

Rotan Defeated 41 Schools To Capture Title

Rotan High School won the Texas Association of Community Schools' Small School Academic State Competition on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville Sunday, March 31st.

Rotan defeated 41 teams who had advanced to the state contest by placing in regional contests held earlier in the month. Members of the Rotan High School team are: Cassidy Early, Bobby Kenner and Jimmy Dan Tankersley. Evelyn Nowlin is the coach.

The Small Schools Academic Contest is open to all Texas high schools who are in UIL 3A classification or below. Students answer questions taken from all areas of the Texas High School curriculum.

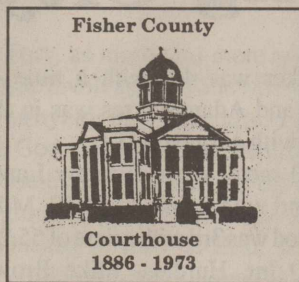
The top five teams in the contest were: Rotan H.S. - 1st; Liberty H.S. - 2nd; Wimberly H.S. - 3rd; Coleman H.S. - 4th; and Lago Vista H.S. - 5th.

Ratliff's Hosting Annual Easter Sunrise Service

James and Dianne Ratliff will again this year host an Easter Morning sunrise service at their ranch at Rough Creek.

The service will begin at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served and everyone is invited to attend.



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Early Voting Ends On Thurs. For Runoff

Early voting in the April 9th runoff election for Fisher County residents ends at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4th., according to Early Voting Clerk Betty Rivers.

The runoff between Jay Hendon, Incumbent Commissioner and Perry Thomson, challenger plus the District Attorney race between Frank Conard, Incumbent and Mark Edwards, challenger are the local races of interest.

There are two other Democratic state races plus three Republican races for justices.

The runoff-election will be Tuesday, April 9th from 7 am to 7 pm.



WINNING TEAM: (L TO R) Jimmy Don Tankersley, Cassidy Early and Bobby Kenner team members who share in scholarship funds.

Rotan Team Wins \$9,163 In Scholarships

A Rotan academic team brought home \$9,163.50 in scholarship money by capturing first place at the state competition of the Texas Small Schools Academic Competition Sunday at Tarleton State University.

Cassidy Early, Bobby Kenner, and Jimmy Don Tankersley will each receive equal shares of the money awarded as well as an additional \$1,000 each if they attend Tarleton State University. The students, along with their sponsors, Debi Mercer and Evelyn Nowlin, were informed by Dr. Don Rogers, executive director of the Texas Association of Community Schools, that they will travel to Austin in the early part of May to meet with Governor George W. Bush.

These students have already won \$1600 in scholarship money at a regional competition at Weatherford College. Eighteen teams were at that

Smith Named FBC Pulpit Search Chmn.

Bobby Smith, a member of the First Baptist Church of Rotan, was named as the chairman of the Pulpit Search Committee, charged with the responsibility of recommending a pastor to the congregation to replace retiring Joe Vernon.

Other members are Brian Harrison, Neal Hargrove, DeeAnn Mullins and Carol Roberts.

The committee will be receiving resumes and formulating plans for interviews in the next few weeks.

Sylvester To Hold Joint Sunrise Service

The Sylvester United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church of Sylvester are combining to conduct a joint Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 7th beginning at sunrise.

Following the service, breakfast will be served in the basement of the Sylvester Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend the service.

Rotan Head Baseball Coach Reassigned, Files Grievance

Rotan Head Baseball Coach Bobby Richardson has been reassigned and is no longer serving as the Rotan Yellowhammer baseball coach and school officials are being extremely cautious in commenting about the re-assignment because of the pending grievance.

Richardson has officially filed a grievance with Superintendent Wes Hays over the re-assignment.

Hays interviewed all parties involved, including Athletic Director Harold Mayo, last Monday concerning the grievance issue by Richardson on the re-assignment. Hays said that he would probably make a decision on the grievance this week. He is expected to either rule in favor of the re-assignment or against it. The next step for Richardson, if he does not concur with the ruling by Hays, is to take the grievance to the Rotan School Board.

The grievance, assuming it goes to the next level, could be reviewed by the school board sometime the week of April 15th. The regular school board meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, April 15th., according to Hays. If the grievance goes to the board, it must be heard by April 18th., in order to fall into the 30-day window allowed for grievance hearings.

Coach Bobby Richardson has been replaced by Ron Langthorn, assistant baseball coach, as the Head Baseball Coach. Coach Richardson, as of last Tuesday, had not been re-assigned, pending the outcome of the grievance hearings.

Athletic Director Harold Mayo declined to make any comments about the reassignment last Tuesday morning.

Coach Bobby Richardson, on Tuesday, indicated that he did not want to make any comment "until this thing runs its course."

Fisher County Methodists End Joint Revival Friday

All four of the Fisher County United Methodist Churches are hosting one-day of a four day combined revival that began last Tuesday and continues through Friday, April 5th.

On Thursday night, April 4th, the revival moves to the First United Methodist Church at Sylvester where

Jeff Sedberry, Larry Holder and Steve Patterson will all speak. The final day, Friday, April 5th, the revival moves to Roby where Rev. Steve Patterson will speak.

The revival begins at 7:00 nightly with a fellowship following each service.

Roby Lady Lions Proud Of First Track Meet Win In Over 20 Years

The Roby Lady Lions captured the Girls Division Championship at the Roscoe Blackland Relays this past Saturday. The Lady Lions track team is made up of 23 girls. The Lady Lions finished the meet with a total of 128 points. Colorado City finished second behind the Lady Lions with 108 points. The teams that competed at the Blackland Relays were: Roby, Colorado City, Stanton, Coahoma, Highland, Winters, Rotan, Post, Blackwell, Hermleigh, Trent, and Roscoe.

400 m relay finish 5th with a time of 56.4 - April Grannan, Shawna McKee, Kristi Bond and Rikki Graverson run on this relay.

800 m dash- Lanette Teague finished 4th with a 2:48 time. Misty Taylor finished 5th with a 2:52 time; Ashley Douglass finished 8th with a 3:00 time.

100 m dash- Konnett Mays finished 1st with a time of 12.3 - April Grannan and Amber Kelly also competed in this event.

100 m Intermediate Hurdles- Shella Graves finished 3rd with a 18.1 time.

800 m relay- finished 2nd with a time of 2:01. Team members are: April Grannan, Lanette Teague, Shawna McKee and Konnett Mays.

400 m dash- Wendy Harwell finished 2nd with a 1:10.4 time- Cassie Terry finished 3rd with a 1:10.6 time; Kristi Bond finished 4th with a 1:12.4 time

300 m low hurdles- Shella Graves finished 5th with a time of 57.06.

1600 m run- Chasity Valenzuela finished 7th with a time of 6:41. Autumn Daniel ran a 7:32; Lanette Teague ran a 7:00 mile.

1600 relay finished 3rd with a time of 4:41.0. Team members are: Cassie Terry, Sarah Boyd, Kristi Bond, Wendy Harwell.

Shot Put: Shawna McKee won 2nd place with a 27' 11" throw. Rikki Graverson finished 5th place with a 26' 9 1/4" throw. Amber Kelly also competed.

Discus: Rikki Graverson finished 1st place with a throw of 90' 5". Shawna McKee and Mindy Mahaffey also competed in this event.

High jump: Lanette Teague won 4th place with a jump of 4' 6". Misty Taylor competed well in this event also.

Triple Jump: Konnett Mays placed 1st while setting a new Blackland Relay record with a jump of 37' 4". Wendy Harwell also competed in this event.

Long jump: Konnett Mays placed 1st with a jump of 16' 11 1/2". Amanda Johnson also competed in this event.

200 m dash: Konnett Mays had the fastest time going into the finals, but was scratched from the event due to back problems. Denise Caswell and Megan Herron competed very well in this event also.

3200 m run: Chasity Valenzuela finished 3rd with a time of 14:34.1.

* Konnett Mays was awarded the High Point Individual Award. "It was a tremendous team effort! I have really stressed to the girls, that the 4th, 5th and 6th places finishes is what wins the team championship. It is a great accomplishment to win the Blackland Relays especially when you are competing against 2A and 3A schools," commented Coach Graves.

This weekend the Lady Lions will travel to Sterling City to run. This meet will be a preview of what the District meet will be like. Sterling City will host the District Meet the following Thursday, April 4.

County Invited To Open House Of J.C. Penney Store In Snyder

Fisher County residents have been invited to participate in the grand opening ceremonies of the newly purchased J.C. Penney Catalog Store in Snyder. The grand opening will be Thursday, April 4th at 2524 Avenue R. New owners are Bill and Linda Armstrong.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce 'gold coats' will participate in the ribbon cutting.

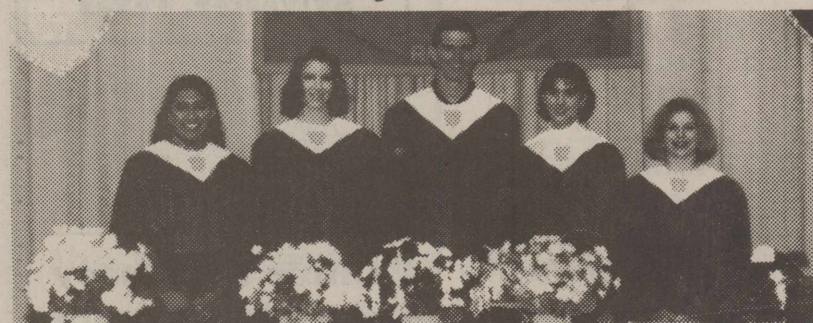
"We are giving door prizes, free refreshments, free tote bags with the purchase of a catalog to the first 200 customers and we are having a special registration for a free color television," commented Bill Armstrong.

