Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

CHEERS: To Ella Raye Lovejoy, Fisher County Hospital Administrator, for her attitude about purchasing at home and the guidelines she has initiated covering the 'purchase at home' plan.

JEERS: To people who smoke in non-smoking areas.

CHEERS: To the 'movers and shakers' at the Theatre on the Brazos for the landscaping they recently accomplished east of the theatre building.

CHEERS: To Coach James Driskill and the members of his varsity volleyball team at Rotan. After a year and a half, they won their first 2 out of 3 sets. Congratulations.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Judy Streety for being named the new Postmaster at Roby. Here is a verbal bouquet of roses. Much success in the years to come.

LONG WAY FROM HOME: Chris and Janet Denton, former Rotan residents, are living in Saudi Arabia. He is working for Dual Drilling Company as the Middle East Commercial Manager. His home office is in Dallas. Chris recently sent a copy of the Saudi Gazette - Saudi's only national daily newspaper - for me to look at. It was printed in English. Thanks for keeping in touch.

PHOTO FOUND: Someone turned in a photo of what is believed to be one of the Ashton boys at approximately age 25. The notes say Nora Ashton, O.C. Ashton - Donnie Matt Settle of Red Oak; Nora Belle Buckingham of El Paso; W.C. Ashton of Phoenix; Donald Ashton of Snyder; Dearl Ashton of Tuscon and Josephine Settle of Phoenix. The photo is on my desk if anyone is interested.

HAPPY 4-H WEEK: National 4-H Week is October 3-9. Congratulations to all our active 4-H members, workers, sponsors, parents and chaperones.

BRAVO: Recently an article crossed my desk from Mr. True of Farm Bureau who was crying because the United States government subsidy on mohair for the sheep and goat industry has been axed. He contended that it wasn't costing the government anything for the subsidy - was being paid out of fees collected on foreign import of the mohair. Why does our government cut out programs that help Americans? Why does our government cut out programs that are funded fully by foreigners and benefit Americans?

OPEN RECORDS LAW: A nearly two-year investigation of the Texas Open Records Law by the Dallas Morning News shows that the law routinely is ignored by local and state agencies. In the first of a series in August, Howard Swindle and Thomas Watts, said they asked every police department, school district and appraisal district in Texas for basic information guaranteed under the law to every citizen. Only 21 percent of the 704 police departments responded, 14% of the state's 1,041 school districts failed to provide copies of their annual budgets and almost 4 percent of the 254 appraisal districts failed to provide property holdings of county sheriffs. The public is worse off now than it was in 1973, when the Texas Open Records Act first was enacted, according to Austin attorney Jennifer Riggs, who previously headed the open government section of the Texas Attorney

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Roby's Brian Osuna Selected

Named To Attend Young Leader Conference

Mr. Brian Osuna of Roby has been selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference from October 12 to 17, 1993, in Washington, D.C. The National Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for outstanding high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Brian, a senior at Roby High School, will be among 350 students attending the conference from across America.

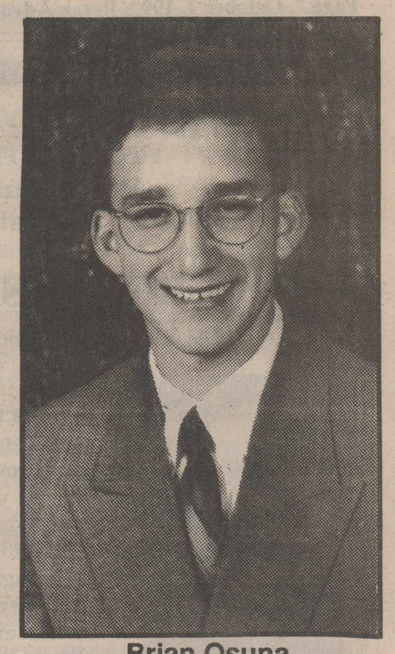
The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is *The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*. Throughout the six-day conference, Brian will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from a Member of Congress on the Floor of the United States House of Representatives, a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club and a private performance by the Capitol Steps, a musical political satire troupe. Scholars will visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials. Brian may also meet with Senator Phil Gramm, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Representative Charles W. Stenholm or designated members of their staffs to discuss important issues facing Roby and the nation.

To complement the special meetings and briefings, Brian will participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one activity, a simulation entitled *If I were President*, students role-play the President and members of the Cabinet who must respond to an international crisis in the Balkans. Culminating the National Young Leaders Conference is the *Mock Congress on National Service*, in which scholars assume the roles of United States Representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed service legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential." Over 300 Members of the United States Congress join this commitment as members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. Each year, more than 7,000 outstanding youth nationwide participate in one of 20 sessions of the National Young Leaders Conference.

"The conference provides the opportunity for students, like Brian, to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said John Hines, Council Executive Director. "Students not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."



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Rotan City Plans To Set Tax Rate, Pass New Budget

The members of the Rotan City Council are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 12th to pass on a series of very important issues.

They will (1.) Approve the 1993-94 budget; (2.) Approve the audit report; and (3.) Set the tax rate for the 1993-94 year.

In addition, the council is expected to pass an ordinance on the cable television regulation and select a member of the Fisher County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Rotan City Manager Joe Dickson said last Monday that he did not anticipate the 1993-94 budget to be far off the 1992-93 budget of $769,192.00. "It appears as if the two figures are going to be real close", commented Dickson.

Rotan has obtained two new landfill customers recently. The City of Hamlin is using the Rotan Landfill facility and is paying approximately $2,000 a month in dumping fees. Also the City of Rotan picked up a private trash hauler is Snyder at a fee of $500 a month.

Dickson said that the added income is offset by added expenses so all the projected $30,000 is not real spendable income.

Texas Sheep, Goat Raisers Future Dull

The Texas sheep and goat industry faces a perilous future in light of Thursday's vote by the U.S. Senate to terminate funding for the wool and mohair program, according to the president of Texas Farm Bureau.

"The Senate decision to spend zero dollars this year on the wool and mohair program is devastating," stated S.M. True, TFB president. "The rural areas of Texas have suffered significantly through reductions in agricultural spending not only in the wool and mohair program but in other agricultural programs since 1985."

The federal honey program also faces extinction since the House had already voted prior to Labor Day to eliminate that federal allocation which calls for about $20 million a year to honey producers who pollinate farmers' crops. The Senate is predicted to take the same action on the honey program.

The wool and mohair program generated $191 million during Fiscal year 1992. True noted that the revenues come from import tariffs on wool and mohair and have not involved taxpayer money from the federal budget.

"The wool and mohair program has been good for agriculture and the American people because it has not cost taxpayers any additional money," True stated.

Bill Tullos, a San Angelo sheep and goat producer, said elimination of the wool and mohair program may well "put us out of business."

Loads Of Classified Ads Found On Page 5

Locals Staging Jean Penaluna Gospel Benefit

The members of the Big Country Chapter of Men For Missions are planning a singing benefit for Jean Penaluna, Missionary to Russia.

The gospel singing benefit will be held on October 23rd from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Roby High School Auditorium.

Jean Penaluna of Roby departed Fisher County on January 6th for a year in the Vladamire, Russia area as part of the co-mission representing Men For Missions, OMS International.

She has been teaching Christian ethics and morals using the Bible as a textbook.

The funds raised at the old time gospel singing benefit will assist Jean Penaluna financially in her stay in Russia.

Rotan Student Is Arrested For Theft Of Ball And Shoes

Fisher County Deputy Sheriff Kirk Williamson arrested a 17-year old Rotan High School student last Tuesday morning and charged him with "Class B Misdemeanor - Theft" after charging him with stealing a pair of tennis shoes and a basketball, according to Sheriff Gene Pack.

Carlos Almanza, age 17, a Rotan High School student was observed by two teachers stealing a pair of tennis shoes and a basketball and hiding the property off campus.

The teachers recovered the property.

The value of the property was approximately $160.

Almanza was placed in the Fisher County Jail in lieu of a $750 bond.

Cecille Terry New Member Angus Assoc.

Cecille Terry, daughter of Tony and Kathy Terry of Roby, is a new member of the American Angus Association, according to Dick Spader, with the association headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in the Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with over 24,000 active adult and junior members.



CHAMPION STATE FAIR OF TEXAS HEIFER: Katrina Rains, daughter of Mac and Belynda Rains of Rotan, with her Champion State Fair of Texas Heifer - "September 23, 1992". Pictured (l to r) Cory Rains; Belynda Rains; Mac Rains; Judge Mark Smith; Dawn Ashton, Texas Lassie Princess; Raeanne Lawson, National Lassie Princess and Kari Cane, National Shorthorn Alternate Queen.

Rotan's Katrina Rains Shows Champion Shorthorn Heifer At State Fair Of Texas

Katrina Rains, Fisher Co. 4-H Rotan, showed the Grand Champion Shorthorn Heifer at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. After winning a tough Senior Heifer Calf class of 16 head, her September 23, 1992 female took the champion drive. The judge Mark Smith of Ankely, IA commended Katrina for a fine, well balanced and very well presented female.

Katrina also showed her Summer Yearling Female to a 2nd place and her Senior Yearling Female with calf at side to 3rd for a full show of competition. To end her day of competition Katrina took 4th in the Junior Showmanship contest.

Katrina has been showing for 5 years at the State Fair of Texas and other shows across the state. Katrina, along with her parents, Mac and Belynda Rains, and brother Cory, raise Shorthorn cattle. The heifers Katrina shows are raised by her and her parents.

Rotan School Will Hold A Ceremony Honoring Heritage

The Rotan School is coordinating a celebration at the Rotan High School flag pole for Friday, October 8, 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of honoring our American heritage. This will be the Third National School Celebration to honor the event.

Following the ceremony an informal reception will be held in school cafeteria.

Medrano Named By Governor To Education Comm.

Ronnie Medrano, son of Marcos Medrano of Rotan and the late Sue Medrano, was recently named as a member of the Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education by Texas Governor Ann Richards.

Medrano is the Assistant High School Principal at Robstown High School.

He is a graduate of Rotan High School, the University of Texas and has done graduate work at Texas A&I at Kingsville.

Judy Streety Is New Postmaster At Roby Office

Judy Streety of Roby, an employee of the Roby Post Office, was named as the new Roby Postmaster effective October 2, 1993.

She replaces Violet Upshaw, former Postmaster, who retired.

Rain Gauge Report

A Record Of Moisture Recorded At The Horace Carter Farm - 2 Miles North Of Rotan

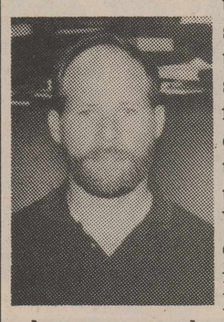
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Apr	0.75	0.60	0.15	5.85
May	1.65	3.20	3.35	0.95
Jun	2.45	4.60	9.20	1.70
Jul	1.30	1.80	2.65	3.40
Aug	5.50	2.25	5.45	2.85
Sept	1.35	0.83	3.35	4.20
Total	15.60	19.65	22.90	21.55

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It has been said "that today's youth are the church of tomorrow". There is an element of truth in that statement, in that it pushes the convictions of the parents to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). But at the same time, God expects the youth of today (who know Jesus as their personal Savior) to live just like He expects the adults to live.

Which brings me to two verses in Philippians chapter 1. Verses 20 and 21 states "According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or death. For to me to live is Christ and and to die is gain". First, Paul says "that according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be ashamed". Now the word expectation means "a watching with an outstretch head", signifying a strained expectancy, an eager longing: the stretching forth of the head indicating an expectation of something from a certain person or place. You see, Paul is not wanting anything else that might engage his attention. He is wanting the object expected, until its fulfillment is realized. The object here is the fulfillment of Paul's salvation (verse 19).

In other words Paul is saying that my neck is stretched out, my head is forward, and I am giving it all I got, not to be ashamed in anything. Now we must remember that Paul is in prison at Rome, not knowing whether he is going to live or die. But he is not wanting the circumstances to draw his attention away from glorifying Christ. He did not want his testimony to be discredited in any way.

Now we, as adults, need to show forth our earnest expectation, no matter what the circumstances are, that in everything our testimony of our salvation in Christ will show the youth of this Big Country, the youth of our towns, the youth of our homes that we need to glorify Christ, whether adults or youth. And do that with all boldness as Paul did, telling people anytime, anyplace, and anywhere about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

I will deal with magnifying Christ in our bodies next week.

Kim's Korner

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General's office. Some public officials have elevated themselves to masters of the people - instead of servants. People are entitled to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees.

The people do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people must insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

FINALLY: Funny how most of our neighbors need higher wages to pay the higher prices caused by the higher wages.

COURAGE: Courage is being the only one who knows you're afraid.

MEN: Some men grow, others just swell.

POLITICIANS: One nice thing about politicians - great to know that all of them can't be elected.

FINALLY: If God had intended us to talk more than we listen - He would have given us two mouths and one ear.

YOU HAVE TO BE RICH: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp put out the following information on 1993 fan cost to Dallas Cowboy and Houston Oiler football games. The total price is based on 4 game tickets, 2 beers, 4 soft drinks, 4 hot dogs, 2 caps, 2 programs and a parking ticket. For a Dallas game the cost would be $195.40 and to Houston $172.70.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH: October is National Fire Prevention Month. Most fires in residences begin in the kitchen - 27.1%; followed by bedroom, living room, chimney, laundry area, heating area, garage, bathroom, hallway and closet.

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A Day of Hope

I relish each moment of this autumn day as I crush crusty leaves underfoot. The sun is bright and warm, and the young trees lining my walkway appear to wave and bow to greet me, prompted by a crisp, invigorating breeze.

Following several dismally dark days of dampness, this day is one of clear blue skies enhanced by strands of angel hair clouds.

Several trees are already beginning to lose the first layers of their colorful autumn costumes; yet this day does not speak of loss, but of the hope that only God can provide.

Experience that hope and happiness this autumn and all through the year as God's steeples and chimes beckon to us each Sabbath.

