

# Roby Star-Record

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## ROTAN ADVANCE

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### Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Kicks Off With Parade Aug. 27

The 42nd Annual Fisher County Fair and Rodeo gets under way today with a parade through downtown Roby. Activities will be the rest of this week through Saturday, August 29, at the Fairgrounds in Roby.

Along with the Adult Division exhibits there will also be Youth Division exhibits. Girls and boys in the eighth grade and under are eligible to enter the Junior Division in this department and girls and boys in the ninth grade and above

are eligible to enter the Teen Age Division. Girls and boys that are pre-school age will be in the Pre-School Division. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries according to quality of workmanship. First, se-

cond and third place will be awarded in each class. A cash prize of \$25 will be given to the top winning garment made of at least 65% cotton. Cash prize is donated by the Rotan Gin. The following prizes will be awarded in both the Junior and Teen Age divisions; \$7.50 for the most blue ribbons; \$5.50 for the 2nd most blue ribbons; \$5.00 for the 3rd most blue ribbons; and \$4.00 for the fourth most blue ribbons. In case of a tie, the individual having the highest percentage of blue ribbons out of a total number of entries will be the winner. No one individual is eligible for more than one award.

Youth Division Exhibits this year will include Foods: salads, breads, cakes and cookies, pies, food preservations; Clothing, Knitting and Crochet, Hobbies, Pictures, Floral Arrangements, Art, Photography, Ceramics, and Macrame (Teen Division Only).

Remember that all entries in the Adult and Youth Divisions must

remain until 4:00 p.m. of Saturday, August 29.

Also do not forget to come to the evening performances of the rodeo. General Admission is \$3.50 and children are admitted for \$2.50. Each evening performances will begin at 8:00 p.m.

### Four Indicted By Grand Jury

The Fisher County Grand Jury returned indictments against four Fisher County residents last week, according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts.

After meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, the Grand Jury returned indictments against: Thomas Flores and Forene Flores of Rotan for felony possession of cocaine and marijuana. The indictment stemmed from a raid conducted by Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers. Both are presently out on bond. Further disposition of the case will be conducted in District Court.

The other two indictments were returned against W.J. Coffman and Jay Hendon of Rotan. Both were indicted for disorderly conduct stemming from both allegedly displaying a firearm in a public place. Disposition of the misdemeanor charge will be handled in Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett's court.

### Kim's Korner By Kim Pease

Most small newspapers across the country have, from time to time, urged readers to shop at home. This publication has been no different. We have contended that local residents of Fisher County owe a certain allegiance to Fisher County merchants—local merchants support local functions, pay local taxes, employ local people, etc. If their price is close on a like item we should be supporting the local business.

I had an incident take place a few weeks ago that left me both happy and sad. First, I was contacted by the person running one of the tax paying entities in Fisher County desiring a price on an electronic adding machine. "I want to buy it locally if at all possible," he said. "Thanks", I said, "I am glad you feel that way and want to try and sell it to you."

I checked the price—same item (stock number was furnished) would cost me about \$1.50 more than they said they could purchase the calculator for at Service Merchandise in Abilene. In order for me to get their business I would have literally had to lose money. I was upset at my supplier that I couldn't get a better price from them, but felt gratitude toward the person for having given me the opportunity to sell them the item.

After mulling over the problem, I reasoned that this may have been one of those instances where "close counted." I reasoned after all, I paid a large sum of taxes each year to help support the local institution, they could forego the "buy from the lowest bidder" philosophy and buy locally—I didn't feel a few dollars extra from a home merchant would be objected to by anyone—or shouldn't be.

If you are serving on a board or commission in Fisher County, collecting taxes, let your feelings be known on buying locally...I personally don't want the business from any tax collecting entity unless I am the low bidder. However, I know there are plenty of merchants that fall into the "close counts" category and would welcome the business.

### Guilty Verdict Returned On Former Roby Resident

Terry Buck, age 38, formerly of Roby and now residing in Copperas Cove, Texas, was found guilty by jury in 32nd District Court last Friday of "Hindering A Secure Creditor," according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts.

Buck, after being indicted by the Fisher County Grand Jury,

was found guilty and given a 2 year sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections

(probated for 10 years) he was required to make restitution of approximately \$16,000.00 to the First National Bank of Rotan for the incident that took place during 1983 and 1984.

### Simmons Appointed New Roby Mayor By Council

Last Tuesday, August 18, at the Roby City Council Meeting Murray Simmons was appointed as Mayor of Roby. Simmons is to fill the unexpired term of the late Carl Matthies.

Simmons was in his second term as Commissioner for the Roby City Council. Cecil King was appointed to fill his vacancy until the elections in May of 1989.

### Not Guilty Verdict Returned On David Wray Smith

A Rotan man was found not guilty in Weldon Kirk's District Court last week after being arrested on July 28th, 1986, and charged with "indecent with a child."

On July 28, 1986, Deputy Sheriff Gene Pack and Deputy Sheriff Dwayne McKay arrested David Wray Smith, age 39, after a complaint was lodged with law enforcement officers by the mother of the 9 year old male

child. The charge was a second degree felony. Smith was released on a \$5,000 bond shortly after being arrested.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1987 Smith was found not guilty by a jury in 32nd District Court in Roby, Texas. He was represented by Attorney Davis Scarbrough while Assistant District Attorney Carl Brombert was the prosecutor.



NOW PAY ATTENTION: Rotan Head Football Coach Weldon Nelms, center, addresses the team during a break last week at the O'Donnell scrimmage. Rotan looked very impressive against O'Donnell. They take on Albany this Friday in a home contest at Rotan. The first season game is Friday, September 4th at Robert Lee.

## Bench Marks Released For Fisher County Schools

In Fisher County it appears that students are receiving more teacher attention than the average Texas student. The state average is one teacher for every 17.4 students while in Fisher County there is an average of one teacher per 11.5 students. Roby is the district with the most students per teacher and they are still under the state average with 16.6. Rotan follows with 12.5 students per teacher and McCaulley is a distant third with 8.9 students for every one teacher. Hobbs has 8.1

These figures come from the latest issue of Bench Marks for 1987-1988 School District Budgets in Texas, an annual publication of the Texas

Research League, an Austin-based educational corporation engaged in governmental research.

Last year trustees in 1061 Texas school districts adopted budgets totalling \$12.2 billion and levied local property taxes totalling \$5 billion to pay for it. The state provided \$4.8 billion of foundation aid, and the remainder was funded by school lunch and other fees, federal aid, bond sales, and other revenue.

Locally, Hobbs ISD and Rotan ISD's tax levy last year was increased a little over 3 percent while McCaulley decreased by 5.5 percent and Roby decreased by 21.3 percent as compared to an increase of 8.2% for the average school district

in Texas.

School budgets adopted last year called for spending an average of \$3,088 per student for current operations plus \$281 for interest and repayment of debt and \$464 per student for capital outlay for a total of \$3833 per student. Two Fisher County schools came out way ahead of the average with Hobb's budget providing for \$10,629.46 total cost per student based on the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) of 36 students. McCaulley ISD had an ADA of 100 students for whom the school district provided \$7,106.76 each. Under the state average were Roby's and Rotan's figures for 1986-87. Roby provided for \$3685.99 per student

while Rotan provided for \$3643.46 total cost per student. These figures were based on the Average Daily Attendance records of 346 students at Roby and 518 at Rotan.

Four dollars in five were spent for salaries. Statewide payroll expense averaged \$2,506 per student, as compared to \$6,291.28 per student at Hobbs; \$4,528.61 at McCaulley; \$2,582.19 at Rotan; and the only Fisher County school that fell below the average was Roby with \$2,423.89 per student spent for salaries. Payroll expense is a combination of salary levels and staffing patterns.

The average salary for classroom teachers in school districts in Texas was \$24,487.

Each of the four Fisher County schools fell below the state average. Hobbs teachers average \$20,313; McCaulley averaged \$21,362; Roby averaged \$22,242 for the highest pay-scale in the county; and Rotan averaged \$21,777.

Trustees must rely upon local property taxes to balance school budgets, and the conservative approach to revenue estimating is to err on the plus side. Nonetheless any underestimate of revenues or understatement of fund balances can result in an unneeded tax increase.

The average school district imposed a property tax at the rate of 79.3 cents per \$100 of appraisal value which value averaged 93.82% of market value (selling price). The "true tax

rate" was 74.3 cents (79.4 times 93.82%) statewide. For example, the school tax on a piece of property selling for \$100,000 had a tax of \$697 on the average statewide.

In Roby property was appraised at 72.5% of market value with the true tax rate being 62.3 cents per \$100. Hobbs' tax was next lowest—62.4 cents per \$100 on property appraised at 98.3% of market value. The property in Rotan was appraised at 76.1% and the tax levied was 71.5 cents to \$100. McCaulley had the highest tax at \$1.04 per \$100 on property appraised at 101.1% of market value.

The report points out that the calculation of a true tax rate based on market value rather than appraised value

enables a valid comparison of tax levels with other schools. In 1986 the true tax rate exceeded \$1 per \$100 in 196 school districts in Texas.

The tax on a house in the Rotan district, for example, that would sell for \$80,000 would have been \$395. If the homeowner were eligible for homestead exemptions, the tax would have been \$370, and if owned by a person 65 years or older, the tax on an \$80,000 house would have averaged \$321, or less if subject to a tax freeze.

Revenue lost this year from exemptions was over a billion dollars. To balance school budgets, the revenue loss from exemption was imposed upon other taxpayers in the school districts.

Local property taxes

state aid per student was in Hobbs, \$7,329; McCaulley, \$6,269; Roby, \$3,194; and Rotan, \$3,291 as compared to \$3,075 statewide. The primary purpose of state aid is to equalize state and local tax resources among schools. In 1986-1987 tax resources ranged from less than \$2500 per student in 30 districts to more than \$10,000 in eight districts.

It is interesting to note that the Census Bureau says "public school system indebtedness in Texas exceeded by far indebtedness reported by any other state. School debt outstanding in Texas was \$6.0 billion at the close of fiscal year 1984-1985 or \$2.7 billion larger than in New York, the next highest state."

District	Coop.	AMOUNT PER STUDENT BUDGETED 1986-87 BY FUNCTION										PER STUDENT ENROLLED			1985-86 AVERAGE SALARY				1985-86 Pupil/Teacher Ratio				OCT. 1986 TEAMS TEST NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK					
		Fall 1986 Enrollment (1)	Admin. (2)	Instructional Service (3)	Related (4)	Pupil Service (5)	Occurricular Activities (6)	Trans. portation (7)	Plant Maint. & Operation (8)	Community Service (9)	Total Cur. Op. Expense (10)	Debt Service (11)	Capital Outlay (12)	Op. Fund Bal. 9-1-86 (13)	Op. Fund Bal. 8-31-86 (14)	Debt Payroll (15)	Teachers (16)	Admin. (17)	Support (18)	Aides (19)	Pupil/Teacher Ratio (20)	Admin. (21)	Support (22)	Aides (23)	Math (24)	Reading (25)	Writing (26)	
REGION 14																												
FISHER COUNTY																												
HOBBS ISD	C	36	2360.19	3855.81	111.06	514.17	55.56	1207.92	1845.69	.00	9950.39	.00	779.17	7602.94	4552.72	.00	6291.28	20311	32888	0	6663	8.1	30.4	.0	93.8	0	0	2
MCCAULEY ISD	C	100	1389.88	3353.45	120.35	467.88	400.00	200.20	592.71	.00	4524.45	179.16	403.15	948.73	219.08	.00	4528.61	21362	38561	9707	10058	8.9	13.9	4.9	18.0	17	13	12
ROBY ISD	C	346	494.74	2004.46	17.11	161.35	133.33	163.68	319.00	.00	3293.67	152.85	239.47	1640.90	1640.90	1526.01	2423.89	22242	33808	26205	8768	16.6	8.5	.6	15.7	62	54	51
ROTAN ISD	C	518	518.56	1981.01	82.42	168.41	195.30	46.57	364.47	.00	3316.75	107.21	219.50	1615.53	1599.53	627.41	2562.19	21777	35506	27752	9483	12.5	8.2	2.1	9.3	66	63	56
HASKELL COUNTY																												
WEINERT ISD	C	71	1655.10	3498.51	115.51	734.32	73.42	198.59	705.17	.00	6977.62	.00	24.65	1548.80	1590.27	.00	4813.31	20487	47598	0	8318	7.7	11.8	.0	37.0	96	89	95
PAINT CREEK ISD	C	101	1217.36	3068.88	65.03	410.74	168.32	313.25	800.45	.00	6044.02	.00	172.08	1792.32	1544.79	.00	4182.85	21227	37189	0	6181	8.0	10.6	.0	9.2	60	47	48
HASKELL ISD	C	711	477.34	1566.40	48.43	237.90	160.35	78.56	359.49	.00	2928.45	13.11	198.99	931.15	932.20	12.66	2223.68	21509	35576	22463	8045	14.8	5.8	2.6	10.1	74	56	64
ROCHESTER ISD	C	149	983.75	2623.79	46.74	293.70	166.58	118.30	491.13	.00	4723.98	2.85	94.08	1125.58	885.15	.00	3313.81	19314	35576	0	7627	9.6	12.0	.0	19.7	80	53	72
RULE ISD	C	216	762.79	2198.76	.00	155.75	143.72	130.65	356.48	.00	3748.15	75.69	25.46	1916.42	1938.22	805.56	2824.43	20133	35325	0	8483	10.7	*9.4	.0	23.5	80	50	72
JONES COUNTY																												
ANSON ISD	C	840	394.31	1838.56	51.99	223.57	178.29	97.26	268.35	.00	3052.26	56.32	205.65	1092.07	1091.25	321.43	2351.10	21141	34566	25457	8209	14.8	4.7	1.2	12.8	63	48	67
HAMLIN ISD	C	746	570.14	2005.42	80.32	243.83	156.23	60.94	439.81	.00	3556.68	229.69	118.79	1453.45	1453.45	1563.00	2699.33	21418	38775	25320	9079	14.1	5.2	3.9	15.7	63	49	62
HAWLEY ISD	C	669	421.65	1573.69	44.88	162.82	124.48	76.76	346.61	.00	2750.88	29.88	217.58	588.87	588.87	254.11	2119.91	19582	33124	17001	8999	14.9	8.0	2.2	11.1	81	63	70
LUEDERS - AVOCA	C	199	1017.15	2812.09	62.76	262.65	93.72	185.23	429.17	.00	4862.77	.00	279.48	1072.92	887.27	.00	3622.87	22643	32519	0	8033	9.8	11.1	.0	23.8	81	69	74
STANFORD ISD	F	934	432.34	1717.36	109.61	379.15	256.34	70.34	396.76	.00	3361.90	207.17	170.68	773.39	720.78	1552.46	2432.28	20513	32866	21354	8730	15.5	9.1	10.2	11.2	78	51	72
MITCHELL COUNTY																												
WESTBROOK ISD	C	198	917.40	3368.66	71.46	256.06	171.72	156.26	453.54	.00	5395.10	.00	194.44	613.49	539.10	.00	4005.22	24378	41465	0	13514	8.9	11.0	.0	16.8	59	31	56
COLORADO ISD	C	1392	504.30	2136.41	59.67	271.60	173.03	107.61	465.30	66.16	3784.08	155.44	93.42	1466.78	1252.13	1034.48	2774.57	22059	37132	23827	9652	14.0	5.5	3.4	9.8	59	45	49
LORAIN ISD	C	248	596.61	2175.95	6.96	196.16	63.21	145.87	474.63	.00	3659.37	265.46	89.52	694.58	686.29	1834.68	2566.08	19844	34700	0	10080	12.1	8.1	.0	12.3	63	40	62
NOLAN COUNTY																												
BLACKWELL ISD	C	155	1266.37	2889.12	93.45	431.72	443.79	223.55	615.79	.00	5963.79	491.48	12.90	798.06	727.09	.00	4297.17	20734	36730	25124	10285	10.9	8.5	.5	16.9	93	57	55
ROSCOE ISD	C	460	497.09	2106.05	45.21	248.32	162.78	73.55	349.90	.00	3482.89	.00	49.03	109.76	131.98	.00	2711.49	21804	36813	18339	8617	13.1	6.8	.6	13.0	62	43	78
SWEETWATER ISD	F	2979	388.41	1546.90	43.70	332.56	146.67	60.12	328.11	.00	2846.47	101.82	88.51	438.40	385.97	.00	2297.83	22444	38878	26642	10267	17.0	4.1	5.3	6.1	56	65	53
HIGHLAND ISD	C	176	1066.09	2507.02	.00	358.66	279.83	150.51	562.61	.00	4924.72	1155.28	110.80	4602.02	4165.10	7												