The J.C. Penney Catalog Store is located on the East side of the square in Snyder. Linda Armstrong can be contacted at 573-1515.

"My wife, even though she has 25 years of retail experience had to participate in a two-week training school to be trained in the J.C. Penney catalogue store management principles," commented Bill Armstrong.

"We certainly hope Fisher County residents will not only attend the open house, but will stop by and visit and let us assist. We have over 35 specialty catalogues in stock - work

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HONOR SOCIETY: Inducted into the Rotan Chapter of the National Honor Society (l to r) Monica Gaspar, Cheryl Dodd, JayBen Alls, April Montez and Katy Cade.

Rotan Places Five Into Elite National Honor Society Unit

Rotan High School National Honor Society held an induction ceremony Wednesday, March 27, 1996 in the high school auditorium.

Selection is based on the student's grade point average, character, ser-

vice, scholarship, and leadership.

Those inductees were: April Montez, Sr., JayBen Alls, Jr., Katy Cade, Soph., Monica Gaspar, Soph., and Cheryl Dodd, Soph.

Roby Boys Track Team Second At Sterling City Meet

The Roby's boys track team competed this weekend at Sterling City's "Eagle Relays". The boys represented their school and community with pride placing second behind Sterling City. Results per event are as follows:

Field Events:
Triple Jump- Mike Haigood- 2nd- 38' 8"
Long jump- Patrick Buckner- 3rd- 19' 4"
Shot put- Shea Feagan- 1st- 42' 3 1/2"; Kevin Christian- 2nd- 40' 7"
Discus- Kevin Christian and Shea Feagan both placed.
Running Events:

Pullig's In Roby Are New Grandparents

Michael and Monica Matheny of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jace Alec, on March 15, 1996 at 12:04 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 18 1/2 inches long.
Proud grandparents are Don and Sandy Pullig of Roby and Mike and Rhonda Matheny of Jacksboro. Great grandparents are Inez Stephens of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Herron of Sylvester, Jesse and Bobbie Berry of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Matheny of Byrdstown, Tennessee. Great great grandmother is Mattie L. Courtney of Marrietta, Oklahoma.

Gilbert/Gaspar Parents Of Baby Daughter

Marianne Gilbert and Christopher Gaspar would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Nicole. She was born on March 19 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Alexis tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and measured 20 inches long.
Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gaspar.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of March 26 - April 2, 1996 were as follows:
ADMITTED:
Alex Noles- Rotan; Helen Thornburg- Roby; Dudley Hambricht- Roby; Bertha Scoggin- Rotan; Jesusa Morales- Rotan; Bobbie Jefferson- Aspermont.
DISMISSED:
Lois Teague- Rotan; Mary Ozuna- Rotan; JoAnna Garcia- Roby; Shara Porter- Rotan; Linnie Nolen- Uvalde; Bernard Rodgers- Rotan; Bertha Scoggin- Rotan; Helen Thornburg- Roby; Rosemary Orrell- Sylvester; Erma Branch- Rotan; Bobbie Jefferson- Aspermont Alex Noles, Jr. - Rotan; Dudley Hambricht- Roby.

Yellowhammers Lose First District Game

The Rotan Yellowhammer baseball team lost a heart-breaker, first district game, to Hamlin last week by the score of 4-2, under new Head Coach Ron Langthorn.
"The Hamlin pitcher Shira, did a great job, pitched a two-hitter. We just didn't hit the ball," commented Langthorn.
Mikeal Harrison pitched a good game. He struck out 9 batters and only allowed 5 hits.
Scoring for Rotan was C.W. Robertson, and Lujan.
Rotan played Stamford last Tuesday afternoon.

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clothes, uniforms, toys, large and tall men and women's catalogues, bedding, bridal and gifts registries plus our main catalogue", stated Armstrong.
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400 meter relay- Team of R. Andrews, T. Lands, M. Brown and A. Torres placed 2nd with a time of 45.8.

800 meter run- M. Haigood- 2nd with a time of 2:17.66 and Chris Terry placed 3rd with a time of 2:19.49.

110 Hurdles- Kelly Heflin placed 2nd with a time of 15.74.
100 meter dash- Ronnie Andrews placed 3rd with a time of 11:39, Jacob

Whitaker was 4th with a time of 11:46 and Adam Torres was in the finals with a time of 11:6.
400 meter dash- Tommy Lands was 2nd with a time of 54.70, Mike Haigood was 3rd with a time of 55.28.
300 Int. Hurdles- Mike Brown placed 3rd with a time of 44.49.
200 meter dash- J. Whitaker placed 3rd with a time of 23.65; Adam Torres was 7th.
1600 meter run- Ty West placed 3rd with a time of 5:30.64 and Chris Terry placed 4th with a time of 5:46.
1600 meter relay- The Roby team

comprising of Tommy Lands, Jacob Whitaker, Ronnie Andrews, Mike Haigood placed 2nd with a time of 3:45.09. Team standings went as follows:
1st- Sterling City- 176; 2nd- Roby- 142; 3rd- Miles- 78; 4th- Comstock- 71; 5th- Irion Co.- 38; 6th- Bronte- 32; 7th- Hermleigh- 10; 8th- Forsan- 8.
"We are very proud of our boys efforts and participation. Congratulations Roby boys," commented Coach Torres. District 14A meet this Thursday at Sterling City.

Rotan High Registration Set

High school registration for all current 8th graders will be held Thursday, April 11th at 7 p.m. Mr. Spikes and Mrs. Kiker will be explaining the graduation plan, registration process and other information needed for entering high school.
Parents and students are encour-

aged to meet at the auditorium on Thursday night. All eighth students accompanied by a parent will receive a free "Seniors 2000" t-shirt.

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"A soldier was bribed," some might say, and one cannot really unlodge that theory.

The validity of Easter - the fact of resurrection - rests

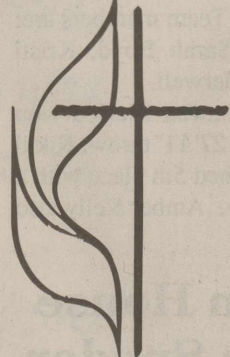
not on the *emptiness* of the tomb, but on the *fullness* of Mary Magdalene's testimony: "I have seen the Lord!" There's proof of resurrection. That's the fact of Easter!

The reality of Easter is found not even in the words of the angel, "He is not here!" but in the words of Mary Magdalene: "I have seen the Lord!"



I Have Seen The Lord

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Matthew	Matthew	Colossians	Colossians
28:1-15	28:16-20	2:6-19	2:20-3:4
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	
15:1-11	15:12-34	15:35-58	



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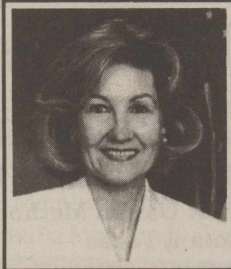
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A wise old Texas farmer once advised his less prosperous neighbor that it takes more to plow a field than just turning it over in your mind. After debating for nearly a year, Congress finally approved a farm bill last week. While this legislation does not contain every provision I had hoped for, it does go a long way toward strengthening America's farm policies.

Cutting through a bundle of red tape, the bill eliminates the need for most of the regulations and restrictions that now burden farmers -- and keep a lid on our potential for productivity. And it reduces federal expenditures by \$12 billion over the next seven years.

This legislation provides seven-year market transition payments for rice, cotton, wheat, feedgrains and oilseeds, as envisioned in the original Senate farm bill, the Freedom to Farm Act.

Incorporating the idea of market-based decision making, it puts farmers, not the government, in charge of their own planting decisions for the first time in more than 60 years. Farmers will no longer be required to plant the same crops, year after year regardless of market demand, to receive assistance.

Not only will this return the ability to make crucial decisions to the farmers, but it answers the charge that our current policies discourage crop rotation and encourage excessive use of expensive fertilizers and chemicals.

This bill is the most environmentally friendly agriculture legislation in years. It retains the Conservation Reserve Program at current levels, and provides farmers with an early out should they decide that planting, not idling their acres, is a better management decision.

Bottom line here is, producers will have the discretion to plant or idle all of their acres as they see fit. Planting restrictions are greatly reduced, so the marketplace will drive production decisions, not the government.

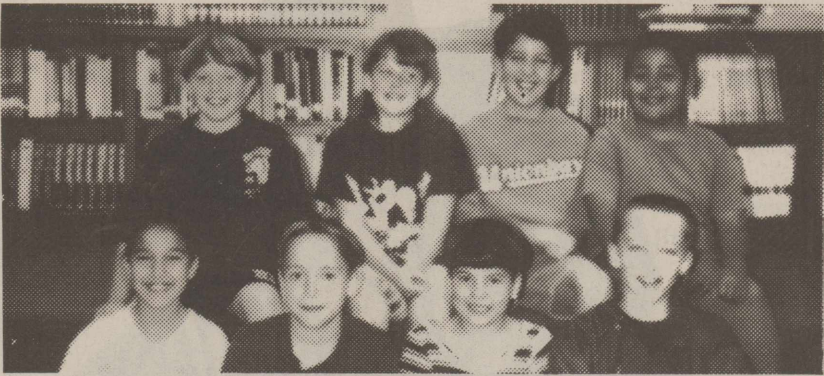
Among its other provisions, the bill:

- * Separates the requirement for crop insurance coverage from program eligibility.
- * Permits haying and grazing on contract acres.
- * Reauthorizes the food stamp program.
- * Establishes a new, voluntary \$200 million a year environmental quality incentives program to encourage farmers and ranchers to improve soil and water quality.

