

Kim's Korner By Kim Pease

ARNFOLKS: A group of four folks from the Abilene Reporter News made one of their planned monthly tours to Rotan last Wednesday morning for a "Chat With The Editor" meeting. Glen Dromdogle, Editor; Larry Zilesko, Regional Editor; Loretta Fulton, Regional News and Bill Hart, Sports were in Rotan for an hour informal chat. Those meeting with the Abilene Reporter News Editors were Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Dr. Jerry Marshall, Jayneice Clements, Scotty Daniel, Victoria Greer, Suzy Day, Peggy Bilbo, David Wray Smith, Harold Sanders, Dan Morris and Sue Shipp. This is the second trip the group has made. The first was in February to Cisco. They plan to travel to a different Big Country town each month and field praises and problems local people are experiencing with the regional daily. The "Chat With The Editors" was hosted by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce.

FALSE INFORMATION: Someone told Larry Zilesko that the Wind Word Inn Motel in Rotan was doing so great that it was booked up for the next three months. Not so. I mean not so that it is booked up for three months. It is doing great. Wes Ferrer and Jamie Clayton, local owners, have done a great job in remodeling the motel and in putting in the new restaurant. The motel has a total of 14 rooms to offer the public. Four of the fourteen rooms are rented for the next 8 weeks to oil business related personnel. There are still rooms for rent on a nightly basis. The new owners are anticipating a large summer family reunion business.

CONGRATULATIONS: To those putting their names on the line for elected posts. We need more willing to serve.

WONDER WHY: Wonder why the Fisher County Sheriff's Department, when making reference to rural roads, does not refer to them by their new 9-1-1 road number?

BRITCHES IS BACK: I think the comment by Lil Whippersnapper in last week's paper hit Ol' Whistle Britches right square in the heart. The ink didn't get dry on the paper last week until the old boy was calling with a new plan. He has decided to give us his weekly 'pearls of wisdom' on a monthly basis and drop it by whenever he is in town during the month. No special trips. I think it will work out fine.

This week he indicated that he was pretty upset at figure skater Tonya Harding. She helped plan the attack on rival figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, according to the grand jury, but plea bargaining prevents her indictment. Somehow it seems that the justice in this case is not being served, according to Britches. Her former husband, body guard, driver all face jail terms - but the ice queen goes on with a light slap on the wrist. She should have her tongue tied to the roof of her mouth for standing in front of the American people and telling bald-face lies, according to the Rough Creek philosopher. There will be another trial someday.

Here are a few lines from Britches.

DEATH: Nothing improves a man's appearance as much as the photograph the newspaper uses with his obituary.

MEMORY: Smart folks say that elephants never forget. What exactly do they have to remember?

TAXES: Even if money would bring happiness, think what the luxury tax would be.

Rotan School Board members, in a special meeting last Tuesday night, discussed the pending LULAC law suit

with their attorney for almost 2-hours; then digested the financial advisory committee recommendations for another hour

and a half.

The 3 1/2 hour meeting was productive in that it gave board members a lot

to think about in regard to the LULAC suit, possibly constructing a \$600,000 technology center and a game plan for

finally selecting a new athletic director/head football coach.

Board Attorney Judy Underwood briefed the board on options available with respect to the LULAC suit. The demographic study was presented to the board and members will be reviewing options prior to possibly addressing the suit again at the April meeting.

Dr. Kinsey handed out the financial advisory committee recommendations. Kinsey was very complimentary of the work done by the committee. He indicated that he wanted to see consideration given to the gifted and talented program; vocational agriculture program and possibly building a technology center between the high school and junior high that will house a junior high lab, high school lab, two computer labs and a special education center. Kinsey indicated that he felt the center could be built for approximately \$600,000. Some \$400,000 would theoretically be net Jayton windfall funds. The remaining \$200,000 would be special education funds.

Kinsey and board members are to meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5th for the purpose of actually looking at a site to possibly locate the technology center. Although a vote was not actually taken, most board members appeared to be in favor of seriously looking at cost estimates.

Kinsey also expressed a desire to make the board aware that a school nurse office was needed; that there may need to be thought given to employing a physical education teacher; music teacher and possibly a technology director as well as a second school counselor.

The board is expected to review the financial advisory committee recommendations and further discuss them at the April meeting.

In final action the board is going to work through the Texas Education Agency and Texas Association Of School Boards to come up with an agreed upon evaluation form for the position of Rotan Superintendent.

Rotan Bracing Self For New Downtown Median Work Soon

The Texas Department of Transportation may begin physical work on the renovation to the Rotan downtown median within the next 10 days, according to Pete Krause, Abilene District of the TDT.

The contractor for the job will be Tommy Johnson of Shepherd, Texas. He has a total of 120 days to complete the project.

"Some logistical parking problems will take place, and there will be a lot of inconvenience to may residents over the next few months, but when the project is completed everyone will be proud of the work done," commented Susie Day, President of the Rotan Renovation.

Roby Calvary Baptist Mission Special Services

The members of the Calvary Baptist Mission of Roby will hold special services on Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd.

New Calvary Baptist Mission minister Rev. Jim Lawless will preach.

The Saturday night service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday services will be at 10:45 a.m., then lunch, followed by a service.

Red Cross Will Hold Blood Drive, April 4th

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Rotan on April 4th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center for area residents.

Blood banks throughout the United States are continuing to emphasize the need for donors to give again and again to help eliminate shortages caused by bad weather and seasonal illnesses.

"We appreciate the support which is being given by each regional community and hope that all eligible donors will participate at scheduled blood drive visits," said Polly Brumfield, director of donor resources development for the Wichita Falls location of Southwest Region Red Cross Blood Services.

"Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health," said Janice Copeland, who serves as local blood services chairperson. "Although all types are needed, we want to encourage type-O donors to make a special effort to donate."

Rotan School Board Gets LULAC Study, May Build \$600,000 Technology Center

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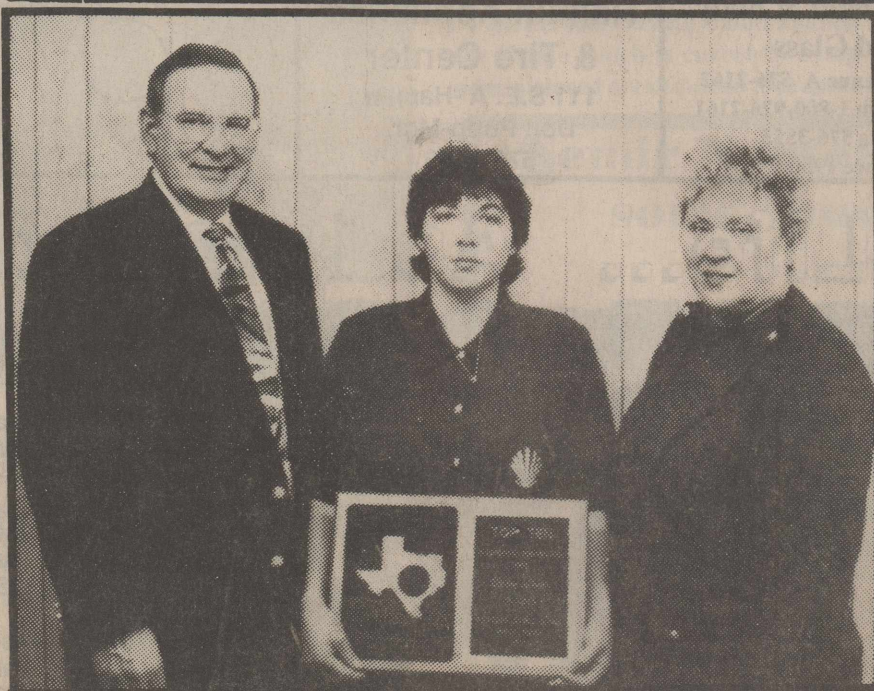
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HONORED: Dixie Neves, center, local manager of the Rotan Dairy Queen was honored recently by Richeson Restaurants for her outstanding performance and was one of only four to get the company honor. With Neves above is the Richeson Restaurant operations manager, left, and Richeson Restaurant owner Doris Richeson, right.

Five Race For Two Vacant Spots On Rotan School Board

The race for two vacant three-year positions on the Rotan School Board will be among five candidates.

Incumbents Sheila Murphree and Betty Strayhorn filed for re-election. Others filing were: Jerry 'Cotton' Clawson, Ruben Garza and Victoria Greer.

The full slate of candidates for the two Rotan I.S.D. board posts are: Sheila Murphree, a housewife and employee of Murphree Flying Service; Betty Strayhorn, retired school teacher; Jerry Clawson, an employee of the Texas Prison System; Ruben Garza, an employee of the local gypsum plant and Victoria Greer, housewife and co-business owner.

The deadline for write-in candidates to file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the secretary of the board of trustees is 5:00 p.m., April 7th.

The first date to participate in early voting by personal appearance is April 18th.

The balloting takes place on Saturday, May 7th.

The newly elected candidates will serve with Dr. Vick Burk, Clay Helms and David Hudnall who all have terms expiring in 1995 and Ralph Riddle, Jr., and Norvelle Kennedy who have terms expiring in 1996.



WINNER: Ashley Hyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hyer of Rotan, attended a gymnastics meet in Lamesa earlier this month winning two medals. She was the first place winner in her age division in the trampoline competition and she was the third place winner in tumbling.

Cross Roads To Hold Easter Sunrise Service

The members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church will hold their annual Sunrise Easter Service at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, April 3rd.

The service will be held at the James Ratliff Ranch at Rough Creek. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rotan Easter Service Is Set For Sunday Night

The 1994 Rotan Community Wide Easter Service will take place at 7:00 p.m., Sunday night, April 3rd at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. Rev. Joe Vernon, host pastor and president of the Fisher County Ministerial Alliance has issued an invitation to everyone to attend the service.

Pastors of the following churches will be participating - Rev. Joe Vernon, First Baptist Church, Rotan; Rev. Danny Martin, Pastor of the First Baptist Church-Sylvester; Dee Threatt, Hobbs Baptist Church; Rev. John Lowery, Cross Roads Baptist Church; Rev. Ron Kelley, Roby Methodist Church, Wesley Holland, Rotan Methodist Church and Gene Haynes, Calvary Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny Martin will be delivering the message. A nursery will be provided and the First Baptist Church handbell choir will be performing.