Each day the Creator sends is a day of hope. Look around you. Job 12:8 tells us,"Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee."





Sunday
Leviticus 26:1-13
Monday
1 Kings 8:54-61
Tuesday
1 Chronicles 22:2-19
Wednesday
Esther 9:20-32
Thursday
Psalm 29
Friday
Psalm 37:1-11
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State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — A federal court jury last week found in favor of Gov. Ann Richards and other defendants in a lawsuit filed by three former Texas Commerce Department employees who contended that they were fired because they were Republicans.

The governor, who attended the seven-day trial, said she was relieved and happy it's over. "I thought this was really a tough thing to go through."

The former employees contended that Richards, a Democrat, ordered a political purge at the Commerce department after her election in 1990.

But the governor's attorney, Roy Minton, described it as a case of employees being dismissed — as warranted — in the reorganization of an agency that was "in chaos."

After the jury verdict, one of the former employees, Jim Mikus, said, "It's open season on state jobs."

The former Commerce workers — Mikus, Eddie Aurisupa and Ray Barnes — said they were fired in 1991 because of their Republican affiliation to make room for Richards' Democratic supporters.

Ethics Complaint Filed

Republican gubernatorial candidate Luis Podesta of San Antonio last week filed an ethics complaint against Gov. Richards, claiming that her "capital for a day" program is nothing but a campaign tactic in disguise.

In the program, Richards and an entourage of state agency heads fly to cities around Texas, where citizens are given the opportunity to meet officials and discuss their concerns face to face.

But Podesta said he saw the program as "a blatant use of state employees and state funds and misuse of the press and their good nature to campaign for re-election.

"We just had a United States senator indicted for allegations that state employees on state time (were working) on her campaign and we've got a governor tomorrow in Paris, Texas, showing up with 40 or 50 state employees, doing the same thing," Podesta said at a news conference.

Richards spokesman Chuck McDonald said two state-owned planes were used to transport the officials, and the only extra cost to taxpayers was a charge of $2,000 per plane. About 900 people attended an earlier "capital for a day" event in Carthage, according to McDonald.

Hutchison Draws Opponent

Republican Stephen Hopkins of Burnet, who finished seventh and received one percent of the vote in the U.S. Senate special election in May, has announced plans to seek the GOP nomination in 1994.

Hopkins predicted he would be the only Republican to challenge Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the March primary.

Noted for his "pro-life" television commercials showing photos of aborted human fetuses, Hopkins said he wants to debate Hutchison's stand on abortion, crime and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Hutchison, who was indicted last week by a Travis County grand jury on charges of using state employees and equipment for political reasons while serving as state treasurer, won the senate seat with 67 percent of the runoff vote over appointed Democratic Sen. Bob Krueger.

Calling the charges politically motivated, Hutchison has said she plans to seek re-election next year and says she will ask for a trial before January.

Richard Fisher of Dallas, who finished fifth in the special election with eight percent of the vote, has annouced his candidacy for the Democratic Senate nomination.

Perry Pushes Bond Proposal

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry is urging passage of a measure to provide $75 million in additional bonds for agricultural business loans.

The general obligation bonds, one of 16 proposed constitutional amendments will be decided by Texas voters Nov. 2.

The measure listed as Proposition 16 would raise funding of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to $100 million. The money then would be used to help agricultural processing businesses.

Perry said Texas processes eight percent of the raw materials produced in the state, compared with a national average of 20 percent.

TU Rate Hearings Set

The Public Utility Commission will hold public hearings in Dallas and Fort Worth on Oct. 13-14 on a rate increase sought by Texas Utilities Electric Co. All three commissioners are scheduled to attend the hearings.

The utility company is seeking an annual rate increase of about $760.2 million, or 15.3 percent. The PUC staff has recommended a $424.9 million increase, or 8.5 percent.

The Oct. 13 hearing will be held at the International Apparel Mart's Great Hall in Dallas. Two hearings are set for Oct. 14 at the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

TU Electric is the largest electric utility in Texas, serving 92 counties.

Other Highlights

■ The Texas Supreme Court has sent back to a lower court a lawsuit by three cities that contend they had zoning authority over an expansion of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The case involved whether the airport board had to comply with local zoning ordinances adopted by Irving, Euless and Grapevine to expand and develop the airport.

Homemakers Club Meets

The Center Homemakers Club met on September 28, 1993 in the home of Fay Anderson.

The president, Eilene Cave, presided over the meeting. Recreation was directed by Helen Thornburg; the minutes read and financial report given by Fay Anderson, the secretary.

A redistricting plan for the Extension Service was effective September 1. Fisher County, which was a part of District III, was changed to District VII with district offices in San Angelo. Other name changes became effective at the State meeting recently held in Waco.

There will be an Ag. day October 21 and a seminar on Diabetes on October 5 and 21. Look for the details in your local paper.

Louis (Red) Chedester brought the program on 'Pantry Pests'. He gave a slide presentation showing the entire life cycle of weevils, spiders, etc. that inhabit the pantry of our homes. It was a very interesting presentation and question and answer session.

Refreshments were served by Audie Burk, the hostess to Forrest Price, Bernice Randolph, Eilene Cave, Helen Thornburg, Fay Anderson and guest, Lenora Waldon.

The next meeting will be October 12 in the annex with Betty Bruner as hostess.

Loan Granted Electric Coop

The Rural Electrification Administration has awarded a $2 million low-interest loan to Stamford Electric Cooperative Inc. to upgrade its facilities to serve 385 new consumers, construct 72 miles of distribution line and make other system improvements, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm announced today.

Gramm said Stamford Electric Cooperative, which provides service in the Texas counties of Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton, will be for 35 years at an annual interest rate of 5 percent.

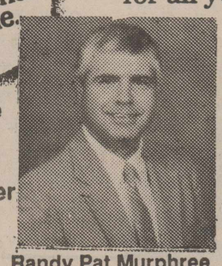
In addition, the cooperative will obtain $886,735 in supplemental financing for its construction project from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., Gramm said.

REA operates both electrification and telephone service programs and has provided low-interest loans and loan guarantees to small companies and cooperatives for over 50 years. The agency was authorized by Congress to carry out a special rural loans and grants program to promote economic development and job creation.

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ACTION: Amy Williams, Rotan Varsity Football Manager, found herself in the middle of the action last Friday night as everyone watched Rotan play catch-up against the Jim Ned Indians. This week Rotan hosts the Hamlin Pied Pipers. Rotan is still looking for thier first district win of the season. Other players are Brandon Rains, 20 and Lee Yanez, 54.

Family Reunion Held For The Warrens

The descendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Warren of Sardis Community, Rotan, Texas, met at the Church of God camp ground near Weatherford, Texas for their annual reunion. There were 130 present.

Those attending were: P.R. and Joe Warren of Snyder; Mabel Warren, Ivin, Beth, Presley, Mike, Crissie, Laci, Kyle, Kenny, Jackie, Kera and Katie Martin of Rotan; Kenneth, Barbara, William, Kristen, and Toni Martin of Roby; Neta Smith, Bob and Masie Hendrix, Joe Gabriel Martinez, Laura Armino, Jennifer, Nicholas and Eric Trujillo, Barry, Alichia, Alivina and Baron Hendrix, Paul, Shelly and Ariel Warren, Freddie, Debbie, and Ryan Eastwood, Jeff, Darla, and Caleb Tuiarasapo, of Midland; Geneva Thompson, Lillian, James, Chester, Darla, Jamie, Jennifer and Rowdy Yates, Russell and Terry Martin of Mineral Wells; Donald, Cheryl, Elizabeth, Luke and Katie Jo Smith of Sulphur Springs; Dwayne, Racheal, Kristina, and Joshua Smith of Montgomery, Alabama; Anson and Dorthy May Martin of Hermleigh; Deryl, Angie, Dawn, Jerry, Betty, Ricky and Lennie Warren and Betty Jane Forbes of Crowley; Tommy, Darlene, Marti, Michael, Daniel, Amanda, M.D, Edna, John, Joe, Nick, and Lea Warren of Granbury; Jerry and Lewis Fulks, Judy and Zach Overby of Abilene; Karin Martinez, Carl Anson Martin, Robin, T.J., Scott, Ricky and Matthew Reed of Arlington; Kathy, Mike, Westley, and Brad Putnam of Decator; Tony, Donna, Melissa, Jeffrey and Tracy Smith, Roy and Ida Lou Klett of Ft. Worth; Tim Thompson and Mary Ann Ferrell of Dallas; Bill, Leta and Tabritha Jones, Jeanne, Chelsie, and Tara Willhelm of Kirmet; Lyndell Martin and Wendy of Irving; Nancy Jackson of Henderson; Everett, Tammy, Malonia, and Thomas Wessels of Cherokee, Okla.; Janey, Stacey, Ashley, and Kristy Moore of Boonville, Missouri; Melinda Warren and Randy Ethridge of Mullins; David and Kathleen Warren of West Texas.

All descendents are urged to attend next year.

Baptists Holding State Convention Oct. 25, 26

About 8,000 Texas Baptists from churches throughout the state are expected to convene in Dallas Convention Center, October 25-26 for the annual meeting of the 2.5-million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Under a theme of "The Family of God Touching Families", the delegates, beginning Monday afternoon, will conduct business involving the convention's institutions and state missions ministries.

Delegates will elect new officers, including a successor to Dick Maples, who has served the traditional two terms as convention president. He will deliver the annual presidential address Monday evening.

Also, the delegates will consider a $63.5 million Cooperative Program budget and resolutions on key moral and social issues and will elect about 300 trustees and board members for convention institutions and agencies.

More than a third of the recommended budget would help support missions work of the nationwide Southern Baptist Convention, including about 9,000 missionaries in the United States and 126 foreign countries.

The remainder would help to operate 23 Texas Baptist educational and benevolent institutions and provide a vast network of state missions ministries including beginning new churches and strengthening missions.

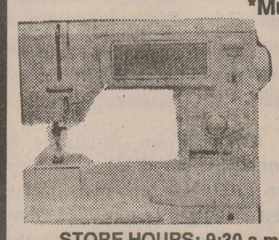
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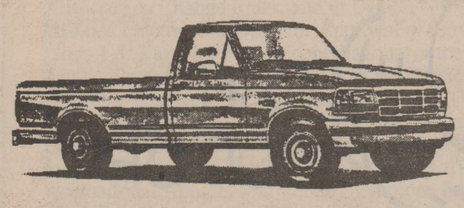
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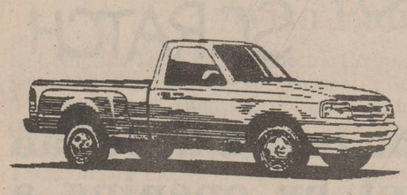


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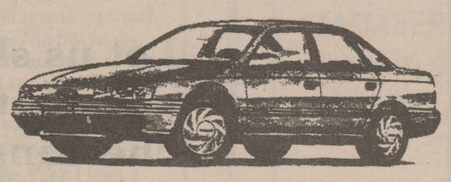
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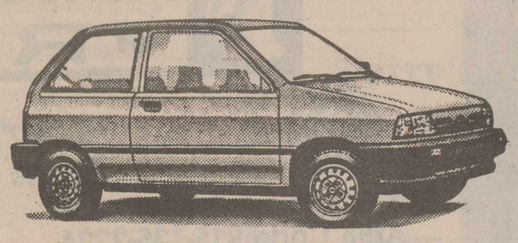
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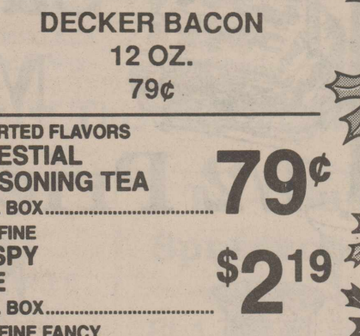


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35:2tc

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36:1tp

GARAGE SALE: Friday, October 8th, 1105 E. McArthur in Rotan.
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36:1tc

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36:3tc

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36:1tc

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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU
OCTOBER 11-15, 1993

MONDAY: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Pudding.
TUESDAY: Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad, Chilled Applesauce, Raisins.
WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Buttered Corn, Garlic Toast, Banana, Chocolate Cake.
THURSDAY: Crispy Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chilled Pears, Hot Rolls.
FRIDAY: Hamburger, Hamburger Salad, French Fries & Catsup, Cookies.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
October 11-15, 1993

MONDAY: Holiday.
TUESDAY: Steal Fingers. Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Okra, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Baked Wieners, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Rice Krispie Square, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Tacos, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Cornbread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Brownie, Bread, Milk.

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Legal Notice

Director For Conservation Board To Be Elected To Serve Zone 5

An election for a director to serve in Zone 5 on the Upper Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for October 7, 1993 at the Rotan Gin Co. announced Glen Webb, chairman of the board. The election will be held at 1:00 p.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district directors election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county, all or any part of which is in the district and the voter must be 18 years old.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in the zone he represents, be 18 years of age and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. He must also live in a county, all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone 5 of the district includes an area from a line beginning North of Highway 92 and East of Highway 70 and includes the Northeast portion of Fisher County.

Current members of the board of directors for the Upper Clear Fork SWCD are Glen Webb, chairman, of Sweetwater; Alfred Douglas, vice-chairman, of Sylvester; Jimmy Counts, secretary, and members Glen Gruben and Dick Edwards, all of Rotan.

The purpose of the Upper Clear Fork SWCD, with its headquarters in Rotan, Texas is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purpose.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner and operator.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 4th day of October, 1993 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JOE ANGEL SEPEDA Cause # 4443 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1993 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all those certain Lots 1 and 2 in Block 214 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of Record in Volume 642, Page 242 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of October, 1993 as the property of JOE ANGEL SEPEDA, 802 East Lee, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,552.16 with interest from the 5th day of February, 1992 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 4 day of October, 1993.

Gene Pack

SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Kenneth Martin- Deputy.