Agriculture, one of the historic foundations of America's strength and wealth, is now at a turning point: We can either continue to pile on more and more government controls, until every last productive acre is under the control of the federal government, or we can aim in a new direction -- toward an even stronger farm economy that provides Americans with a bountiful, healthy food supply while leading American exports.

This farm bill launches our country on the second trajectory.

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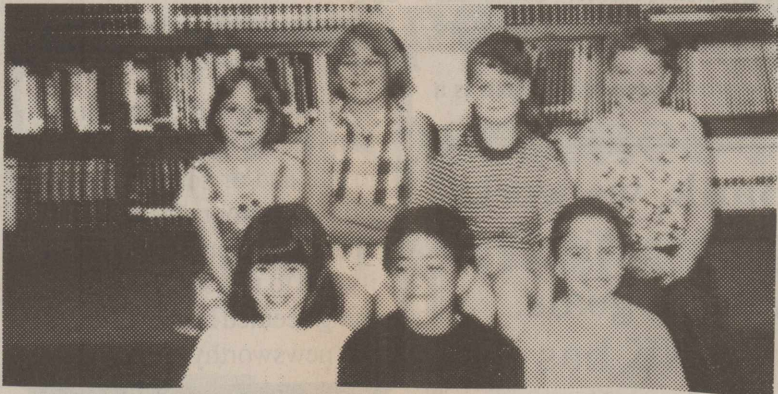
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Top L to R: 2nd Grade: Jacob Cox, Jessica Muskevitch, Hunter Helms. (Bottom) Lindsey Cave, Chris Gonzalez, Ashley Hyer



L to R: 3rd Grade: Toni Collins, Ashley Howard, Kendall Adams, Sallie Riddel. (bottom) Kera Martin, Gene Messick, Shawna Hooser, not pictured, Andy Day.

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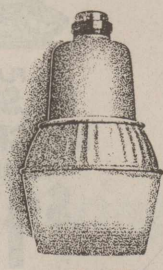
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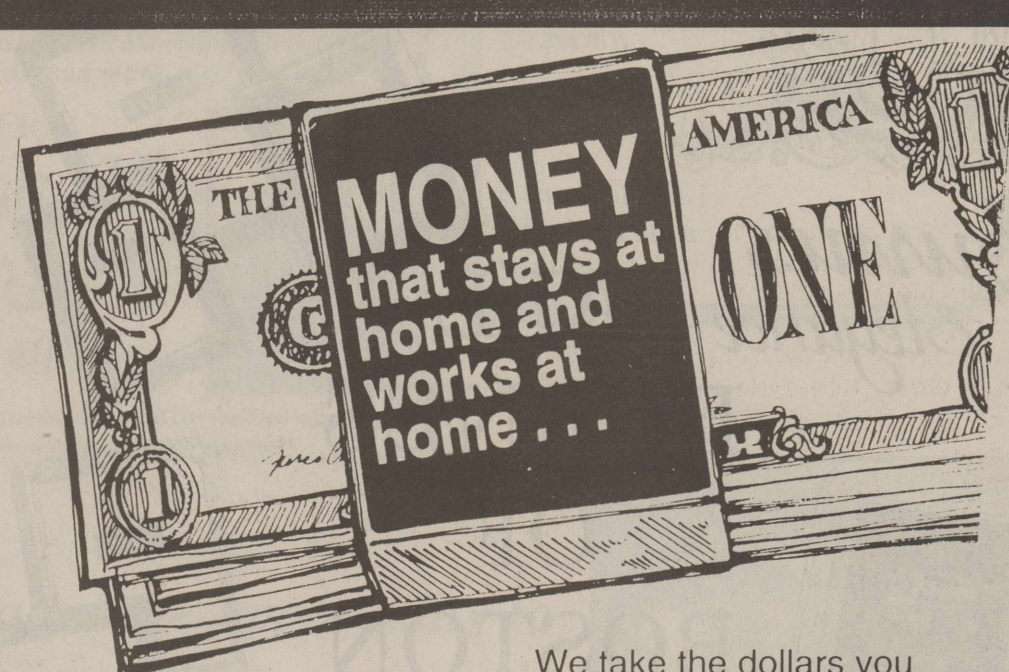
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NEWS BRIEFS

Theatre on the Brazos

The Theatre on the Brazos will hold its April stated meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 in the evening. All T.O.T.B. members are urged to attend, and any persons who would like to be a part of the TOTB experience are encouraged to attend. Items of business to be discussed will be the final preparations for "Harvey", which will be held on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th 27th and 28th. Other items will be discussion of the roof, and a clean- up schedule prior to the play production.

Steve Bratton-Employee of the Year

Steve Bratton, son of Darmon and Mynye Bratton of Rotan, was honored by his company with a plaque, a gold watch, and a weekend in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. Steve was chosen as one of the company's 1995 Quality Award Winners. Steve has made many significant contributions, from assisting with the plant relocation to improving operations at the Austin facility. Steve has done everything from designing an air system for the Fadal CNC machine to planting grass on his free time to meet construction codes from the city of Austin. Steve is referred to as the "can do man".



Kristina Lovelace & James Terry

Rotan School Presenting Early Childhood Training Session

Rotan Independent School District, in conjunction with Tri-County Education Co-Op, is presenting a training session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 1996, at the Rotan Cafeteria for the parents of children enrolled in the Early Childhood program.

The Early Childhood students will present a special program immediately before the session begins.

Darla King, Early Childhood Coordinator at Hawley, will address the

Legal Notice

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audience on "Entertainment by the Hour: Make and Do Activities at Home." Mrs. King was named the Region XIV Teacher of the Year in 1994.

Free childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact David Hargrove, Rotan Elementary Principal, at (915) 735-3182.

Kristina Lovelace, James Terry Planning An April Wedding

Kristina Lovelace and James Terry would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

A 1989 graduate of Snyder High School, Miss Lovelace is currently pursuing a career as an LVN with the Anson Nursing Home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward of Snyder.

The prospective bridegroom is a

1982 graduate of Roby High School. He is currently employed as a diesel mechanic with Key Brothers Implement in Snyder. James is the son of Bob and Wynelle Terry of Roby.

The couple plan an April wedding.

NOTICE

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The Pastor's Column

By Rev. Larry Holder
First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1-2 NRSV).

Fear is the one thing that has made each of us a prisoner at one time or another. It is that fear of rejection, misunderstanding, uncertainty, sickness or even death which has cast a dark shadow over us and ultimately imprisoned us within ourselves. The psalmist tells us that we can dispel the darkness of fear if we remember that "the Lord is my light and my salvation".

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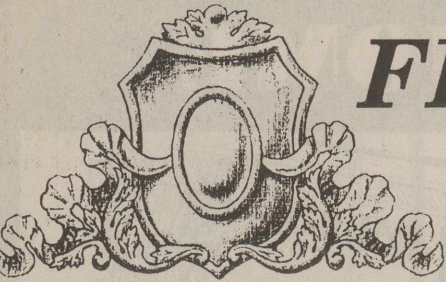
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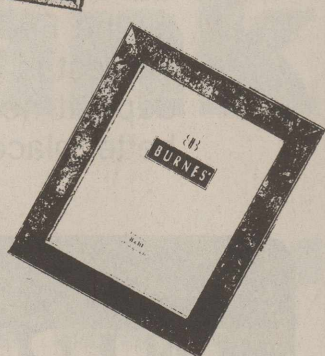
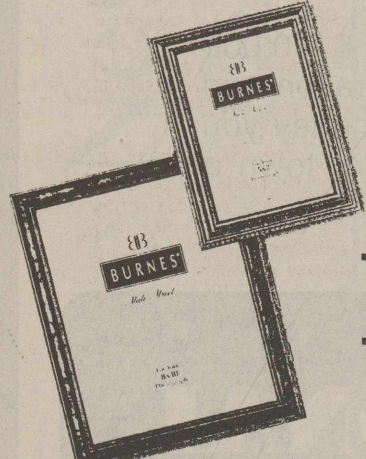
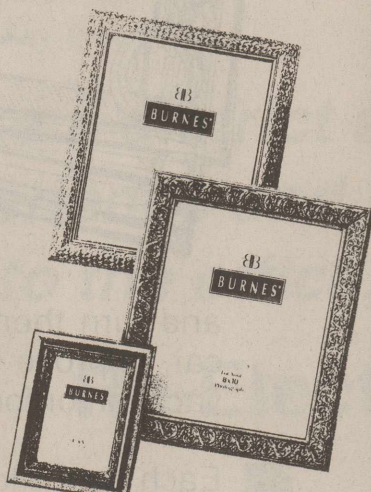
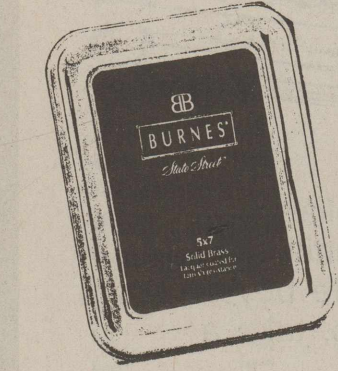
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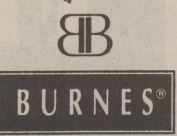


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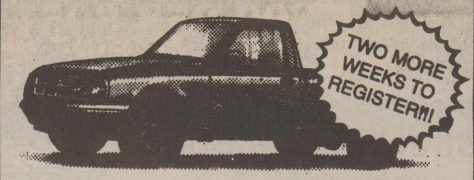


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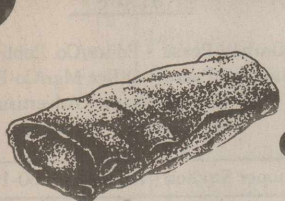
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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU April 8-12, 1996

MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY - Steak/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls.
WEDNESDAY: Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Salad, English Peas, Fruit.
THURSDAY-Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Pudding.
FRIDAY: Hamburger/Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries, Fruit.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU April 8-12, 1996

MONDAY: HOLIDAY.
TUESDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Stew, Cheese Roll, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Crackers, Milk.
THURSDAY: Beef Nachos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Corn Dog, Cream Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Peanut Butter Cookies, Bread, Milk.