Dixie Neves Honored For Outstanding Performance

Dixie Neves, manager of the Rotan Dairy Queen, has been honored by Richeson Restaurants for her outstanding performance, being one of the four persons who received the company's top ten percent awards.

The award is based on top performance in sales building, profit making, customer service and facility upkeep. It was given to Neves at Richeson Restaurants' Spring Swing, held Friday, March 4th, in Hamlin.

Neves received a letter of recognition, a plaque to hang in her Dairy Queen, and commemorative piece.

The Rotan Dairy Queen is one of forty-one Richeson Restaurants, and began operation as part of the Richeson group in 1978. Five years later, Dixie Neves began student employment at the restaurant, and in 1985, while still a teen-ager, Neves became manager. During her management years, Neves has taken time to have two daughters, balancing family time with professional duties. Neves has done an outstanding job throughout the years, participating in community efforts for various groups. Neves current community project is

participation in Rotan's DARE program, aimed at fifth and sixth-grade students in an effort to provide an awareness which will keep the young people drug-free.

Roby Baptists To Vote On New Pastor, April 10th

The members of the First Baptist Church of Roby will hear a pastor preach on Sunday, April 10th in view of a call, according to Albert Hataway, First Baptist Church Deacon.

The search committee listened to Michael Jeter preach on Sunday, March 27th. He is currently residing in Bacliff, Texas, near Houston, and is 34-years old.

He has been licensed to preach since 1982 and has been ordained since 1987.

He will be preaching the morning service only on April 10th. Following the service, the church will vote.

Three Candidates File For Three Spots On Hospital Board

Voters will be electing three candidates from a field of three for two-year positions on the Fisher County Hospital Board, according to Ella Raye Lovejoy, Fisher County Hospital Administrator.

Incumbents Steve Nowlin, a Rotan farmer; Kim Pease, newspaper publisher and Rodney Tankersley, owner of an auto parts business are all seeking re-election.

Board members Freddie Raspberry and CleDon Coffman have terms expiring in 1995.

Four File For Three Roby School Seats

Roby School Board incumbent David Boyd has chosen not to seek re-election to the board for another term. Two incumbents did re-file however - Britt Stuart and Billy Don Atkinson.

Others filing for three year terms are: Manuel Valdez and Greg Meek.

Persons who's names will appear on the ballot include: Britt Stuart, Roby farmer - rancher; Billy Don Atkinson, Fisher County Chairman of the A.S.C.S. office; Manuel Valdez, an employee of Terry Gin; Greg Meek, an employee of the Texas Prison System.

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The three new board members will serve with - Lance McWilliams, and Vance Lakey who have terms expiring in 1995 and Steve Terry and Robert Terry who have terms expiring in 1996

Fisher County Ministerial Alliance WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Provided This Month By
Rev. John Lowrie
Cross Roads Baptist Church
"The Empty Tomb"

Matthew 28:1-8



Easter has come to represent an enjoyable time in our society. I remember growing up it was always fun to receive chocolate bunnies and hunt easter eggs. There was normally a nice peaceful picnic in the warm Sunday afternoon. We could enjoy Spring as it began to take over for the cold of Winter.

As I grew older Easter lost some of its significance. I still enjoyed eating chocolate bunnies, this time without the guilt of killing that cute little rabbit. The egg hunt lost its impact. It was replaced with the excitement in watching my favorite sport, baseball. The picnic would be fun, but only because that cute girl down the road was there.

Today Easter has hit me again with a refreshed impact as I look in scripture and understand the power behind this nice little holiday. "And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it." (Matthew 28:2) Understand with me the impact of this verse. The disciples of Christ had followed this man, but became confused when they saw their leader dying on a criminal's cross. They heard the words he had said but they allowed human doubt to quench any chance of hope. But then Sunday morning their hope was revived, excitement began, and empowerment came as they found an empty tomb. The stone was not moved so that Jesus could get out. It was moved so that we could see the proof.

Can you imagine the excitement found within that group of believers? These past two years have been fun years to live in Dallas. The Dallas Cowboys, our heroes, have brought home two Super Bowl championships. I've never felt such energy and excitement than after those two games. The city was alive with joy. Can you imagine the excitement found within that group of believers? I remember the day I graduated from Baylor University. I was surrounded by 900 others who have spent four or more years and many, many, many thousands of dollars for this moment. We were going to receive our diploma.

Can you imagine the excitement found within that group of believers? "The angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He was lying.'" (Matthew 28:5-6) My friend the fact that Jesus rose from the grave should blow away any event you have experienced as far as excitement is concerned. In that one story we find hope, power, and love exemplified.

The empty tomb symbolizes the power of the Christian faith. This Easter Sunday allow that symbol to change your life. Jesus is alive. He is risen from the grave!! Come experience the excitement found within that group of believers!!!

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LIES: Exaggeration is a blood relative of falsehood, and almost as bad.

OPINIONS: Facts do not change, opinions do.

ELECTIONS: People are not against political jokes at Rough Creek - they just all wonder how they get elected.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle

Britches wondered why McDonald's, K-Mart, WalMart, Pizza Hut, ect. avoid locating in Fisher County? He also wondered how many taxes the businesses in the Mall of Abilene pay in Fisher County.

Rotan Little League Extends Registration

The officers of the Rotan Little League have extended the registration until Thursday at 6:00 p.m., according to Hoss Carrillo, League Secretary.

"Anyone who wants to be considered for the Little League draft can meet at the practice field on the hill by the Rotan Junior High at 6:00 p.m., Thursday", commented Carrillo.

Lonnice Mack Starnes was recently elected President of the Rotan Little League and Carrillo named Secretary/Treasurer.

Dycus, Harrison Re-Elected To DPR Board Terms

The DPR Water Supply Corporation conducted their annual membership meeting last Saturday night.

Two board members were re-elected to three year terms on the board - Jerry Dycus and Tye Harrison.

Other board members are CleDon Coffman, Jack McCall, Jimmy Grisham, Donald Hull and Bobby Yates.

Jerry Dycus, DPR Board secretary, read the minutes of the 1993 annual meeting.

CleDon Coffman, DPR Board President, reviewed with the members present the 1993 income and expense report, water used summary report, and status of the loan and audit report.

Door prizes in the amount of \$200 in cash were given those attending.

Board President Coffman presented Dycus and Harrison with a pocket knife for their previous service on the board.

Following the membership meeting, the board conducted their regular monthly meeting.

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OBITUARIES

Annie M. Bruce

Annie M. Bruce, 83, of Roby, died Thursday (March 24, 1994) at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the First United Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Ron Kelley, officiating. Burial was in the Longworth Cemetery. Arrangements were by Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

Mrs. Bruce was born July 19, 1910, near Roby in Fisher County. She was the daughter of Rev. Marshall J. Morton and Jane (Cooper) Morton. She married Joe Edd Bruce July 8, 1932 at the District Methodist Parsonage in Sweetwater. Mr. Bruce died March 1, 1975.

Mrs. Bruce lived at Longworth until moving to Roby in 1980. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Roby and of the Fisher County Senior Citizens.

She is preceded in death by a sister, Irene Morton Taylor, and two brothers, Ira Morton and Carl Morton.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly (Mrs. Donald) Rister of Roby and Martha (Mrs. Alfred) Meyer of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Allen Morton of Roby and Robert Morton of Dublin; two grandsons, Steven Meyer and Robert Meyer of Kingsville; and five great grandchildren.

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Church Of The Nazarene Rotan, Texas Rev. Shawn M. Fouts Sunday Morning Worship Services From 9:00-10:00 a.m.	First Baptist Church - Roby S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Choir 5:20 p.m.-Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Sunday 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Youth Power Hour Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Hobbs Baptist Church Hobbs Community Rev. Dee Threatt Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church Sylvester, Texas Rev. Jeff Sedberry S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Each Third Wednesday Night
McCauley Baptist Church McCauley, Texas Rev. A.J. Smith Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Wesley Holland Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.	Church of Christ - Roby Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist - Roby Rev. Ron Kelly S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. We. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The number of overall crimes in Texas is down 6.8 percent, according to Department of Public Safety figures announced by Gov. Ann Richards last week.

Those crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Richards said the lower crime rate can be attributed to the increase in state prison beds since she took office and to her efforts to toughen standards for early parole.

Under Richards, the number of prison beds has grown from 54,000 to 80,000. In addition, over 36,000 more prison beds are under construction and another 30,000 have been approved.

Richards said the statistics show Texas is doing a better job of fighting crime, but Deborah Burston-Wade, a spokeswoman for George W. Bush, Richards' GOP opponent in the November election, said "crime is becoming more violent, more random and the criminals are getting younger than when the governor took office."

A February poll by the *Dallas Morning News* indicated crime was the top concern of Texans.

Tougher Gun Laws Sought

The state Roundtable on School Safety and Violence is recommending tougher penalties for selling or giving handguns to minors as part of a legislative proposal on reducing crime and violence in schools.

Addressing the Texas Parent Teachers Association, roundtable chairman Ron McMichael, who is superintendent of the Longview school district, said the number of handguns and other weapons being brought to schools is a serious problem.

Citing figures from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, he said the number of referrals for violent offenses by juveniles rose 260 percent from 1985 to 1992.

The roundtable is working on a number of proposals to recommend to the Texas Legislature in 1995, including:

- Establishment of alternative education programs for students who are expelled from school.
- Establishment of a data base on criminal activities in schools; and
- Establishment of violence-prevention training programs for school officials and teachers.

Meyer Knocks Endorsement

Texas GOP chairman Fred Meyer repudiated the endorsement of Log Cabin Republicans, a gay rights group, and accused Tom Pauken, who is challenging him for re-election, of setting up the endorsement.

The group endorsed Meyer because he had promised to "support"

it if members could obtain the votes needed to expunge anti-homosexual verbiage from the state GOP platform, said Log Cabin's state presi-

dent, Paul von Wupperfield.

Pauken denied he had anything to do with the group's endorsement.

Meyer said he supports a Republican platform that opposes homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Sex Bias in Texas Courts

A report on the judicial system commissioned by the Texas Supreme Court shows that female lawyers and litigants often aren't taken as seriously as males in Texas courts.

Women suffer gender bias in cases of domestic violence, divorce, sexual assault and sexual harassment, the report said, and males don't fare as well in child support and custody cases and tend to get tougher sentences than women for the same crimes.