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Legal Notice

The Rotan Independent School District will receive bids from suppliers for the purchase of one or more computers (IBM, IBM compatible, McIntosh), printers and related equipment. Said bids should run through August 31, 1994 for purchases as referenced as needed.

Specifications can be received by contacting Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Superintendent, 915/735-2332.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., October 21, 1993 at which time they will be opened in the Superintendent office at 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546. We reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids.

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Public Notice

Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric") hereby publishes NOTICE that the Public Utility Commission of Texas will hold regional hearings in Docket No. 11735, Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Authority to Change Rates, and in Docket No. 12160, Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Approval of the Prudence of Comanche Peak Units 1 & 2 and for Fuel Reconciliation, for the purpose of collecting comments pursuant to §§ 10 and 43(c) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 1446c (Vernon Supp. 1993) and P.U.C. Proc. R. 21.101. At these regional hearings, the Commission will hear protests and comments from members of the public. The regional hearings will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 1993, at 6:00 p.m., at the International Apparel Mart, 2300 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, and on Thursday, October 14, 1993, at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Broadway Baptist Church, 305 West Broadway, Fort Worth, Texas. Persons needing additional information may call the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or teletypewriter for the deaf at (512) 458-0221.

Aviso Publico

La Compañía Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric") con el presente AVISO anuncia que la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utilities Commission of Texas) llevará a cabo una audiencia regional en el Registro (Docket) No 11735, Aplicación de la Compañía de Servicio Eléctrico de Texas para la autoridad de cambiar tarifas (Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Authority to Change Rates), y en el Registro (Docket) No 12160, Aplicación de la Compañía de Servicio Eléctrico para la Aprobación de la Prudencia de Comanche Peak Unidades 1 y 2 y para la Reconciliación de Combustible (Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Approval of the Prudence of Comanche Peak Units 1 & 2 and for Fuel Reconciliation), para el propósito de colectar comentarios en conformidad a §§ 10 y 43(c) del Acto Regulador de Servicios Públicos (Public Utility Regulatory Act)(PURA), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. artículo 1446 (Vernon Supp. 1993) y P.U.C. Proc. 21.101. En esta audiencia regional, la Comisión escuchará protestas y comentarios de los miembros del público. La audiencia regional será llevada el miércoles 13 de octubre de 1993, a las 6:00 p.m., en el International Apparel Mart, 2300 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, y el jueves 14 de octubre de 1993, de la 1:30 p.m. a las 4:30 p.m., y de las 6:00 p.m. a las 10:00 p.m., en la iglesia Broadway Baptist Church, 305 West Broadway, Fort Worth, Texas. Las personas que requieran más información pueden llamar a la Oficina de Información Pública de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos (Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office) al (512) 458-0256 ó por telemáquina para los sordos al (512) 458-0221.

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Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

The Fisher County Fair and Rodeo Association met last week and named Bobby Smith president; Todd Stevenson, vice-president; and Lance McWilliams, treasurer. Soon, the association will begin meeting with all interested citizens to plan the 50th Anniversary event.

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The Fisher County Ag Day and Farm Tour is scheduled for October 21st. A big day is planned.

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Cattle production can improve wildlife habitat on both private and public lands.

Eighty percent or more of the wildlife in the U.S. (exclusive of Alaska) is dependent on private land for food, water and shelter. Private lands in agricultural production provide valuable pasture/range land, crops, water, wetlands, riparian (stream and river bank) habitat and various food sources for game and non-game species.

In the east and central parts of the country, where most of the land is in private ownership, wildlife is almost entirely dependent on farm, ranch and other private lands. In the West, where 50 percent or more of numerous states is public land, fertile private lands often serve as essential sources of water and food for animals, making thousands of adjacent, arid public lands viable for wildlife.

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Cow herd expansion in the nation is "the slowest increase ever experienced since cattle numbers have been collected," says Texas A&M Extension Economist, Ernie Davis. The herd has increased 2 percent in five years. He attributes "relatively strong cattle prices since June 1987" to the slow herd growth.

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Workers' Compensation insurance rates will be cut, anywhere from 11.5 percent to 17.5 percent by the Texas Workers' Compensation fund. The rate reduction by the state's second-largest writer of comp insurance is expected to prompt other companies to do the same.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

Educators recommend that parents read out loud to their children, beginning in infancy and continuing throughout elementary school. At every age, this activity builds vocabulary, deepens understanding and aids reading once the child is ready.

1. Read to your new baby: cards, newspapers, cereal boxes. It's the sounds that are important.

2. Introduce your baby to simple picture and story books. The shapes and colors will delight, and listening leads to learning.

3. Visit the library regularly. Let children select their own books.

4. Make the bedtime story a regular family event. Older children will enjoy reading aloud if the right books are available.

5. Remember poetry! The short verses are perfect for short attention spans.

6. Have children read aloud while you cook, sort laundry, do work around the house.

7. Use television to encourage reading. Read about people, places or things that interest your family on TV.

8. Keep plenty of reading material at home. Put children's books on low shelves within easy reach.

9. Let your children see you reading. Talk about what you read.

10. Give books as gifts. Let your children know you think books are special.

Does your home encourage learning?

As we know, success in school lays the foundation for success in adulthood. What can we, as parents, do to encourage learning and help children make the most of their educational experience?

These eleven questions can help parents determine whether they are providing an environment that will lead to good school learning.

1. Everyone in my family has at least one chore that must be done on time.

2. We have regular times for members of the family to eat, sleep, play, work and study.

3. Schoolwork and reading come before play, TV or other work.

4. I praise my child for good schoolwork, sometimes in front of other people.

5. My child has a quiet place to study, a desk or table at which to work, and books, including a dictionary or other reference books.

6. Members of my family talk about hobbies, games, news, the books we're reading, and movies and TV programs we've seen.

7. The family visits museums, libraries, zoos, historical sites and other places of interest.

8. I encourage good speech habits, helping my child to use the correct words and phrases and to learn new ones.

9. At dinner or some other daily occasion, our family talks about the day's events with a chance for everyone to speak and be listened to.

10. I know my child's current teacher, what my child is doing in school, and which learning materials are being used.

11. I expect quality work and good grades. I know my child's strengths and weaknesses and give encouragement and special help when they're needed.

Cotton Crop Shaping Up To Be The Highest Since 1981, Corn Crop Could Set A Record High In Texas

The Texas corn crop is expected to hit a record high production this year, while the state's cotton crop is forecast to be the highest on record since 1981.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, corn production is forecast at 218.5 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's record but down 5 percent from August 1. Based on conditions as of September 1, statewide yield is expected to average 115 bushels per acre, 10 bushels less than last year while harvested acreage is expected to increase 17 percent.

Texas Upland cotton production is forecast at 5.5 million bales, up 68 percent from last year's disappointing crop and 17 percent above 1991 but 5 percent below the August 1 forecast. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 480 pounds per acre compared with 441 last year. Planted acreage increased 4 percent from last year to 5.70 million acres. Acreage for harvest increased 55 percent as only minimal acreage has been abandoned this year due to weather factors as compared to a year ago when almost 2 million acres were lost. "The crop has progressed extremely well particularly in the High Plains, however, the hot, dry conditions during August have diminished prospects across the state," state statistician Dennis Findley reported.

Texas peanut production is expected to decrease 5 percent from last year to 649.0 million pounds and is unchanged from August 1. Statewide yield, at 2,200 pounds per acre, is down 30 pounds from last year, while harvested acreage dropped 3 percent to 295.0 thousand acres. Peanuts have made good progress across the state this year but moisture is needed for dryland peanuts.

Sorghum production is forecast at 109.03 million hundredweight (cwt), down 2 percent from August 1 and 30 percent less than a year ago when considerable sorghum was planted on failed cotton acreage. Harvested acreage is expected to be down 27 percent and yield at 3,304 pounds per acre is expected to be 168 pounds below last year.

Rice producers along the coast expect to harvest 16.69 million cwt, unchanged from August 1 and down 18 percent from 1992. Yield is forecast at 5,600 pounds per acre, 200 pounds less than a year ago as the crop is extremely late and second cuttings will probably be less.

The 1993 Texas soybean crop is estimated at 3.80 million bushels, 13 percent below the August 1 forecast and less than one-third of last year's production. Yield is expected to average 20 bushels per acre compared with 33 last year. Harvested acreage is down about half.

Nationally, Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.5 million bales, up 11 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 639 pounds per acre compared with 693 pounds in 1992.

United States sorghum production is expected to decrease 27 percent to 363.2 million cwt, while the corn crop is expected to decrease 24 percent to 7.23 billion bushels. A yield of 113.1 bushels per acre is forecast, down 18.3 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 1.91 billion bushels, 13 percent below last year. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 3.49 billion pounds, down 19 percent from a year ago.

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Cotton Coop Announces Record Margins

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) announced today record total net margins of over $31.6 million for fiscal year-end June 30, 1993, during the Lubbock-based cooperative's 40th Annual Stockholders meeting. It was the second consecutive year PCCA has achieved record earnings.

"These total margins are the best in PCCA's history and exceed the previous record by 29 percent, or approximately $7 million," PCCA President Van May announced. Checks totaling more than $17.5 million for retirement of outstanding stock and payment of cash dividends on last year's earnings will be distributed in late September.

Margins from the cooperative's textile mill division also set a record. "This is the best year the denim mill has ever had," May added, "not just since 1987 when we moved it under the PCCA umbrella, but since the plant was completed in 1976." Per-bale earnings for the division were $32.46, and the cash portion of the mill dividends equals $14.75 per bale. "We are keeping our eyes on the goal of making money for you and getting cash to you," May explained.

The record earnings were achieved despite what initially appeared would be a dismal year due to significant crop losses in West Texas. However, cuts in planned expenditures and improved weather conditions in the Rolling Plains and southern High Plains that contributed to excellent yields helped turn what looked like a disastrous year into a good year for PCCA's marketing division.

The members of PCCA also re-elected three directors during the annual meeting. They are: Raymond Althof, Roscoe, District 8; Wendell Jones, Glasscock County, District 9; and Curtis Jensen, Danevang, District 10. Members also elected Steve Bauer, La Feria, District 11, who replaces the retiring Harold Scaief of San Benito.

Carriker To Speak To County Officials Group In Amarillo

The Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association will welcome Senator Steve Carriker as its speaker at the biannual meeting this month. Sen. Carriker is scheduled to speak to Association members and their guests at the Association's Fall Meeting at the Fifth Season Inn East in Amarillo on Friday, October 8th.

Senator Carriker says he will speak on issues facing county governments across Texas. "There is an avenue to relieve county officials of much of the freight they are carrying," Sen. Carriker says. "By developing cooperation between state and local governments, we can ease the mandate burden and allow our leaders to focus attention on other matters important to their citizens."

Also appearing at the podium during the Association's meeting will be former County Judge Peggy Garner, who now serves on the Texas Water Commission, and Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Pete Laney.

Registration for the Fall Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 8th, and the members will be called to order at 10 o'clock. Association President U.F. Coker, from Hall county, reminds members that on Thursday, October 7th, commissioners and judges will meet for education workshops. Both Education Committees will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Fifth Season Inn East. Commissioner Coker reports that since March of this year, the Association membership list has grown from 27 to 31 counties, and now includes the entire Panhandle region.

Letters To The Editor

To the people of Fisher County:

Well this cold crisp air and the beautiful trees with their leaves of such gorgeous colors of gold, yellow, red, orange, brown and shadows of green signify that summer is gone and fall is here and with it brings the beginning of a new school year. It's a very busy time of year for us.

We are having an Educational Conference the 15th of September, so we are very busy with that. We will meet a lot of new teachers and directors as well as renew the friendship of those we have already met.

We journeyed to Moscow last week for a day off and traveled by bus. It was an experience. We had a beautiful sunny day and we enjoyed going to the park and shopping at all the little side walk stands. (Keos) We met some other Americans who were working in Moscow there are quite a few here now.

I have enjoyed the fresh vegetables this summer; tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, radishes, carrots and the fruits-watermelons, strawberries, cranberries, goose-berries, cherries and a lot of other beautiful plums and apricots all were so good. It has been a cool summer and has rained nearly every day which wasn't good for the garden especially potatoes and strawberries. However, the gardens are almost gone now and I will miss the fruits and veggies.

I expect before long we will have snow. Most of the older people say it will snow before long. I would just as soon it didn't as it makes it hard to get around, but is pretty when everything is covered with snow although I love the beautiful colorful leaves now.

In His love,
Jean Penaluna

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Dear Editor:

I think the idea of "See you at the pole" is very good. It is trying to bring prayer back into school. We need prayer in school. If students do not believe in prayer at school, then they do not have to participate in the prayer. The prayer is a way of asking God to bless the school and of paying respect to God. "See you at the pole" is a good thing.

Sincerely,
Beau Hart
Fisher County 4-H Ambassador

New Arrival

John Paxton Kelley was born September 7, 1993, weighing 9 lbs. 6 ozs., and was 21 1/4 inches long. His parents are Jim and Scharles Kelley of Sweetwater.

Paternal grandmother is Raye Kelley of Rotan. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Frances Cupp of Sweetwater. Paxton is welcomed home by his brother, Tanner, age 3.

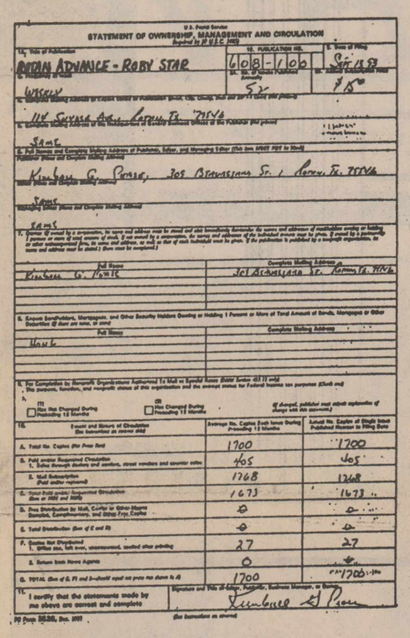
Enrollment Is Open For Texas Junior Miss Program

Enrollment is open for the West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program for 1994. The program is sponsored by Western Horizon Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The local program will be held March 12 in Cullen Auditorium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. The winners are awarded cash scholarships to a college/university of their choice. In addition, local college-granted scholarships will also be available. The winner will advance to the state contest in Garland in August. Tammy Deatherage of Merkel High School is the current West Texas Junior Miss.