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1996 TAX NUMBERS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

The IRS makes an annual inflation adjustment to the tax brackets, the personal exemption amounts, the standard deduction amounts, and certain other tax numbers. Clip and save these 1996 numbers: you'll find them helpful in your 1996 tax planning.

* Tax brackets. The income tax brackets for 1996 are as follows:

Taxable Income--
Single
15%- \$1-24,000
28%- 24,001- 58,150
31%- 58,151 - 121,300
36%- 121,301- 263,750
39.6%- Over 263,750
Married (joint)
15%- \$1-40,100
28%- 40,101 - 96,900
31%- 96,901- 147,700
36%- 147,701-263,750
39.6%- Over 263,750
Head of Household
15%- \$1-32,150
28%- 32,151- 83,050
31%- 83,051-134,500
36%- 134,501- 263,750
39.6%- Over 263,750

* Personal exemptions. The deduction for each personal exemption increases in 1996 to \$2,550 (phased out for taxpayers with higher incomes).

* Standard deductions. The standard deductions for 1996 will be:

Joint returns & surviving spouses.....\$6,700
Married filing separately.....3,350
Head of household.....5,900
Single.....4,000

The standard deduction is increased by \$800 for a married taxpayer age 65 or older or blind (\$1,600 if both 65 and blind). It's increased by \$1,000 for single taxpayers age 65 or older or blind (\$2,000 if both 65 and blind).

* Other adjustments. The amount of unearned income that children under the age of 14 may have before the "kiddie-tax" kicks in remains at \$1,300 for 1996. The amount of income at which taxpayers begin to lose the tax-free exemption for college bond interest increases to \$65,250 for marrieds and to \$ 43,500 for singles. The maximum payment that can be made to a 401 (k) retirement plan in 1996 increases from \$9,240 to \$9,500. The mileage allowance for business travel in 1996 increases to 31 cents a mile. No change was made in mileage rates for charitable driving (12 cents a mile), but driving for medical and moving expenses increases from 9 cents to 10 a mile for 1996.

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The family of Claud A. Redden of Roby extends the warmest appreciation, and thank you to everyone who gave so graciously during the loss of our husband, father, and greatest friend. Your many words of comfort, beautiful flowers, cards and wonderful food expressed so much love and sorrow for the loss of Claud. Claud Redden's memory will live on in the lives and hearts of all those he touched, and especially to those he loved, and all of those who loved him. We miss him terribly. Thank you for your comfort during our time of grief.

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Boll Weevil Eradication Office Located At Rotan

A facility at 208 Sammy Baugh Ave. in downtown Rotan will temporarily serve as a district office in the Rolling Plains Central boll weevil eradication zone until the permanent location, 871 Highway 70 North, is available in late April.

• Ultimately, the district office will

house office and storage space for approximately 50 full-time and temporary employees and serve as the staging area for boll weevil eradication operations on approximately 100,000 acres of cotton, said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation,

Inc.

"The outstanding cooperation of the community and the local devel-

opment corporation makes it possible for more funds to be spent on eradication of the boll weevil instead of administrative costs," Myers said.

Steve Reynolds is the supervisor in this district that encompasses portions of Stonewall, Jones and Fisher Counties in the 19-county Rolling Plains Central zone.

Eradication activities are scheduled to begin this fall.

Other Foundation district offices will be located in Stamford, Tye, Munday and Haskell. Negotiations continue to establish the two remaining offices.

The zone headquarters, which is responsible for the management of operations in the entire zone that encompasses approximately 700,000 acres of cotton, is located in Stamford.

Rotan Jr. High Boys Second At Hamlin

The Rotan Jr. boys 7th and 8th grades placed second at the Hamlin Meet on Thursday.

8th graders- Dustin Hargrove- High jump- 1st, 300 hurdles- 1st.

Cedric Brown- Triple jump- 1st,

Long jump- 1st, 100 m dash- 2nd.

Baldemar Frausto- Discus- 1st; shot- 2nd; 100m- 5th.

Sylvester Ramon- Shot- 3rd.

Javier Garcia- Shot- 4th

Garreth Pipes- 800 m- 4th

Keith Messick- 800 m- 3rd, 400 m- 6th.

Clay Cade- 110 hurdles- 5th, 300 hurdles- 5th.

Ryan Posey- 110 hurdles- 3rd, 300 hurdles- 6th.

400 m relay- Hargrove, Frausto, Posey, Brown- 5th;

1600 m relay- Hargrove, Messick, Frausto, Cade- 4th.

Team Totals- 1st- Anson- 155; 2nd- Rotan- 114; 3rd- Stamford- 91; Hamlin- 82; Aspermont- 55; Haskell- 47; Hawley- 2.

7th Graders:

Rudy Flores- High jump- 2nd;

100 m- 3rd

Jason Powell- Triple jump- 1st;

Long jump- 1st; 110 hurdles- 1st;

100 m. dash- 2nd.

Craig Leach- Shot- 5th, 400 m dash- 1st.

Roel Longoria- 800 m- 6th, 200 m- 1st.

Stephen Smallwood- 110 hurdles- 3rd; 300 hurdles- 2nd.

D.J. Alvarado- 300 hurdles- 1st.

400 m. relay- Jacob Yanez, C.

Leach, D. Alvarado, R. Flores- 5th.

1600 m relay- Flores, Leach,

Powell, Smallwood.

Team totals: Anson- 131; Rotan- 119; Stamford- 115; Hawley- 57; Hamlin- 53.

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Agricultural News

Fisher County Ag Column

By Richard Spencer

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The Texas prison system is opening a plant to process all the beef needed for its 145,000 inmates and 42,000 employees. The plant will employ 120 inmates and will process meat trimmings provided under a \$5 million contract with Monfort Beef Packing in Dumas, Texas. The plant is located near Amarillo and will be managed by 22 civilian employees. The 54,000 square foot facility cost \$10.3 million to build and will open in mid-April.

What is self certification? It's a recertification process by which licenses manage their own continuing education records. Continuing education units still will be required for license renewal. However, effective January 1, 1996, Texas Department of Agriculture will

no longer maintain CEU records for individual applicators. Private and commercial/noncommercial applicators must collect and keep a certificate of completion from each TDA accredited course they attend.

At the end of an applicator's license period, TDA will send a license renewal form on which the applicator must list acquired CEU's. Among applicators who renew their license, a random audit will be conducted. Fraudulent CEU records are cause of a fine from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per violation.

Beginning in 1996, the five-year 15 CEU requirements for private applicators must include two hours of IPM and one hour of drift minimization, as well as two hours of laws and regulations. All other credits may be labeled

as general.

Answered by: John J. Rinehart, M.D.
Scott and White Center for Cancer Prevention and Care

Question: Do the pesticide residues found on fruits and vegetables cause cancer?

Answer: Because animal studies show that high concentrations of pesticides can cause cancer, federal regulations limit the amount of pesticide residues permitted on foods. These regulations are based on an "acceptable level of risk". Calculated as causing an increase of no more than one cancer death per million people.

Government agencies monitor the food industry to be sure pesticides do not exceed

legal limits. The Agriculture Department recently examined 7,328 items and detected excesses in 1.5% of the samples. Apples, celery, and peaches were the greatest offenders.

Eating less produce because of concern about pesticides would be unwise because the levels that may be present are unlikely to cause cancer. Furthermore, washing usually eliminates surface pesticides, although small amounts of some chemicals can be incorporated into the food itself. Studies also show those who eat more fresh fruits and vegetables have lower cancer rates than those who consume less. Meanwhile, the three most effective ways to reduce cancer risk are not smoking, avoiding direct sunlight, and (possibly) consuming a low-fat diet.

County Extension Agent

By Beth Dannheim

by Beth Dannheim.....

NOT TOO OLD TO LIFT WEIGHTS

Strength training has traditionally been associated with young men, but now it is also being recommended for older women. Research reported in the Spring 1995 issue of Nutrition Updates on strength training in women (ages 50 to 70) shows benefits in increasing hip bone density, increasing muscle mass and strength, decreasing fat and improving balance. These improvements help prevent falls and broken bones, a debilitating problem for older women. (The Nutrition Updates publication includes some of the

guidelines and exercises developed and used by Tufts University.)

While strength training is beneficial to preventing falls and broken bones, aerobic exercise is beneficial for the cardiovascular system. Walking, climbing stairs and gardening are examples of aerobic exercise.