The report has comments from lawyers and judges, rape crisis center directors, and includes recommendations asking courts and lawyers to adopt codes of conduct barring gender bias and to establish required gender bias education programs for judges and lawyers.

Traffic Deaths Down in '93

The number of traffic deaths in Texas was lower in 1993 than any year since 1965, Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox reported.

A total of 3,037 people died in traffic accidents last year — 20 fewer than in 1992 — and a drop of 1,664 from the 20-year peak of 4,701 deaths in 1981.

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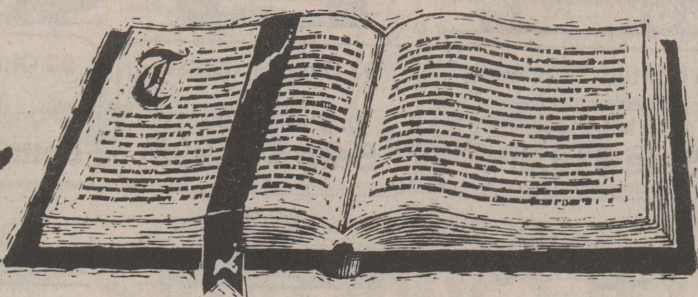
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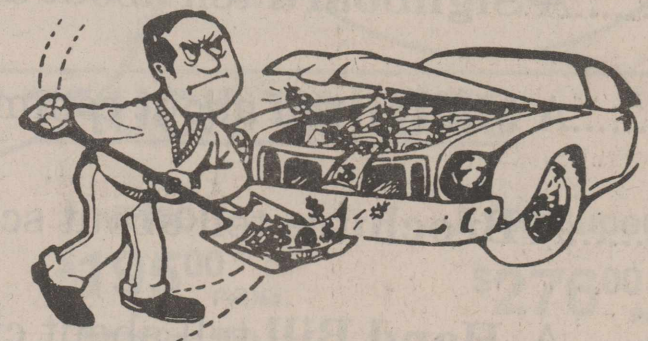
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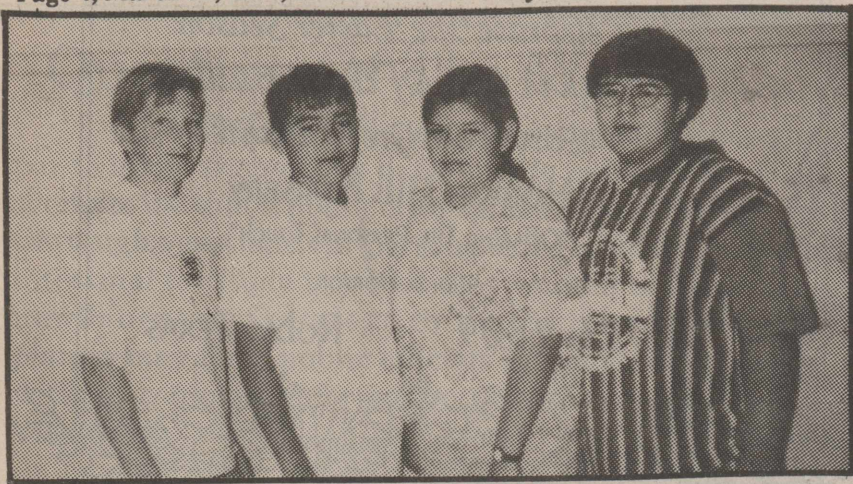


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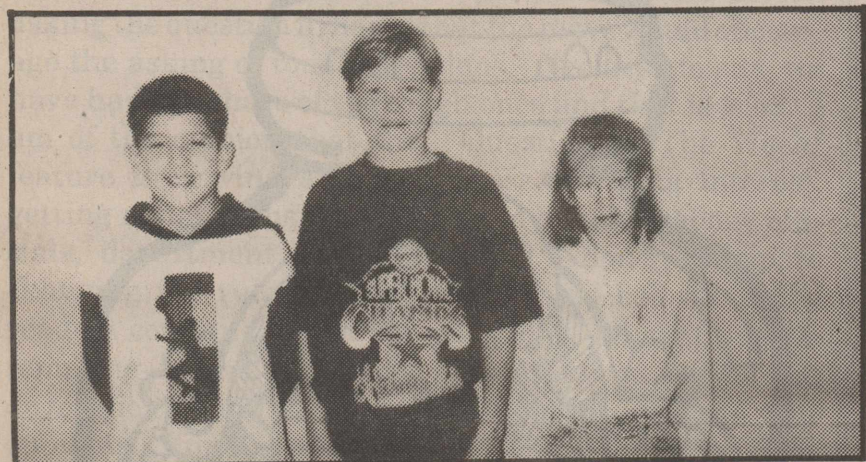
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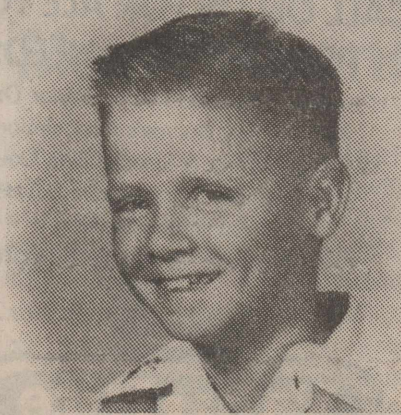
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MUSIC MEMORY TEAM WINNERS: These Rotan sixth graders won the music memory competition in UIL last week. The team included (l to r) Ryan Posey, Scott Price, Carolyn Rocha and Becky Velez. Absent from the picture is Jennifer Fowler.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS: These proud Rotan elementary students were all blue ribbon winners at the recent UIL contest. Pictured are (l to r) Zach Reyes, first place in 2nd grade creative writing; Rode Morrow, first in 5th grade maps, graphs and charts; and Sunny Helms, first place in 3rd grade ready writing. Overall, the Rotan elementary students placed third in the UIL contest with a total of 245 points.



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Rotan Elementary Students Place 3rd In UIL Meet

Rotan Elementary students competed in the 7 AA Elementary U.I.L. Contest last week which was held in Rotan.

Rotan placed 3rd over-all with 245 points.

Results are as follows:
Creative Writing- 2nd grade: 1st- Zach Reyes; 6th- Jordan Cox.

Ready Writing- 3rd grade: 1st- Sunny Helms.

Ready Writing- 5th grade- 6th- Delilah Reyes.

Ready Writing- 6th grade- 1st- Becky Velez; 3rd- Ruthie Riddell; 5th- Crystal Early.

Storytelling- 2nd grade: 3rd- Jordan

Cox.

Storytelling- 3rd place: 3rd- Lauren Kennedy; 4th- Allison Pipes.

Spelling- 6th place: 2nd- Jason Soliz.

Music Memory- 5th grade- Rotan- 3rd place.

Music Memory- 6th grade: 1st- Rotan.

Listening Skills- 5th grade: 5th- Rosanna Muniz.

Listening Skills- 6th grade: 5th- Tara Nowlin.

Picture Memory- 4th grade: 2nd place- Rotan.

Picture Memory- 5th grade: 3rd place- Rotan.

Maps, Graphs, Charts- 5th grade: 1st- Rode Morrow.

Maps, Graphs, Charts- 6th grade: 2nd- Becky Velez.

Dictionary Skills- 5th grade: 2nd- Ashley Garza.

Dictionary Skills- 6th grade: 2nd- Jacob Price; 4th- Byron Kennedy.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE BY PETITION

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for County Committee elections for Fisher-Scurry-Stonewall-Kent counties. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA office.

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Roby Girls Take Part In Double Mountain Relays

The Roby Girls track results at Double Mountain Relays in Aspermont on March 26, 1994 were:

3200 m run- 4th- Amanda Moore- 15:52.74

300 m hurdles- 2nd- Shawna McKee- 55.24

1600 m run- 5th- Amanda Moore- 7:19.54

Roby JV Track Team Travels To Aspermont For Relays

Roby J.V. boys track results at Double Mountain Relays in Aspermont on March 26 were:

3200 m run- 4th- Justin Whitaker- 13:14.07

800 m run- 1st- Juan Melena- 2:19.36

100 m dash- 1st- Ronnie Andrews- 11.67

200 m dash- 1st- Ronnie Andrews- 24.56

1600 m run- 2nd- Juan Melena- 5:13.28, 6th- Justin Whitaker- 6:04.34

Shot put- 4th- Shea Feagan- 34' 3"

Discus- 4th- Shea Feagan- 91'

High jump- 1st- Ronnie Andrews- 5' 5"

Long jump- 1st- Ronnie Andrews- 17' 9"

J.V. boys placed 3rd overall with 76 points.

Bryce Moore Is Best Actor In One-Act Play Competition

The Roby High School One Act Play competed in the West Zone contest on March 24, 1994.

All-Start Cast included: Kim Hudnall and Amy Beauchamp.

Best Actor was Bryce Moore.

Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Ballot: Les Brenham.

Roby High School competed for District at Sweetwater High School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 29, 1994- Eula, Baird, Roby, Bronte. The

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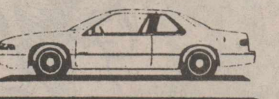
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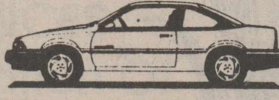


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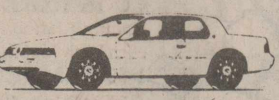
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Marshal Bennett
County Judge
9:2tc

ROTAN SCHOOL MENU

April 4-8, 1994
MONDAY: No School.
TUESDAY: Salisbury Steak & Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Banana Pudding.
WEDNESDAY: Chef Salad with Ham or Chicken, Tuna Fish Salad, Chilled Peas, Crackers Chocolate Cake.
THURSDAY: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce, Corn Meal Twist.
FRIDAY: Hamburger & Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries, Fruit Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

April 4-8, 1994
MONDAY: No School.
TUESDAY: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef & Bean Casserole, French Fries, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Cornbread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Bread, Milk.
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"OF POEMS, YOUTH, & SPRING", ROBY U.I.L. PLAY: Participants in the play are left to right, top row; Bryce Moore, James Arnwine, Jason Gruben, Tommy Hull, Les Branham, Kimberly Hudnall, Amanda Moore. Bottom row, left to right: Anita Floyd, Carolyn Atkinson, Tanya McClure, Amy Beauchamp, Kiser, Erin Hart.