## Roby Lions Scrimmage Wildcats

The Roby Lions, Friday, travelled to the Water Valley Wildcats' home territory for their debut under the direction of Coaches Kent Jackson, Larry Williamson, and Ricky Williams. It was the first of two controlled scrimmages Roby will play before the regular season begins against Abilene Christian High on September 4.

Reggie Spencer was Roby's starting quarterback for the first set of twenty offensive plays. Their first down in this set came on the twelfth play with a pass to David Shipp. There were two more first downs in this set, one gained on a quarterback keep for 11 yards and the other a handoff to Senior Gregg Meek for 12 yards.

Water Valley began their set of twenty offensive plays with a fumble and then a loss of three yards. The Wildcats sparked on only two plays during this series for a twenty yard gain and then a touchdown.

The second teams took the field for a ten play series with Jason Terry as quarterback. His first four plays gave the Lions new confidence as he gained 29 yards. On the fifth play of this set Freshman Jeremy Terry took over at the helm and on the last play gained 14 yards on a pass to Jess Cross. Water Valley's second team possession touched them a touchdown on a two yard pass into the end-zone.

First teams returned to the field for the last series in the scrimmage. Roby really began to see some offensive progress as they moved down the field only to have their drive stall on the 12 yard line. Starting again at the 35 it did not take the Lions long to find paydirt. There were two key plays in this drive: a seven yard pass to David Shipp which set up a 43 yard bomb from Spencer to Freshman Jamie Amador for the Lions touchdown.

Roby took over defensively and almost completely shut down the Wildcats to close the scrimmage.

Coach Jackson felt like there were some positive signs both offensively and defensively and was pleased with some of the younger players performances such as Jamie Amador and Jess Cross. He also felt like the returning lettermen gave several indications of good things to come. "We're by no means where we need to be yet, but that's what a scrimmage is for, to help us find the areas we need to improve before the regular season begins."

Although the scrimmage ended with the first strings tied at 1-1 Coach Jackson felt that Roby came away with the mental advantage. "We felt like when it was over our kids had gotten stronger whereas their kids seemed to lose some intensity." Roby had 216 yards total offense with an almost

equal combination of 110 yards rushing and 106 yards passing. Water Valley had a total of 136 yards offensively: 92 passing and 44 rushing.

Other strong performances were turned in by Juniors David Shipp, Jay Helm, Steve Reeves and Senior Greg Meek

on defense and Seniors Reggie Spencer and Jason Terry on offense.

The Lions host Robert Lee Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. for their final scrimmage.

**Henry's Quick Stop**  
776-2330 Roby, Texas

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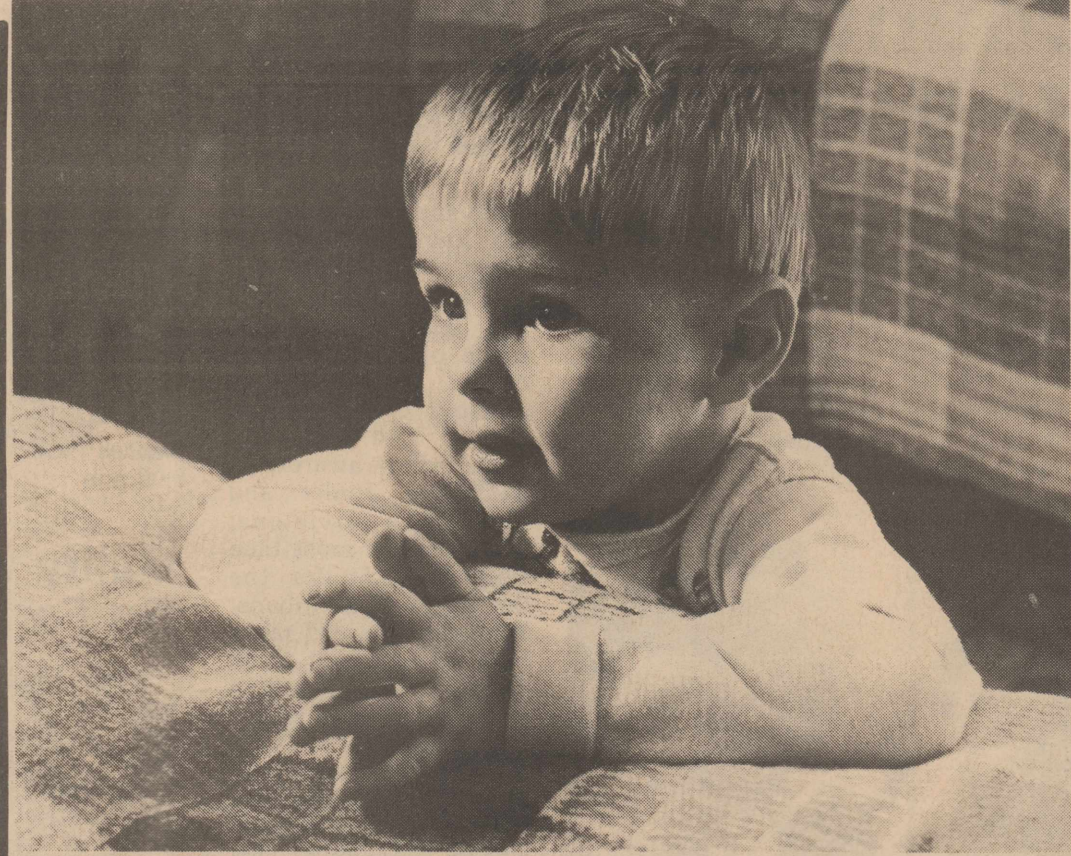
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**Sunday Noon Buffet** **\$3.50**

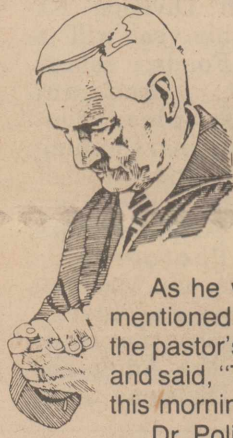
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## FISHER COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY



### The Child Is Father of the Man

Sunday  
Zechariah  
9:11-17  
Monday  
Mark  
14:12-25  
Tuesday  
Romans  
11:25-36  
Wednesday  
1 Corinthians  
11:17-34  
Thursday  
2 Corinthians  
3:1-18  
Friday  
Galatians  
3:15-29  
Saturday  
Galatians  
4:21-31



Dr. Daniel A. Poling, prominent minister of another generation, began his pastoral prayer one Sunday with: "Now I lay me down to sleep..." Embarrassed, he caught himself, fumbled around for proper pastoral phrases, and in a cold sweat continued his prayer.

"I don't know what happened," he wrote later. "The words just came out. A slip of the mind, a return to childhood, I guess."

As he was greeting people following that service, no one mentioned his prayer-slip until a little old lady came up. Taking the pastor's hand in both of hers, she looked deep into his eyes and said, "Thank you, Dr. Poling. I got new insight into my pastor this morning."

Dr. Poling, almost afraid to ask, managed finally to say, "Oh and what was that?"

"I saw my pastor, as a little boy, kneeling by his bed learning his first prayer."

What our children will be, they are now becoming. The poet is right:

*"The child is father of the man."*

And positive experiences in early years influence experiences in all the years.

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**LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. JAMES CARRINGTON  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 P.M.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
Sylvester, Texas  
REV. GEORGE RAGSDALE  
Sunday School-10:30 A.M.  
Worship Service-9:30 A.M.  
Community Dinner Every Third  
Wednesday At 7:00 P.M.

**MISSION BAPTISTA CALVARIO**  
Roby, Texas  
REV. ELI SEPEDA  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Bible Study-5:30 P.M.  
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
McCaulley, Texas  
REV. GEORGE RAGSDALE  
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Family Night-2nd Wed. In Month-7:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rotan, Texas  
DON DAWES-MINISTER  
735-2344  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.  
Sunday Eve.-Ladies Bible Class-5:00 P.M.  
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:30 P.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. STEVE PEACE  
735-3471  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-10:55 A.M.  
Sun. Evening Church Training-6:00 P.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship-7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:30 P.M.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. TERRY LOWE  
735-2334  
Sunday School-9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship-10:30 A.M.  
Youth-6:00 P.M.  
Evening Worship-7:00 P.M.

**HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hobbs Community  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.

**MCCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
McCaulley, Texas  
REV. JAMES BRIGHAM  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.

### Attend Church Sunday

**FOURSQUARE CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. IRA BURNS  
735-2553  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. ANDRESS RODRIGUEZ  
735-2478  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening-5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Worship-7:30 P.M.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
FATHER AUSTIN KITTREDGE  
735-3285  
Sunday Morning-9:00 A.M. Mass  
Saturday Evening-7:30 P.M. Mass

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Roby, Texas  
REV. ALVIN PETTY  
776-2159  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Eve.-Ladies Bible Study-5:00 P.M.  
Sunday Eve.-Children Grades 3-6-5:00 P.M.  
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Roby, Texas  
ERIC CUPP-MINISTER  
776-2496  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-10:45 A.M.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wed. Night 7:00 P.M.-Nov.-April  
8:00 P.M.-May-October

**SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sylvester, Texas  
REV. RICKY ATKINSON  
993-4479  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

**CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. JAMES P. (PAT) ANDERSON  
735-2178  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 P.M.  
Worship Service-7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
Roby, Texas  
REV. JIM HAWTHORNE  
776-2308  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-10:50 A.M.  
Sunday Evening UMYF-4:30 P.M.  
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Choir Practice-6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study-7:30 P.M.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. DUTCH PARKS  
735-2525  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Bible Study-6:00 P.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship-7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Rotan, Texas  
REV. LYLE WHITMEYER  
Sunday School-9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.  
Wed. Night Worship

### This Message Presented By Below Listed Individuals & Businesses

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<p><b>Rotan Insurance Agency</b> Joe Burk-Agent 735-2571 Rotan, Texas</p>	<p><b>Weathersbee Funeral Home</b> 735-2255 Rotan, Texas</p>	<p><b>Midwest Electric Cooperative</b> Parker Wetsel-Mgr. 776-2244 Roby, Texas</p>	<p><b>KNIGHT'S MEAT and LOCKER</b> D.L. Knight 217 W. Snyder Rotan, Tx. 79546 *Custom Processing *Individual Meat Sales from 1 lb. to 1,000 lbs. Herschel Shipp (915) 735-2541 After Hours 735-2512</p>
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<p><b>Rotan Nursing Center</b> 735-2233 Rotan, Texas</p>	<p><b>Bart Strayhorn</b> 735-2231 Rotan, Texas</p>	<p><b>Bennett Walls</b> BW</p>	<p><b>Higginbotham-Bartlett</b> 735-2215 Rotan, Texas</p>

### Funeral Services Held For Rosey Barry

Rosey Barry, 84, of Tujunga, Calif., died Saturday, Aug. 15, 1987 in Tujunga. Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 22, in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Joe Norton officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery, northwest of Rotan.

