. Was sure good to see him again. We went to Snyder on Wednesday and then on Friday night we went to Rotan and watched the

Roscoe girls beat Motley County in a play off game. Saturday we went to Snyder and visited all afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker at Ennis Creek. Then we went to watch the Hawley girls vs. Shallowater at the Snyder Coliseum; Shallowater won. Then that night we watched the Sweetwater girls vs. Levelland, and it was such an exciting game, with Sweetwater coming out on top with a score of 30-28 in an overtime. Still have lots of play-off games to go and hope that all of the teams from around this area will continue winning, and go on to Regional.

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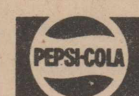
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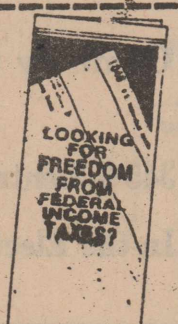
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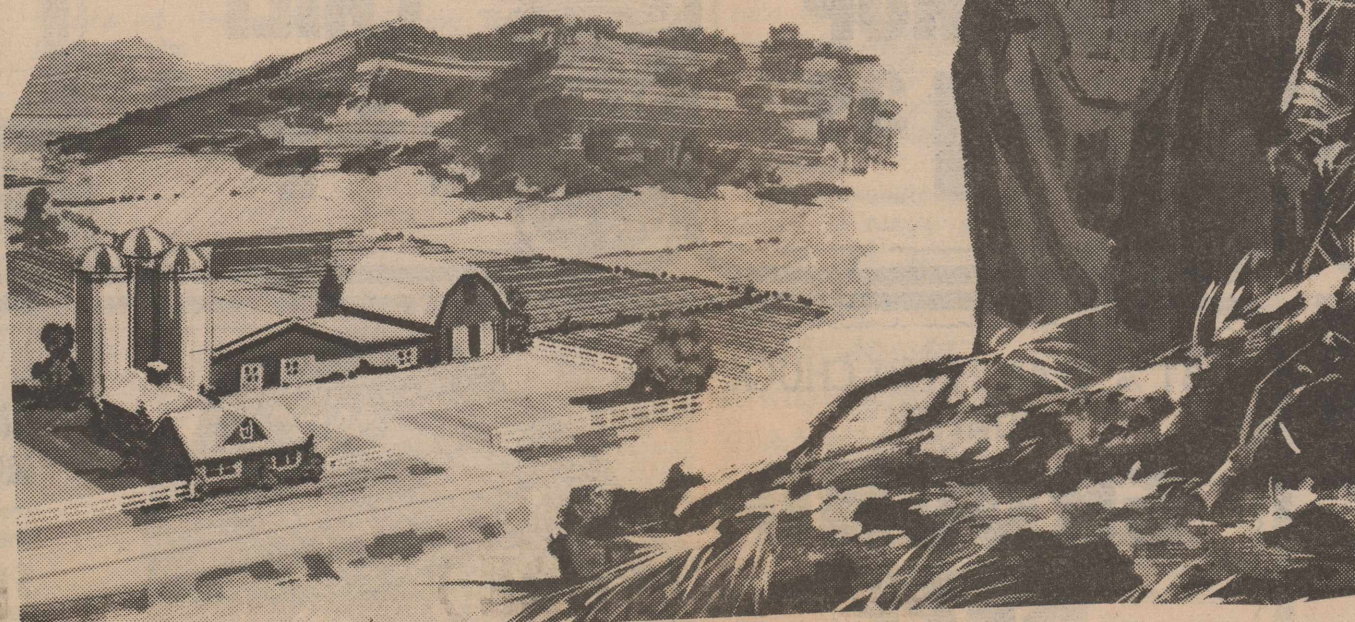
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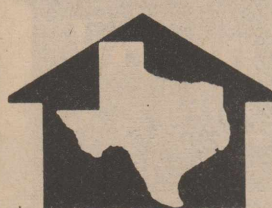
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**TOMATO
SAUCE**

\$1.59

8 OZ.
CANS



HI-DRI
**PAPER
TOWELS**

2.99¢

JUMBO
ROLLS

3 Litter Btl.

**DR PEPPER
OR
PEPSI**

\$1.89



RANCH STYLE
BEANS

2.79¢

NO. 300
CANS

HEINZ SQUEEZE BOTTLE
KETCHUP

\$1.39

28 OZ.
BTL.



RANCH STYLE PLAIN
CHILI

\$1.19

19 OZ.
CAN



NO CHOLESTEROL
WESSON OIL

\$1.98

38 OZ.
BTL.

TOTAL GROCERY SAVINGS



POST
HONEYCOMB 14 OZ. BOX **\$1.99**
POST
RAISIN BRAN 20 OZ. BOX **\$1.99**
POST SUPER
SUGAR CRISP 18 OZ. BOX **\$1.99**

QUAKER ASST. VARIETIES
GRANOLA DIPPES 8 CT. BOX **\$1.59**
FOLGER'S REGULAR INSTANT COFFEE
CRYSTALS 12 OZ. JAR **\$5.98**
FOLGER'S DECAFFEINATED COFFEE
CRYSTALS 8 OZ. JAR **\$4.98**
SEASIDE
BUTTERBEANS 2 NO. 300 CANS **89¢**
KRAFT REG-LOW CAL CATA/FR/IT/BTRMLK.
DRESSINGS 8 OZ. BTL. **89¢**
SCHILLING 9 OZ. SEASON-ALL/10 1/2 OZ. GALIC SALT OR
CHOPPED ONIONS 3 OZ. BTL. **\$1.19**
DRY CAT FOOD
FRISKIES 3 1/2 LB. BAG **\$2.59**
ASSORTED VARIETIES BUFFET CAT FOOD
FRISKIES 3 6 1/2 OZ. CANS **\$1.00**
30" OFF LABEL
DYNAMO 32 OZ. BTL. **\$1.69**
50" OFF LABEL
FRESH START KING SIZE **\$3.79**
1 LB. CAN CHOC/VAN. SLIM FAST OR
SLIM FAST CHOCOLATE 12 CT. ENV. **\$5.99**
Alpo Beef 10 LB. Bag
DOG FOOD **\$4.19**