Roby Places 3rd Overall At District 9-A U.I.L. Meet

Roby High School placed third in the overall standings at the District 9A University Interscholastic League (UIL) Meet at Robert Lee High School on Saturday, March 26.

Each student who placed third or higher will advance to the Regional UIL Meet in Abilene on April 23. Of those competing, the following students won medals and ribbons for individual achievement in the listed events:

Accounting- Jason Osuna- 1st; Amanda Moore- 2nd; Laura Mize- 3rd; Michelle Terry- Coach.

Keyboarding- Alfred Rivas- 3rd; Michelle Terry- Coach.

Ready Writing- Heidi Mims- 6th; Barbara Martin- Coach.

Feature Writing- Crissy Ham- 3rd; Ron Smith- Coach.

Editorial Writing- Heidi Mims (5th); Ron Smith- Coach.

Current Issues and Events- Anita Floyd- 3rd; Heidi Mims- 4th; Barbara Martin- Coach.

Literary Criticism- Heidi Mims- 1st; Anita Floyd- 2nd; Eva Espinoza- 4th; Ron Smith- Coach.

Persuasive Speaking- Rebecca Stearns- 4th; Peggy Arnwine- Coach.

Informative Speaking- Kim Hudnall- 6th; Peggy Arnwine- Coach.

In addition, the following teams won first place and will compete at the regional meet:

Current Issues and Events- Anita Floyd, Heidi Mims, Eva Espinoza; Barbara Martin- Coach.

Literary Criticism- Heidi Mims, Anita Floyd, Eva Espinoza, Ron Smith- Coach.

Accounting- Jason Osuna, Amanda Moore, Laura Mize, Michelle Terry- Coach.

Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

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A new study detailing how cattle-men care for the environment will be used by the National Cattlemen's Association in checkoff-funded information programs to show consumers how cattlemen are stewards of the environment. It was commissioned jointly by NCA and Beef Today magazine and partially funded by the beef checkoff.

This study proves what we as cattlemen have known for years and have only recently been telling the public--cattlemen must be good environmental stewards if we are to be successful businessmen.

The study, conducted by Rockwood Research of St. Paul, Minn., was carried out in January 1994 and was based on questionnaires of 400 randomly selected cow/calf producers in the top 31 cow/calf producing states.

Among the more significant and interesting findings were:

- * 83 percent practice rotational graz-

ing.

- * 82 percent say range and pasture conditions have improved in the last decade.

- * 74 percent use minimum or conservation tillage systems.

- * 88 percent perform soil testing.

- * 87 percent have areas on their farms and ranches that support wildlife.

- * 61 percent provide feed for wildlife in the winter.

- * 62 percent leave legume or grass strips along fence lines between crop areas for winter.

- * 41 percent of farms and ranches with more than 400 cows have planted trees in the past five years.

- * Four out of five business to children or other family members.

- * 42 percent operate farms and ranches that have been in the family 50 years or more.

- * 12 percent of the farms and ranches have been in the same family for over a

century.

Strong growth for US beef exports has been projected by the US Meat Export Federation. For 1994, USMEF sees total beef exports, including variety meats, reaching a record \$2.77 billion, up 11 percent from 1993.

Scientists are using the inherent similarities between sorghum and corn to test various genetic transformations. Sorghum and corn have nearly identical gene markings, although sorghum has only a third as many genes. Purdue researchers have used a gene gun to implant a gene into sorghum, which accepts new genetic material more readily than corn. By doing this, the Purdue team hopes to learn why corn is so resistant to genetic transformation. Ultimately, this research may speed the delivery of improved corn varieties as well as improve gene transformation for other cereal crops.

February Cotton Consumption by

us mills increased 5.8% over January's revised usage figure, according to Commerce Department. Consumption of 392.2 million pounds in February corresponds to annual rate of 10.284 million bales. Annualized rate of consumption in January was 10.0 million bales.

Market momentum, according to report in trade publication Daily News Record (DNR), with 100% cotton twills continuing to dominate in wrinkle-resistant (WR) men's slacks. DNR reported that WR shirts also were popular at Las Vegas show, with retailers showing considerable interest in fashion products and boys' sport shirts. Market analyst Jim Howell said knitters also are investigating WR fabrics. He said 2 large knitters are working on WR cotton and they see WR cotton knits growing in all markets, especially children's wear.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

County Agents Report by Beth Dannheim

Easter Eggs and Eggs in General-- Play It Safe

The Easter season brings to mind Easter eggs and egg hunts, a holiday tradition. With current concerns regarding safety of foods such as eggs, follow these suggestions for selection, preparation and storage of eggs to contribute to a happy, healthy holiday.

When purchasing eggs, check to be sure that eggs are clean and not cracked. Cracks give microorganisms a chance to enter and contaminate the egg. If a cracked egg is accidentally purchased, do not eat it.

Refrigerate purchased eggs as soon as possible. Store them in the cartons in

which they were purchased, on a shelf in the refrigerator. The egg slots on a refrigerator door are not the best place to store eggs because the temperature fluctuates in this area as the door opens and closes. Eggs need to be stored at constant refrigerator temperature to maintain safety.

For hard cooked eggs, place them in water in a pan and cover. Bring to a boil. Do not stack eggs. This will prevent uneven cooking. When water comes to a boil, take the pan off the heat and let sit for 20 minutes. Pour off hot water and cool the eggs under cold running water.

Hard cooked eggs are still perishable, so store the cooked eggs in the refrigerator until time to decorate. When you decorate them, do it quickly and

cleanly; then place eggs back in the refrigerator until time for the egg hunt. If you plan to eat the eggs, don't leave them unrefrigerated.

If you plan to eat the Easter eggs, plan the hunt so that eggs are "hidden", "hunted" and gathered in a short period of time. Either follow the two-hour rule or don't eat them. The two-hour rule says that any perishable foods should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. Room temperatures promote the growth of bacteria that can cause food-borne illness. Be wary of consuming any eggs that may have become cracked in the hunt.

Any hard-cooked eggs not used in the hunt can be held in the refrigerator for up to a week.

It's wise to take precautions with

any perishable foods including protein foods such as meats, poultry, eggs, fish and dairy foods. Cleanliness is very important in handling these foods in order to prevent contamination by bacteria that can cause food-borne illness. This is especially important for those people highly susceptible, including the very young, the very old, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems.

Raw or under-cooked eggs should not be consumed, especially for those susceptible groups. Exercise special caution with soft-cooked, scrambled, soft-fried and poached eggs. Do not taste any cookie or cake dough that contains raw eggs and always refrigerate leftover egg dishes.

Cultural Boll Weevil Management-Uniform Planting

by Louis D. Chedester
Extension Agent- Entomologist
Cultural Boll Weevil Management- Uniform Planting

Uniform planting is the basis for the cotton pest management program in the Texas Rolling Plains. The boll weevil is the primary pest. By delaying planting until after mid-May, cotton will produce first one-third grown squares (squares one-fourth inch in diameter) June 28 or later. Smaller squares are not large enough to support developing boll weevil larvae. This allows most overwintered weevils to emerge from overwintering habitat, and only those weevils that delay emergence to within three weeks of the production of first one-third grown squares will have any reasonable chance of surviving to deposit their eggs.

Boll weevils overwinter in the adult stage. Those weevils that are able to feed on squares and bolls during the fall

develop fat reserves and are known as diapausing weevils. These weevils crawl under ground litter to overwinter. Broadleaf litter provides better quality overwintering weevil habitat; mesquite and grasses provide poorer quality habitat. Overwintered weevils leave poor quality habitat earlier, reducing their chances of surviving until one-third grown squares are present. Where cotton is planted after mid-May, fields that are most likely to be infested by overwintered weevils are within one-half mile of better quality overwintering habitat.

Attached is the March 7 prediction for boll weevil survival for 1993-94, which was provided by Dr. Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Entomologist. The average survival from excellent quality overwintering habitat in Stonewall County over the past 14 years has been 7.7 percent. The prediction as of March 7 was 6.0 to 8.5 percent overwintering

boll weevil survival. This is down from the observed 22.4 percent survival last year. Later prediction could show an even lower survival rate because of the lack of squares and small bolls for weevils to feed upon in August and September as well as the early crop termination by freezing temperatures on October 30.

The best time to plant cotton to avoid boll weevils, cotton aphids, and thrips would be from mid-May through the first week of June. By planting during this three-week period, the cotton fruiting period would be shortened by several weeks, and the first one-third grown squares would be present the last few days of June, forcing development of the first boll weevil generation during the first three weeks of July, the hottest time of the year. The first weevil generation produced at this time in some years is no larger than the overwintered generation, depending on the weather conditions during July. Hot, dry condi-

tions result in a high level of boll weevil larval mortality in the squares.

In cotton planted after mid-May, insecticidal control measures are suggested when four boll weevils are found per 100 feet of row or when 1.4 boll weevils are found per 100 plants. However, in cotton planted earlier, boll weevils are more likely to cause excessive crop damage. In cotton planted around May 1, insecticidal control measures are suggested when there are two boll weevils per 100 feet of row or 0.7 boll weevils per 100 plants. Since early planted cotton could be producing one-third grown squares by mid-June and at that time overwintered boll weevils could still be emerging, additional insecticidal applications may be needed. These additional applications should be based on field inspection starting about three days after the initial application.

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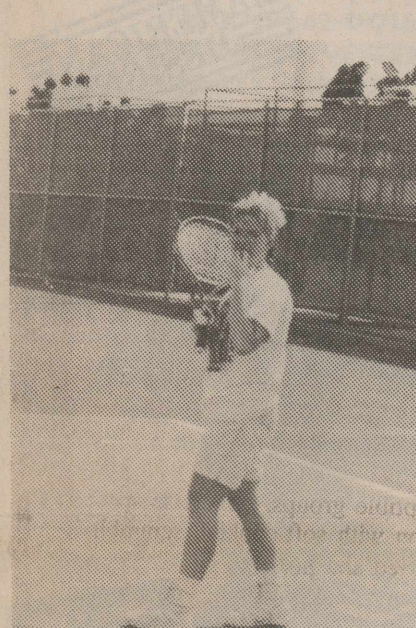




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Gamma Tau Chapter Of Delta Kappa Gamma Meets For Mexican Fiesta

The Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the home of Joyce Smith of Roscoe for a Mexican Fiesta supper and regular meeting with 12 members and one visitor present.