Junior Misses are described as representative girls, all-around individuals with intelligence, character, poise, concern and hope for the future.

Girls who are juniors in high school living in Taylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Coke, Runnels, Tom Green and Coleman counties are eligible to participate in the program.

To participate, contact LaVerne Story, general chairperson of the local program at 842 E.N. 11th, Abilene, Texas 79601 or call 677-9544.


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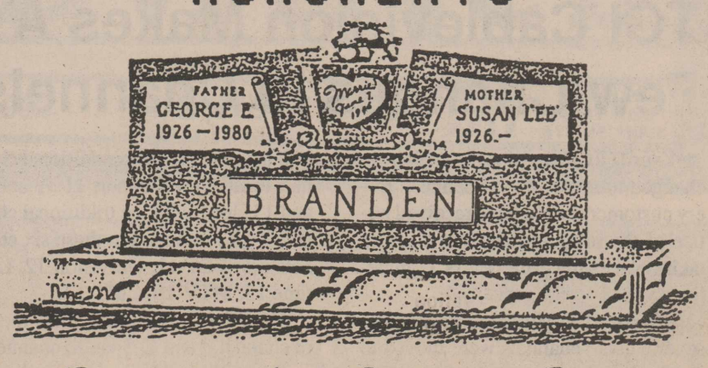
Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "What was the cost of the new Rotan Yellowhammer fancy bus, how much was spent on repairs getting it into shape and what kind of gas mileage does it get?"

ANSWER: "The bus was purchased in December 1992 at a cost of $38,000 after much research, cost comparison and good old-fashioned "legwork". Since the purchase of the bus, $9,300.05 in expenditures have been made for repairs and parts. Mileage runs from six to eight miles per gallon. This is normal for any big bus. We appreciate the inquiry. A concerned citizenry is vital to a community such as ours. And I do thank you for contacting this office for the needed information in your efforts to "get the facts straight." *Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Superintendent, Rotan Schools, Rotan, Texas*

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

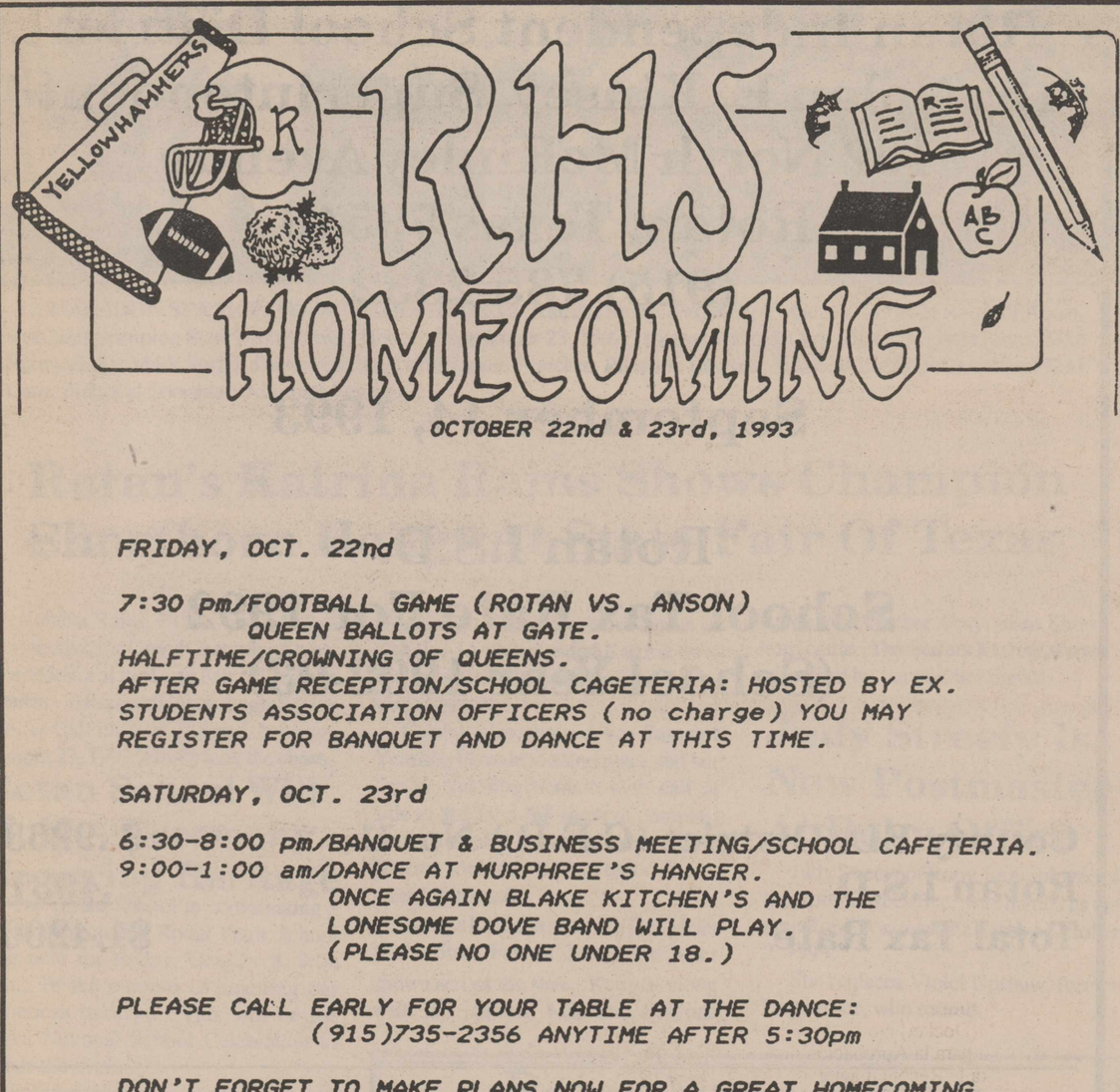
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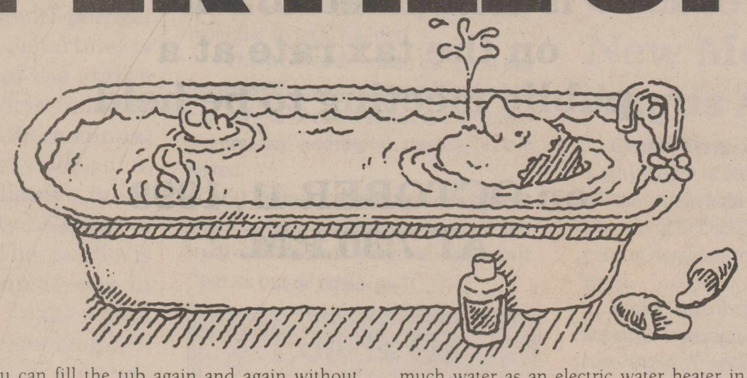
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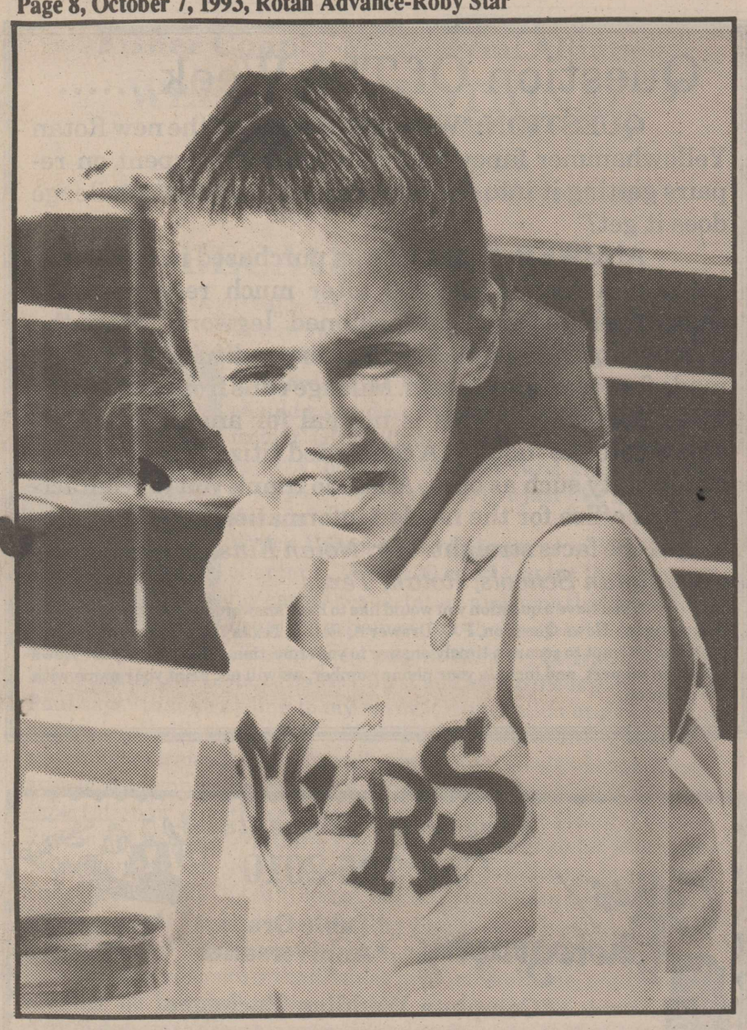
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ROTAN JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLER: Andrea Miranda, daughter of Frank and Lydia Miranda of Rotan, has a few moments to reflect last week as Rotan played Jim Ned. This week Rotan's junior varsity plays at Hamlin. The 7th and 8th graders also play at Hamlin on Thursday beginning with the 7th grade game at 4:30 p.m.

Rotan Honor Roll Students Are Named

ROTAN JR. HIGH
1ST SIX WEEKS
HONOR ROLL

"A"

5TH GRADE: Lauran Helms, Rosanna Muniz.

6TH GRADE: Lacy Callan, Jennifer Fowler, Dayme Mullins, Ruth A. Riddle, Rebecca Velez.

7TH GRADE: Shelley Burk, Guy Duke, Sarah Greenlee, Brooke McCall, Andrea Miranda, Stacy Morrow, Brady Murphree.

8TH GRADE: Katy Cade.

"A/B"

5TH GRADE: Daniel Alvarado, Ashley Garza, Rode Morrow, Cory Rains, Monica Reyes.

6TH GRADE: Crystal Early, Crystal Hoyle, Byron Kennedy, Scott McKinney, Tara Nowlin, Nikki Rowland.

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LETTER OF THANKS

As Tax Collector for the numerous entities in Fisher County, I would like to express my utmost gratitude for all the assistance and co-operation I have been privileged to receive from each entity's Director, Board of Trustees, and staff. Every one of you have worked diligently to start the 1993-94 Tax Year off to a great beginning.

Many changes have been implemented withe the closure of the Central Education District (CED). I appreciate the calls, visits, faxes, and trips made by Supt. Dr. Nolan Kinsey and Supt. Mr. George Price. Your efforts certainly helped in calculating the two school's Tax Rates.

I would also like to mention that taxing units must publish Legal Notices prescribed by the Comptroller's Office prior to adopting a Tax Rate. A Roby and Rotan CISD Notice of Vote on Tax Rate is one of the required Notices and is published in this issue. A part of the Notice indicates a percentage property Tax Increase of 189% for Roby CISD and 177% increase for Rotan CISD. These figures are alarming and misleading in character. They are derived by comparing last year's school tax amount (Excluding the CED portion) to this year's tax amount (Including the allotted CED amount). In actuality the two split amounts are being rejoined to reflect the one tax amount of 1991, before the CED.

Dr. Kinsey and Mr. Price have seen the need to publish an explanation of the breakdown of Tax Rates to help alleviate taxpayer's anxiety. Rotan CISD proposes for the 1993 Tax Rate to stay at the 1992 Rate of $1.42/$100 valuation. Roby CISD proposes for the 1993 Tax Rate to drop to $1.26/$100 valuation from the 1992 Rate of $1.2607/$100 valuation.

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Customers subscribing to Basic only will have access to six additional channels located on channels 11-13 and 16 and 17 along with the traditional channels 4-13. Included in these six channels are: BET 11, Univision 12, Lifetime 13, MTV 16, CMT 17.

KRBC (Abilene NBC) has moved to channel 9 and C-Span to channel 5.

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September 14, 1993

Rotan I.S.D.
School Tax Rate For 1992
(School Year 1992-93)

County ED. District (C.E.D.) No. 11	$ .9263
Rotan I.S.D.	.4937
Total Tax Rate	$1.4200

Current law abolished C.E.D. #11. The local Rotan School District will assess (Through The County Appraisal District) a local school tax equal to or below the levy of Rotan I.S.D. and C.E.D. #11. The Tax Rate will be set up in the same manner it was prior to the formation of County ED. Districts.

The proposed Tax Rate for Rotan I.S.D. - School Tax Year 1993 (School Fiscal Year 1993-1994) will be at or below $1.42 per $100 valuation.

Notice
Of Vote On Tax Rate

The ROTAN CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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to increase your property taxes

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The ROTAN CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
is scheduled to vote
on the tax rate at a
public meeting to be held

on OCTOBER 11, 1993
AT 7:30 P.M.

Roby Lions Defeat Santa Anna

by Brian Osuna

The Roby Lions started the game kicking off to the Santa Anna Mountaineers, and playing defense to start the game.

The Mountaineers came out with their running game. Alfred Rivas stopped the Mountaineers at the line of scrimmage on the first play of the game. Coby Moore brought down the Mountaineer running back on a run to the outside. The Mountaineer quarterback was looking to pass, but was flushed out of the pocket by Eliot Mize, Keith Freeman, and Les Branham, and was tackled by Alfred Rivas. The Lions' defense held the Mountaineer offense on their first series, and forced them to punt. The Mountaineers punted the ball away to Tommy Hull. Hull fumbled the ball and the Mountaineers recovered it with good field position.