Check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program. Begin slowly and increase your time and activity. The following tips on strength training were given in an article titled "You're not getting older - You're getting stronger" by Dr. Evans of Tufts University.

- 1) Try to exercise three to 4 times per week.
- 2) Choose a weight that you can lift 8 to 12 repetitions.
- 3) The weight you choose should be 80% of the heaviest weight you can lift one time. For example- if you can lift 30 pounds one time, then 60% of that would be (30 * 0.80) = 24 pounds.
- 4) Keep retrying your strength on the heaviest weight that you can lift as time passes.
- 5) Warm up and stretch for at least 10 minutes to prevent injury.
- 6) Begin each exercise session with repetitions without weights.

tions without weights.

7) In the beginning concentrate on muscles in the shoulder, arms and thighs.

8) Alternate the muscle groups that you exercise. Exercise the upper-body muscles, during one session and lower-body muscles the next.

9) Perform strength building movements slowly. Take 6 to 9 seconds per each repetition. Rest for a few seconds between each lift.

10) Inhale before you lift, exhale as you lift, and then inhale again as you lower the weight.

Fisher County Entomologist

By Red Chedester

by Louis D. Chedester

Extension Agent-Entomologist

All people, both adults and children, should be aware of the possibility of medical complications due to bee or wasp stings. Most people usually exhibit only a painful, red or swollen area after they have been stung, but a small percentage of people can show moderate to

extremely severe (life threatening) allergic reactions. These hypersensitive people should be familiar with the symptoms of anaphylactic shock, and should seek medical attention soon after being stung. Anaphylactic shock is defined as the most severe type of allergic reaction in which a person develops shock when he

or she encounters a substance (venom) to which they are allergic. This is a true life threatening emergency. The more allergic you are, the faster the onset.

Signs and symptoms can include:
1. Itching or burning skin, especially around the face or chest.

2. Difficulty breathing, swelling of the

face, ankles, or wrists.

3. Dizziness.

4. Feelings of restlessness and anxiety.

5. Nausea, abdominal pain, or diarrhea.

6. Headache, vomiting.

7. Rapid and very weak pulse.

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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker....
Ice and snow? Thunder and sleet? Fog and freezing temperatures? Nobody should be surprised; it's just a normal Spring for the Texas Midwest. We woke up one morning to find icicles hanging from the eaves, sleet on the roads and thunder in the sky. Looking out windows on Thursday we could see huge snowflakes falling, but all that it amounted to at my house was a little over 1/2 inch of moisture. Some folks got more than that, like Throckmorton and around who really got a good rain. I didn't like the freezing cold temperatures, but enjoyed what little moisture we got.

Odell Daniel, Gary's dad, who is from Odessa was here visiting with the Daniel family last weekend.

Doris and Jessica Diamond from Carrollton came last weekend and visited with Marcos Medrano. Ginger Couch and Katrina, also from Carrollton visited during their spring break and they all went to see Esther Lopez and her family in Coahoma. Doris and Jessica and Marcos then went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Doris visited some friends; she taught school there 17 years ago. Marcos really enjoyed the trip and getting to visit with the girls.

Ruben Mijares and Charlie Jr., from El Paso visited with Marcos Medrano Saturday. Ruben's wife is going to stay a week in Snyder with her mother, Mrs. Cadena, for her spring break.

Caghan Standlee from Lubbock visited with the James Ratliffs; she came Tuesday and stayed until Sunday, so they were all very busy. Caghan's parents, Teressa and Jarod, were gone to Las Vegas. Teressa Standlee from Lubbock visited with James and Dianne Saturday afternoon and that night. She brought Blain and Taren Knipe from Snyder out to visit too. Tracy and Kim Knipe

visited Sunday with the Ratliffs. Everyone is invited to James and Dianne Ratliffs's Easter Sunday for the Sunrise Service. It will begin at 7 a.m.

Mrs. Lealon Wilburn spent the day Sunday with Jackie Wayne and LaNelle Etheredge.

Congratulations to Bennie and Kelly Putnam of Roby who are the proud parents of a baby boy born early Monday morning at Sweetwater Rolling Plains Hospital. They named their little baby, Jordan Lee, and he weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. Dee, Rhanda and Justin are all sure happy over their new brother.

The George Prices met Mrs. Darren (Penny) Arnold, Sarah and Alex in Abilene on Sunday and they had lunch together. Penny came to pick up her husband who had been visiting in Sweetwater.

It was so good to see Florene Stuart out and about again. Saw her at the Mexican supper Saturday night which was held at the Roby cafeteria. She really looks good and said she is happy to get out again. The Mexican supper was a big success; it was sponsored by the 4-H's and there were so many folks from both Rotan and Roby there.

Jonnye Brown and son, Nathan, from Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, Norma Lou and Dutch Parks.

Carol and Wilber Gruben went to Midland Thursday and then went on to Crane to visit with Greg and Shawna Gruben, Tess, Tatum, and little Clancey.

Carye and Robert Odom from Grapevine spent Saturday and Sunday with Mark and Melody Parrish and their family in Austin. They all attended Kassie's dance recital Sunday evening in Lockhart. Melody took some videos of the recital and I hope we get to see them soon.

The reception for Bro. Joe Vernon

on his retirement was held Saturday at Rotan, and there was a huge crowd there. They will be moving to Beeville on Tuesday and we want to wish them a safe trip.

Fairy (Graham) Eicke's father-in-law, J.N. Eicke of Snyder, passed away Sunday in Lubbock. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Eicke family.

Tough Bipartisan Legislation Backed By Senator Phil Gramm

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm and U.S. Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, have offered tough, bipartisan legislation that would require convicted sex offenders to register with the FBI when they cross state lines.

"Parents have a right to know if there is a convicted sexual felon living in their midst, and I believe that if we know, we have a duty to tell them," Gramm said.

Gramm and Biden's "Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act of 1996" would require convicted sexual predators to register with the FBI when they cross state lines, and would establish a nationwide FBI tracking system to monitor the interstate movements of sexual predators, particularly in states that have no offender registration laws.

U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin of Texas will introduce a companion measure in the House of Representatives. "As a former Harris County prosecutor, I know from experience that this bill would provide our local law enforcement officials with a necessary tool to help protect our children and our neighborhoods," Laughlin said.

The bill is modeled after a Texas law that requires sex offenders to register with the law enforcement

Hobbs Baptist Church will have a Sunrise Service at the church Easter morning, beginning at 7 a.m. Sunday School will be at the usual time at 10 a.m. followed by church at 11. We would like to invite everyone to come.

Some folks have been gone and this week, I wasn't able to get their news, but will try again next week. Happy Easter to everyone.

agency that has jurisdiction in the area where they live. However, a released or paroled sex offender from another state moving into Texas is not currently required to register with police.

"Our bill closes a glaring loophole in the current law," Gramm said. "It prevents felons from circumventing current state laws, and establishes a tough set of sanctions for those who fail to comply."

Under the Gramm-Biden bill, those sexual offenders who fail to comply with the federal registration requirements could face a mandatory sentence of a year in prison and fine of up to \$100,000.

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(D) Mark Edwards
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Fisher County Sheriff
(D) Gene Pack*

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The rate for a listing in the Rotan Advance - Roby Star-Record Political Column is \$80.00 for all offices. This fee includes a front page announcement article and a one-column photograph to be run with the announcement. The listing will be carried in the Political Column from the date of the announcement until the election.

Charges for the Fisher County Political Column must be paid in advance and the same policy applies to all political advertising in the columns of this newspaper.

Names of candidates for elected offices will be listed in the order that they are received at The Newspaper Office.

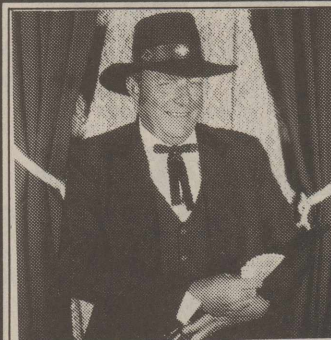
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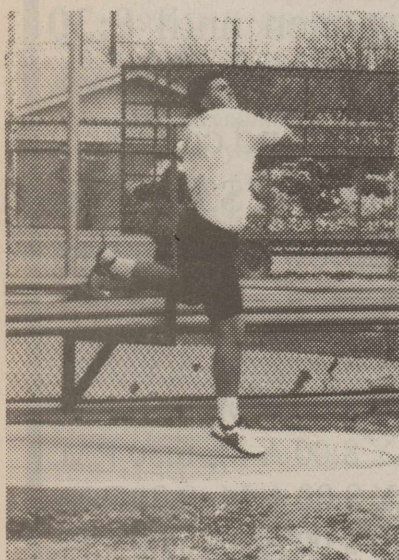
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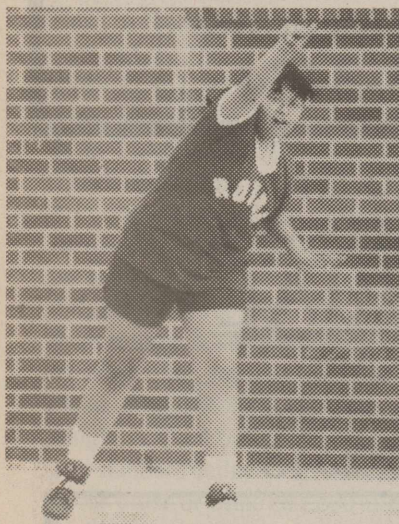
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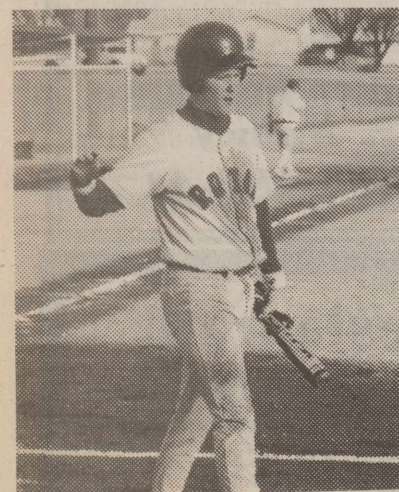
Fisher County Sports Randon Shots



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McMurry Univ. Scholarships Given To Two

McMurry University has announced recipients of its Presidential Scholarship for 1996-1997. To be awarded the academic scholarship, a student must have been in the top 20 percent of their graduating class or scored at least a 25 on the ACT or 1050 on the SAT.