Joan Menn gave the Moment of Meditation with "A Coffee Drinkers Saga".

Bessie Cleveland, president, presided for business and called the meeting to order.

The following new officers were elected for 1994-1996. President: Joan

Menn; Vice-president: Kathy Carriker; Recording Secretary: Marilyn Tucker; and Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Witherspoon.

The program was presented by the Personal Health and Services Committee, Mitzi Hart, Chairman. The speaker was Janice Robbins who spoke on "Latest Facts About Nutrition". She gave those present charts of safe daily dietary intakes of selected vitamins and minerals, sample fat budgets, nutrient

needs at a glance, cholesterol content of foods, and showed how one can avoid too much fat by moderating the amount and "trading off" by balancing high-fat foods with other foods that contain less fats. She stated that cholesterol is the "new kid on the block" in terms of heart disease and therefore getting a lot of attention and blame for blocked arteries. Recent research indicates that saturated fat elevates cholesterol and until more is known about it, the safest procedure is to limit total fat in foods until it contributes no more than 30% of total calories. When possible substitute a polyunsaturated or monosaturated fat for saturated.

Betty Mauldin led the group in singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song".

Hostesses were Joyce Smith, Rebecca Duncan, Candy Mercer, and all the members helped.

Roby K-Day To Be Held On April 13th

If you have a child or know a child that will be 5 years old by September 1st, bring him/her to "Kindergarten Day" on Wednesday, April 13th. Bring the child's birth certificate, social security number and shot record. They will meet at 12:00. Parents will fill out registration forms and leave your child until 3:30.

Haskell Indians Defeat Hammer Baseball Team

The Haskell Indians defeated the Rotan Yellowhammers 19-5 in five innings. The game was called due to the 10 run rule.

Jay Carrion started for the Hammers, worked 4 innings, gave up 5 hits, 11 runs, 5 base on balls, hit 1 batter, struck out 6. Jay was relieved by Adam

Yanez who worked 2/3 of an inning, gave up 3 hits, 8 runs, 4 bases on balls and 1 hit batter. Steve Warren relieved Adam with 2 outs in the 5th, gave up no runs, on no hits, no bases on balls, and had one strike out. The Hammers scored 5 runs on 7 hits, one base on balls, no stolen bases, and committed 8 errors.

Dear Family Member:

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING

Rotan Nursing Center would like to invite all our families to come to our regular **FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING** on **Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 P.M.** We will meet in the dining room and enjoy snacks and refreshments with the meeting. A film on the tough decisions of placing a loved one in a Nursing Home will be shown. REMEMBER...come visit, meet and eat with us. **Thursday, March 31st. @ 7:00 P.M.**

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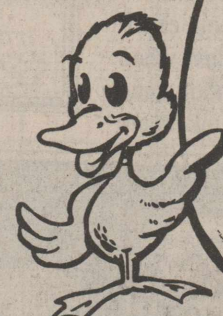


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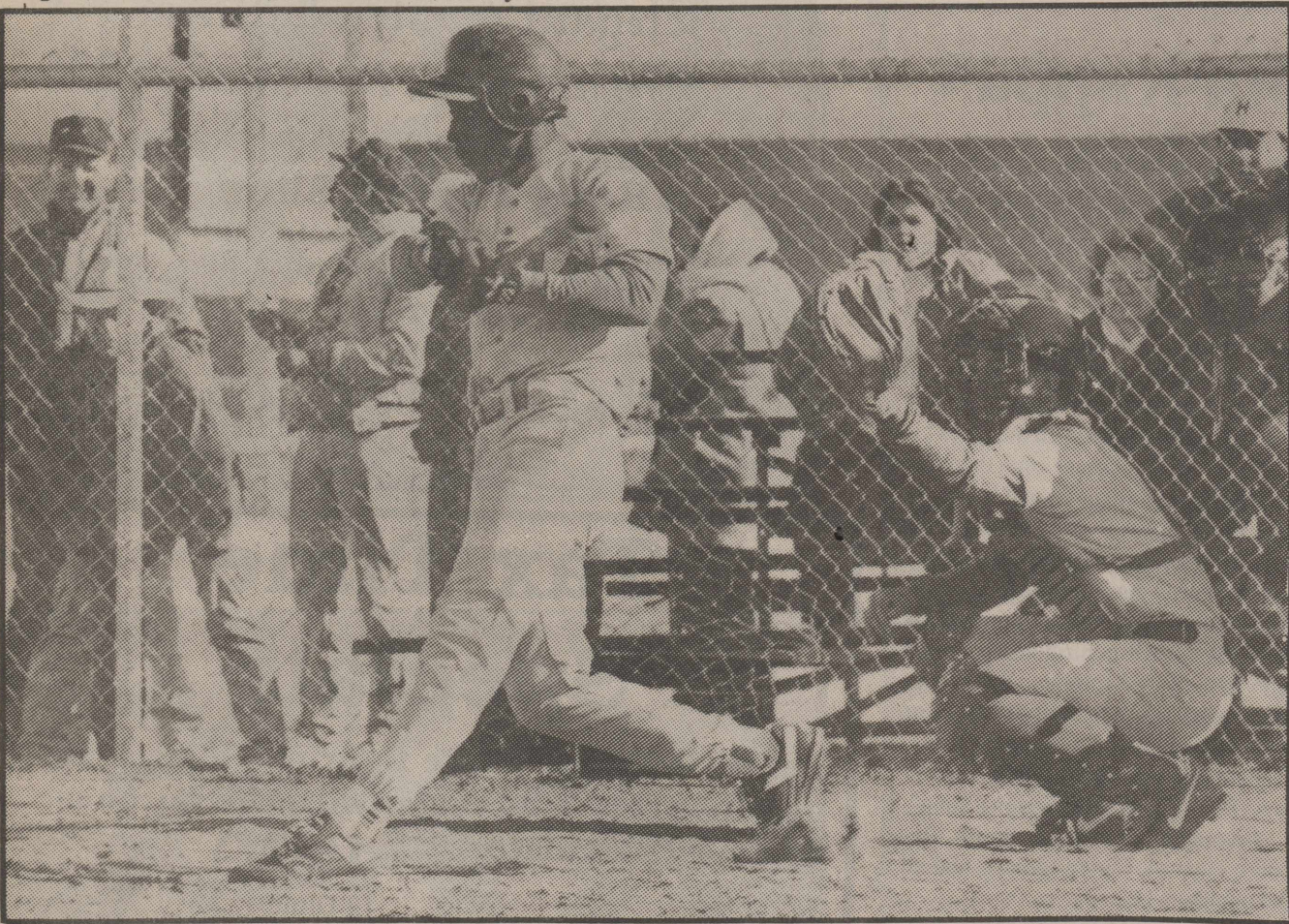
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Environmental Protection Agency To Curtail Use Of Small Fishing Sinkers

The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing a rule to curtail the use of small fishing sinkers made of lead or zinc in hopes it will prevent water bird, wildlife and human lead poisoning.

If the rule is finalized as proposed, it would prohibit all persons from manufacturing, processing, distributing (selling) and importing any fishing sinker containing lead or zinc (including brass) that is one-inch or smaller in diameter. This includes sinkers in any dimension, regardless of the type of shape (split shot and non-split shot would be prohibited by the rule). The manufacturing prohibition includes these kinds of sinkers made at home.

There will be a 60-day public comment period after the proposal is printed in the Federal Register. Lead- and zinc-containing jigs may be restricted in the final rule depending upon public comments. The EPA has not proposed to regulate lures but they may be restricted in the final rule. According to information provided by the EPA, Congress has required the agency to reduce human and environmental exposure to lead. This proposed rule is part of a broader federal strategy to reduce exposures to lead.

In 1993, the Environmental Defense Fund filed a civil lawsuit to require the EPA to address any problems caused by the introduction of lead fishing sinkers into the environment. This action followed a 1992 petition from the same group to EPA indicating that water birds were dying from ingestion of lead fishing sinkers.

When feeding, the EPA said, water birds can ingest smaller fishing sinkers that are lost or discarded in the environment. Sinkers may look like food items, small stones or pieces of grit that aid in digestion. Once lead- or zinc- containing sinkers are ingested, birds may suffer from lead or zinc poisoning and die within two to three weeks.

There are some less toxic sinkers on the market such as tin, steel, antimony, bismuth, tungsten and a terpene resin putty.

EPA also is concerned about exposures from lead fumes or dust when melting or pouring lead to adults and children when lead fishing sinkers are

made at home. Exposure to lead can produce learning disabilities and other problems in humans.

Once the final rule is approved, anglers may continue using lead- and zinc- containing sinkers they currently own. The EPA does not have the authority under the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the use of these sinkers, but the agency encourages anglers to switch over to less toxic sinkers.

The prohibition would not take ef-

fect until after the public has had 60 days to comment on the proposal and the final rule is published. The prohibitions would be phased in over a one- to two-year period.

To receive additional information and a copy of the proposed rule, contact the Toxic Substances Control Act Assistance Information Service at (202) 554-1404. For information about human exposures to lead, contact the Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-LEADFYI (532-3394).

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Cardiovascular Disease Leading Cause Of Death

Forty-one percent of the 126,787 deaths of Texas residents in 1992 were from cardiovascular diseases, according to figures released from the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, Cardiovascular Death Statistics report which was compiled from information recently released by the Texas Department of Health.

Cardiovascular disease remains the state's number one killer, claiming lives of 52,846 Texans in 1992. According to the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics, cancer follows, killing 29,995. In the same year, accidents accounted for 5,987 deaths and 2,382 people in Texas died of human immunodeficiency (HIV) infection.

According to the report, the death rate of Fisher County residents due to cardiovascular disease was above the state average at 50.9%. Of 55 reported deaths in Fisher County during 1992, there were 28 attributed to cardiovascular disease. This figure was the lowest in recent years. In 1991 58.3% of all Fisher County deaths were due to cardiovascular disease, in 1987 it was 51.4% and in 1982 it was 56.6%.

Cardiovascular diseases include rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease; hypertensive heart disease; hypertensive heart and renal disease; ischemic (coronary) heart disease; other diseases of the endocardium and other forms of heart disease; hypertension with or without renal disease; cerebrovascular disease (stroke); atherosclerosis; diseases of the arteries, arterioles and capillaries and congenital anomalies.