The Mountaineers tried to pass again, but their quarterback was forced to run again. He was knocked out of bounds by Alfred Rivas. The Mountaineers tried running the ball to the outside, but were taken down by Mickey Kelly. The Mountaineers tried their passing game once again, but were picked off by Ralph Amador.

The Lions' offense came out running the ball with Hull. Hull gained two yards off of a sweep play. Hull picked up another five yards by running up the middle. The Lions got a first down with Hull gaining another five yards. The Lions tried to get their passing game going, but were unable to hold onto the ball. With a penalty moving the ball back, the Lions ran the option with Mario Barrera and Tommy Hull. Barrera gained thirteen yards off the option. Another penalty on the Lions moved the ball further back. The Lions tried running with Hull, but were stopped by the Mountaineer defense. Running the option, the Lions were stopped once again by the Mountaineer defense.

The Mountaineer defense held the Lions' offense and forced the Lions to bring Les Branham onto the field to punt. The Lions were called for another penalty and continued to move back. Les Branham punted the ball to the Mountaineers and the Lions' defense came back onto the field.

The Mountaineers tried running up the middle on the Lions, but were stopped by Mickey Kelly and Les Branham. Branham and Kelly got through the line and brought the Mountaineer quarterback down for a three yard loss. The Mountaineer quarterback found a gap in the Lions' defense and completed a pass for an eight yard gain. The Mountaineers got a first down, but were brought down by Randy Gregg, Mickey Kelly, and Bryce Moore. The Mountaineers tried running to the outside, but were stopped by Coby Moore. The Mountaineers ran a draw play, but Mickey Kelly was waiting for them and made the tackle. The Mountaineers ran a reverse and were taken down by defensive end, Randy Gregg.

The Mountaineers tried to throw a pass on fourth down, but the Lions' defense didn't allow them to complete it, and the Lions' regained possession of the ball.

The Lions, still running with Hull, gained five yards off a run up the middle. Hull ran to the outside and picked up fifteen yards and another Lion first down. Mario Barrera kept the ball on the option to gain six yards. Hull gained another five yards off the sweep. The horn blew to end the first quarter, and the game was still scoreless.

The Lions started the second quarter, still running the option. Mario Barrera picked up six yards off a keeper. Barrera was sacked by the Mountaineer defense for a four yard loss. The Lions tried their passing game but still couldn't find a handle on the ball. The Lions were forced to call on Branham once again to punt.

The Mountaineers started their offense on the two yard line. Keith Freeman brought down the Mountaineer running back and didn't allow him to gain any yardage. With the Mountaineer quarterback being rushed, by Eliot Mize and Les Branham, was forced to throw a bad pass. Alfred Rivas intercepted the pass and got into the endzone from the one yard line. Barrera looking to pass, ran the ball in for the two-point conversion. The Lions were ahead 8-0.

The Mountaineers ran the kickoff back for 30 yards before being brought down by Mario Barrera. The Mountaineers tried running to the outside,

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Brooke Smith Of McCaulley Is Accepted Junior Angus Member

Brooke Smith, McCaulley, Texas, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with over 24,000 active adult and junior members.

Christopher Baldree Gets Degree In Funeral Services

Christopher Michael Baldree graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services on Friday, August 13, 1993. Chris was one of 125 candidates to receive their diplomas in the Criswell College Worship Center in Dallas at the morning Commencement Exercises. Following graduation, a reception was held at the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service School. On Thursday, before graduation, a banquet was held for the students and their families at the Lakewood Country Club in Dallas.

Chris is a 1991 graduate of Rotan High School and attended Western Texas College in Snyder for one year. He will be doing his apprentice for one year with North's Funeral Home in Abilene.

Chris is the son of Mike Baldree of Abilene and Karen Baldree of Rotan. He is also the grandson of Ed and Betty Wilfong of Rotan and Anita Baldree-Dozier and the late Oren Baldree of Old Glory.

Baby Boy Born To The Forbes

Michael and Jill Forbes of Lubbock have a new baby boy, Lucas Berry, born September 26, 1993 at 2:02 p.m., at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ozs. Luke has a brother, Zachary Scott Forbes.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hill of Brownwood. Great grandparents are Mrs. Alma Crossman of Brownwood and Mrs. John Forbes of Snyder.

Free Adult Ed Classes Being Offered At Rotan

All adults living in Fisher County who did not graduate from high school are encouraged to come to Rotan for free adult ed classes that started October 4. Classes will be taught on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Juanita Smith will teach classes in her room at Rotan Elem. building. America Yanez will be her assistant, especially for students with limited English.

For additional information, call Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Yanez at 735-3182 or Mrs. Hamric at 735-3612.

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Hustling Around Hobbs

We have been having some almost perfect weather, maybe a little too warm in the afternoon, but the sunshine feels good after the cool mornings. Early Sunday morning it thundered and was lightning but it only rained just a little at my house, and everyone I spoke to said all they got was a light shower. It was really cool after the norther blew in that morning, and was really nice all day Sunday.

We were pleased to have **Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Tonya) Jones** and their family at Church Sunday. **Jacob Wright** was also with them. The Jones are from Sundown and were visiting over the weekend. Was good to see them all again.

Will and Mary Guinn, grandchildren of **Carl and Lila Guinn** are still here visiting while their parents, **Hal and Regina,** are trying to get moved.

Please remember the blood drive which will be on Monday, October 11th from 3 until 6 at the Senior Citizens Building. Everyone mark that date on your calendar, and try to come on out and give a pint of blood. You never know when you or someone in your family will need some blood.

Levi Parks of Odessa spent Monday night through Wednesday night with **Norma Lou and Dutch Parks** while his mother, **Julie,** went to Temple with her mother, **Sharon Stearns** of Sweetwater. Sharon received a real good report from the doctors at Temple. **Pache and Julie Parks** spent Saturday night with Dutch and Norma Lou while **Levi** and **Dylan** spent the weekend with **Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parks** in Midland.

Some folks were not at home when I called this week, so were either gone or were outside taking advantage of the beautiful weather. I notice the little wheat is really beginning to grow and the pastures sure are green after the rains we had earlier.

Because you have occasional low spells, don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but it always rises again the very next morning.

Don't forget the blood drive - we need you!

Byerlys Have A Baby Boy

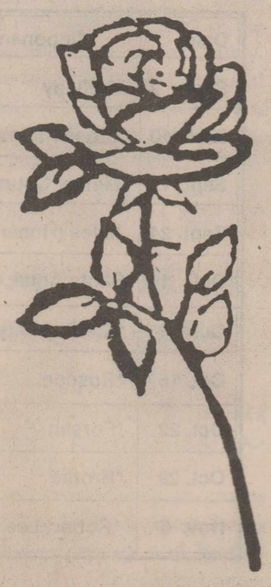
Dan and Kristi Byerly, of Haskell, are parents of a baby boy, Dylan Reid, 7 lbs.101/2 , 21.5 inches long, born at 1:25 a.m. Friday, September 17, 1993, at Hendrick Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Gayle Choate of Hawley. Paternal grandparents are Billy Don and Linda Cooper of Hamlin.

Maternal great-grandparents are Elby and Frances Choate of Hawley and Floyd and Blanche Milligan of Sulphur Springs. Paternal great-grandparents are Ben and Madilene Kemp of Rotan.

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but were stopped by Randy Gregg. Gregg stopped the Mountaineers once again on an outside run. Les Branham sacked the Mountaineer quarterback for a five yard loss. The Lions defense forced the Mountaineers to punt. Hull ran the punt back ten yards.

The Lions gave the ball to Michael Brown and he picked up nine yards before being ran out of bounds. The Lions got another first down with a four yard run by Bryce Moore. Brown was stopped at the line of scrimmage by the Mountaineer defense. The Lions tried passing the ball, but were still not successful in completing a pass.

The Mountaineer running back was stopped at the line of scrimmage by Les Branham. The Mountaineers tried to run the ball outside, but were brought down by Randy Gregg. The Mountaineers, running to the outside were taken down by Ralph Amador and Randy Gregg. The Mountaineer offense, trying to run were stopped by Mickey Kelly. The Mountaineer quarterback ran to the outside, but was stopped by Bryce Moore and Randy Gregg. The Mountaineers ran a reverse and were stopped by Bryce Moore. The Mountaineer running back was tripped up by Ralph Amador and brought down by Les Branham, after gaining four yards. The Mountaineers completed a pass for a big gain before being brought down by Ralph Amador. The Mountaineers ran up the middle but were stopped by Brian Dickson.

The Lions' defense held the Mountaineers at the ten yard line not allowing them to move. Randy Gregg sacked the Mountaineer quarterback for a five yard loss, and the Lions took over.

Hull ran the ball for a four yard gain to start a Lion drive. Brown gained another six for the Lions. Brown ran for another eight yards to continue to move the Lions down the field. Time expired, and the Lions went into the locker room at half-time with an 8-0 lead.

The Lions came out in the second half and ran with Bryce Moore. B. Moore gained 28 yards up the middle. Hull came out and gained thirteen on a sweep. B. Moore picked up another five yards for a Lion first down. Hull and Brown continued to move the ball down field for the Lions. With the Lions on the five yard line, Hull got into the endzone to put the Lions up 14-0. Barrera was stopped on the two-point conversion.

Coby Moore stopped the Mountaineer running back for a five yard loss. Coby Moore and Robert Vahlenkamp tackled the Mountaineer running back for no yardage. The Mountaineer running back for no yardage. The Mountaineer quarterback was chased down by a host of Lions after gaining a few yards. The Mountaineers punted away to the Lions.

Bryce Moore, running well for the Lions, gained twelve yards for a Lions first down. Barrera ran the ball off the option and gained twelve yards. Barrera completed a pass to Ralph Amador for another twelve yards to keep the drive going. Hull got down to the five yard line to set the Lions up to score again. Barrera connected with Randy Gregg on a five yard reception. This put the Lions up 20-0, and ended the scoring for the night.

In the fourth quarter, both the Lions and the Mountaineers held each other and didn't allow either team to move the ball down field.

With this win, the Lions boosted their record to 3-2.

Total offense: 268 yards

Rushing: 94 yards (Hull)

Passing: 25 yards (Barrera)

The Roby Lion players of the week are:

Offensive line: Mickey Kelly and Randy Gregg

Offensive back: Bryce Moore

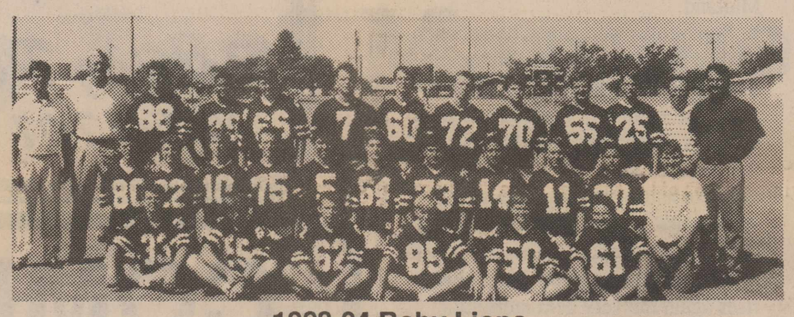
Defensive line: Les Branham

Defensive back: Bryce Moore

Roby Lions Vs Sterling City

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Sept. 10	Cross Plains	8:00	H	18	7
Sept. 17	Motley County	8:00	T	22	36
Sept. 24	Miles (Homecoming)	7:30	H	28	0
Oct. 1	Santa Anna	7:30	T	20	0
Oct. 8	*Sterling City	7:30	H		
Oct. 15	*Roscoe	7:30	T		
Oct. 22	*Forsan	7:30	H		
Oct. 29	*Bronte	7:30	H		
Nov. 5	*Robert Lee	7:30	T		



1993-94 Roby Lions



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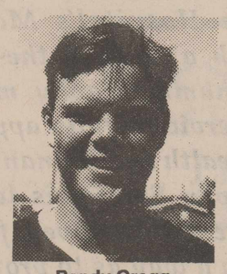
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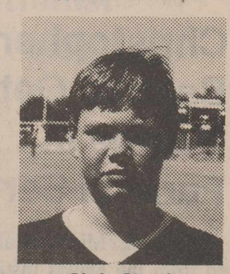
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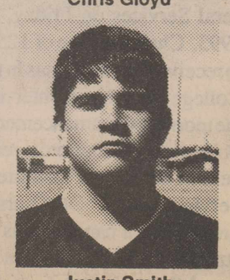
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BUSINESS TAXES AND THE NEW LAW

The new tax law contains some tax incentives for businesses. Review them to see where opportunities exist for cutting your tax liability.

*** Businesses can write off up to $17,500 of equipment purchases a year, effective for years beginning after December 31, 1992. For highest total depreciation for 1993, expense assets bought late in the year, and depreciate those purchased early.**

*** The tax treatment of buying a business was changed to allow amortization of goodwill over a 15-year period. Previously, goodwill couldn't be written off. The new law also applies to certain other intangibles that were previously written off over less than 15 years, making this provision a mixed bag for new business owners.**

*** Several expired tax breaks were reinstated retroactively. The 25% deduction for health insurance costs of self-employees was reinstated from July 1, 1992, through December 31, 1993. An amended return can be filed to claim the deduction for 1992. The income-exclusion for employer-paid education assistance to employees and the targeted jobs tax credit were both extended.**

*** Restaurants and bars will get a business tax credit for the social security tax paid on certain workers' tips.**

The law also included some cuts in business deductions.

*** Starting next year, business entertainment and meals will be only 50% deductible, instead of the current 80% deductible.**

*** No deduction for business, social, or athletic club dues will be allowed, starting next year.**

*** No deduction can be claimed for a spouse or other family member on a business trip unless the family member is an employee of the company and is along for a valid business purpose.**

*** Employer contributions to retirement plans can't be based on earnings over $150,000, beginning next year.**

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HOBBS Program Hopes To Curtail Drug Problems

by Aron Baker

An important local effort in the ongoing war on drugs is the HOBBS Education Co-Op YODA program. YODA stands for 'Youth Off Drugs and Alcohol' and is an intensive outpatient and prevention treatment center located on the HOBBS campus.