Mrs. Barry was born Nov. 8, 1902 in Oklahoma. She had lived in Fisher County prior to moving to California. She was employed in a sewing factory before retirement. Mrs. Barry was a Nazarene.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Barry of West Covina, California; three daughters: Barbara Adorr, Portersville, California; Dell Kuhn, Tujunga, California; and Juanell Stephens, Tennessee; one sister: Ruth Powell, Springville, California; and one brother: Wesley Barry, Shafter, California.

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**TRACT 2 LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Approximately 280 acres, being the 280 acres of the East 1/2 of Section 2, Block 3, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas. Located approximately 8 miles Southwest of Rotan, Texas.

PLACE: Fisher County Courthouse, Roby, Texas

DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 1987

TIME: TRACT I (10:05 a.m.), TRACT II (11:00 a.m.)

**TERMS:** Real Estate will be sold for cash to highest bidder and sold subject to all taxes due thereon. Title will be conveyed by substitute Trustee's deed. Possession to be given upon harvest of 1987 crop. Purchaser to receive Landlord's share of 1987 crop. SBA reserves the right to bid at these sales.

For Information Contact:  
Kevin Hutson, Substitute Trustee  
At 915/235-9639

**Tax Planning**  
By Gerald Rodgers  
CPA



**MAINTAINING TAX RECORDS FOR 1987**

The Tax Reduction Act of 1986 has increased the need for detailed recordkeeping by taxpayers. Some transactions must be reported even though they may not affect your taxes. An example is tax-exempt interest, which the IRS requires to be reported because it could affect the taxation of Social Security benefits.

Other tax-related data to retain include:  
Detailed evidence to support claimed deductions such as business meals and entertainment. Such costs may be fully deductible, 80 percent deductible or not deductible at all.

Evidence showing whether income is active or passive. Since active income is tax favored, save any evidence of active participation in a business activity.

Evidence showing that interest is deductible-usually a matter of how the money is used.

Records of original cost plus all major improvements for a principle or second home refinanced since August 16, 1986. This documentation will show full cost basis which is necessary to deduct fully the interest paid on the loan.

Records of IRA and Keogh accounts, even if contributions are no longer tax deferred. These records will be needed when you begin withdrawing funds from the plans.

Records of medical expenses. We can't know until the year is out whether we will exceed the 7.5 percent of AGI minimum. Also, document all miscellaneous deductions, even if you don't expect to exceed 2 percent of AGI. You will not know until year-end whether your deductions will exceed the 2 percent limitation.

Finally, there is a new form of documentation required this year: a social security number for any dependent five years of age or older.

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**Staff Sgt. Carl Turnbow  
Receives Army Decoration**

Staff Sgt. Carl D. Turnbow, son of Darrel E. and Vera G. Turnbow, of Roby, has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal in South Korea.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in

the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Turnbow is a switchboard supervisor with the 275th Signal Company.

He is a 1977 graduate of Madison High School, Middletown, Ohio.



**CHEERLEADERS:** Teresa and Tina McClure, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McClure cheer their team on to victory in Friday's scrimmage between the Roby Lions and the Water Valley Wildcats.



**SENIORS:** Senior cheerleaders Shannon Heflin, Missy Turpin, Becky Kiser (mascot) and Jill Branson show their true colors as they watch Roby scrimmage Water Valley.

**Funeral Conducted For  
W.I. "Bud" Branch**

Mr. W.I. "Bud" Branch, 87, of Rotan, died at 4 a.m. Saturday, at his home in Rotan. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 23rd, at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Peace and Rev. Donny Harbers, both of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Branch was born September 28, 1899 in Breckenridge. The son of the late Charles and Beulah Branch, he moved to Jones County in 1918 and to Fisher County in 1921. He married Erma Lee Bearden, May 27, 1922, at Aspermont. He owned and operated a ranch north of Rotan. He had served on the Rotan City Council, the Wright School Board and was an Honorary Member of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. He had helped organize the Rotan Municipal Water Authority and served on its board from its creation in 1962 until 1980. He was active in the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Cripple Children

through the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

He is preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Erma (Mrs. Scotty) Daniel of Kansas City, Missouri and Relan (Mrs. Leo) Long of Rotan; two sisters: Mrs. Floyd Bullock of Breckendrige and Mrs. George Gannaway of Monahans; and four grandchildren: Dilana Long and Brad Long of Rotan and Dale and Liesel Daniel of Kansas City, Missouri.

Casket Bearers were James Branch, Robert Branch, Carl Nichols, E.B. Nichols, Reggie Stinson, Dr. G.G. Payne, Brad Long and Dale Daniel. Honorary Casket Bearers were A.B. Parker, Al Finch, Herbert Kennedy, J.D. Burk, Hubert Jones, Dillard Smith, J.P. Cyphers and Rudy Hamric.

The family list the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the First Baptist Church as favorite charities.

**Visitors**

Mrs. Evelyn Hamm has had visiting family this past weekend. Bryce, Sally and Jessica Browning of Boyd, Texas; Mark and Corinne Browning, San Angelo and Chester, Daphene and Chet Campbell of Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia.

Foy and Dorene Acker of Tulia, Texas visited earlier this month.

Roy J and Mitchell Browning of Billings, Montana, visited her in June.

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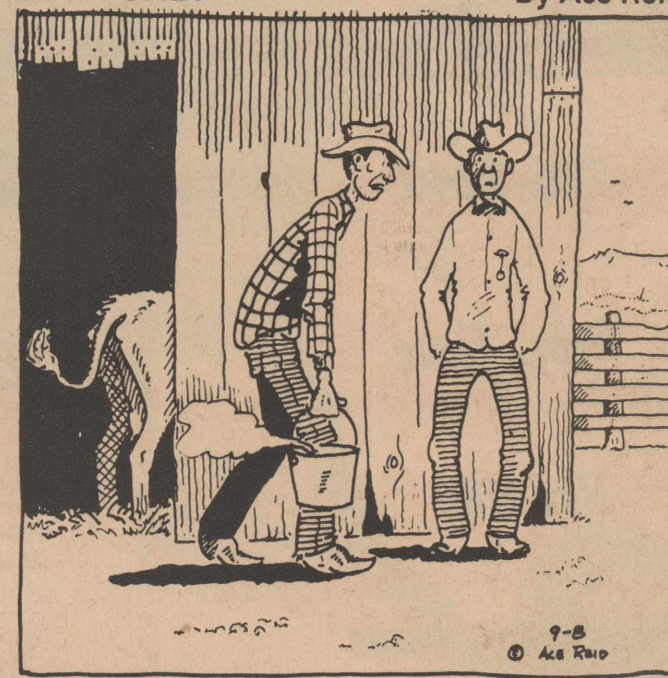
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Rotan, Texas

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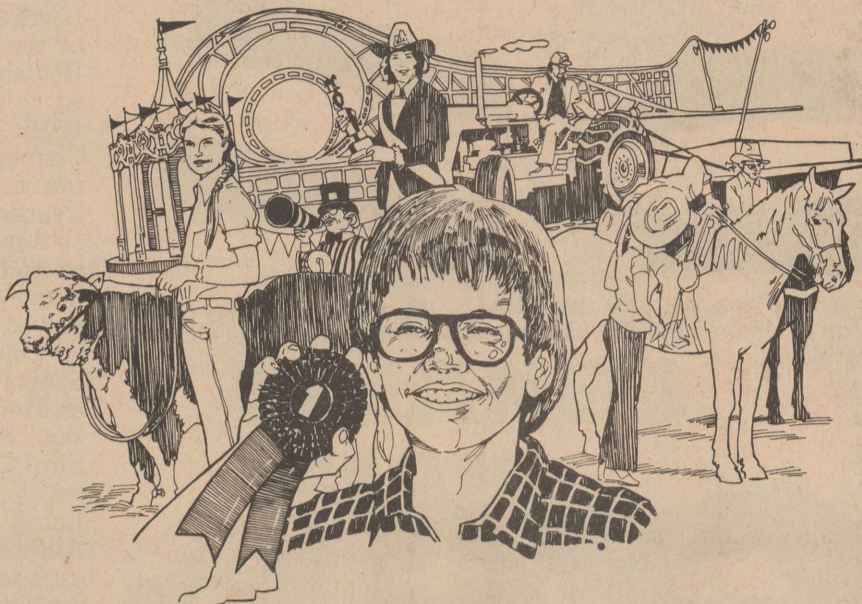
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Joe Burk-Agent  
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In Store Credit



HIGH CHEERS: Cheering on the Rotan Yellowhammers for the coming season will be Lori Garcia resting on the shoulders of Cecilia Hernandez.

### F.C. Nursing Home News

Louise Schubert spent a few days in the Fisher County Hospital but is now back with us.

Fred Houghton is still in the hospital. We hope he gets well soon.

We had the Fisher County Singers last Tuesday and everyone really enjoyed them.

We also had some ladies visiting everyone in the home last week and everyone of the residents enjoyed their visit. Mrs. Corelia Turnbow, Minnie Lou Messick, Peggy Messick and Louise Lemons visited the residents and said they would be back. We will be waiting for their visits.

Jim May from Salinas California visited Dove Blevins and the staff and other residents in the home.

Our monthly birthday Rotan Yearbooks May Be Picked Up Aug. 27th

The 1987 Rotan annuals have arrived. If you would like to pick up your yearbook before Tuesday, the first day of school, you may do so on Thursday, Aug. 27, between 1:00 and 4:00.

Also available will be plastic covers and autograph sections each costing \$1.00. Still available are a few 1986 yearbooks, if you neglected to get one for \$6.

party was great. We had homemade ice cream and cake. LaRue Vann, LaMerle Denton, Bessie Cleveland, Ardell Floyd, Mary Ruth Hamlin, Miriam Able and Talitha Cadenhead came and served and visited with the residents. We always enjoy our parties and are very thankful for all these fine ladies. LaMerle also played the piano for us.

Mrs. Peel's visitors were Bill and Belva Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Smith, and family from Weatherford; Jack and June Smith from Independence, California and Vicky Harvey and children from Arlington.

Jeff Kinsey visited Mrs. Addie Kinsey, Rochelle Huitt visited Miss King.

Reyna Garcia

### WTU Customers To Receive Refund

West Texas Utilities, Co. plans another refund to its retail customers in December of this year.

The Company was to file a request Monday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$3.8 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during the months of December 1986 through July 1987. The total includes \$3.4 million actual fuel cost savings, plus \$.4 million in interest.

Garvis Hinson, WTU local manager, said recently negotiated contract revisions reflecting the continued soft price of natural gas makes the refund necessary.

"As our cost for boiler fuel went down, we simply over-collected under the fuel rate approved by the PUC," Garvis Hinson said.

This will be sixth refund made to WTU retail customers since the summer of 1985. The fuel rates charged to customers have been

adjusted five times since 1985, but the price of natural gas, WTU's main power plant boiler fuel, has continued to decline.

WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, on May 19, 1987 the Company filed for an increase in base rates necessitated by the completion of the new coal-fired Oklahoma Power Station near Vernon. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to help stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail

customers in December subject to approval of the PUC. The typical residential customer will receive about \$7.00.

### Cagle Drivers License Schedule

D.P.S. Trooper Cagle of the Driver's License Division reported that he will not be in Roby as scheduled this Thursday, August 27th as he will be on vacation. He is usually in Roby on every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. He will be back in Roby on September 10th.

### Dr. Bryan Cave

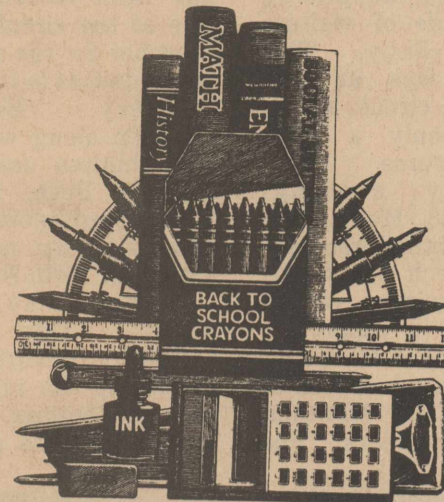
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### BLACK INVESTMENTS

Real Estate Sales & Appraisals  
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<p>Rotan 411 N. McKinley, \$75,000 1104 E. McArthur, \$69,000 709 E. 7th, \$64,700 301 N. Garfield, \$56,000 202 E. McArthur, \$53,500 102 W. Johnston, \$35,000 711 E. Bearegard, \$35,000 912 N. McKinley, \$32,500 811 E. 7th, \$31,500 105 E. Johnston, \$30,000 404 N. McKinley, \$29,500 109 W. Burnside, \$11,000 103 E. Burnside, \$10,000 207 W. Lee, \$8,000</p>	<p>Roby 201 N. Walton, \$15,500 209 N. Orange, \$28,000 504 S. 5th, \$29,900</p> <p>House To Be Moved 3 BR, \$12,000</p> <p>Rotan Double Lots Corner of Johnston &amp; Richard 600 Block McArthur (N. Side)</p>
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Commercial  
Senn Grain Company, \$26,800  
2 lots, Rotan main street, \$5,000

Country Homes  
9 homes with 1 to 123 acres from \$28,000 to \$95,000

Farm and Ranch  
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MYLA BLACK, BROKER, MSA, MFLA, MRA (915) 735-3091

WANTED: Cotton land to rent also interested in some pasture. Harold Roberts 28:4tp

FOR SALE: Beardless wheat seed. See or call Billy Sparks, 735-2098 before 7:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. 23:tf

FOR RENT: 1 to 3 bedroom apartments starting at \$170. Call 776-2579. 18:tf

APARTMENTS FOR RENT: Now accepting applications for 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. We are an Equal Housing Opportunity Agency. Rotan Housing Authority. 915-735-2471. 10:tf

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Jeff McClure  
Insurance Agency  
776-2145, Roby.