Students receiving the scholarship from Fisher County are:

Shawna Danae McKee of Roby, Texas; and Cassidy DeAnne Early, of Rotan, Texas.

Fisher County RV Club Has Area Meeting

The Fisher County R.V. Club met March 29, 30, 31 at Texas R.V. Park in Big Spring. Friday, the group toured the Confederate Air Force Heritage Museum in Midland and enjoyed a Fish Fry that evening. Saturday the club attended festivities in Stanton, Texas and celebrated "Old Sorehead Day" there. Potluck supper and games followed Saturday night. After a devotional and breakfast Sunday morning the group started home.

Members attending were: J.T. and Louise Mahaffey, Anson and Dorothy Martin, Jim and Amaleeta McCright, Willie and Christine Martin, Potsy and Arlene Neeper, Cybil and Rex Field, Odessa and Melvin Clements, Joe and Nelda Swafford.

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Yellowhammers In San Angelo Relays

The Yellowhammers competed at San Angelo Relays and Jayton Relays. Those competing at the San Angelo Relays were: JayBen Alls- 42' 9"- 2nd in Triple jump; 5th in 400 m dash- 53.5.

Shon Fudge- 15.50- 6th- 110 hurdles.

1600m- Phillip Hull, Jerome Carr, JayBen Alls and Jerome Carr- 4th place- 3:37.9- Qualifying time- 3:31.79.

400 m relay non-qualifying time was 44.71 which missed the finals by one place.

Jerome Carr, Larry Booth, Chris Rogers and Joey Sepeda. Zack

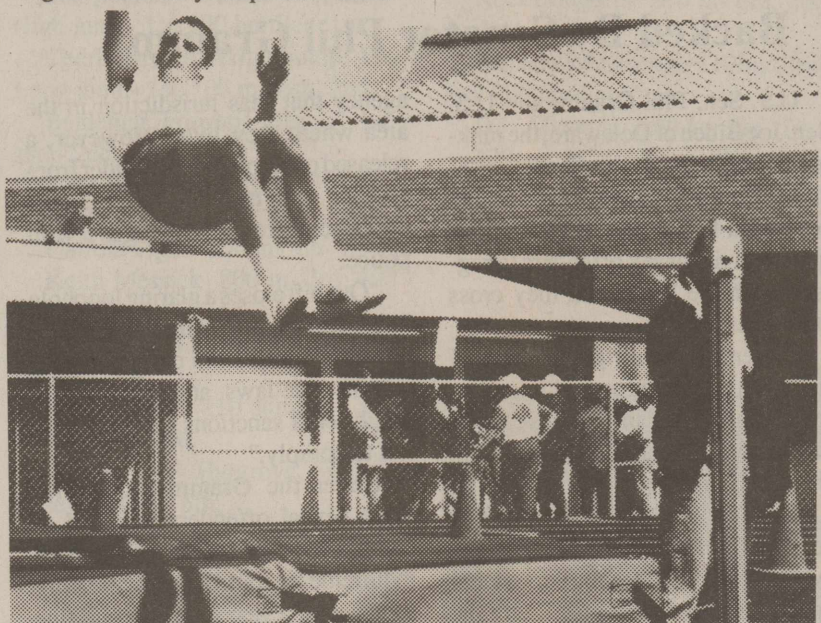
Burnes also competed at San Angelo in the Pole vault.

Just to make the finals is a great accomplishment at San Angelo. We scored 19 points and ran very well. Both relays improved their times significantly along with some individual times also. This was a good meet for the boys.

Those competing in the Jayton Relays which made the finals and placed were:

Boys- Jeremiah Morris- 1st- shot put- 42' 9"; 4th- Discus

Zack Morris- 3rd- shot put; 2nd-



Jason Hargrove



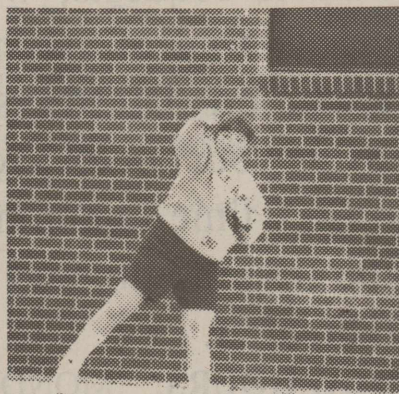
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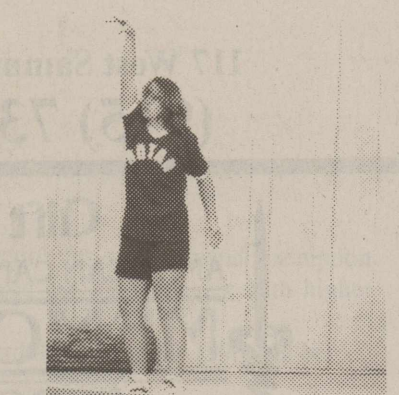
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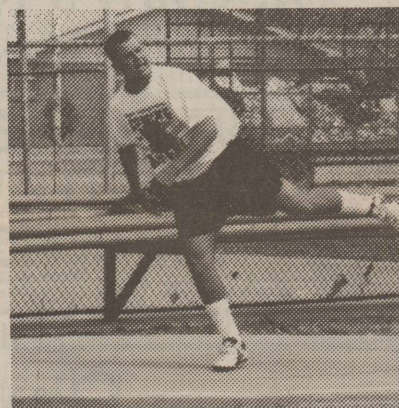
Rotan Jr. High Track Participant



Tara Nowlin



Andrea Miranda



Shea Feagan



Byron Kennedy

Discus.

Girls:

800 m Relay- 5th- Andrea Miranda, Katy Cade, Brandy Murphree, Laura Blackwelder. 110 hurdles- 3rd- Geraldine Lowe;

7th- Brooke McCall.

300 hurdles- 6th- Holly Hunsaker Long jump- 2nd- Laura Blackwelder Triple jump- 6th- Laura Blackwelder.

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Rotan Junior High Participants In U.I.L. Competition

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1st- Lauren Kennedy



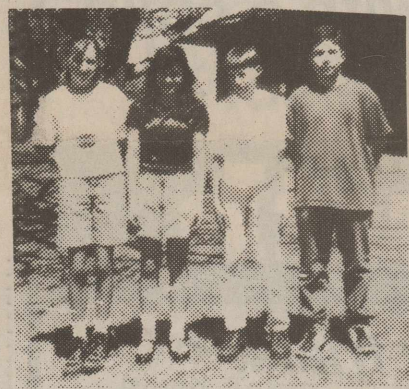
(Back) 8th Grade: Clay Cade, Baldemar Frausto, Scott Price, Byron Kennedy, Jacob Price, (Front) Dustin McWhirter, Jason Soliz, Michael Loving



L to R: 5th Grade: Stacy Trejo, Lauren Kennedy, Alexis Dunham, Cyrena Morin, Latisha Salazar



L to R: 8th Grade: Crystal Early, Lacy Callan, Yanet Frausto, Tara Nowlin, Carolyn Rocha, Becky Velez



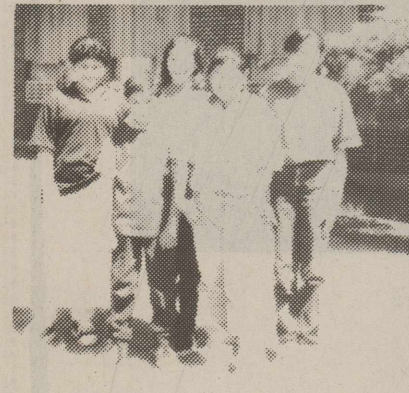
L to R: 6th Grade: Lindsey Howard, Heather Martinez, Seth Summers, Robert Helms



L to R: 7th Grade: Misty Starr, Haley Helms, Sabra Hargrove, Jodi York

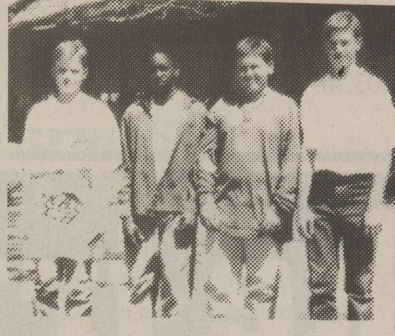


L to R: 6th Grade: Laci Martin, Krista Reyes, Terry Branch, Rebecca Duke



L to R: 5th Grade: Tamara Torres, Junior Romero, Kristy Martinez, Jodi Granado, Emilia Munoz

5th grade:
Number Sense- 5th- Jodi Granado
Picture Memory- 3rd- Kristy Martinez, Emilia Munoz, alt., Junior



L to R: 7th Grade: Roge Morrow, Jason Powell, Cory Rains, Steven Smallwood

Romero, alt., Tamara Torres.
Spelling- Cyrena Morin- 6th.
Poetry- Lauren Kennedy- 1st.
Listening- Alexis Dunham- 1st.
Music Memory- 3rd- Junior Romero, Stacy Trejo, Latisha Salazar, Cody Murphree, alt.
6th grade:

Listening- Seth Summers- 1st
Dictionary Skills- Heather Martinez- 3rd.
Ready Writing- Laci Martin- 4th; Lindsey Howard- 5th.
Music Memory- Krista Reyes, alt., Laci Martin, Terry Branch, Rebecca Duke- 4th.