The small YODA staff deals with adolescents and young adults between the ages of 13 and 21. The program was developed to help students who have had trouble with drug and alcohol use and their families at no cost.

An open house was held Wednesday, September 29, to show-case the brand new building built specifically to house the YODA program. The building includes a sitting room for students who have advanced in the program, a classroom for all students and offices for the counselors.

The YODA program, licensed by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is passionately directed by Daniel Burks, a certified drug and alcohol abuse counselor with plenty of field experience to his credit.

Burks feels that it is important to involve the young participants in the program as much as possible. Many of the decorations in the new YODA building were created by the students. Burks says that this is important to keep them interested, "the kids are really beginning to care about YODA because it's their program," said Burks.

Burks' methods are considered creative and effective. Beyond the usual 12-step programs, preventative steps aimed toward young people are an important part of YODA. For example, a puppet show carrying an anti-drug message will be taken to elementary schools in any of the HOBBS districts in hopes of having a preventative impact.

The goal of the program is simple. "I would like to see these kids become productive members of society," said Burks, adding that it's alot better to keep the students in the program than to see them go to prison.

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Indians Scalp The Hammers, 18-6

by Larry Markham

On Friday night Rotan traveled to Tuscola to take on the Jim Ned Indians.

The Yellowhammers, losing the toss, kicked off to open the game. A deep kick by Steve Warren (2) was touched by the Indians at their five yard line and rolled out of bounds at the two. After making a first down at their 15, the Indians were forced to retreat as Mitchell Montez (29) sacked the quarterback at the eleven. On second down, Jay Carrion (33) and Chris Gaspar (55) led a charge, crushing the Indian halfback at the six. Unable to make first down Jim Ned punted to Montez (29), waiting at mid-field.

Montez returned the punt to the Indian 40. Losing seven yards on first down, Curtis Huitt (3) picked up six yards on second down while Warren (2) tacked on 5. Bringing up a fourth and six. The Indians stopped the Hammers at the line of scrimmage and took possession of the ball.

The Indians moved just inside the Rotan 20 when Montez (29) and Stomper Daniel (1) threw the quarterback for a six yard loss. On second and 16 the Hammers knocked the ball loose where a charging Lee Yanez (54) gathered it in for Rotan at the 35.

The Hammers drove to the Indian 40 in six plays when the offense stalled on a fumble and a sack on the quarterback. A high punt by Warren (2) rolled to the Jim Ned 24 where it was touched down for no return.

Moving 41 yards in three plays, the Indians reached the Rotan 35. The Hammers came through defensively once more as Michael Montez (4) jarred the ball loose, giving Rotan possession at their 38.

Unable to find the right combination on offense, the Yellowhammers punted on fourth and 13 to the Indian 31.

The Rotan defensive squad, led by Anthony Smith (51) on a strong tackle, held the Indians to only four yards. Jim Ned punted to the Rotan 25, where Montez (29) caught the ball and returned it 13 yards to the Rotan 38.

Trey Brown (9) managed 21 yards on two carries moving the Hammers to the Indian 38. A wall of Indians stopped Rotan at the 42 where Warren (2) got off a strong punt that bounded into the end zone.

The Indians began the final drive of the first half at their 20 yard line. Getting a first down on two plays at their 33, the Indians temporarily self destructed. Consecutive motion penalties presented them with a first and 20. Aided by a facemask penalty and a personal foul called against the Hammers, Jim Ned moved to the Rotan 25. With time expiring in the half, the Indians attempt at a 42 yard field goal sailed wide to the right. First half play concluded in a scoreless tie.

Second half action began as Tony Soliz (70) crushed the Indian kick off return at the Jim Ned eight yard line. Despite a strong defensive effort and facing a third and 15 in the shadow of their own goal post, the Indians broke loose on a six play scoring drive. The extra point failed and Jim Ned led 6-0 with 8:51 remaining third quarter.

Trailing 6-0, Rotan moved from their 24 to mid-field. On fourth and 10 at the 50, Warren (2) faked a punt and completed a pass to Montez (4) good for 25 yards and a first down at the Indian 27. Unable to penetrate the Indian defense, the Hammers faced a 4th and 15 at the Jim Ned 32. A pass from Daniel (1) was tipped and intercepted and returned to the Indian 23.

Two plays and 77 yards later with 4:14 remaining third period, the Indians led 12-0. A two point conversion attempt failed.

The Hammers pounded out 35 yards on 4 plays from their 20 to the Jim Ned 45. A penalty and a loss moved Rotan back to their own 47 where Warren (2) got off a 34 yard punt to the Indian 19.

The Yellowhammer defense retreated as the Indians put together an eleven play drive and increased their lead to 18-0 with only 6:48 remaining in the game.

As Rotan began offensively at their 20, Warren (2) carried three times for 18 yards. Facing third and 13 Daniel (1) connected with Montez (29), good for 28 yards. On first down at the Indian 35, Daniel (1) threw a strike to Montez (4) who slipped several tackles and carried to the Indian 6 yard line. The Hammers lost 4 yards on first down back to the 10. On second and goal, Warren (2) broke through the line, ran over an Indian at the one, and ended up in the endzone for the score. The two point conversion failed and the Hammers trailed 18-6 with only 3:53 remaining in the contest.

Opportunity presented itself once more, as the Yellowhammer defense forced the Indians to punt. An errant snap from center sailed over the punters head. Montez (4) and Brown (9) tackled the punter at the eleven yard line. A lateral to Montez (29) sailed out of bounds at the 17. Three pass attempts failed to connect and the Indians took possession.

Time expired as the Indians ran out the clock at the Rotan 26 with a final score of 18-6 in favor of Jim Ned.

The Yellowhammers (2-3 overall, 0-2 in District) will host Hamlin on Friday, October 8. Hopes are high that a first district win will come at the expense of the Pied Pipers.

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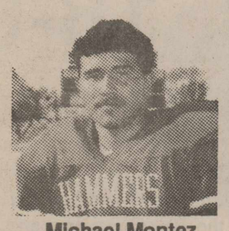
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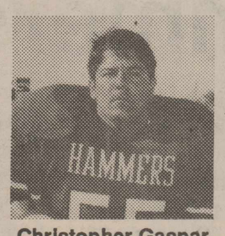
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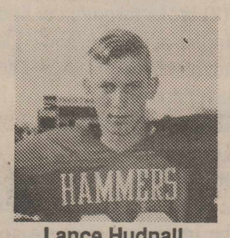


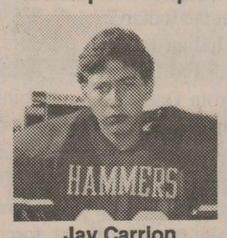
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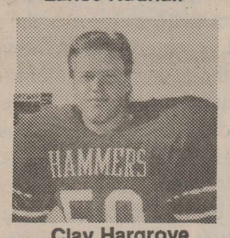
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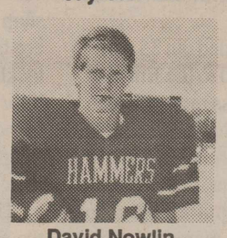

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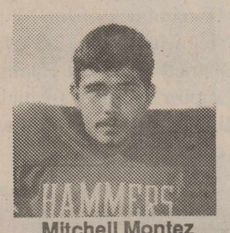

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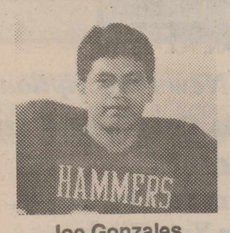

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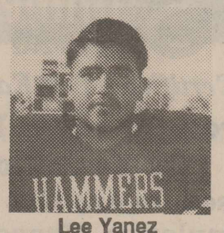

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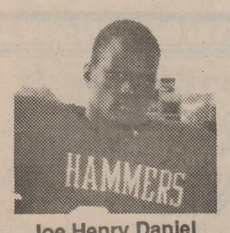

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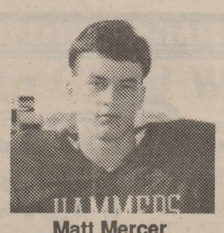

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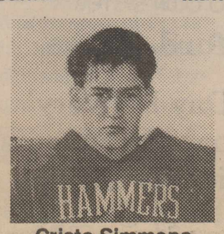

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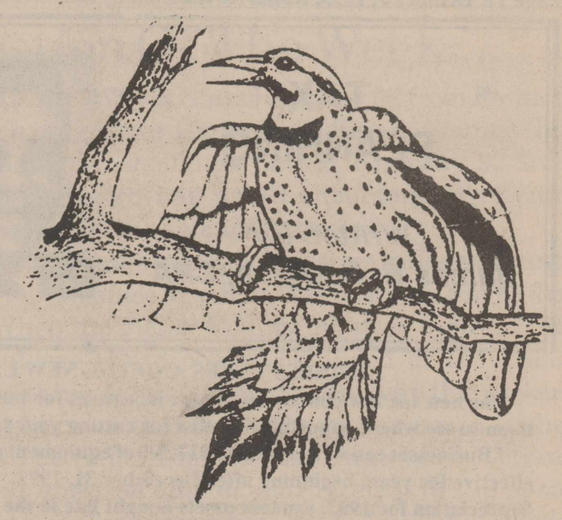

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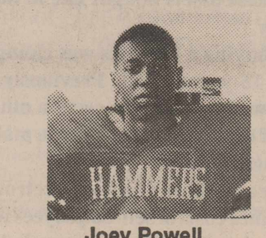

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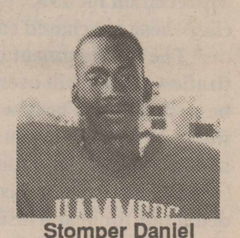
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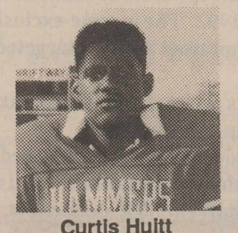


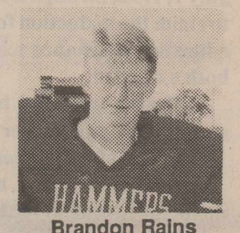
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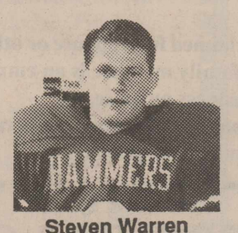
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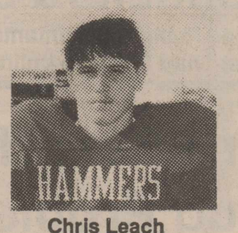

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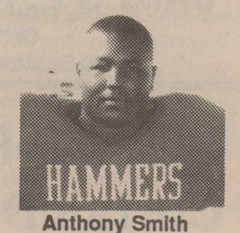

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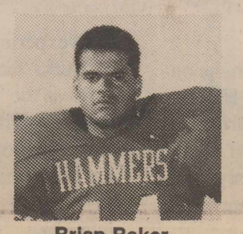

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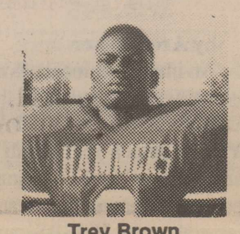

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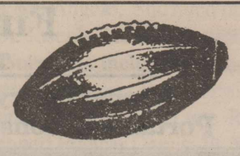


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GETTING MARCHING INSTRUCTIONS: Shelton Waldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Waldon of Roby, gets the play from Coach Brian Wood while Coach Ruben Osuna looks on. This Thursday the Roby Cubs travel to Sterling City for a 5:30 p.m. game.

Jim Ned Junior Varsity Edges By Rotan Squad

Defense. That was the name of the game Thursday as Jim Ned edged the Rotan J.V.. by a score of 6-0. Rotan and Jim Ned drove the football time after time only to end in a punt or turn the ball over on downs. The only score of the game came late in the fourth quarter.

JayBen Alls punted 4 times. Mikeal Harrison, playing punt center, and JayBen had a few bad breaks as the ball flew over his head or through his hands. Jim Ned never took advantage of any Rotan miscues.

Jim Ned held Rotan to 46 yards passing by Rusty Goodwin. He completed 6 of 14 and was intercepted once.

JayBen Alls and Zach Morris each recovered 1 fumble. Phillip Hull had 2 interruptions, returning 1 for 45 yards.

Receiving for the Yellowhammers were: Jay Sepeda- 1 for 3 yards; Phillip Hull- 2 for 9; Zack Burnes- 1 for 7; and Brian Carreon- 2 for 27.

Rushing for the Yellowhammers were: Joey Sepeda- 11 for 33; Zach Morris- 11 for 38; Rusty Goodwin- 3 for 12; and Brian Carreon- 1 for 2, for a total rushing of 85 yards.

The J.V. will play at Hamlin Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m., following the Jr. High games. The 7th grade begins at 4:30 and the 8th grade play at 6:00 p.m.

Parents Night for the Yellowhammer Varsity Squad will be held Friday night during pre-game between the Yellowhammers and Pied Pipers, October 8th.

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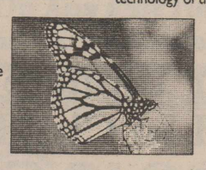


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9-1-1 Emergency Calls
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2:45 p.m., September 28, 1993- Call made from the Rotan gym. Principal investigated. No emergency.
3:15 p.m., September 28, 1993- Call from Roby School. Coach Thiessen to check out.
6:14 p.m., September 28, 1993- Wrong number.
10:49 a.m., Septembere 29, 1993- Ambulance requested at Hobbs School. Female very ill.
10:19 a.m., September 30, 1993 -Possible heart attack. Medical attention requested.
8:01 a.m., October 1, 1993- Officer called to wreck at Hwy 180 & Hwy 70, possible injuries.
2:06 p.m., October 1, 1993- Fight. Cut hand. Sheriff Pack investigated.