FOR SALE: 640 acres of land, 13 miles northeast of Rotan, 110 acres in cultivation, 2 tanks, pens and barns. W.E. Hale, 735-2450. 29:tf

FOR SALE: Beardless wheat, TAM 105, wheat oat seed, 2 varieties. All seed cleaned and state tested. Rotan Delinting Co., phone 735-3341. 29:tf

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom brick home, 1 bath with wood burning stove. 1005 Roby Avenue. Contact Linda Garcia after 3:00 p.m., 735-2256 or 735-2126 any other time for more information. 29:2tc

THE HAIR STUDIO in Roby is offering a back to school special on permanent waves. \$5.00 off a regular price. The Hair Studio offers a full service to man and women of all ages. Located 110 N. Church, across the street from Church of Christ parking lot. 776-2541. Owned and operated by Karan McClure. 29:2tc

PORCH SALE: Saturday, Aug. 29th, 9-5, 308 W. Johnston. Men and women's clothes. 29:1tp

NOTICE OF STRAY: We have one small off white horse found approximately 12-13 miles West of Rotan. For more information call Fisher County Sheriff's Department, 776-2273. 29:2tc

NOTICE: Will do cleaning of attics, garages, basements and will haul off junk cars. Call 735-2430. 29:tf

KIDS COLLEGE DAY SCHOOL: Quality child care and child development. 18 mos-13 years including after school transportation. Call 735-2196 or 735-3560. 29:5tc

FOR SALE: 7 ft. pool table. 735-2181 to see. 29:1tc

ANTIQUES: We have fine furniture, over 400 clocks, and numerous old lamps for you to purchase, plus many gift items. We also repair and refinish clocks, lamps and furniture. Call us or bring in. All work guaranteed. House of Antieks, 4008 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549. 915-573-4422. 27:tf

FOR SALE: Washers and dryers. 60 day warranty. 962-5446, McCaulley. 52:tf

RENT TO OWN: We rent quality household appliances. New Maytag washer & dryer \$18.95 Weekly. Bill's Appliance, 113 W. Broadway, Sweetwater, 235-4349. 51:tf

IRONING \$3.00 a dozen and mending, 411 E. Johnston or 735-2430. 26:4tp

STOP: Before you pay next month's rent, call Alliance Homes, 806-763-4051. 23:tf

CEDAR POST and corner post. You need 'em, we got 'em. Farm Tractor & Service, Rotan, 915-735-2252. 17:tf

NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES: Electrolux cleaners, repair all makes. H.B. Stevens, 1101 James St., Sweetwater, 235-2889. 27:tf

ABANDONED HOMES! Take over payments 100 available. Call collect 806-763-4051. 28:4tp

CALL US if you need service on your TV, VCR or Satellite Systems and we'll come right to your home. Frank's TV, 576-2122, 218 South Central, across from the bank in Hamlin! Celebrating 23 years in business. 52:tf

FOR SALE: Good alfalfa hay, square bales. Landes, 735-3171. 4:tf

BOAT MOTOR REPAIR: Johnson, Evinrude, Chrysler, also boat and trailer repair. Steve Turpin, Rotan, phone 915-735-2931, pick up and deliver. 22:8tp

LOST: Two calves, one black, one brown. 350 and 450 lbs. "A" on left hip, in Royston area. If seen call 776-2628. 27:4tp

FOR SALE: By Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas. Commercial building in downtown Roby. Three years old. West side of square, 20' X 50'. \$18,500. 25:tf

FOR RENT: Small house, reasonable price; also mobile home lot. Call 735-2349. Wanda Murphree 28:2tp

HELP WANTED: Earn Excellent Money in Home Assembly work. Jewelry, toys and others, FT & PT available. Call today! 1-518-459-3546 (toll refundable) Dept. B8004 24 hrs. 28:3tp

BABYSITTING: In my home on Hobbs school grounds. Anitra Anderle, 735-3302. 29:2tp

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## Montana Circuit Riding Preacher Speaks At First Baptist Church In Roby

It is interesting and sometimes surprising what kinds of visitors come to Roby. This time it was an old-fashioned circuit riding preacher—only a little way off course.

Sunday evening, August 23, Home Missionary of the First Baptist Church in Roby, Buckie Smithen visited and gave a report on churchwork in Montana. Mr. Smithen has been in White Hall, Montana for twenty years. For

the past four years he has been reviving the role of the circuit rider preacher for the smaller communities in his area.

Every Sunday Smithen along with his five children and wife, Johnnie Beth, travels 272 mountainous, and usually snowy, miles to preach at Twin Bridges, Virginia City, and Potosi. This is an especially historic ride as this is the vigilante area of Montana.

The vigilante area is

the home of the original gold field. The Alder's Gulch Gold Strike began here in 1861 just as the war between the states was breaking out. Men came from far and near to participate in this get-rich-quick gold hunt. Soon afterward Virginia City and Nevada City were established—only two miles apart.

This gold rush attracted a men-only crowd that was very rough. Robbers Roost

became known as a hideout for outlaws who made their fortune stealing gold instead of digging for it. In just a short while there were over 200 murders and robberies. Because of the way the mountains are situated these things could close off Virginia City and Nevada City and ambush the coming stagecoaches. The crowd became rougher as the guiltless men stopped even trying to hide the bodies of their

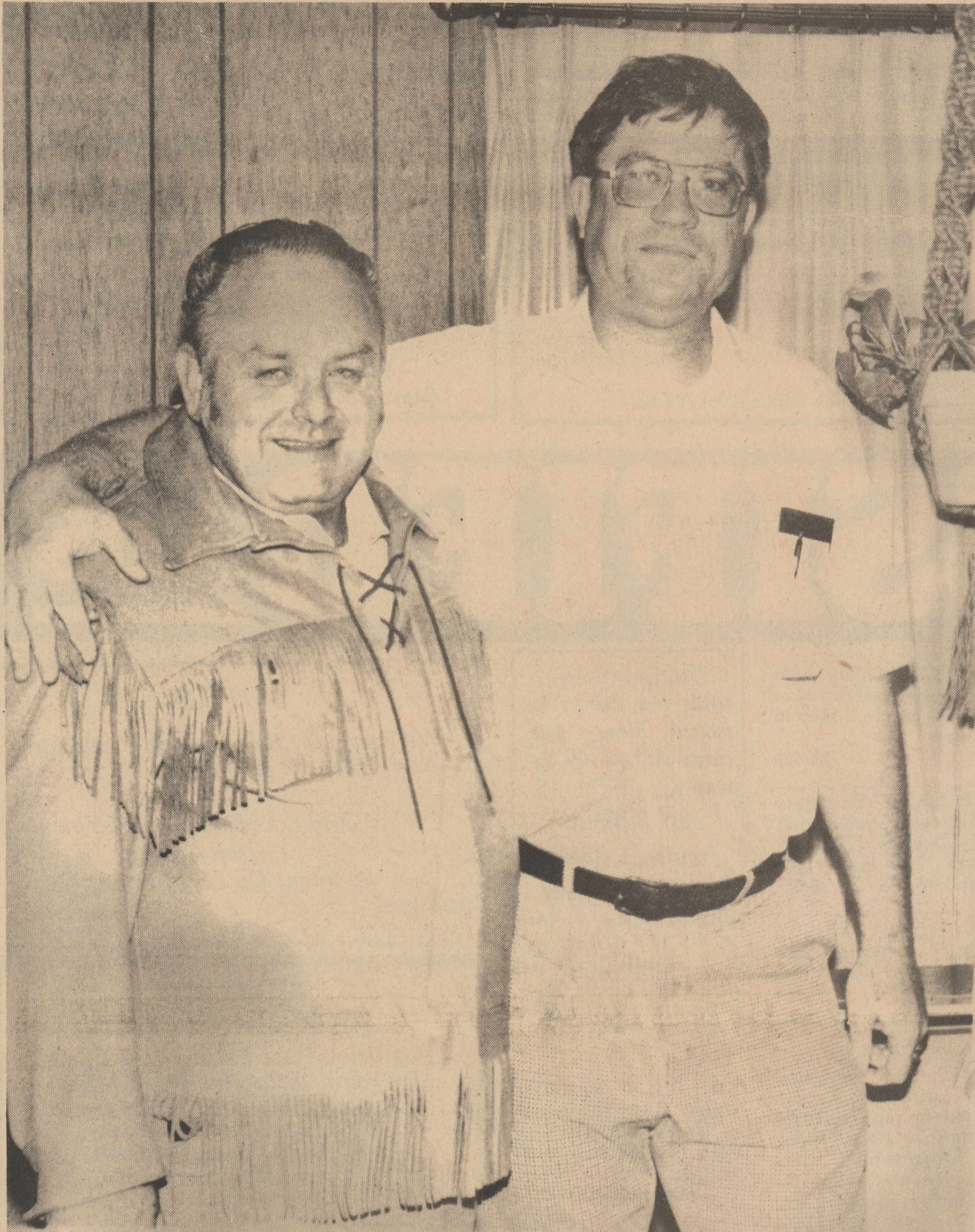
hapless victims.

The last straw came when a decent young man on his way back East to begin a store and marry his childhood sweetheart was murdered. A young lawyer named Sanders who eventually became the first governor of Montana started fighting the outlaws. He gathered vigilantes and in a matter of a few days, 21 men were hanged. Included in this pack of outlaws was Henry Plumber, Sheriff of Virginia City. He had been tipping off the robbers, informing them of stagecoach arrivals and departures, and sharing in their illegal profits.

Sanders and his vigilantes cleaned up the area purging communities of thieves and cutthroats and soon even the circuit preacher was coming around to the two cities.

Keeping with the spirit of this historical Montana past Buckie Smithen continues to renew the freedom of the West—the freedom from outlaws and the freedom to worship. The horses are under the hood now and his mission is to ranchers, goldminers, and farmers who rarely see an outsider. Smithen travels 3-4 thousand miles a month in a circuit that is larger than the state of Rhode Island in this Vigilante Area Baptist Ministry.

Smithen was visiting Roby on his way to Howard Payne University where his daughter, Kim, will be attending college.



MONTANA MISSIONARY: Home Missionary Buckie Smithen and Pastor for the First Baptist Church in Roby Alvin Petty.



LION'S LINE: Reggie Spencer lines up as Roby's starting quarterback in the scrimmage against the Water Valley Wildcats last Friday. The game ended with the first strings tied at 1-1.

## Funeral Conducted For W.B. Huntsman

William Buster Huntsman, 82, of Rotan, died Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16, 1987 in Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 21st in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Paul Huitt, Sweetwater, officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mr. Huntsman was born April 7, 1905 in Marquez County, Texas and was the son of the late Dick and Corene Huntsman. He had liv-

ed in Fisher and Kent Counties for 40 years. He married Hattie Jones in 1953 in Rotan. Mr. Huntsman was a farmer.

Survivors include: his wife of Rotan; one son: William B. Huntsman of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters: Corine Armour, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Roschell Huitt, Rotan; five step-sons: Team Steels, Albuquerque; Jew P. Steels, Los Angeles; Carl Huitt, Rotan; Thornton Huitt, Breckenridge; and

James Huitt, Perry, Texas; five step-daughters: Mary Williams; Annie Lee Huitt; Rella Daniel; and Mildred Roddy, all of Rotan; Ora Mae Ray, Breckenridge; three grandchildren; 68 step grandchildren and 47 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and one step-son.

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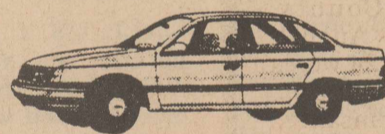
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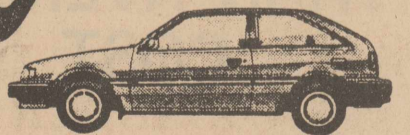
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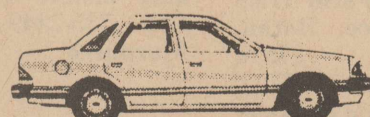


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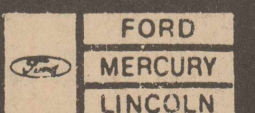


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- I. 35-40 years of age—One baseline mammogram.
- II. 40-50 years of age—A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.
- III. 50 years of age and over—An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.
- IV. Asymptomatic women

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# Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well, we almost got a rain, and I don't know how we missed it, but all we got was a light shower. Up on the divide towards Snyder they got a good rain, and some places reported over an inch. We really could use a good rain right about now, although the cotton is really looking good, and seems to be growing even without any moisture. It was much cooler Monday and was really nice after all those 100 degree days we have been having.

Mrs. Opal Phillips went to Wayne and Tonya Jones home on Sunday to help celebrate Josh and Jessie's birthdays. They are the children of Wayne and Tonya; Jessie was 1 year and Josh is 3. Happy birthday to both of them. All of the Phillips, Porters and Hyers were there, also the Bobby Wrights and Wayne's Dad from Anson.