5th Grade:
Listening: Alexis Dunham- 1st place.
5th Grade Art Contest:
3rd- Kristy Martinez, Emilia

Munoz, alt., Junior Romero, alt., Tamara Torres.
Maps, Graphs and Charts- 6th grade:
5th - Robert Helms.

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YOU ARE BEING MISLED

Why has my opponent chosen to lie to you regarding my experience rather than defend his own poor performance as district attorney?

During 1984 and 1985, the entire D.A.'s office in San Angelo allowed deferred adjudication only 1 time. Please call the Office Of Court Administration in Austin at (512) 463-1625 to verify this.

During 1984 and 1985 Mark Edwards and I worked together as Assistant D.A.'s in Tom Green County. During my tenure with that office, standard practice was not to recommend the form of probation known as deferred adjudication. No one in our office, including Mark Edwards, ever recommended deferred adjudication on a routine basis and, it was never recommended by our office in delivery of controlled substance or burglary of habitation cases.

Sincerely,

Tom McCoppin
Tom McCoppin
Former Chief
Felony Prosecutor

DID YOU KNOW

My opponent claims he will not use deferred adjudication, but while assistant district attorney in San Angelo, he used deferred adjudication for cases such as indecency with a child and delivery of a controlled substance. He gave an even lesser sentence (regular probation) for cases such as aggravated sexual assault of a child, attempted sexual assault, injury to a child, burglary of habitation, possession of cocaine and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, just to name a few. This is exactly the opposite of what my opponent claims he will do.

DID YOU KNOW

Out of 162 cases my opponent handled in San Angelo as an assistant district attorney, only 3 cases were tried to a jury, while 50 cases were dismissed.
• One guilty verdict was reversed on appeal.
• One was found not guilty.
• One drug possession case was sentenced to only 5 years.

DID YOU KNOW

As Assistant District Attorney in San Angelo my opponent averaged disposing of only 9 cases per month (and 1/3 third of those were dismissed). Presently, I average disposing of 40 cases per month.

DID YOU KNOW

My opponent has only 1 1/2 years experience as a felony prosecutor. I have 7 years experience.

You need to keep a District Attorney whose experience shows he can and will do what he says...

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District Attorney



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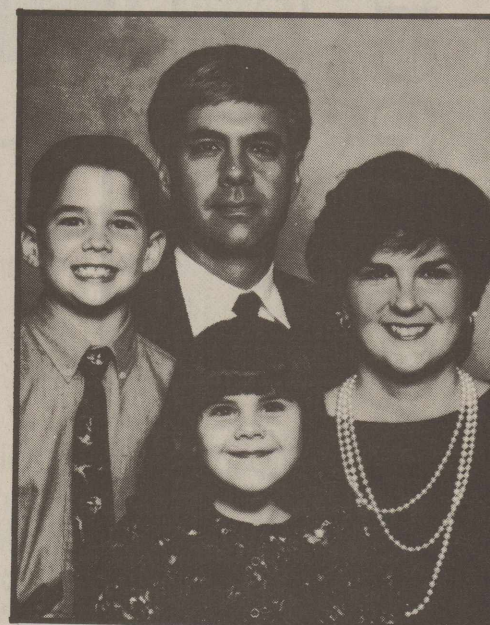
I was a narcotics detective with the San Angelo Police Department while Mark was with the District Attorney's office. I watched him prosecute some of the numerous cases he tried during that time. The conviction and sentence has helped keep San Angelo and it's quality of life intact.

Policemen get to know the real qualities of people, and I got to know Mark. I appreciate what Mark Edwards did for our community. I appreciate what he did for the victims of crime. He's one of the finest people I've ever known.

Sincerely,

Russell Smith
Russell Smith
Chief of Police
San Angelo

During the last few months I have taken the opportunity to inform you about deferred adjudication and how criminals are handled by my opponent. As your district attorney I will uphold the moral standards of our communities and will provide the public with truthful answers to tough questions, not excuses.



MARK EDWARDS
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Rotan Junior High Girls In Hamlin Piper Track Meet

The Rotan Jr. High girls competed in Hamlin Jr. Piper Relays. The 7th grade girls finished 5th with only 5 girls competing. The results are as follows:

Triple jump- 3rd- Haley Helms- 26' 7"

Long jump- 6th- Ashley Garza- 12' 4"

1 1/2 mile run- 2nd- Sabra Hargrove- 11:27.56

800 m. dash- 4th- Monica Reyes- 3:06.97; 5th- Sabra Hargrove- 3:10.46.

100 Hurdles- 2nd- Ashley Garza- 19.56; 3rd- Haley Helms- 19.61.

400 m dash- 6th- Tiffany Prater- 1:18

300m Hurdles- 1st- Ashley Garza- 58.2

200 m. dash- 3rd- Haley Helms- 30.8.

1600 m relay- 6th- Haley Helms, Tiffany Prater, Monica Reyes, Ashley Garza- 5:16.8.

The 8th grade girls competed very well and finished 2nd as a team.

High jump- 3rd- Crystal Early- 4' 6; 6th- Jennifer Fowler- 4'.

Triple jump- 2nd- Jennifer Fowler- 28' 8"

Long jump- 2nd- Crystal Early- 15' 4"; 6th- Nikki Rowland- 12' 5".

1 1/2 mile run- 2nd- Jennifer

Fowler; 5th- Mindy Gaspar; 6th- Andrea Romo.

800 m dash- 2nd- Belia Rodriguez

100 Hurdles- 1st- Crystal Early- 18.46; 6th- Dayme Mullins- 20.24

800 m relay- 1st- Jennifer Fowler, Lacy Callan, Nikki Rowland, Crys-

tal Early (after dropping the baton!)- 2:06.

400 m dash- 5th- Lacy Callan- 1:15; 6th- Tara Nowlin- 1:16.

300 m hurdles- 1st- Jennifer Fowler- 53.86; 5th- Nikki Rowland- 1:03.56.

200 m dash- 2nd- Crystal Early- 27.57.

1600 m run- 3rd- Mindy Gaspar- 7:03.49; 5th- Andrea Romo- 8:04.64.

1600 m relay- 4th- Tara Nowlin, Dayme Mullins, Belia Rodriguez, Lacy Callan- 5:16.72

Letter To The Editor

To whom it may concern:

Dear residents of Rotan, Roby. I have been a resident of this community for 20 years. I mind my own business, I help people in need and always will. My husband is a truck driver, a dirty word to some. His wages are 27 cents a mile, yes a mile, lower than minimum wage. I have rented from four residences in your town. The City took our homes away twice. No one gives a darn. They sold our property for \$97.00, never let us have it back. No one has touched this property in 10 years. I want it back and I'll get it back. The next time you put down a truck driver, think about everything you have to live with for everything you use, is transported by a trucker. So if we don't get our pay the 1st at least give us a few days. We see two paychecks a month. Just think about it when you go to the store, pick up a glass of milk go and get everything you live by.

Sincerely,

a truck driver's wife

a member of L.O.A.D.S. (Loved Ones and Drivers Support)

Linda Warren

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Who's telling the truth...

My opponent still insists he had only one case in which he recommended deferred adjudication while he was an assistant district attorney in San Angelo.

Conard answers Edwards challenges...

In the March 28th edition of the Colorado City Record, Mark Edwards challenged Conard to show specific examples of Edwards' use of deferred adjudication. He said the only case which received deferred adjudication while he was assistant district attorney in San Angelo was one for possession of marijuana. As you can see (right) six specific cases are listed.

The official records of the District Clerk in San Angelo show the following cases in which my opponent, as assistant district attorney for the State, recommended deferred adjudication which was granted:

51st District Court and (or) 119nd District Court

Cause #	
14,574	Indecency with a Child, 3 years deferred
13,996B	Delivery of Marijuana, 5 years deferred
14,611B	Delivery of Marijuana, 2 years deferred
14,328	Forgery, 5 years deferred
14,070B	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, 4 years deferred
14,742	Theft, 4 years deferred

My opponent has stated repeatedly that he would never use deferred adjudication for cases such as indecency with a child or delivery of drugs, when in fact he has already done so.

Who's telling the truth...

My opponent claims to be very experienced in felony jury trials. You decide, here's his record...

While assistant district attorney in San Angelo...

Tom Green County	3 Jury Trials
	One guilty verdict was reversed on appeal.
	One was found not guilty.
	One drug possession case, sentenced to 5 yrs.
Runnels County	0 Jury Trials
Schleicher County	0 Jury Trials
Concho County	0 Jury Trials
Irion County	0 Jury Trials
Sterling County	0 Jury Trials
Coke County	0 Jury Trials

Jury experience while in private practice since leaving the DA office in San Angelo...