NABISCO RITZ
CRACKERS
\$1.49

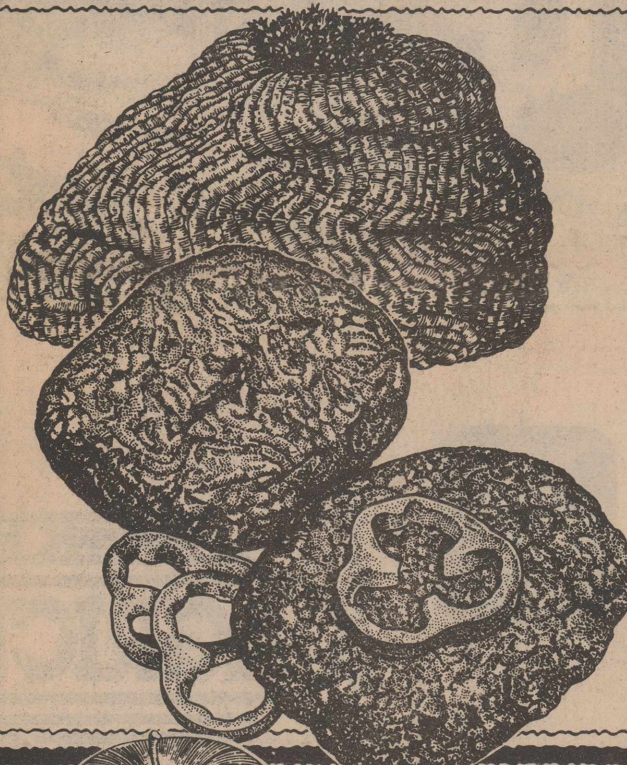
HEALTH & BEAUTY AIDS

30" OFF LABEL-TOOTHPASTE
CLOSE-UP 6.4 OZ. TUBE **\$1.39**
VASELINE INTENSIVE CARE
LOTION 10 OZ. BTL. **\$1.99**
Q-TIPS
COTTON SWABS 170 CT. PKG. **\$1.49**
PETROLEUM JELLY
VASELINE 7 1/2 OZ. JAR **\$1.99**
POLISH REMOVER
CUTEX 4 OZ. BTL. **89¢**

81% LEAN FRESH CHUCK
QUALITY

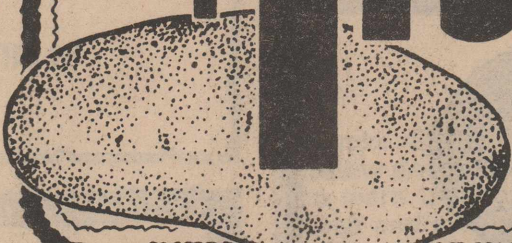
**GROUND
BEEF**
\$1.59

LB.



ALL PURPOSE RUSSET
POTATOES
\$1.19

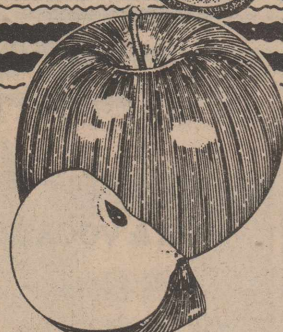
10 LB.
BAG



WASHINGTON RED
**ROME
APPLES**

49¢

LB.



CALIFORNIA GREEN PASCAL LARGE STALK
CELERY EACH **39¢**
SWEET YELLOW
ONIONS LB. **17¢**
LA RODA SOUTH AMERICAN
PLUMS LB. **59¢**
CALIFORNIA SUNKIST LARGE
LEMONS LB. **59¢**

KRAFT CHEDDAR OR COLBY
**HALFMOON
CHEESE**

\$1.69

10 OZ.
PKG.



NABISCO REGULAR OR CHEWY
CHIPS AHOY!

\$1.99

19 OZ.
PKG.

BUTTERFINGER
CANDY BARS

\$2.89

FUN SIZE

16 OZ.
BAG



HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF BONELESS

**CHUCK
ROAST** LB. **\$1.69**

OWEN'S HEAT & EAT
SAUSAGE & DISCOTS 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.59**
HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF EXTRA LEAN
STEW CUBES LB. **\$2.09**
HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF BONELESS
CHUCK STEAK LB. **\$1.99**
OSCAR MAYER COTTO
SALAMI 8 OZ. PKG. **99¢**
OSCAR MAYER SLICED
P&P LOAF 8 OZ. PKG. **\$1.19**
OSCAR MAYER SLICED
LUNCHEON LOAF 8 OZ. PKG. **\$1.19**
Oscar Mayer Family Pack 16 Oz. Pkg.
BOLOGNA **\$1.79**

FROZEN FOOD & DAIRY



CITRUS HILL FROZEN
**ORANGE
JUICE** 12 OZ. CAN **99¢**

CITRUS HILL CHILLED
**ORANGE
JUICE** 64 OZ. CTN. **\$2.29**

VAN DE KAMP LIGHT N CRISPY
FISH STICKS 13 OZ. PKG. **\$1.59**
PET RITZ ASSORTED
FRUIT COBBLERS 26 OZ. PKG. **\$1.89**
SHURFRESH
BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL. CTN. **\$1.09**
100% PURE CORN OIL MARGARINE
MAZOLA 1 LB. PKG. **89¢**
KRAFT SLICED
VELVEETA 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.79**

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