Mrs. Bea Hardin is feeling pretty good and is still taking things easy. Mrs. Johnny Ray Hardin and three boys from Bellville and Chris McBeth from Abilene visited with Bea Tuesday and they stayed with her until Thursday. Bea then went to Abilene and spent the night Thursday with Mrs. Larry McBeth and she came back home late

Friday night. Larry McBeth brought her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter, Darren and Barry, from Brownwood visited with Mrs. Lucille Carter in Roby Friday evening and Friday night. They came to Alice and J.C. Caves after dinner Saturday. From there they went to Lamesa where they attended the wedding of Kristi Jensen and Tony Keese; they are good friends of the Billy Carters. They came back J.C. Caves Saturday night and spent the night, going home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge and Dustin have moved to Midland from Big Spring. They moved over the weekend and David will be teaching Biology at Midland Junior College, so congratulations to him and we hope that he will like his new job. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge helped them move. Courtney Wilburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn spent the weekend with the J.W. Etheredges.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez went to Abilene on Monday morning and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Martinez. They all attended the funeral of Felix Garcia, Jr. which was held in Abilene.

We were pleased to have Tracy Carey from Fort Stockton at church Sunday. She was here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maule. She is the daughter of Scott and Charlotte Carey.

We were also pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underhill from Rotan at church. They were accompanied by their grandsons, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Posey.

Visiting with Linda Williams Wednesday were Retha Horton from Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Rosalee Harper and two children from Detroit, Michigan. Also there was Rosa Horton from Rotan. Linda really enjoyed their visit.

Jim and I went to Sterling City Wednesday, and met Mark and Melody there at Dr. McDonalds. We visited with Pete and Karen Fincher and baby Garrett and ate lunch with them. We came home late that evening. Melody and Mark bought a young mare from Dr. McDonald so they took it back with them. We sure enjoyed the day. We went to Abilene on Saturday, and then went back to Sterling City on Monday to pick up a Boxer (male) who was looking for a new home. He is sure a big, nice dog and our female, Daisy, should have some good

pups from him. Well, this is all for this week. See you next Thursday.

We have several more residents taking part in exercise with us since we have a new videotape to help us and we can see how to do them instead of just one that tells you what to do.

We would like to thank Donny Harbers and Mildred McQueen for the music Sunday morning.

A.B. Parker was here Monday morning and gave some of our residents haircuts. A.B.

cuts the residents hair every 6 weeks.

Visiting in the home last week were Naomi and Henry Thompson of Abilene visiting Vineta Goodman. Visiting Addie Seibert were Brenda Martin of Lamesa, Susan Griffith and Polly Matthes of Roby, and Lawrence and Addie Markham of Ft. Worth; visiting Bert Rushing was Rebecca Duprey of Albuquerque, N.M., Mary Castill of Houston and Rachel Belis of Dickinson visiting San Juana Sepeda. Belen Galan of Abilene visited

Helen Galan; visiting Eva McKimney were W.C. and Mary Koen of Early. Mr. and Mrs. James Nettleton visited Jewell Willingham and Fannie Albert. Also visiting in the home were Janie Devers of Snyder and Vera Weems of Rotan. We had several visitors that didn't sign our guest book.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Maude Gruben. Maude will be missed by the staff and residents.

Lora Cleveland

## Lousinda Ramirez Gets Scholarships

Lousinda Ramirez, Rotan High School Valedictorian for 1987, recently received notification of the following scholarships, according to her high school principal Jim Cain and high school counselor Patsy

Hamric: Presidential Achievement Award from Texas A&M University in the sum of \$2,500 per year for 4 years; James H. and Minnie M. Edmonds Educational Foundation Award in the amount of \$2,000 and it is also renewable for 4 years or more; Texas A&M University Engineering Scholarship in the amount of \$500 per year and it is renewable.

Texas Valedictorian Scholarship which exempts Lousinda from tuition for one year.

Lousinda is the daughter of Mrs. Clara Ramirez and the late Willie Ramirez. She is now residing in Legget Dormitory on the Texas A&M campus. The guaranteed dorm room was a part of the Presidential Achievement Award she received in June.

## Hobbs School Menu Released

Tuesday: Chicken strips, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple crisp, and milk.

Wednesday: Enchiladas, beans, salad, hot puffs, peaches, and milk.

Thursday: Steaketes, potatoes, corn, rolls, cake and milk.

Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce & tomatoes, cookies and milk.

Happy 25th  
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Jeff, Robyn, Jeffrey, Candi  
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## REWARD

For information leading to the arrest of person or persons involved in theft of a spray tank and motor from Terry Gin. Call Mickey Counts, Fisher County Sheriff. 776-2773.

## Funeral Held For Mrs. Hones Gruben

Mrs. Hones Gruben, 92, of Rotan, died Tuesday, August 18th at Rotan Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 20th, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Thurman Upshaw of Snyder officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gruben was born Maud Mae Taylor November 24, 1894 in

Callahan County, Texas. She came to Fisher County with her parents the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor, as a child and has lived here most of her life. She married Joe Hones Gruben, September 9, 1917 in the Pleasant Valley Community and they made their home in this area where Mr. Gruben was a farmer. Mr. Gruben died August 30, 1978. Mrs. Gruben was a member of the First

Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Valton of Tulsa; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Purser of Merkel. There are also four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

## Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from August 18 thru August 24 were: Richard Fleming; J.P. Self; Belle Hunsaker; and Kris Ivey, all of Rotan; Ronald Green; Gladys R. Holcomb; P.A. Martin; and Clarence Levens, all of Roby; Homer Hodges, Jayton; Cleo A. Bostic, Abilene.

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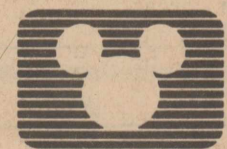
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# Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Assoc. Awards

The Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Association held their awards ceremony Tuesday evening, August 25, in Sweetwater. Fisher, Nolan, Scurry, and Kent counties were represented. Following is the list of winners and their cumulative results of four shows that were honored at the ceremony.

High Points: Regular Mares: 1. Shanna Hays-16; 2. Kristi Burrough-5; 3. Deana Schwartz-4; Curt Crisp-4.

Grand Mare: 1. Debbie Schwartz-17; 2. Marci Foster-12; 3. Will Kiker-5.

Regular Gelding: 1. Joseph Scott-27; 2. Melissa Scott-14; 3. Stephanie Frierson-12.

Grade Gelding: 1. Casey Smith-16; 2. Becky Roby-9; 3. Matt Kiker-6; Dustin Mills-6.

8 & Under: Showmanship: 1. Chad Smith-19; 2. Cliff Foster-13; 3. Chance McClure-10; 4. Justin Smith-10.

Barrels: 1. Tee Hale-16; 2. Cliff Foster-12; 3. Justin Smith-11.

Western Pleasure: 1. Chad Smith-15; 2. Justin Smith-11; 3. Cliff Foster-11.

Poles: 1. Tee Hale-16; Justin Smith-16; 2. Cliff Foster-9; Becky Frierson-9.

Horsemanship: 1. Chad Smith-16; 2. Justin Smith-12; 3. Cliff Foster-10.

Flags: 1. Tee Hale-20; 2. Becky Frierson-12; 3. Justin Smith-11.

Judged-All Around: 1. Chad Smith-50; 2. Cliff Foster-34; 3. Justin Smith-33.

Timed-All Around: 1. Tee Hale-52; 2. Justin Smith-38; 3. Cliff Foster-31.

All Around: 1. Cliff Foster; 2. Justin Smith; 3. Chad Smith.

Age Group 9-11: Showmanship: 1. Melissa Scott-16; 2. Melissa Burk-12; 3. Marci Foster-11.

Barrels: 1. Tommy Henderson-22; 2. Andy Hale-20; 3. Melissa Burk-12.

Western Pleasure: 1. Melissa Scott-20; 2. Marci Foster-14; 3. Melissa Burk-10.

Poles: 1. Andy Hale-20; 2. Melissa Burk-11; 3. Marci Foster-9.

Horsemanship: 1. Melissa Scott-15; 2. Melissa Burk-13; 3. Marci Foster-11.

Flags: 1. Andy Hale-20; 2. Melissa Burk-11; 3. Marci Foster-10.

Judged Champion: 1. Melissa Scott-51; 2. Marci Foster-36; 3. Melissa Burk-35.

Timed Champion: 1.

Andy Hale-60; 2. Melissa Burk-38; 3. Tommy Henderson-31.

All Around: 1. Melissa Burk-74; 2. Marci Foster-71; 3. Melissa Scott-68.

Age Group 12-14: Showmanship: 1. Joseph Scott-23; 2. Casey Smith-14; 3. Stephanie Frierson-12.

Barrels: 1. Debbie Schwartz-21; 2. Deana Schwartz-18; 3. Mindy Reynolds-10.

Western Pleasure: 1. Joseph Scott-21; 2. Becky Roby-18; 3. Casey Smith-13.

Poles: 1. Debbie Schwartz-19; 2. Deana Schwartz-15; 3. Casey Smith-14.

Horsemanship: 1. Casey Smith-18; 2. Becky Roby-16; 3. Joseph Scott-13.

Flags: 1. Debbie Schwartz-17; 2. Deana Schwartz-15; 3. Mindy Reynolds-14.

Judged Champion: 1. Joseph Scott-57; 2. Becky Roby-45; 3. Casey Smith-45.

Timed Champion: 1. Debbie Schwartz-57; 2. Deana Schwartz-48; 3. Mindy Reynolds-29.

All Around: 1. Debbie

Schwartz-95; 2. Casey Smith-87; 3. Joseph Scott-84.

Age Group 15-19: Showmanship: 1. Shanna Hays-5; 2. Wayne Sullivan-1.

Western Pleasure: 1. Shanna Hays-7; 2. Wayne Sullivan-1.

Horsemanship: 1. Shanna Hays-6; 2. Wayne Sullivan-2.

Judged Champion: 1. Shanna Hays-18; 2. Wayne Sullivan-4.

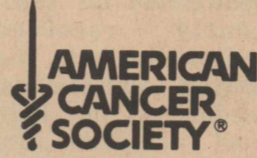
All Around: 1. Shanna Hays-37; 2. James Henderson-17; 2. Wayne Sullivan-6.

Barrels: 1. James Henderson-6; 2. Wayne

Sullivan-2. Poles: 1. James Henderson-5; 2. Wayne Sullivan-2; Stephanie Weaver-2.

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Timed Champion: 1. James Henderson-17; 2. Wayne Sullivan-6.



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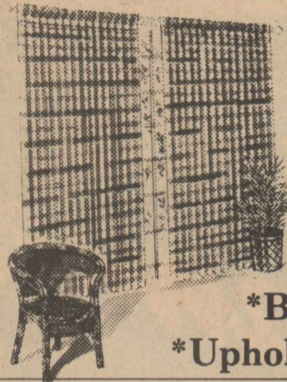
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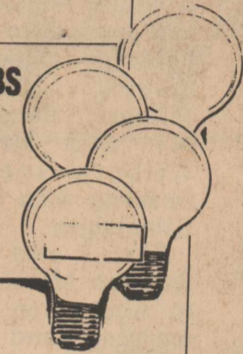
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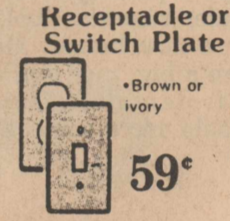
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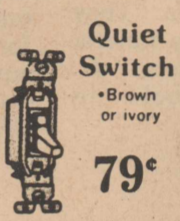
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The purpose of this notice is to inform you about your taxes. The 1987 effective tax rate is a tax rate that would levy the same amount of operating taxes the taxing unit levied last year on property taxed in both years, plus the amount the unit needs to pay certain long term debts this year. The rate is calculated as follows:

1986 maintenance & operations tax levy:	\$ 1,067,404	387,766	596,285	230,734	254,501	318,339	38,149	96,586	27,412
Less taxes levied to recoup 1985 appraisal roll errors and adjustments for lost value:	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equals adjusted 1986 maintenance & operations levy:	\$ 1,067,404	387,766	596,285	230,734	254,501	318,339	38,149	96,586	27,412
1987 total tax base:	\$ 229,485,220	227,210,423	64,838,915	26,790,815	35,559,678	30,613,920	7,713,927	18,437,587	32,203,692
Less adjustments for value of new property:	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equals adjusted 1987 tax base:	\$ 229,485,220	227,210,423	64,838,915	26,790,815	35,559,678	30,613,920	7,713,927	18,437,587	32,203,692
The adjusted 1986 levy divided by the adjusted 1987 tax base and multiplied by 100 equals the effective maintenance & operations tax rate:	\$ .46169 /100	.16939	.91187	.84839	.71556	1.038	.49454	.52369	.08491
Plus rate to correct for appraisal roll errors:	+\$ -0- /100	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Plus rate needed to pay debts and obligations:	+\$ -0- /100	.10308	.0871	.15792	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	.12103
Equals 1987 effective tax rate:	\$ .46169 /100	.27247	.99897	1.00631	.71556	1.038	.49454	.52369	.20594
1987 effective tax rate:	\$ .46169 per \$100 of value	.27247	.99897	1.00631	.71556	1.038	.49454	.52369	.20594
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt without publishing notices and holding a hearing is:	\$ .47554 per \$100 of value	.28064	1.02893	1.03649	.73702	1.06914	.50937	.53940	.21211
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt before taxpayers can initiate rollback petitions is:	\$ .49862 per \$100 of value	.29426	1.07888	1.08681	.77280	1.12104	.53410	.56558	.22241

This notice contains a summary of the calculations used to determine this year's effective tax rate. You can inspect the full calculations at \_\_\_\_\_.

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### SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

This taxing unit estimates that the following balances will be left in the unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	NONE	NONE	GENERAL OP.	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
			INTEREST & SINK.						
Balance	NONE	NONE	715,000	-0-	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

### SCHEDULE B: 1987 Debts Paid From Property Taxes

This taxing unit estimates that the unit will pay the following amounts out of property tax revenues for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes.