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

Roby Independent School District
George Price, Superintendent
P.O. Box 519
Roby, Texas 79543
(915) 776-2222

October 1, 1993

Roby C.I.S.D.
School Tax Rate For 1992
(School Year 1992-93)

County ED. District (C.E.D.) No. 11	$.9263
Roby C.I.S.D.	.3344
Total Tax Rate	$1.2607

Current law abolished C.E.D. #11. The local Roby School District will assess (Through The County Appraisal District) a local School Tax equal to or below the levy of Roby C.I.S.D. and C.E.D. #11. The Tax Rate will be set up in the same manner it was prior to the formation of County ED. Districts.

The proposed Tax Rate for Roby C.I.S.D. - School Tax Year 1993 (School Fiscal Year 1993-1994) will be at or below $1.26 per $100 valuation.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The ROBY CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes

by 189 percent
on SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

The ROBY CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held

on OCTOBER 12, 1993
at 7:30 O'Clock P.M.



ROBY CHEERLEADER: Amy Beauchamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beauchamp of Roby, will be on the sidelines this week cheering for the Roby Lions as they begin district play by hosting Sterling City on Friday.

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Rotan vs Hamlin

October 7 (There) - 7th Grade 4:30 PM; 8th Grade 6:00 PM
Junior Varsity 7:30 PM
October 8 (Here) - Varsity 7:30 PM

Roby vs Sterling City

October 7 (There) - Junior High 5:30 PM
October 8 (Here) - Varisty 7:30 PM

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "Why is State Highway 92 from Rotan to Hamlin the only State Highway in Fisher County that does not have the shoulders paved? Highway 92 from Hamlin to Stamford has paved shoulders. Why can't Fisher County get the shoulders paved?"

ANSWER: "The state highway system in Jones County has been re-built since anything has been done in Fisher County. When the Fisher County highway system is re-built, shoulders will probably be added at that time. There is nothing on the drawing board at the present time that indicates that the highway system in Fisher County will be re-built in the next three years. Thank you for your question and for your interest in the Texas Department of Transportation. *Bill Jackson, District Design Manager, Texas Department of Transportation-Abilene, Texas.*

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

Congress Passes Amendment Giving Wool Producers Payment

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed an amendment which will permit wool producers to receive incentive payments for the 1993 crop of wool, in response to recent Senate action that would have retroactively killed the program for the 1993 production year.

The amendment which was adopted eliminates funding for the 1994 wool and mohair incentive program, but will allow producers in the 1993 program to receive their payments.

"I am pleased that my colleagues in the House saw fit to correct an action that would have had devastating consequences for producers who based their decisions on eligibility to participate in this program," said Charles Stenholm.

In Texas there are 16,000 producers in 35 West Texas counties producing more than 90 percent of the nation's mohair and 25 percent of the country's wool. The American Sheep Industry Association has estimated that 25-30 percent of the nation's 125,000 producers would be lost if this program is abandoned.

"It has been frustrating to listen to the misinformation and just plain ignorance which seems to have surrounded this program," said Stenholm. "The fact is that farm program outlays are one percent of the total federal budget, and the wool and mohair incentive program costs less than one percent of farm program outlays. In the case of wool and mohair these payments are not paid by the U.S. taxpayer, but in fact are funded by tariffs on imported wool, thus helping to maintain a viable domestic industry," he added.

Center For Home Study Ranks Texas 33rd In Child Welfare

According to the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Texas ranks 33rd in overall child health and welfare. Lawmakers in the 73rd legislative session attempted to address the needs of Texas children, but with limited resources, and increasing demand those efforts may not be enough.

In the September/October issue of ATPE News, the official publication of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), legislative consultant Sandy Kibby reports on the new laws designed to improve the health, welfare and safety of children. The legislation ranges from laws addressing childhood immunization and nutritional needs to laws concerning student truancy and dropout and gang prevention.

Also in this issue of ATPE News, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Sen. John Leedom (R-Dallas) provide two different viewpoints on Senate Joint Resolution 49, the constitutional amendment proposition that will go before voters on Nov. 2. The ballot will ask Texas voters to vote for or against "the constitutional amendment prohibiting a personal income tax without voter approval, and if an income tax is enacted, dedicating the revenue to education and limiting the rate of local school taxes."

The ATPE News column Capitol Comment looks a Texas school districts' efforts to meet the finance deadlines mandated by Senate Bill 7; a discussion of SB 7's implications for the teacher career ladder also is included. The column Legal Opinions provides the legal definitions of sexual harassment.

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Obituaries

Mary L. Miranda

Mary L. Miranda, 83, of Sylvester, died Friday afternoon in the Fisher County Hospital. Rosary was said at 7:30 PM Sunday, October 3 in Weathersbee Chapel with a Mass held at 10 AM on Monday, October 4 in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rev. Austin Kittredge officiated. Burial was at the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born April 9, 1910 in San Angelo and moved to Fisher County in 1925 from San Angelo. She lived in the county most of her life. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Rogers, Rotan; five sons - Eracalio Rogers, Ballinger; Ben Lozana, Abilene; Matilde Rogers, Big Spring; Phillip Lozana, Chicago. IL; Lupe Rogers, Oklahoma; five daughters - Rita Ponce, Ballinger; Frances Garcia, Ft. Worth; Minnie Williams, Rotan; Eva Galon, Earth; Josephine Vasquez, St. Louis, MO; one brother - Narciso Miranda, San Angelo; two sisters - Catarine Ramirez, San Angelo and Ricarda Miranda, San Angelo; 72 grandchildren; 60 great grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 12 sons.

Cloise M. Crowson

Mr. Cloise M. Crowson, 60, died Wednesday afternoon, September 29, 1993 at his home in Jayton. Graveside funeral services were at 2 PM, Friday, October 1 at the Jayton Cemetery conducted by the VFW Honor Guard of Spur. Arrangements were made by Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

Mr. Crowson was born August 19, 1993 at Winters. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. As a member of the 35th Infantry Regiment he was awarded three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars and the Silver Star. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He had made his home in Jayton since 1962.

He married Elsie Cave March 29, 1983 at Dickens.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Crowson, of Jayton; his mother, Frances Crowson of San Diego, CA; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Betty Rinker of Houston; three brothers, Billy Joe Crowson of Marble Falls, Kenneth and Arnold Crowson, both of San Diego, CA; two grandchildren, Jennifer Rinker of the University of Texas at Austin and Scott Rinker of Houston.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of September 28 - October 4, 1993 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Dono Darden- Rotan; Raymond McKimmey Sr.- Rotan; Nancy Gravens- Anson, Ruby Nell Park- Rotan; Raymond Cornelius- Hamlin, Jewel Puryear- Rotan; Corina Almanza- Rotan; Mary Miranda- Rotan; Oma Lee- Rotan; Glen Gruben- Rotan; Dewey Dry- McCaulley; Velma Reed- Sylvester; LaVera Riley- Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Nevva Carter- Rotan; Jessie Wortham- Rotan; Corina Almanza- Rotan; William Partin- Rotan; Raymond Cornelius- Hamlin; Nancy Graven- Anson; Dono Darden- Rotan; Jewel Puryear- Rotan; Glen Gruben- Rotan.



Carrie Allen

Carrie Allen Is Given 98th Birthday Party

A birthday party was held last Saturday celebrating Carrie Allen's 98th birthday, which was September 27, 1993. Carrie is a resident of Rotan Nursing Home. The party was given by her three children, Vernon Allen of Roby, and LaVeta Allen and Verbeth McLaughlin of Midland. Carrie was joined by friends and relatives, as well as her grandchildren Mark and Sharla Thompson of Carthage, Texas. Sharon McLaughlin and daughter, Aly, of Midland, Texas, and three nieces, Yvonne Scarbrough and Wanda Brown of Midland, and Gayle Rape of Graham, Texas. Robert and LaTricia Allen, her two other grandchildren of Nashville, Tennessee, were unable to attend. Carrie was born and raised in Fisher County and has lived here all her life. She has one brother, Richard Schick, of Springfield, Oregon, and two sisters, Iola Cady of El Paso, Texas, and Dorothy Schick of Rotan. Eight brothers and sisters are deceased.

Shade Trees Given In October

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 1993.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Weeping Willow, Sugar Maple, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple, and Red Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and spectacular fall colors," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's news magazine, Arbor Day, which includes regular features about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 1993.

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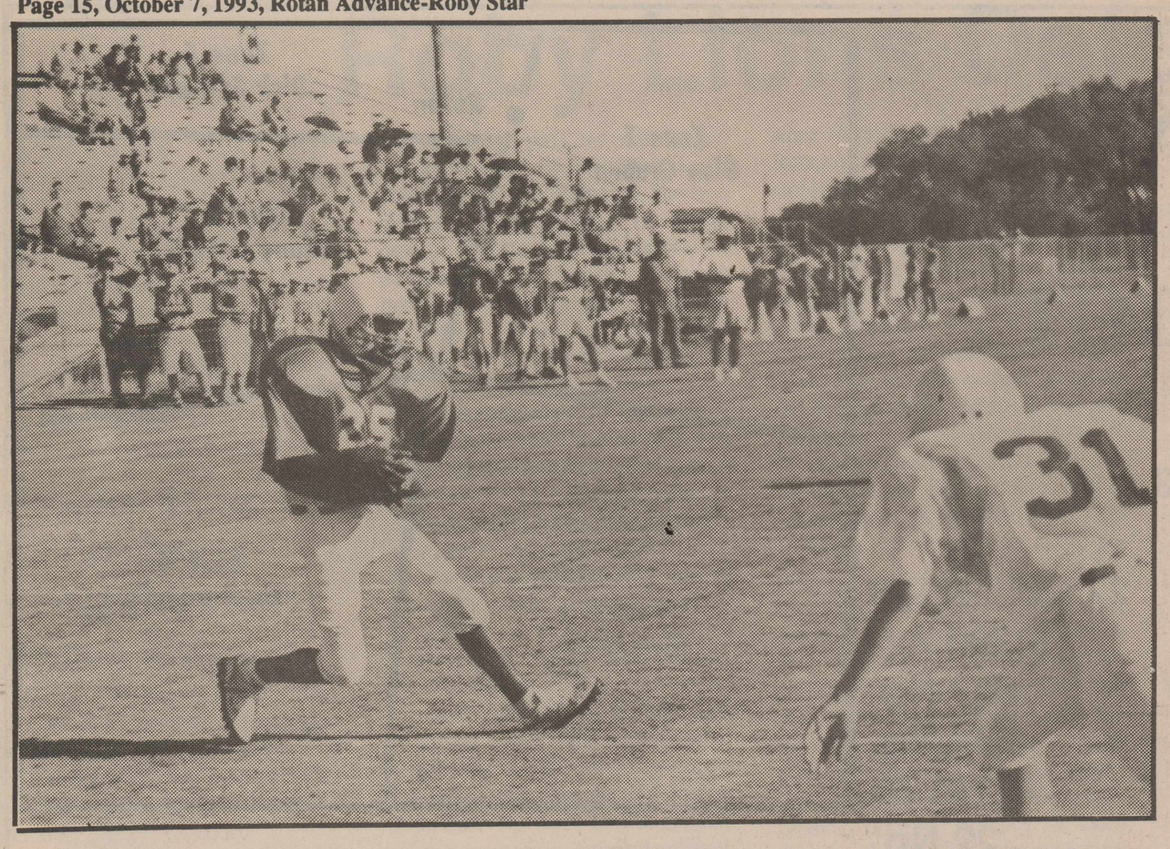
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"BOBBING AND WEAVING": Bryant Jones, left, a Rotan player tries to evade a tackler during a recent game. This week the Rotan junior varsity and 7th and 8th grade teams travel to Hamlin on October 7th for games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission At Reservoir

by Violet Upshaw

The Fisher County Historical Commission traveled to the Allen Henry Reservoir September 28th meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Justicebury Baptist Church. We traveled to the sight of the reservoir some twelve miles to see the completion of the dam. It was a beautiful day and standing at the top of the dam, trucks and pickups looked like miniatures. The gates to the dam will be closed sometime during the later part of October 1993. From this reservoir, water will be available to the city of Lubbock.

Leaving this sight we traveled to Lubbock eating lunch and then on to Littlefield to the Denim Plant, a division of P.C.C.A. A very interesting tour of the plant. It is one of the largest and most modern of its kind in the world, covering more than ten acres under one roof and employing approximately 500 residents from five county South Plains area. This gave us an insight of the finished product of the cotton that we grow in Fisher County. The trips were enjoyed by: Glenn and Violet Upshaw, Roy and Helen Noles, Billie and Vera Ellen McCombs, Thurman and Georgia Upshaw, William and Sue Cleveland, J.C. and Edith Flippo, Billie Hoffman, Link Adair and son.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION: J.T. Palmer of Roby, Assistant Manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative, retired with 43 kyears of service and was given a reception. Pictured (l to r) front row - Directors James Cave; J.T. Palmer, Honoree; Vesta Orr, General Manager and Melvin Clements. Back row - Parker Wetsel, former manager; Joe Falls, Carl Williams, Mickey Sterling, Bobby Gruben, Mike Herron and Jerry Upshaw.

Palmer Retires After 43 Years From Midwest Electric Co-Op

J.T. Palmer, the Assistant Manger of Midwest Electric Cooperative, was honored with a retirement reception last Friday at the Roby Community Center.

Palmer has been an employee of the local electric cooperative for the past 43 years. He has worked in all internal office operations and has worked along side coop managers Johnny Ammons, Parker Wetsel and Vesta Orr.

He was joined at the reception by family members, past and present employees, members of the board of directors, area friends and association friends from around the state.

Vesta Orr, General Manager, presented Palmer with a service award and retirement gift. Cooperative employees presented Palmer with a money tree.

NEWS BRIEFS

Auditions For T.O.T.B.