To The Wonderful People In Fisher County:

Sometimes we don't take time to say how much our friends mean to us. Then sorrow comes and we are flooded with more love than we can imagine. This happened to us when Carl was suddenly called to his heavenly home on March 19th. All the visits, hugs, words of comfort, food by the tons, cards, memorials, phone calls, books, flowers and etc., have more than adequately helped to ease our burden.

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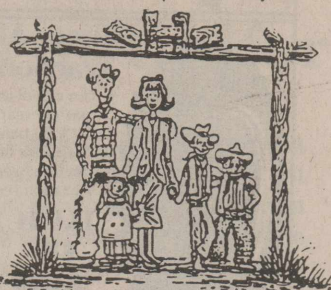


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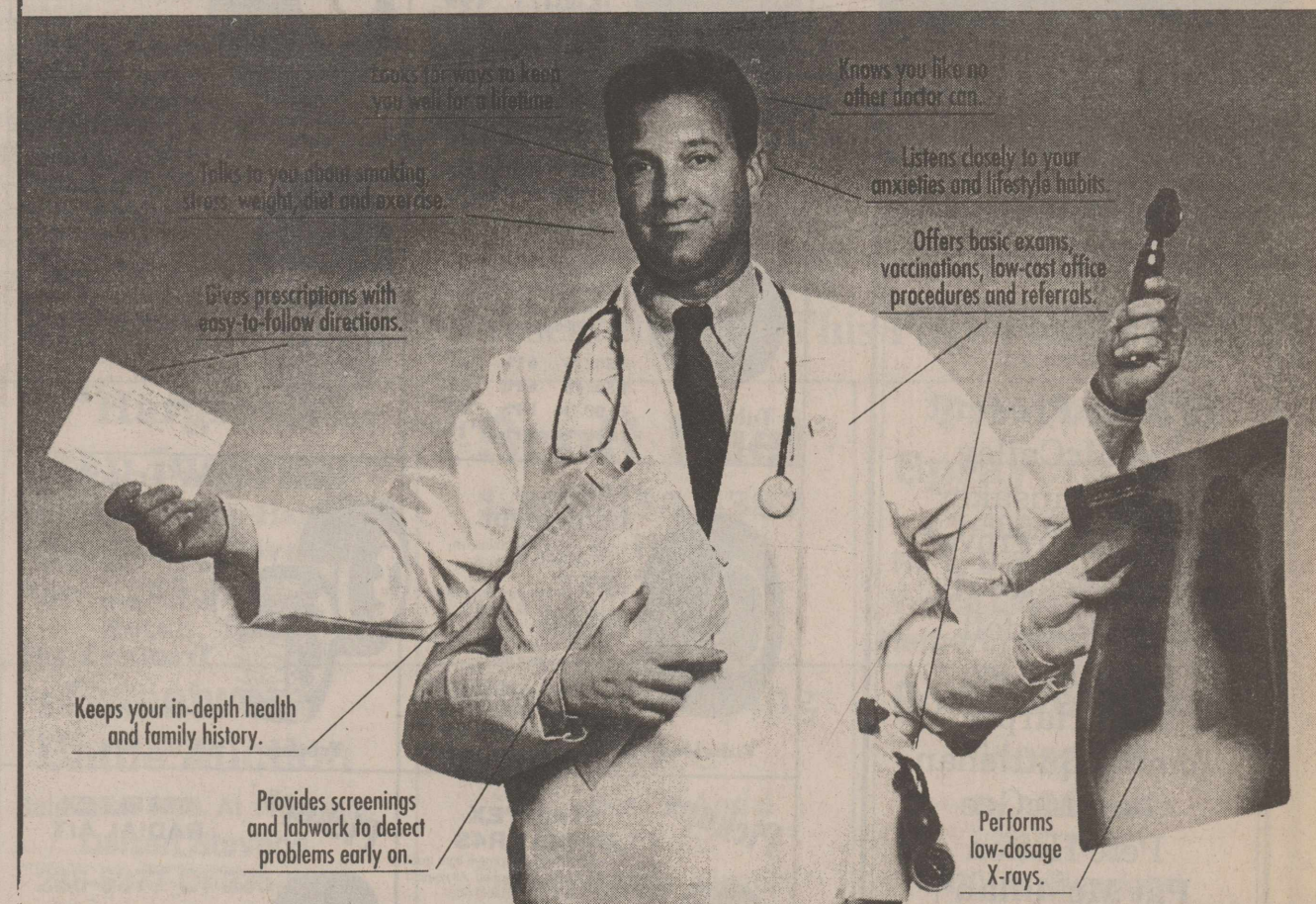
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"DION", ROTAN U.I.L. PLAY: Members of the Rotan U.I.L. One-Act Play are, row 1, left to right: Cassidy Early, Joe Gonzalez, Matt Mercer. Row 2, left to right: Christina Morin, Marianne Gilbert, Justin Moffett, Jennifer Rains, Karen Dickson. Row 3, left to right: Kathleen Moffett, Michael Hull, Buffy Shipp, Kasey Greene, Chris Boone. Not pictured: Connie Early, Director.

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker.....
We have sure been having some changeable weather this past week, warm and sunny, almost like Summer time, and now today (Monday) it is very cool and was almost down to freezing early this morning. It has warmed up some during the day, but is supposed to get down to freezing again tonight. I am glad that we didn't get those tornadoes that lots of folks got on Sunday, and there was wide spread death and destruction in many places. We still are looking for that good rain, but every time the clouds appear, we usually end up with a sandstorm, like the one we had Saturday.

Lila Guinn and Carla Bavousett went to Sweetwater last Monday for the funeral of their aunt Ruth Keith Knapp, age 97, an early day Fisher and Nolan County school teacher.

Hobbs Baptist Church will have their Easter Sunrise Service at the Guinn place at 6 a.m. Get to the house by 5:45 so we can drive to the hill by 6 a.m. We encourage everyone to come and join us for the Sunrise service. We will have regular Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. Wayne and Becky Anderson, David and Steven, from Clovis, New Mexico, have been here visiting the Clarence Andersons. They came Monday and stayed until Thursday. The boys were on their Spring break.

Happy birthday to Josie Maule whose birthday was Tuesday, March 29th.

David and Debra Etheredge and family from Levelland came to the J.W. Etheredges on Saturday, and they went home late Sunday. Randy, Vicky and their children all ate dinner and supper with the J.W. Etheredges and their company. Mrs. Lealon Wilburn also spent the day on Sunday. While here David and Debra and family visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge. Louise Martinez attended the funeral for Carl Singley on Tuesday. Louise hasn't been feeling very good and had to go to the doctor on Monday. Louise attended the Democratic County Convention which was held at Roby on Saturday.

Last weekend the James Ratliffs attended Blain Knipe's 4th birthday party on Sunday. Happy birthday to Blain. Blain is the son of Tracy and Kim Knipe of Snyder. Kim and Tracy and family visited with the Ratliffs this Sunday. Jim Ratliff was in Nashville playing Wheelchair basketball this past weekend, and will be flying to Canada next weekend. Easter Sunrise services for Cross Roads Baptist Church will be at 7 a.m. (new time) on Sunday morning at the James Ratliffs. They encourage everyone to come.

Jonnye Brown came from Lubbock Saturday morning, and Nathan Brown, Norma Lou and Dutch Parks went on to Midland to attend the Crestview Baptist Church's pageant 94 program, "Then came Sunday" which was presented Saturday night. Mrs. Larry Parks was part of the choir. Also

attending from Odessa were Mr. and Mrs. Pache Parks and boys.

We will be out of school Friday this week and Monday of next week, for the Easter holidays, so hope that everyone enjoys their mini vacation. Hope that we get a good rain before then, but if not, maybe we will get some moisture right after Easter. Happy Easter to you all.

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Roby Varsity Track Team Compets At San Angelo, Thiessen Proud Of Results

The Roby Varsity boys competed in the San Angelo Relays. Results were as follows:
Brian Dickson- 6th- 200 meter- 23.6.

Roby Jr. High Girls Track Results Listed

The Roby Cubs 7th and 8th grade girls competed at the Junior Blackland-Divide Relays at Roscoe on March 24th. Results are:

Shot Put- 2nd- Jenny Knox- 25' 6 1/2"; 4th- Candice Brown- 20' 9 1/2".

Triple Jump- 5th- Chasity Valenzuela- 25' 0".

2400 m run- 3rd- Chasity Valenzuela- 10:39.64, 6th- Kristi Bond- 12:55.9.

800 m run- 4th- Kristi Bond- 3:12.06; 5th- Jaycee Carey- 3:13.13.

100 m hurdles- 6th- Wendy Harwell- 21.71.

400 m dash- 3rd- Ashley Douglass- 1:13.80.

1600 m run- 4th- Sarah Boyd- 7:05.93, 6th- Misty Taylor- 7:23.55.

1600 m relay- 4th- Ashley Douglass, Jenny Knox, Sonya Gaona, Wendy Harwell- 5:16.01.

David Stevens Directs Award Winning Play

San Angelo Central High School's UIL play "The Lion in Winter" won for best lighting and technical award at Abilene High School, Saturday, March 26 under the direction of David Stevens and Norma Watts.

They received best actor and three cast members won All Star awards. This was District 4-5a which included Robert E. Lee High School, Odessa High School, Midland High School, Permian High, Cooper High and Abilene High School.

Sprint Relay- Patrick Buckner, Michael Brown, Bryce Moore, Brian Dickson- 46.2.

100 meter- Brian Dickson- 11.4; Michael Brown- 11.4; Bryce Moore- 12.0.

400 meter- Patrick Buckner- 56.3; Jeremy Stidham- 66.0.

300 IH and 110 HH- Les Brenham, Tommy Hull, Kelly Heflin.

200- Michael Brown, Keith Freeman.

"This was a great meet for these kids

Roby GT Class Attends Play In Abilene

Roby 2nd-4th grade students who participate in the Gifted and Talented Program enjoyed a field trip to "Broadway". Living Arts For Students touring company presented a play based on E.B. White's classic book Charlotte's Web at the Civic Center in Abilene.

Students who attended Charlotte's Web were: Daniel Castor, Jacob Kenyon, Andrew Haley, Leslie Bolton, Tara Carey, Bryan Kenyon, April Campa, and Klay McWilliams.