Description of Debt	NONE	GENERAL OBLIGATION	GENERAL OBLIGATION	GENERAL OBLIGATION	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	GENERAL OBLIGATION
Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	NONE	125,000	40,000	17,000	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	25,000
Interest to be Paid	NONE	97,518	13,395	35,953	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	11,251
Total Payment	NONE	222,518	53,395	52,953	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	36,251

Total Amount Required for 1987 Debt Service \$ -0- 222,518 53,395 52,953 NONE NONE NONE NONE NONE 36,251

Less Amount That Will Be Paid From Funds Listed in Schedule A \$ -0- -0- -0- -0- NONE NONE NONE NONE NONE NONE

Total To Be Paid from Property Taxes This Year \$ -0- 222,518 53,395 52,953 NONE NONE NONE NONE NONE 36,251

Amount Added in Anticipation That the Unit Will Collect Only 95% of its Taxes in 1987 + \$ -0- 11,711 2,397 2,787 NONE NONE NONE NONE NONE 2,728

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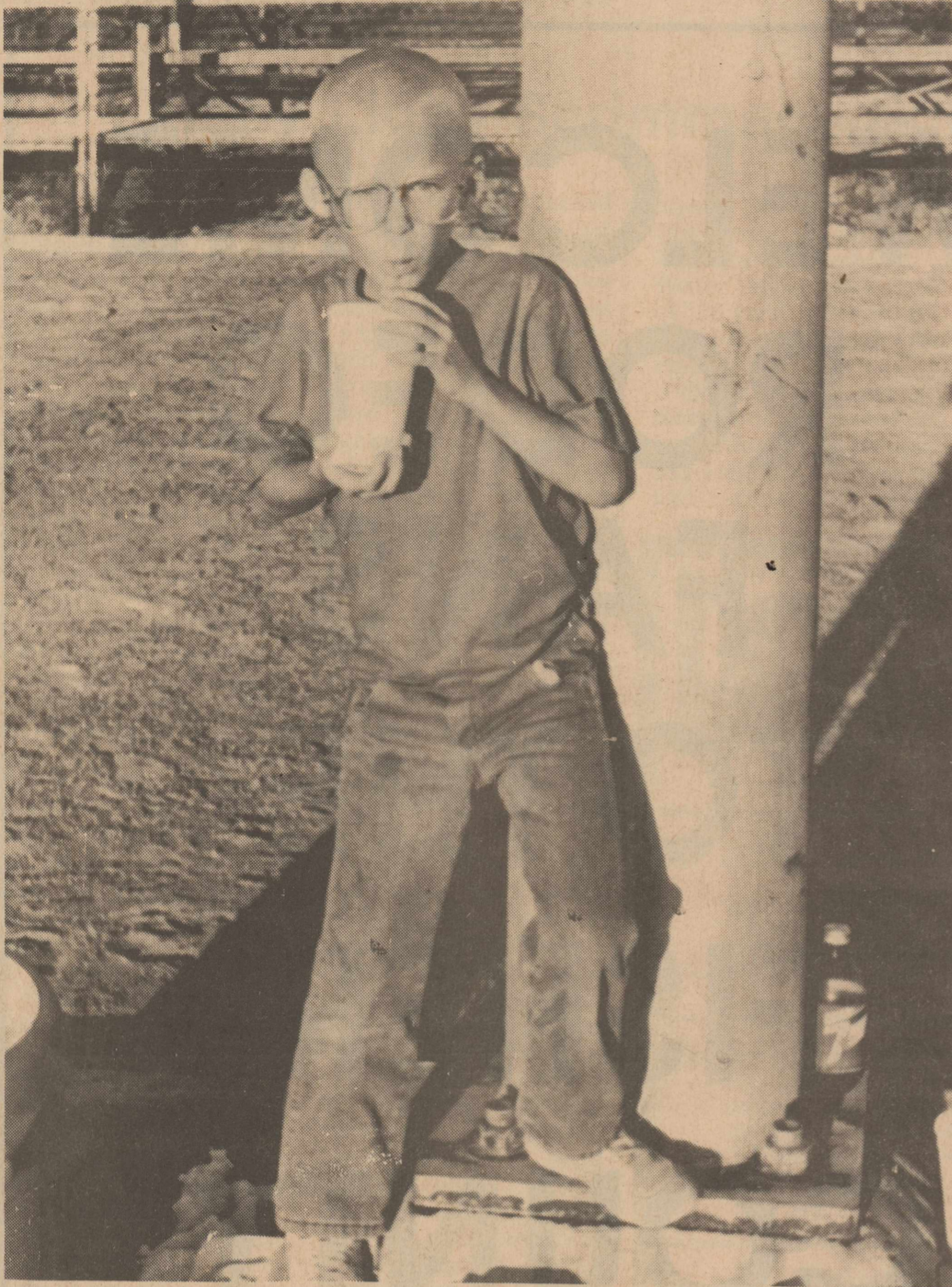
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### Registration Underway At CJC

Cisco Junior College's Director of Admissions, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through September 10 at the Cisco campus and all off-campus centers. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as September 10, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college

credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes begin on August 31 and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student. Mr. Odom said, "Cisco Junior College offers a wide range of opportunities for expanding knowledge. We're anticipating a large enrollment this year,

and we invite anyone, college age or older, to enroll in one of the many programs we offer." Students may register at the main campus in Cisco, at the Clyde Educational Center, or at the Abilene Center in Office Park West, Building B at anytime during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco (817) 442-2567; Clyde (915) 893-5976; Abilene (915) 698-2212.

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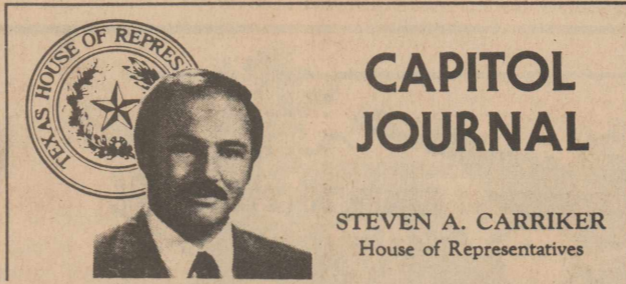
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#### STATE REVENUE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

As we begin this critical special session, State Comptroller Bob Bullock has again lowered his estimate of the amount of revenue the state can expect to receive in the 1988-89 biennium. Bullock now says that the Legislature has \$700 million less to work with. Gov. Clements acknowledges this loss, but in the same breath refuses to budge from his previous hard line of "no new taxes" in spite of continuing drops in state revenue. Although the spot price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil has moved to over \$20, Bullock cautions legislators that the state fiscal crisis is worsening. State taxes on oil are derived from the actual sale price for oil produced in Texas, but declining production is offsetting recent price improvement. In the "good old days", a \$1.00 increase in the price of oil used to the state. No more, Bullock says.

While the court-ordered prison reforms are causing havoc with the state budget now, a new court-mandated reform threatens to dwarf the prison spending crunch. A state judge on June 1 issued a final judgement declaring our state's public school financing system unconstitutional. The decision is currently under appeal by the state, but if the judgement is upheld, the state spending required to comply with constitutional requirements would make the prison crisis pale by comparison. As it now stands, the court ordered requires the Legislature and the governor to adopt to suitable financing program by September 1989 and implement that program by September 1990. The judgement will affect local school taxes and the state's overall expenditures for public education.

During the recent regular session, the Legislature passed favorable legislation to encourage rural economic development. One bill, by Rep. Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen), provides for small, low-interest, long term loans to displaced farmers, workers, and others who reside in rural areas for the start-up expansion of small business. Another bill approved by the Legislature provides the state Farm and Ranch Finance program more flexibility in issuing bonds to fund certain low-interest, long-term loans for young people in agriculture. Yet another agricultural development bill created the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to provide financial assistance for the growth, development and diversification of production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products.

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment which, if approved by Texas voters, would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue \$400 million in general obligation bonds for water projects. These projects would address water supply, water quality, and flood control needs. The Legislature also formed a Select Committee on Tax Equity to study our state's complicated tax structure. The recent plunge in state revenues from oil taxes has pointed out the great need for a comprehensive update in the state tax system. In spite of whatever solution to the current fiscal crisis the Legislature adopts this summer, the 1989 session of the Legislature is very likely to undertake a significant restructuring of the Texas tax system.

### Rotan Lunch Room Menu

Tuesday: Tuna fish & pimento cheese sandwiches; lettuce leaf; pork & beans; potato chips; walk to school cookies and milk.

Wednesday: Baked ham, whipped potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot rolls w/butter, strawberry cake and milk.

Thursday: Tacos w/taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, cornbread, jello and milk.

Friday: Corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, cheese wedge, fruit and milk.

### F.C. American Cancer Society

The Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society met Tuesday, Aug. 18th at the Rotan Lions Club building. Officers for 1987-88 are: President, Karen Gruben; Vice President, Bennie Reaid, Jr.; Secretary/Treasurer, Sheila Gruben; Crusade Committee Chairman, Dr. Jerry Marshall; Service & Rehab. Chairman, Gail Duke; Public Information Chairman, Mrs. Rudolph Martinez; Nominating Committee Chairman, Donna Springer; Memorials Chairman, Annie Henderson.

Awards were presented at the annual meeting to: Karen Gruben, Certificate of Merit; James Springer, First National Bank, Certificate of Appreciation; Kim Pease, Media Certificate. The following received the Sword of Hope Award: Veterans of Foreign Wars; Donna Kennedy; Leigh Nowlin; Gale Duke; Dr. J.A. Marshall; Sheila Gruben; Bennie Reaid, Jr.; Annie Laurie Henderson.

Bill Bailey, A.C.S. Field Representative congratulated members for the work and good efforts being done in Rotan. A light snack supper was enjoyed by all and plans were made to meet in September. Cards of reminder will be sent out.

### Fisher County Fair & Rodeo

The 42nd Annual Fair and Rodeo will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday with a parade through downtown Roby.

Scott Feagan, Glenn Upshaw and Kyle Moore will be in charge of the parade.

Rodeo performances will begin each night at 8:00 p.m. with C&C Rodeo Company of Childress producing the rodeo. Bobby Smith is Rodeo Chairman.

Fair and Rodeo Officers and Directors are Gary West, President; Bob Moore, Vice President; Richard Spencer, Secretary; Scott Feagan, Treasurer; Freddie Williamson, Gene Terry, Donald Coker, Jerry Hoodenpyle, Bobby Smith, Alice Ballenger, Jimmy Grisham, Danny Parr, Charlie Joe Moore, Jerry Upshaw, Lance McWilliams, T.C. Jinkens, Derwayne Rasco, L.H. Hicks and Todd Stevenson.

The Stock Show will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday with sheep. Chandra Scott of Abilene will judge the show. Gene Terry and Donald Coker will be the overall General Superintendents. Olin Dennis will be the Sheep Superintendent and Gene Terry will oversee the Beef Cattle.

The County Fun Roping will begin at 9:00 A.M. Saturday. A WTBA Barrell Race will be held immediately following the roping.

Rodeo tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students at the gate. Advance tickets are 25 cents cheaper.

Concessions will be run by Extension Homemakers during the day and the Roby Lions Club at night.

Jimmie Wright and Tommie Jack Stuart will be gate ticket chaimen.

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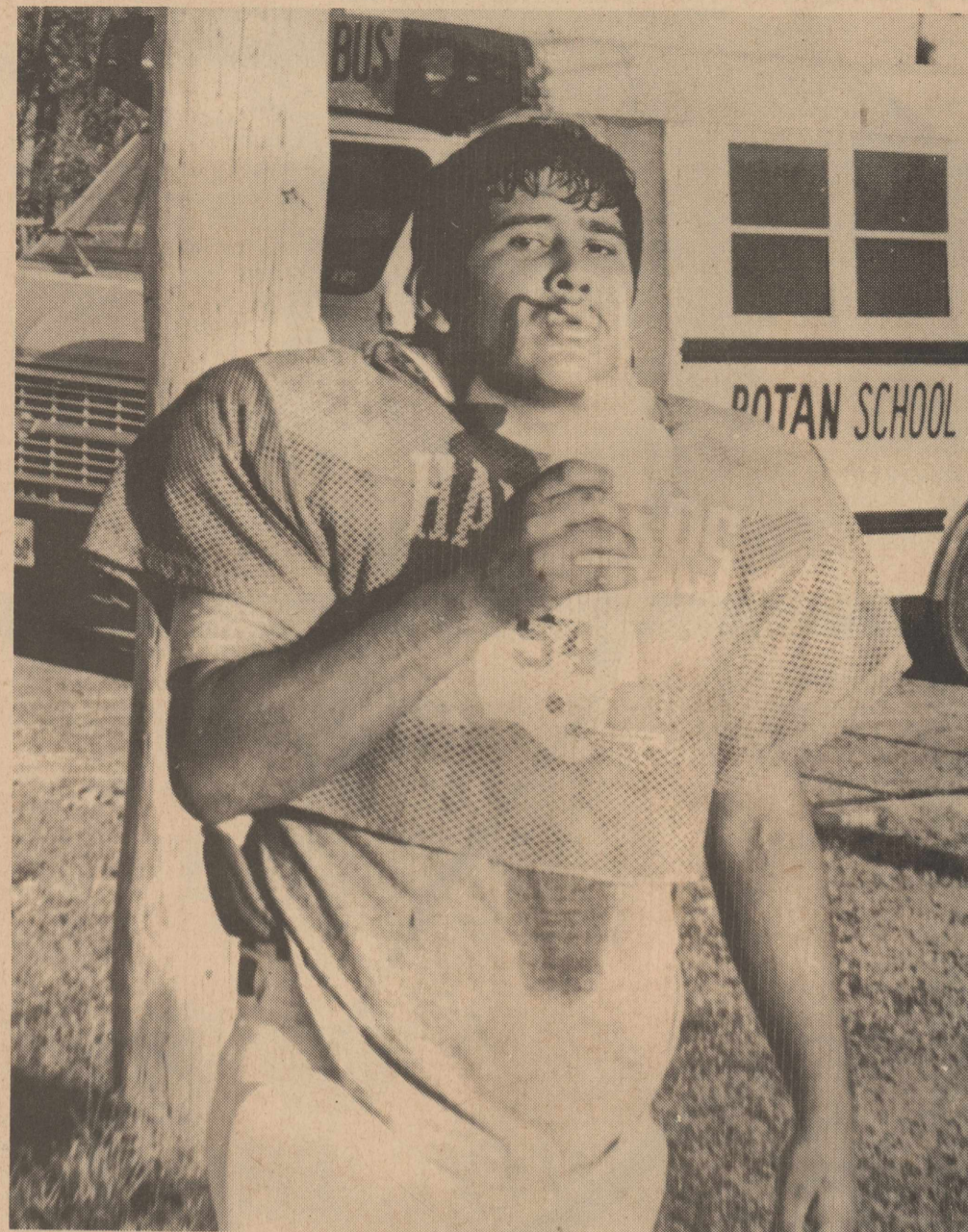


**DEFINITE CONTACT:** The above Roby Lion player makes contact with one of the Water Valley Wildcats in the first scrimmage of the season last Friday. The Lions will take on the Robert Lee Steers in their next scheduled scrimmage on August 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lion Field.