San Angelo	Civil
Fort Worth	Civil - with Co-counsel
Houston	Civil - set in or trial- was not lead attorney
Snyder	Civil - lost case
Eldorado	Special Prosecutor-Decision reversed on appeal
Nolan County	2 Civil Trials
Ft. Stockton	Civil

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History Of Fisher County Singers Dates Back To 1947

by Ruby Wild.....

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation," (Psalms 95:1-N.I.V.) These words were proclaimed by the psalmist David many centuries ago, and they still ring true for us.

In 1947, a small group of talented singers who loved to sing "Gospel" hymns decided to meet at each other's homes for fellowship and singing. That was the beginning of The Fisher County Singers (non-denominational). Over the years, it grew in

numbers, as more and more people became involved. Anyone who loved to sing hymns of praise and adoration unto God was welcome, and are still welcome. Some recall that the largest group to assemble at one time, was hosted by the late H. L. Davis. Sixty-five members enjoyed singing hymns, fellowship and refreshments.

I first became aware of the singers in 1960, when Nancy White (my mother-in-law at the time) was a resident in what is now the Rotan Nurs-

ing Center. They came to sing while I was visiting. They sang each week at the two nursing homes in Rotan and the one in Roby. The residents of the homes always looked forward to the night of singing by the group. They enjoyed hearing the old familiar hymns.

The earlier singers (many deceased) included: Robert and Vera Shaws, Felix and Mrs. Brown, Annie Mae McKimmey, Shorty Crawford, Era Boen, Polly (Helms) Harrison,

Willie Martin, Icie Hughes, Mina Denton, Joe and Dess Roberts, Elrena Deel, Floy Jim Hughes, Tennie Cauble, Keifer Cauble, Mrs. Elam, Mrs. George Young, Billy and Thana Terry, Preston Campbell, Mutt Knox, Jack McClure, Vera Potts, Carl and Peggy Murff, Buddy and Lurline Murff, Ivan and Beth Martin, J.C. and Alice Cave, Nettie Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. King (Hamlin), Mrs. Deel (Hamlin), Ken Mayhall (Abilene), Ode and Mabel Levens, Mildred and Marcene Parker, Lala

Horton, Jesse Green, Sandy Sipes, Callie Shipp, Mayme Crow, Cara Vineyard, John and Maude Anderson, Lon Weems, Minnie Parker, Mary and Louada Posey, Mrs. Clyde (Ruby) Green, Tennie Bostick, Maudie Randolph, Ralph and Marie Ammons, Tresa Dycus, June Anderson, J. D. McCormick, Clyde Menshaw, and H.V. Vittitow (Big Vit, as he was affectionately known) led the singing of the hymns most of the time. Big Vit was a partner with A.B. (Abie) Parker in the Ideal Barber Shop for many years.

Some of the singers, although, still living have had to drop out because of ill-health. The present membership of eighteen singers are G.W. and Annis (pianist) Joplin, Allen (vice-president), and Lenora Morton, Shorty and Mary Ruth Hamlin, George and Jenny Lane, Frank and "Sug" Burk, La Merle Denton (treasurer), Bonnie Floyd, Norene Kersh, Bessie Cleveland, Adell Bigham, Rosemary Menshaw, La Verne Starnes, LaRue Vann, Mary Singley, Mildred McQueen, and Billy Green (president). They sing for the Rotan Healthcare Center, the Golden Haven Retirement Center, and the Fisher County Senior Citizens every Tuesday night. The songs are from the Stamps-Baxter Song Book, "Heavenly Highway". They are still doing good work for those who look for-

ward to beautiful "Gospel" hymns. The Apostle Paul exhorts, "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:19-20 - N.I.V.)

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to modify the cost of service adjustment clause, modify the mainline extension rate, and to propose a weather normalization adjustment clause applicable to rates charged to the residential and commercial customers in the City of Roby, Texas effective May 6, 1996.

During the period when the proposed rates are in effect, the proposed modifications will result in increases and decreases in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Roby. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Roby. If you desire to comment concerning this modification of rates, you may contact the City Secretary.

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Stamford Headquarters For Eradication Zone

Stamford will serve as zone headquarters for the 19-county Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone, said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

Stamford's central location and the outstanding cooperation of the Development Corp. of Stamford will allow more funds to be used for eradication of the boll weevil instead of administrative costs, Myers said.

The zone headquarters office, headed up by zone manager Larry Smith of Munday, is responsible for

the management of eradication operations in the 19 counties that make up the zone and encompass approximately 700,000 acres of cotton.

Located at 208 W. McHarg near downtown, the zone office will employ about five full-time employees.

Additionally, one of seven district offices will also be located in Stamford in the National Guard Armory building on the east side of town. This district office, headed by supervisor Gayenell Lindsey, will serve as the staging area for boll weevil eradication activities in an area that in-

cludes portions of Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford and Throckmorton counties. During peak operations next spring, the facility will provide office space for approximately 50 full-time and temporary employees.

Each district office in the zone is responsible for approximately 100,000 acres of planted cotton.

Other district offices will be located in Tye, Rotan, Munday and Haskell. Negotiations continue to establish the two remaining offices.

Fisher County Rain Gauge Report

Rain gauge report information taken from the Horace Carter Farm, two miles north of Rotan

Aug. 1995	- 4.95 inches	- Total For Year 18.15 inches
Sept. 1995	- 6.55 inches	- Total For Year 24.70 inches
Oct. 1995	- 1.10 inches	- Total For Year 25.80 inches
Nov. 1995	- 0.02 inches	- Total For Year 25.82 inches
Dec. 1995	- 0.26 inches	- Total For Year 26.08 inches
Jan. 1996	- 0.30 inches	- Total For Year 0.30 inches
Feb. 1996	- 0.02 inches	- Total for Year 0.32 inches
Mar. 1996	- 0.56 inches	- Total for Year 0.88 inches

Recorded total for January, February, March, 20 years ago in 1976, was - 0.68 inches. Normal rainfall for April is 1.85 inches.

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Letter To The Editor

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Fisher County:

I am 31 years old and have lived in Fisher County for most of my life. I have worked various jobs in the County, but for the last seven to eight years I have worked for the Fisher County Sheriff's Office. During my employment with the County I have seen, heard, and have some knowledge as to how your County Government works.

I believe that it is time for the Voters and Taxpayers of this County to pay very close attention to how their tax dollars are being spent. Don't just pay attention to your local government (i.e., County, City), but State and Federal as well. I firmly believe that the biggest impact that we as Voters can make is in our local government. I also believe that to know what changes need to be made, Voters must know what each branches of

local government's purpose are. You may ask yourself how to go about this. Start with talking to your elected officials, but be aware these people are politicians. Also, talk to the employees of these people. Public Record is a wonderful thing, find out who makes what kind of money. Ask yourself, what are we as voters receiving for our money and is what we're getting worth the money we are paying? All Public Servants should know and understand that they work for the people and the betterment of the communities. If it is not understood, maybe it is time for those people to go. It is the Voters and Taxpayers Voice that needs to be heard and should be heard. After all, we always check to see if we are getting our money's worth on everything else.

Sincerely,
a voter and taxpayer
Kirk Williamson

Dear Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher County Voters:

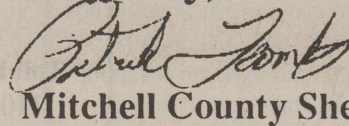
In the next few days, you have a chance to decide how criminals will be punished in this district.

As law enforcement officers, we can assure you that the issue of "deferred adjudication" which surrounds the District Attorney's race has an impact on us all. Mark Edwards' approach of trying every case that comes before the court, and not using deferred adjudication probation, will cause not only an enormous backlog in cases for the court, but will also mean taxpayer dollars spent on extra law enforcement hours.

For the citizens of this district, it could mean much more. Most criminals who await trial are released on bond, which means that while time is taken to select juries and hear cases on first-time theft offenses, serious criminals are free to roam the streets for months and even years. As officers who are responsible for arresting criminals and investigating crimes, our job will be much harder. The revolving door will become the practice, and criminals will know they will be free in hours without having to stand trial for years.

The law cannot function properly and efficiently without the use of deferred adjudication probation in addition to the other methods available for punishing criminals. Please don't be fooled by a negative campaign against our current District Attorney, Frank Conard. Frank Conard has the experience to understand how our legal system works for everyone, and has proven that he can effectively prosecute criminals using every tool to insure the toughest sentence possible.

Sincerely,


Mitchell County Sheriff

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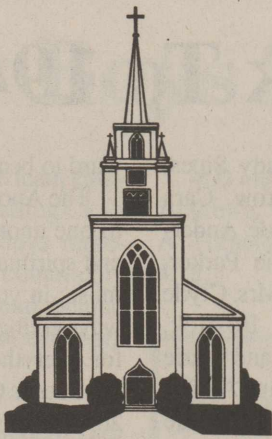
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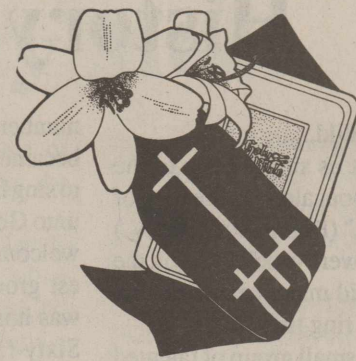
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"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28: 5-6



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