Hospital News

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of March 22-28, 1994 were as follows:

A D M I T T E D :

Lois Rodgers- Rotan; Elmer Johnson- Jayton; Bobby Wright- Hermleigh; Aloise Ramon- Roby; Hannah Rodriguez- Roby; James Hanson- Rotan; Ebbin Freeman- Rotan; Earma Booth- Rotan; Bertha Sawyer- Rotan; Joyce Holcomb- Rotan; Buster Stearnes- Rotan; Cheryl Moore- Rotan; Jewel Barnes- Rotan; Dorothy L. Starnes- Rotan; Jazmyn Moore- Rotan.

D I S M I S S E D :

Lavern Harrison- Rotan; James Counts- Rotan; Aloise Ramon- Roby; Elmer Johnson- Jayton; Hannah Rodriguez- Roby; James Hanson- Rotan; Ebbin Freeman- Rotan; Bobby Wright- Hermleigh; Henry Macias- Roby; Vela Smith- Roby; Buster Stearnes- Rotan; Joyce Holcomb- Rotan.

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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "Why is it the policy of the newspaper to allow anonymous questions to public officials? It seems to me that if public officials are expected to answer the tough questions, the person asking it should have the intestinal fortitude to admit they wanted to know. The unwillingness of people to go "on the record" with complaints may force public officials into making decisions without complete information. Please use my name. - Vick Burk, D.V.M."

ANSWER: "Has nothing to do with intestinal fortitude in my opinion. Many of those asking tough questions may not object to their name being tied to the question. I made a decision when this feature was started that I would not print the name of the person asking the question in hopes that the move would encourage the asking of tough questions. Needless to say, we have had our share of the tough ones and that is good. I am of the opinion that the "Question Of The Week" feature is serving a good purpose, creating interest, getting action, causing decisions to be made about officials, department heads, etc. and I don't anticipate changing the rules as they are printed below. If the readers continue to ask the questions, I'll continue attempting to find answers. I appreciate you and all you do for the community. Thanks for your interest and your opinions," *Kim Pease, Publisher, Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record.*

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.

State Will Hire Thousands More To Man Prisons

Thousands of state prison guards and workers will be hired in the coming months to staff and maintain the new state prison units and jails now under construction, according to information from state Senator Steve Carriker's office. Increasing the number of state prison beds by 75,000 will require over 10,000 new Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees to be hired and trained as facilities come on line.

The communities surrounding the new and expanded facilities predict a long and beneficial relationship with TDCJ. "The Robertson Unit first opened in 1992, and that year we had the fourth largest job growth rate in the state," Abilene Chamber of Commerce president Charlie Dromgoole said.

In the Big Country area, Sen. Carriker pointed out, several facilities will soon be coming on line:

- Wallace Unit, Colorado City - April 1994. 183 prison guards and 135 non-security positions.

- Daniel Unit Expansion, Snyder - July 1994. 45 more security positions and an undetermined number of support personnel.

- Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Breckenridge - July 1994. 142 security personnel and 73 non-security employees.

Rotan J.V. Ball Players Beat Coahoma 15 To 9

The Rotan Yellowhammer junior varsity baseball team defeated Coahoma 15-9 on March 24th with Anthony Smith recording 3 hits in the victory.

Brandon Weaver, Ray Yanez and Anthony Smith each had two runs batted in.

Team members are Joey Sepeda, Russell Price, T.J. Davis, Dominick Yanez, Patrick Zambrano, Anthony Smith, Zach Morris, C.W. Robertson, Charlie Yanez, Ray Yanez, and Brandon Weaver.

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Rotan Chamber Cites Mary Singley, Hank Day, WTU And Weathersbee For Distinguished Service

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce presented four Distinguished Service Awards last Saturday night at the association's annual banquet that was attended by approximately 150 local residents.

The awards were given to:
Senior Citizen Distinguished Service Award - **Mary Singley.**

Business Distinguished Service Award - **West Texas Utilities.**

Pioneer Family Distinguished Service Award - **Mac & Doug Weathersbee.**

Individual Distinguished Service Award - **Hank Day.**

Former television news anchorman Greg Beatty, current legislative assistant for Texas State Senator Steve Carriker, was the banquet speaker.

Mary Singley was honored for her un-tiring efforts to bring rays of sunshine into the lives of all those she comes in contact with. She has a personal visitation ministry to the nursing home and Fisher County Hospital. She has assisted over the years with the construction of 35 churches in 15 states as a member of the Baptist Church Builders organization.

West Texas Utilities was singled out and honored for their compassion in assisting the less fortunate in the community pay bills, purchase clothing and toys. WTU employees put in many hours of volunteer work and assist in numerous chamber projects. Monte Morrow, Jack Price, Sherrie Rodgers and Garvis Hinson are assets to the community.

Mac Weathersbee and Doug Weathersbee have over the years served the community in countless ways as mem-

bers of the city council, school board, and as active church leaders. They have been staunch workers in countless community projects and are carrying on the family tradition of serving the Fisher County area with an outstanding funeral home service.

Hank Day was honored as a retiring board of director of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce. A capacity he has filled for the past three years. He is an active member of the Theatre on the Brazos and supporter of every worthy community project undertaken for the betterment of Fisher County.

Rotan Chamber President Victoria Greer expressed her appreciation to the 1993 Chamber of Commerce directors for their hard work and for making it possible to record a very rewarding year as Rotan Chamber President.

Peggy Bilbo, an employee of the First National Bank of Rotan, and one of the holdover directors of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce, will serve as the new Rotan Chamber of Commerce President



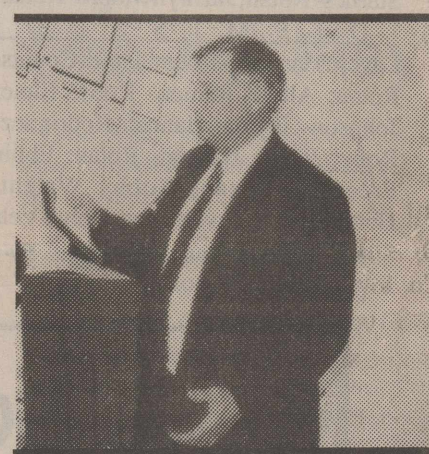
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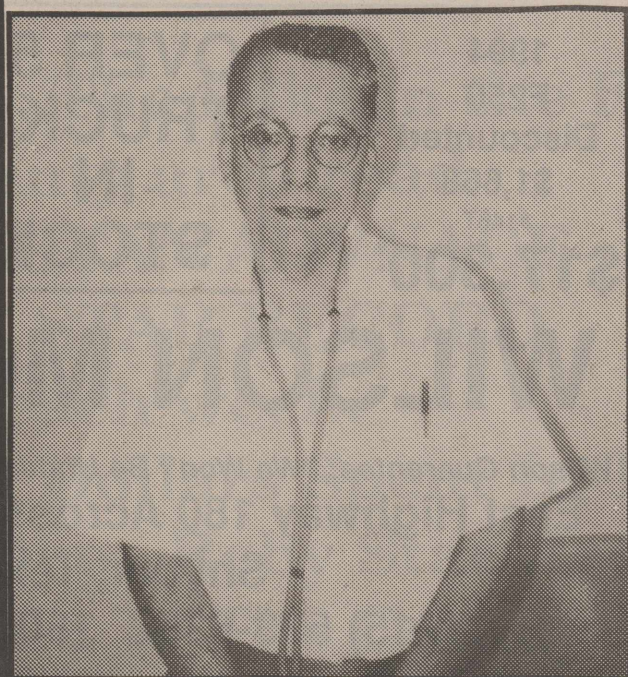


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For the flowers, food, cards, visits, prayers and all the countless other acts we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything.

Life is very fragile. You all have made us realize just how wonderful living in a rural area is and we shall all remember all your acts of kindness.

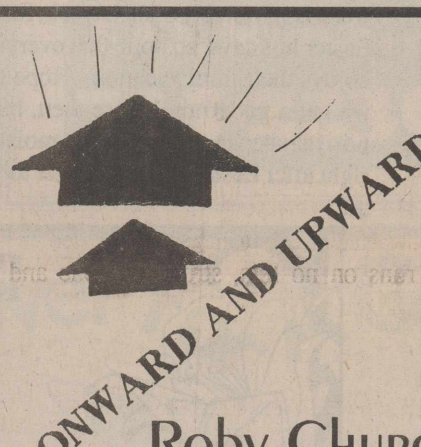
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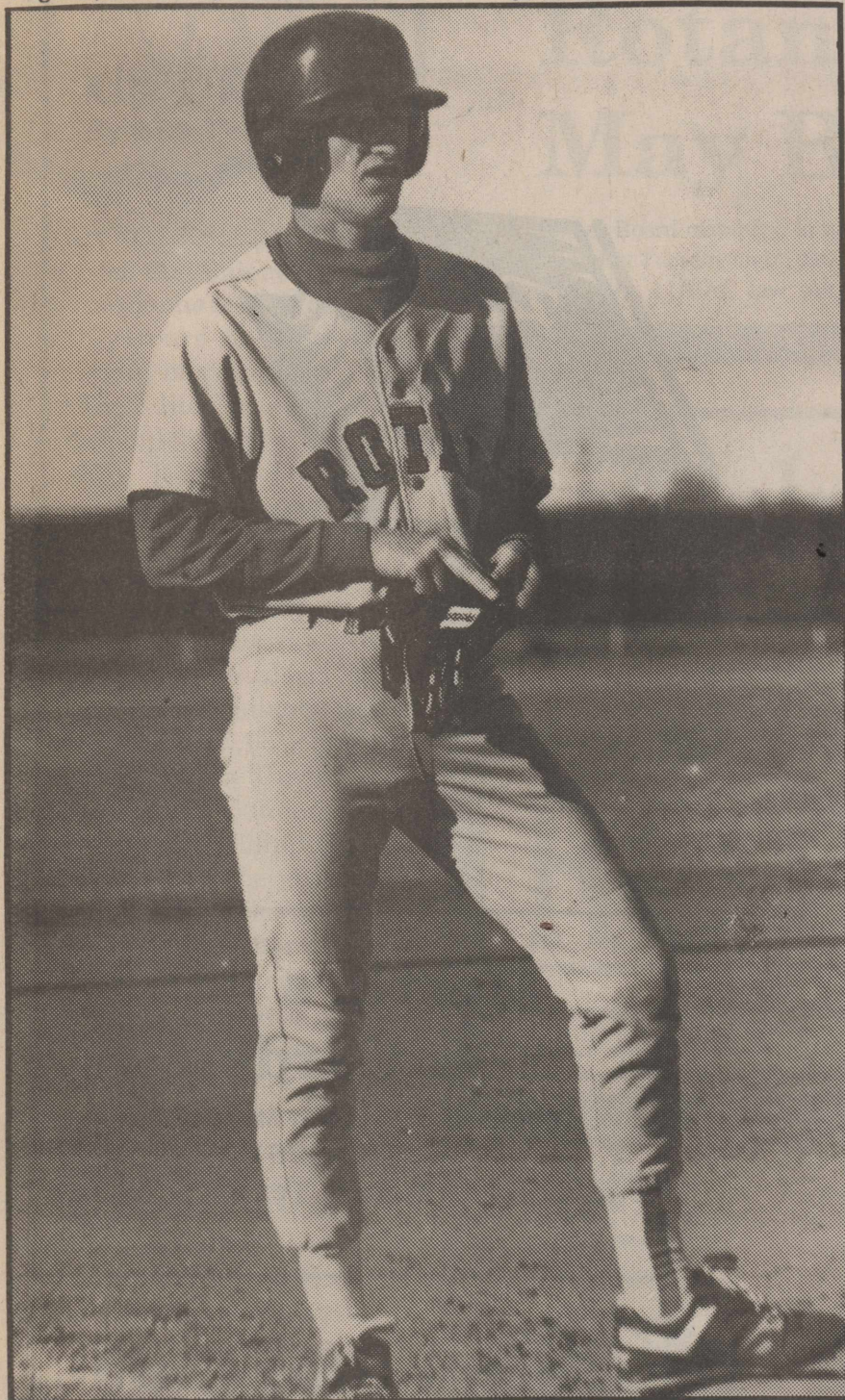
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WAITING ON BASE: Rotan baseball player, Brandon Rains, waits on base while a team mate works at bat. The Yellowhammers downed Stamford last week with a commanding 12-1 win.