## McCormick Reunion Held

The children of the late L.E. McCormick held a reunion in the Claytonville Community Center on August 22 and 23, 1987. Those attending were: L.E. & Jean McCormick, DeLeon; Connie Dunn & Nelda Lee, Austin; Mr. & Mrs. Orel Dunn, Clyde; Vangie and Kathy. Vance Moore, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ranson, Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Laureua, Troup; Glenda McArthur, Brownwood; Faye and Verline Ruminer, Sweetwater; Steven, Mike and Wayne Reeves, Roby; Alene Reeves, Gayle, Molly, Meggin McCormick, LaRue Reeves, Betty Mauldin, Jerry Reeves, Glenda Lindsey and Justin Mauldin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Essary, all of Abilene; Oneal, James and David Mc-

Cormick, Carlsbad, New Mexico; James Rogers, Hobbs, N.M.; Jeff, Jennifer, and Jeffrey Laurens, Hobbs, N.M.; Mary Risser, Clyde; James and Irene Martin, Cheri and April Harris, Anson; Claude McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves, Irving; Wesley Rogers, Colorado City; Roy Puryear, Clyde; Jimmy Pippins, Jr., Big Spring; Wilma, Jimmy, and Heather Pippins, San Angelo; Audis and Geneva Moore, Graham; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McCormick, Dublin; Mike, Kelly and Micha Miller of Sweetwater; Louise Martin, Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Hawley and Butch Pippins, Abilene. All seven children of the late L.E. McCormick were present.



**BREAK:** Vicente Ortega finds a convenient break in the action Thursday as the Rotan Yellowhammers scrimmaged at O'Donnell.

## November Ballot To Contain Number Of Amendments

The November election ballot will contain a record number of proposed constitutional amendments, Secretary of State Jack Rains announced, after drawing numbers to determine the order in which the 25 amendments will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

For the first time in Texas history, Rains said two statewide referendas will be presented to voters. By law, those will follow the constitutional amendments, he said.

Local issues, if any, will follow the statewide questions. At least four counties have already decided to place local-option horse racing before their voters.

Gov. Bill Clements issued a proclamation designating the order for the two referendum propositions sent to voters by the Legislature.

The propositions, in the order of ballot appearance, are:

\*SB 86: Provides for retain the State Board of Education as an appointed-rather than elected-body. Unless voters approve this proposition, the board is scheduled to return to an elected group with equal representation throughout the state of Texas in 1989.

\*SB 15: Legalization of parimutuel wagering under the Texas Racing Act on a county-by-county local option basis.

Rains' drawing of paper slips out of a cowboy hat, set the proposed constitutional amendment ballot order as follows:

\*HJR 104: Provides for the surety of a grain warehouse fund to be established by the grain industry for the protection of farmers and depositors in public warehouse facilities.

\*HJR 60: To permit raising the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention districts, but only if approved by the districts' residents.

\*HJR 48: Permits limiting school tax increases on the residences of the surviving spouse of an elderly

person if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old.

HJR 5: Authorizes the Legislature to provide assistance for encouraging economic development.

\*HJR 65: Authorizes agreements between the State Department of Highways and Transportation, and the Texas Turnpike Authority and the governing bodies of the counties with a population of more than 400,000, adjoining counties and cities and districts located in those counties to aid turnpikes, toll roads and toll bridges, by guaranteeing bonds.

HJR 4: Allows the Legislature to provide for state financing of the development of Texas products and businesses.

\*SJR 55: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to corrections institutions and mental health and mental retardation facilities.

\*SJR 9: Provides that a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation granted to that office during the legislative term to

which he was elected. \*SJR 12: Allows the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain personal property.

\*SJR 12, Part 2: To allow the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property located in the state temporarily.

\*SJR 35: Permits spouses to hold community property with right of survivorship.

\*SJR 27: Allows for the creation and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

\*SJR 34: Would give the state of Texas a limited right to appeal in criminal cases.

HJR 35: Permits the abolishment of the office of county treasurer in Gregg, Fayette and Nueces Counties.

\*SJR 6: Providing that certain justice precincts may contain more than one justice of the peace court.

\*SJR 26: Allows the legislature to define for all purposes the governmental and proprietary functions of a municipality.

\*HJR 18: Relates to the creation, operation, and financing of jail districts.

\*HJR 88: Authorizes the issuance of general

obligation bonds to fund undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility sponsored or authorized by the U.S. government, and to make appropriate grants.

\*HJR 96: Allows the Legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief for certain offshore drilling equipment that is not in use.

\*SJR 17: Permits the Legislature to include the speaker of the House or speaker's appointee in the membership of an executive agency or committee.

\*SJR 53: Permits the Legislature to limit the authority of a governor to fill vacancies in state and district offices during the end of the governor's term if not re-elected.

\*SJR 54: Authorizes the issuance of an additional \$400 million in Texas Water Development bonds.

\*HJR 83: Allows a county to perform work, without compensation, for other governmental bodies.

\*SJR 5: Authorizes the Legislature to permit the Amarillo Hospital District to serve certain residents of Randall County.

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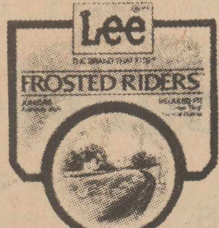


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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bookout of Dell City, Okla. are parents of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shipp of Jayton, are parents of the groom.

Wendi and Julie Ashby, daughters of the bride, served as flower girls.

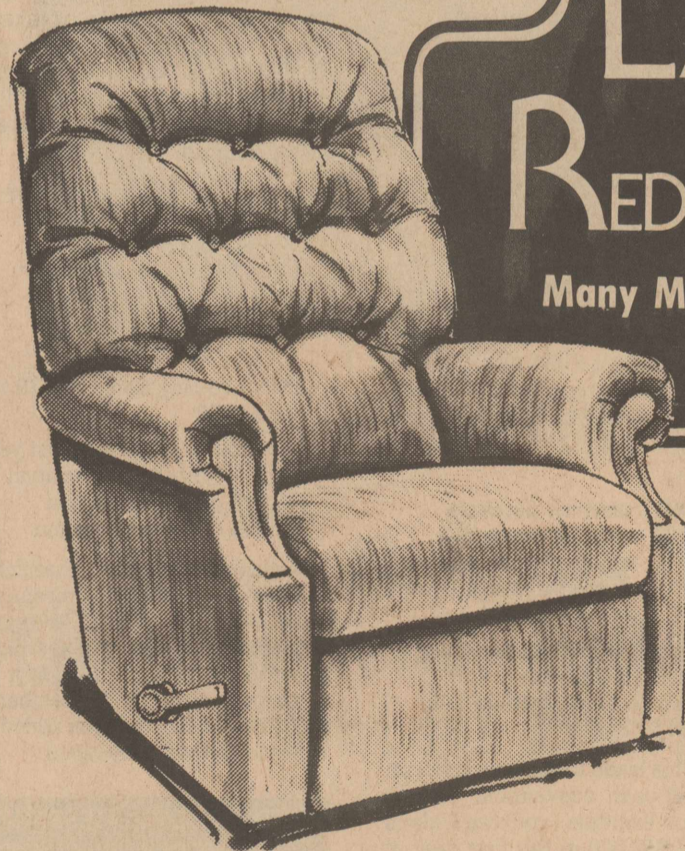
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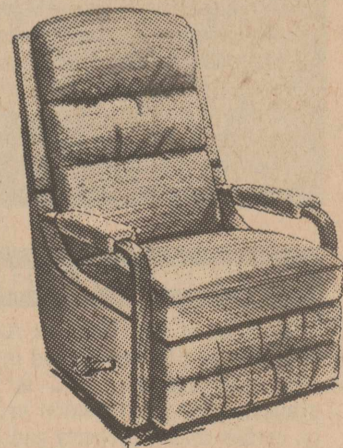


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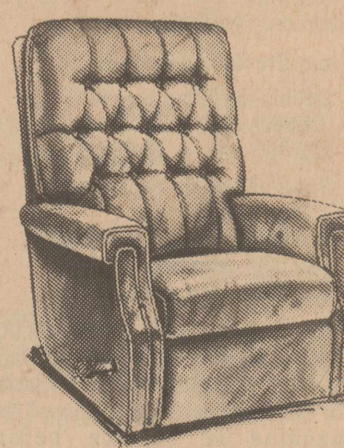
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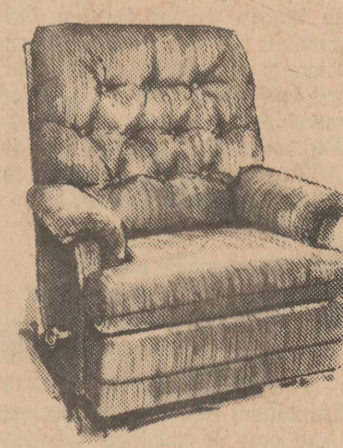
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### FmHA Directors Briefed In Washington

Vice President George Bush and White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Jr., headed a list of top White House officials who briefed Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) state directors recently in Washington. Texas FmHA State Director J. Lynn Futch participated in the briefing, which was held in the historic Indian Treaty Room at the White House complex.

In addition to Bush and Baker, OMB Director James C. Miller, III, and Assistant to the President for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs Frank J. Donatelli, took part. U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng attended the briefing and introduced Bush and Baker.

The briefing, which lasted approximately two hours, covered a wide range of topics, including budget, legislative and political forecasts.

Futch, who was appointed to his present position by Secretary Block, and other FmHA state directors were in Washington to attend an Administrator's Policy Meeting in near-by Alexandria, Virginia. The White House briefing was arranged by Secretary Lyng.

"It was certainly a thrill for me just to be in the same room with the Vice President and the Chief of Staff," Futch

said, "much less to have the opportunity to talk with them and ask questions. It's an experience I'll never forget."

Although the briefing was closed to the press, Futch characterized the reports as being "...sympathetic to the credit needs of rural America. While they certainly didn't portray themselves as agricultural experts, both the Vice President and Mr. Baker demonstrated a real sensitivity to what is going on in rural America, and

I believe they are on the right track in addressing some of our problems."

Futch also visited with members of the Texas congressional delegation on Capitol Hill and attended a private reception with Secretary Lyng and other USDA officials.

The purpose of the FmHA policy meeting was to review recent program and policy changes and to address upcoming areas of concern to FmHA state directors.



GRADUATE: Susie Cogburn recently graduated with her degree in Cosmetology from Western Texas College.

### Pastor's Column By Donny Harbers, Youth/Music Director First Baptist Church, Rotan

The Psalmist exclaimed in Psalms 71:23; "My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises unto you!"

The voice is one of God's greatest gifts to mankind. With the voice we can communicate our thoughts and feelings vocally. One of the key points of argument for creationism is that only man has been given the ability to communicate in an organized language with a voice. Further more we can enhance our verbal and emotional expressions with musical sounds of pitch, duration, and harmonies—WE CAN SING!

The Psalmist declared "I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" (Ps. 139:14) Part of the awe-inspiring and marvelous make-up of our bodies is the voice. Over and over again the Psalmist encourages us to use this marvelous gift of our voice to sing praises unto our great and mighty God. In Psalms 147:1 he writes: "It is good to sing praises to our God: for it is pleasant and our praise is comely" Our loving Heavenly Father wants us to praise him and what better way is there than to praise him through singing with the marvelous gift he has given us—The Human Voice.

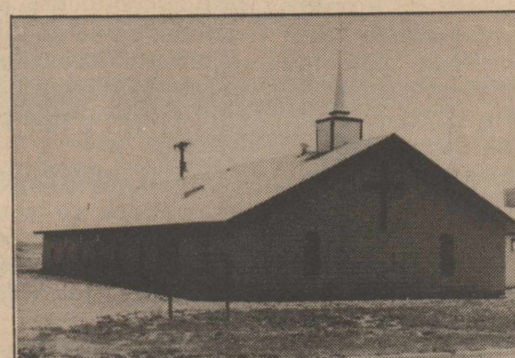
"O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." (Psalms 95:1-3).