Auditions for the Theatre on the Brazos Christmas Production; "Twas The Fight Before Christmas" will be held Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Theatre. The cast consists of 7 people; 1 teenage boy, 1 teenage girl, 1 girl or boy around age 12, and two sets of parents.

Following auditions, the October business meeting will be held at 7:00.

Rotan I.S.D. Chapter I Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents who have children enrolled in the Chapter 1 programs of reading and mathematics in grades one through eight in the Rotan I.S.D. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rotan Elementary building. Teachers and administrators will be available to answer questions and to discuss the Chapter I program.

Cooking School

The Rotan 3rd and 4th grade 4-H will have their cooking school Saturday, October 9. The school will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Rotan High Homemaking lab.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Monday, October 11 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.

Donors may specify the recipient of their blood if so desired.

All Pink Ladies are asked to be there to assist the Red Cross.

4-H Group Meets

The 7th and 8th grade 4-H Food and Nutrition group met with 10 members to hear Ben Martinez tell them how to use herbs to cook and the different types of herbs that are used. Ben raises many herbs and brought fresh ones to make herb butter. Also Christi Willett, Casey Greene and Sherri McKimmey showed a slide presentation on Food Safety.

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Theatre Will Present Night Country Music

Theatre on the Brazos will present a night of country music, Saturday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

There are seven bands or groups scheduled to perform: West Texas Sound, Kay Kennedy and Evelyn Nowlin Piano Duet, First Baptist Quartet, Deep Creek Cloggers, Jana Morales and Evelyn Nowlin Duet, Billingsley Gospel and, Texas High Band. The order of appearance is subject to change without notice.

A hamburger supper will be held prior to the musical at the Lions Club Building starting at 5:30 p.m.

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Commonly asked questions about newspaper advertising

Q: I have all the business I need so why should I advertise in your newspaper?

A: *Advertising is an investment in the future. You may have too much business today, but how about next month or next year? Your competitors are trying to take business away from you. Newspaper advertising will help you hold the business you now have and insure it for the future.*

Q: Where is the best position in the paper--page 3?

A: *Readership studies prove there is not much difference in position; ads are read equally well regardless of their location in the newspaper. If you run a good ad, people will see it.*

Q: Isn't newspaper advertising expensive?

A: *Reduced to the cost per reader, our rates are low. You can buy a large ad for what it would cost to send a postal card to each of our subscribers.*

Q: My business is small and I don't have enough money to advertise. How can your newspaper help me?

A: *The cost of running your business goes down as sales volume goes up. Advertising is just as important in sales as the sales clerks you use in your store. The money you invest in newspaper advertising will come back to you in increased sales.*

Q: I don't think people actually read ads.

A: *Other stores find people read ads and buy the items advertised. Otherwise these stores would not continue to advertise.*

Q: Why should I advertise now? It is not the right time of year.

A: *Your store is open every week of the year. If you want business now, you need to advertise now. People shop all year round. You can attract traffic into your store and interest customers in your merchandise through advertising.*

Q: I have been here for years and everyone knows what I sell. Why should I advertise?

A: *People may know a store but see no reason for patronizing it. Advertising is NEWS, and you could profit by telling readers what's new in your store. Even if people know what you carry, you must convince them that they should trade with you.*

Q: I've tried newspaper advertising before. Why doesn't it work for me?

A: *Advertise items people want, at the time they want them and in the price range they are willing to pay. This always gets results.*

Q: Isn't the local newspaper a monopoly? Would ad prices be lower if there were more newspapers to choose from?

A: *We are not really a monopoly because you can use shoppers, direct mail, radio, TV, etc., to advertise, the competition they provide keeps our prices quite low. Since we are the only paper in town, we work extra hard to make our medium your best advertising investment. In fact it is more economical for you to reach your customers using only our paper. If you had to deal with several newspapers, you would be purchasing a lot of duplicate circulation.*

Q: Doesn't advertising involve a lot of time on my behalf?

A: *Advertising helps re-sell your customers, thereby taking less of your time to close the sale. Once you have planned your advertising program, you'll be surprised how little time it really takes.*

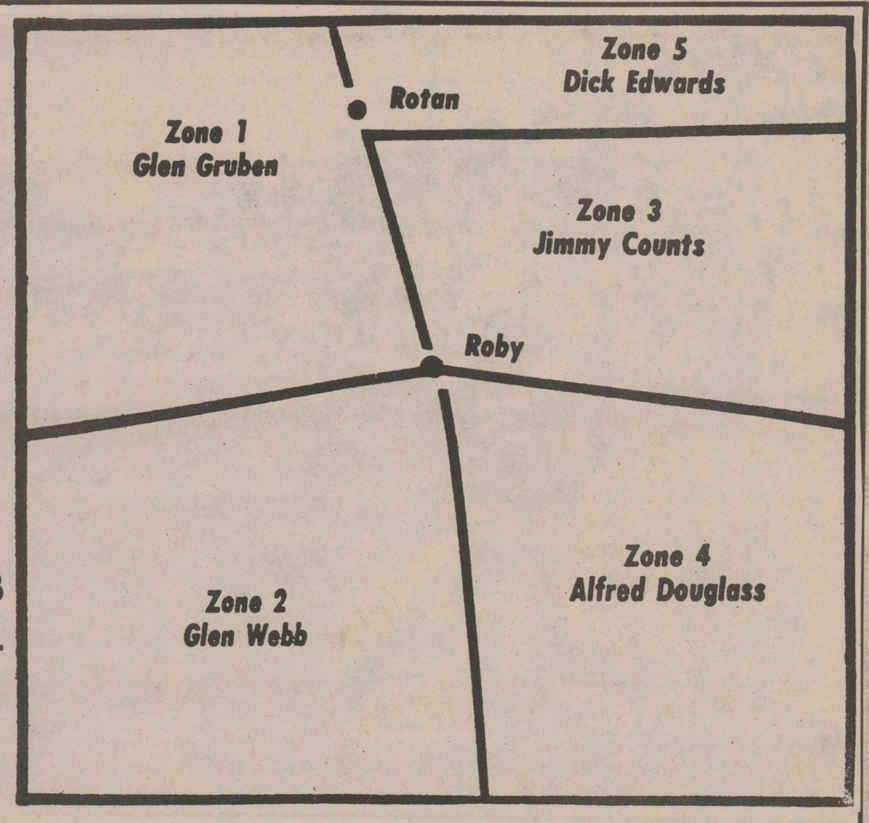
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1993 ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 1992 through August 31, 1993

New Conservation Plans Developed	27 No. 5,173
Conservation Plans Revised	5,390 Ac.
First Technical Service Individual	387 No.
Cooperator Applying Practices	274 No.
Subsurface Drain Systems	33,189 Ft.
Farm Bill Plans Developed	29 No.
Conservation Reserve Program	54,935 Ac.
Cropland Protected	29,521
Pastureland/Rangeland Protected	18,286
Long Term Contract	12,653 Ac.



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Soil Conservation Staff:

Mike Clifton, District Conservationist
Jack Cadenhead, Conservation Technician
Jeff Groves, Soil Conservationist
Debbie Herndon, District Clerk

Pasture Management Is Really Leaf Management

It's extremely important that enough leaves remain all during the growing season to manufacture food. Many factors influence how much a plant grows: Rainfall, temperature, soil depth, soil texture, topography, and the inherent ability of the plant itself.

Yet, even when these factors are optimum, a plant can't grow without a large enough food-producing factory-leaves.

This is the crux of grass management. The only major factor affecting grass growth that's fully in your control is the maintenance of the size of the food factory.

Leave half!

Except for grass you fertilize and irrigate, all other growth-influencing factors depend on Nature's provisions. Overgrazed grasses simply can't remain healthy, vigorous and productive any more than a feedlot steer can gain well on only a maintenance ration.

This point, simple as it sounds, is something you just can't over-emphasize.

The effect of leaf defoliation on plant development has been studied many times. In general, there's agreement that grass production is substantially reduced when you remove more than half the leaf volume by grazing or mowing during the growing season.

Long ago, successful cattlemen coined the phrase, "Take half and leave half."

A later adage, "The half you take will gradually get bigger," is one key to greater production.

An increase of one or two leaves on a grass plant when multiplied by millions of plants is the story of enhanced forage production in a pasture.

Good roots essential

Root systems are the unseen but vital supply lines of moisture and minerals to the plant leaves. The depth that roots penetrate the soil varies between different species.

Roots of many tall grasses, such as big bluestem, reach down ten to 14 feet. Grasses with shorter growth characteristics, such as blue grama or buffalo, many send roots to a four-to-six foot depth.

To some degree, the volume of roots and the volume of leaves produced are in proportion.

It take an extensive root system to supply water to a large volume of leaves. Depth and volume of roots are greatly influenced by grazing management.

Scientific studies point out that excess removal of leaves has an adverse effect on root development.

Each year a portion of a grass plant's roots die and are replaced. This a natural function. It's called pruning.

The amount of annual replacement varies with different grasses. But it ranges from 20 percent to 50 percent of the total root system. Yes, indeed, it's necessary that these roots be replaced if the plant is to remain healthy and productive.

In one comprehensive test in which the effect of leaf removal on root development was studied, it was found that in all grasses the amount of leaf volume removed had a direct effect on the growth of new roots.

All root growth stopped for 12 days when 80 percent of the leaves were clipped. Removal of 90 percent of the leaves stopped all root growth for 18 days.

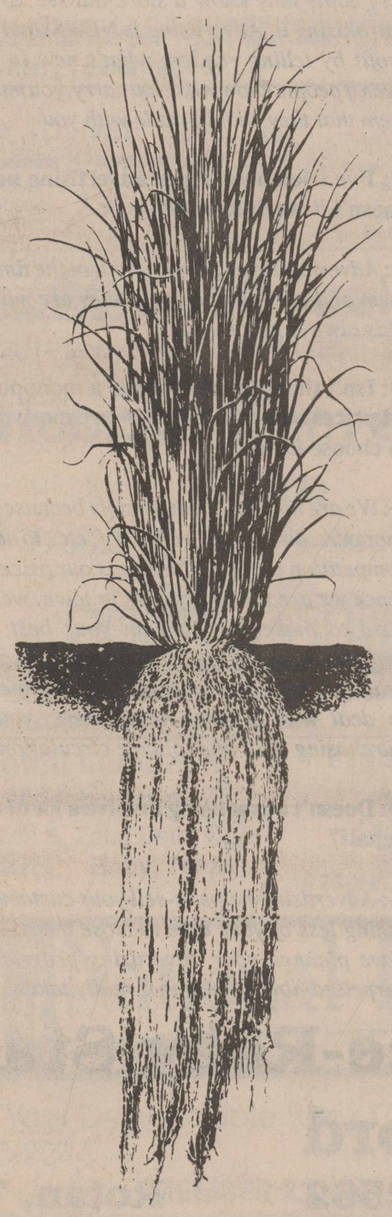
And, these roots didn't again resume growth until the leaves were once again actively growing. The effects of repeated clippings were much more severe, too, and the duration of root growth stoppage was increased.

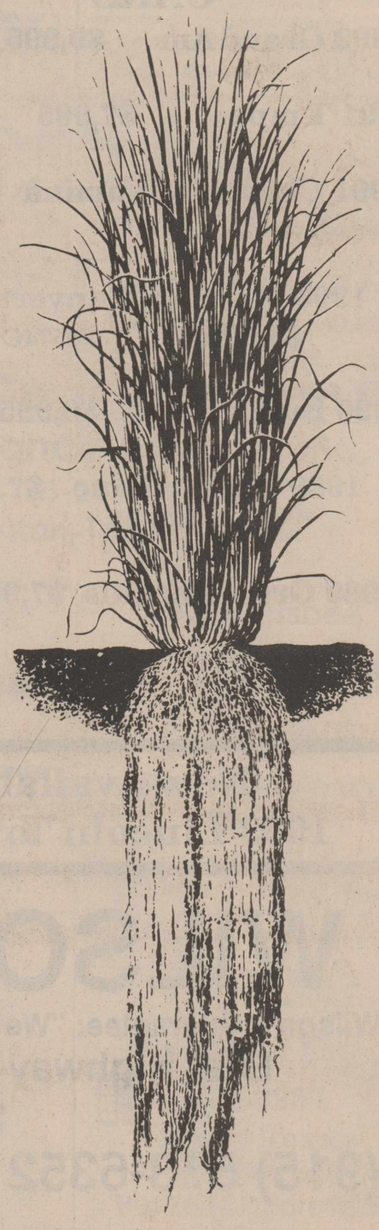
When just 60 percent of the leaves were removed only half of the roots ceased to grow. And, when only 50 percent of the leaves were removed almost all the roots continued growing actively.

This really emphasizes how true, "Take half and leave half," is.

A grass plant produces twice the volume of leaves that it needs to complete its growth functions and remain productive.

But if you remove more than half its leaves during the growing season you deprive the plant of part of its food processing mechanism. And production of plant tissue - forage - is reduced accordingly.





Understanding Your FSA Compliance Plan Implementation - 1990 And Beyond

Time Is Running Out.....Follow The Schedule In Your FSA Compliance Plan And Remain Eligible For Your USDA Benefits

The Conservation Compliance provision of the 1985 Food Security Act requires farmers receiving USDA benefits to develop a conservation plan for their land by January 1, 1990. This plan is developed with the help of the Soil Conservation Service and must be fully implemented by the end of 1994.

There are three important facts you should keep in mind about the Conservation Compliance provision.

Stay on Schedule

After the plan is finished, the farmer is responsible for staying on schedule and completing it by 1995. Each plan includes agreed-upon dates which must be met. If an agreed-upon date is not met, the farmer becomes out of compliance and loses the USDA benefits

There Are Alternatives

The plan can be changed to meet new farming needs. You may decide sometime between 1990 and 1995 that you want to alter your farming operation. Changes can be made with the approval of your local conservation district if they meet the standards established by the Food Security Act.

The Plan Stays With The Land

Plans are developed for the land. If you rent or purchase farmland, you must follow the Conservation Plan already developed for that land; or, you can change the existing plan with the approval of your local conservation district.

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