Rotan Takes District Win Over Stamford Bulldogs

On Tuesday, 3-15-94, Rotan defeated Stamford in a district 5AA baseball game, 12-1.

Michael Montez started for the Ham-
mers, worked 4 2/3 innings before an
arm injury removed him from the game.
He permitted 1 unearned run on 4 hits,

5 bases on balls and 5 strike outs. He
was supported by 12 runs on 9 hits, 6
bases on balls and 9 stolen bases. Mikeal
Harrison relieved Michael Montez,
worked 1 1/3 innings, permitted no
runs on no hits, struck-out one and
walked none.

NEWS BRIEFS

F.C. Historical Commission

The Fisher County Historical Commission will meet April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Coffee Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

T.O.T.B. Regular Meeting Postponed

Theatre on the Brazos will not meet on its regular date, April 7th, due to play production. The meeting has been postponed to April 21st- 7:00 p.m., at the Lance Theatre. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND EUGENE MCKIMMEY, SR., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RAYMOND EUGENE MCKIMMEY, SR., DECEASED, were issued on March 7, 1994 in Cause No. 3045, pending in the County Court of Fisher County, Texas, to: RAYMOND EUGENE MCKIMMEY and KOEN DEE MCKIMMEY.

The residences of such Co-Independent Executors are as follows: RAYMOND EUGENE MCKIMMEY, 718 E. Burnside, Rotan, Texas, 79546 KOEN DEE MCKIMMEY, CR 177, Rotan, Texas 79546.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present

them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1994.

GARY D. HARGER

Attorney of record for the Estate of RAYMOND EUGENE MCKIMMEY, SR., Deceased.
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Yellowhammers Win Over Jim Ned By 6 Points

On Monday, March 21, 1994, the Rotan Yellowhammers defeated the Jim Ned Indians 14-8, in Jim Ned. Mikeal Harrison started and worked 7 innings, permitting 8 runs, on 12 hits, one walk and 7 strike outs. He was supported with 14 runs, on 14 hits, 2 walks and 9 stolen bases.

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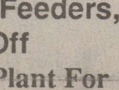
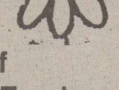
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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: Who is the largest tax payer in Fisher County in terms of dollars paid in taxes and what were the Fisher County taxes paid by that person or company in 1993?

ANSWER: Conoco Inc. is the largest tax payer in Fisher County. Conoco was assessed \$151,352.50 on a \$19,038,050.00 value for the year 1993. Betty Mize, Fisher County Tax Assessor/Collector.

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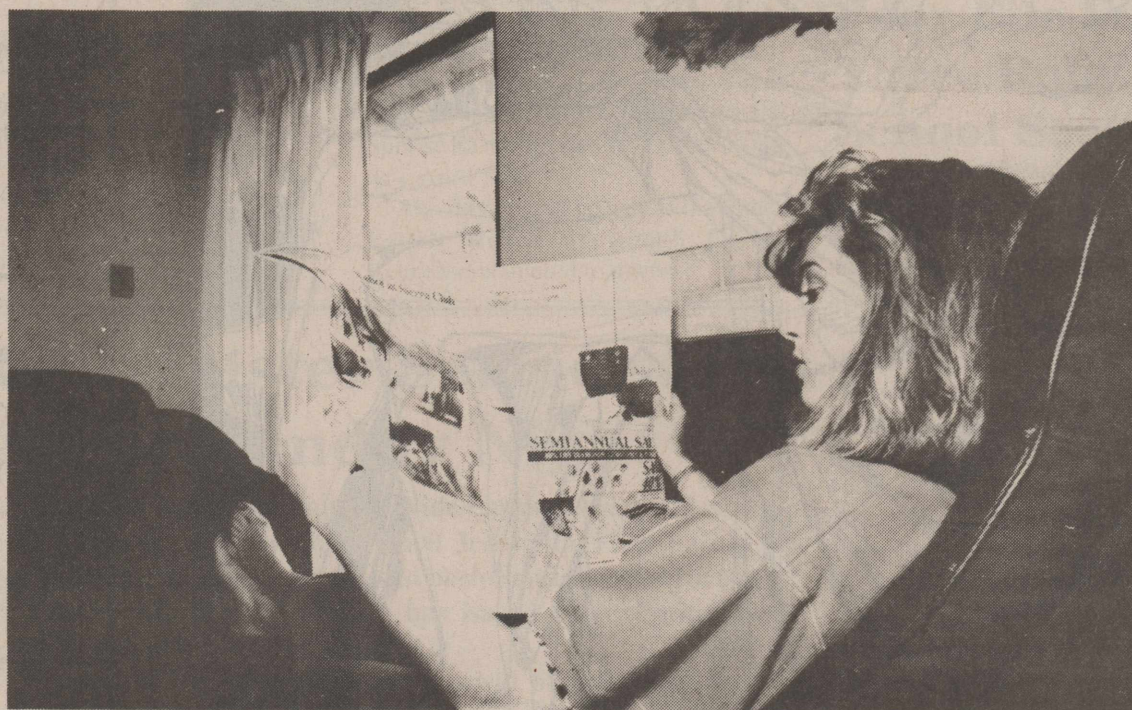
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Loys Landes married Dorothy Whitehead April 8, 1944 in Dublin, Texas. They lived in the Dublin-Hico-Hamilton area until moving to Rotan in 1962 to establish Landes Furniture.

They owned and operated the store until 1990.

Loys and Dorothy's children hosting the reception are Ronald and Lou Landes of Rule, Larry and Beverly Landes of Rotan, Brenda and Bill Simmons of Dayton, Gary and Kathryn Landes of Snyder, and Betty and Tres Cummins of San Antonio. Loys and Dorothy also have eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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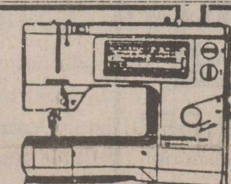
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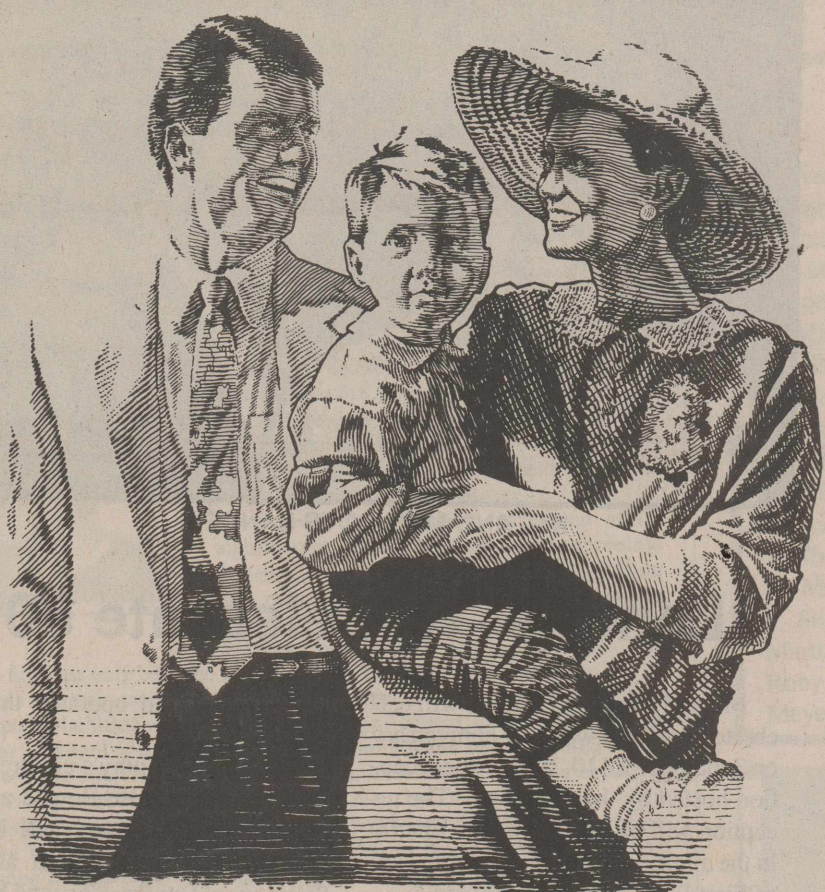
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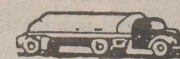
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