To our many friends:

We want to Thank You for all the kind and special things you did for us during the loss of our loved one.

Your caring and thoughtfulness reflect more of His great love than our words could ever say. We could never repay you for your kindness and love, so we're asking God to Bless You in a special way, as only He can do. Again, Thank You.

The Family Of  
Carl Matthies



"...God has poured out His love into our hearts."  
Romans 5:5 NIV

## 1987 Tax Planning

It's important that you consider the provisions in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 with your tax advisor...and do it soon. You may even want to meet with your advisor soon enough to make some changes before the end of September if you want to take more in depreciation for 1987.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 shifted more of the tax burden toward business... toward farming. Specifically, the act moved to decrease the influence of tax on investment decision making. And that includes investing in capital inputs, including farm machinery.

Highlights of the provisions important to agriculture follow.

#### DEPRECIATION

A. Property classifications were expanded from four to eight. Each represents the time period during which property may be depreciated.

Three-year - purchased breeding hogs.

Five-year - beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, business automobiles, light trucks (pickups).

Seven-year - farm machinery, single-purpose agricultural structures (confinements), grain bins, fences, breeding and workhorses, cotton ginning assets.

10-year - mostly non-agricultural.

15-year - land improvements.

20-year - farm buildings.

27½-year - residential rental property.

31½-year - commercial property (mostly non-agricultural).

B. Expense Method Depreciation. Also known as the Section 179 deduction; can be used for farm machinery. In effect, allows for more depreciation the first year of ownership.

The old rules allowed up to \$5,000 to be claimed; increased to \$10,000 in the 1986 Tax Act.

Example:  
\$52,000 - machine purchase  
- 10,000 - expense depreciation  
\$42,000 - amount for regular depreciation (over seven years)

Limitation: Deduction phases out as the cost of qualified property placed in service during the year exceeds \$200,000. For every dollar

invested over this amount, the \$10,000 allowable expense is reduced by \$1.

C. How fast can you claim depreciation? For 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year property, you may claim depreciation under the 200% declining balance, or double declining balance method (also known as "fast" depreciation). In effect, that's twice the straight-line rate. Under the old law, the fastest you could depreciate these property classes was by a 150% rate. (For 15- and 20-year property categories, depreciation may be claimed using a 150% rate.)

Example:  
\$52,000 - machine purchase  
- 10,000 - expense method  
\$42,000 - amount to be depreciated over seven years

Straight-line method for seven years: \$6,000/year

Double-declining method (first year): \$12,000

D. This leads to another concept: the half-year convention. In the previous example, you can't claim the full \$12,000 in the first year of ownership. The tax law lets you claim only half this amount.

From Previous Example:

Double-declining method (first year): \$12,000

\$12,000 x ½ = \$6,000

Total allowable depreciation (first year):

\$ 6,000 - regular depreciation

+ 10,000 - expense method

\$16,000 - total depreciation

So, in the example of the \$52,000 piece of equipment, you could claim as much as \$16,000 in depreciation for the first year...if you placed this machine in service before September 30 if you are a calendar-year taxpayer.

E. Mid-Quarter Convention - another new wrinkle. If you place in service more than 40% of your property purchases during the last quarter of your taxable year - October, November and December for calendar-year taxpayers - then you're limited to claiming only half a quarter's depreciation for the first year.

Example: \$52,000 machine purchased in October:

\$52,000 - purchase price

- 10,000 - expense method

\$42,000 - amount to be depreciated over seven years

200% declining balance = \$6,000, or \$1,500

Allowable depreciation (first year):

\$ 1,500 - regular depreciation

+ 10,000 - expense method

\$11,500 - total depreciation

Buying this particular machine in October (or later), then, means you could take just \$1,500 in regular depreciation for the first year, compared to \$6,000 if you bought it just one month earlier, in September (or \$11,500 vs. \$16,000 if you added the expense method deduction.)

#### THE CLEAR MESSAGE:

Avoid placing major purchases in the last three months if you want as much depreciation as possible for the current year.

That means buying at least 60% of your capital inputs before September 30.

This is an important point to check with your tax advisor.

#### INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

Repealed in the 1986 Tax Act - effective for property placed in service after 1985 - ITC is now available only for transition property, certain timber property and farm finance lease property, including most types of farm equipment.

The credit remains for farm finance leases entered into through December 31, 1987, and enables John Deere Leasing Co. to provide lower lease payments. If you're considering leasing equipment through John Deere Leasing, you should consider doing so before the end of the year to get the lowest possible lease payment.

Two other provisions include:

(1) A qualified farmer can carry back up to \$750 unused investment tax credits for 15 years. The amount carried back is the lesser of: (a) 50 percent of the taxpayer's unused credits, (b) the taxpayer's net tax liability for the carry back period, or (c) \$750. A qualified farmer is someone who, during the last three years, derived 50 percent or more of gross income from farming.

For example, a qualified farmer who has \$1,500 in ITC carryforwards, and has paid \$750 or more in federal income tax during the prior 15 years, can elect to receive a \$750 refund.

(2) Otherwise, investment tax credits for a calendar year taxpayer are subject to a reduction of 35 percent (17.5 percent in 1987 and 17.5 percent in 1988.)

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 also affected several other areas important to farmers.

##### Capital Gains

The new law didn't change the character of gain from property as capital gain or ordinary income. But, beginning this year, it repealed the net capital gain exclusion (of 60 percent) for individuals. The maximum rate for long-term capital gains in 1987 is 28 percent. This provision affects persons who sell land or breeding stock.

##### Passive Losses

The tax bill changed how investors - including investors in farm property - can handle losses and credits from passive trade or business activities. Specifically, deductions from such passive activities may not be applied against other income as they have in the past - only against gains from those activities.

Losses and credits not allowed may be carried forward to offset income and income tax from passive activities in the future.

Key question: what is a "passive activity"? A taxpayer is considered "materially participating" if they are "involved in the operations of the activity on a regular, continuous and substantial basis." See your tax advisor for details.

##### Soil and Water Conservation

The rules for deducting soil and water conservation expenditures have been tightened to require that, beginning in 1987, the deductions be in accordance with a soil conservation plan or, where an SCS plan is not available, through a comparable state plan.

##### Preproductive Period Expenses

Significant changes in the new law have been made...changes that may require a farmer to capitalize, rather than deduct, costs involved in producing property such as breeding animals after 1986. If you have a cattle operation, you will want to see your tax advisor for more specifics.

##### Prepaid Farm Expense

New limitations were made on the deductibility of feed, seed, fertilizer and other farm supplies by farmers on the cash method of accounting. Amounts paid or incurred after

March 1, 1986, are deductible no earlier than when used or consumed to the extent prepaid expenses exceed 50 percent of total deductible expenses, including depreciation but excluding the prepaid expenses.

Two exceptions: you could continue deducting prepaid expenses even if expenses are greater than 50 percent of farming expenses for that year if the failure to meet the test results from such things as government crop diversion programs and fire, storm, flood or other casualty, disease or drought. Also, if an eligible farmer satisfies the 50 percent test on the basis of the three preceding taxable years, the prepaid expenses are deductible.

##### Land Clearing Expense

Repealed for clearing land to make it suitable for use in farming. You can still, however, deduct routine costs of maintaining pastures.

##### Discharge of Indebtedness

The new tax law modified the rules governing the discharge of indebtedness. It permits qualified farmers to reduce tax attributes (including the basis of depreciable property) instead of reporting the amount of discharge of indebtedness as taxable income in the year the indebtedness is discharged. See your tax advisor for details.

Best Advice:  
See your tax advisor.  
Soon.

This brochure and the videotape featuring Dr. Neil Harl can only highlight key changes in tax laws as they affect many farming enterprises. The information covered here can be a starting point for discussions between you and your tax advisor.

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### Activities



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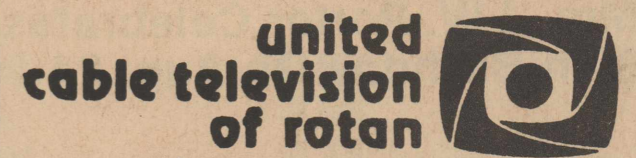
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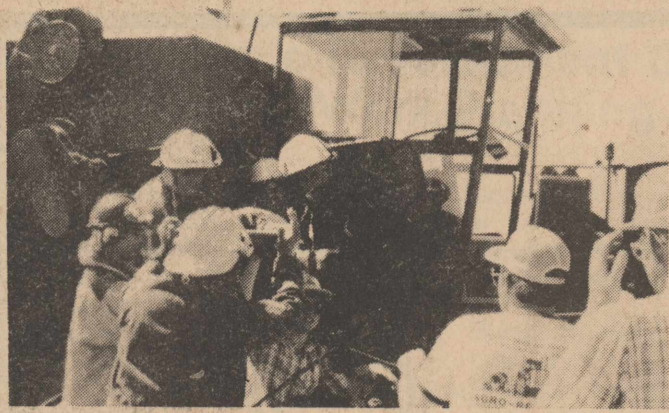
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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** Manuel Valdez leads team in rescuing "victim" from a combine accident at the AGRO-Rescue School. Other members on the team from Roby were Thomas Dickson and Todd Donham.

### Four Members Of The Roby Fire Dept. Attend School

Four members of the Roby Volunteer Fire Department attended the recent AGRO-Rescue School, sponsored by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Dept. The school was held at the Floydada Training Field and was conducted by the Fire Protection Training Division of the Texas A&M University Extension Service. The school is intended to give the Emergency Medical and Fire/Rescue personnel a little

forehand knowledge of what to expect when involved in a farm machinery accident.

The training showed that Emergency and Fire/Rescue personnel should not expect rescue equipment used in routine car accidents to operate as successfully at farm machinery rescues.

The Roby firemen attending the school were Thomas Dickson, Manuel Valdez, Todd Donham and J Donham.

### ACT Assessment Test

As the new fall term opens, more than one million high school juniors and seniors across the nation will move one step closer to college and other postsecondary plans by

registering to take the ACT Assessment.

The ACT Assessment, which consists of four academic tests that measure educational development and a detailed questionnaire that collects informa-

tion relevant to educational and career planning, is recommended or required by more than 2,700 postsecondary institutions and scholarship programs.

Most students take the ACT Assessment during junior year or early in senior year, so their results will be available in time for use in planning for postsecondary education and careers.

High school guidance offices have the information and forms students need to register for the ACT Assessment. ACT also provides free copies of the booklet, *Preparing for the ACT Assessment*, which contains information about getting ready for the examination, plus a complete practice test.

The basic registration fee for the Assessment is \$10.50. Late registration will be accepted for an additional \$10.00 late handling fee. For 1987-88, ACT has established this test date schedule:

Test Dates: October 24, 1987; registering deadlines, Sept. 25, 1987 late registration deadlines, October 13, 1987. Test date: December 12, 1987; registration deadline: November 13, 1987; late registration deadline: December 1, 1987.

Test date: February 27, 1988; registration deadline: January 29, 1988; late registration deadline: February 16, 1988.

### County Extension News

By Alice Ballenger

The "Center" of attention! That's what mature adults 55 and over will be at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when hundreds will enthusiastically participate in the Seventh Annual Octoberfest during September and October says Alice Ballenger, Fisher County Extension Agent-H.E.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, five consecutive weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose:

Octoberfest I-Sept. 29-Oct. 2; Octoberfest II-October 6-9; Octoberfest III-October 13-16; Octoberfest IV-October 20-23; Octoberfest V-October 27-30.

Features educational programs and activities offered a wide variety of topics to fulfill highest expectations of all who attend. Topics include exploring insurance options, cooking demonstrations, new tax laws, floriculture, and more. Energizing and relaxing recreational opportunities will

stimulate enthusiasm where all will welcome great fellowship and new friends.

Learning centers will offer "hands-on" experience in a variety of areas such as oil painting, will chime making, needlecrafts, antique restoration, country crafts, collectibles and more.

Boat rides, guided nature tours, and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to you stay. Swimming in the olympic-sized pool, lighted tennis courts,

horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games round out the event.

A special theme of "Southern Ladies and Southern Gentlemen" will provide a festive atmosphere to the newly expanded facilities.

Octoberfest! 55 or older? It's for you! Each weekly event is limited to the first 105 participants at the nominal cost of \$89 per person. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call you county Extension Office today at 776-2171.



**ROTAN YARD OF THE MONTH:** This month's award goes to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis of 609 E. Burnside. Pictured are their grandchildren Jenni and Zack Burns.

### New Service Offered At VA Medical Center

A 10-bed Rehabilitation Medicine Service has been established at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, according to Conrad Alexander, Director. The unit is under the direction of Dr. V. Malladi, who is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The Rehabilitation Medicine Service has full time Physical, Oc-

cupational and Recreational therapists, as well as a consultant in Speech Pathology. The goal of the service is to help patients with stroke, amputations, fractures and other disabilities to restore their functions to the fullest extent possible. This service also evaluates and provides for artificial limbs and braces for eligible patients.

### Fall Line-Up Released For TSTI

The Fall line-up of credit and non-credit evening and weekend classes at TSTI has been released and includes a wide variety of courses and topics.

Twenty different courses of interest to the general public are on tap for the Fall, according to Robert Musgrove, the school's Director of Special Programs. The schedule includes non credit courses in:

Class: Cabinet Making-Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$95; Investments-Tues.; Fee: \$25; Square Dancing-Wed.; Fee: TBA; Clay Sculpture-Tues.; Fee: \$25; Small Engine Repair-Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$65; Photo Darkroom Procedures-Tues.; Fee: \$60; Auto Air Conditioning Repair-Tues.; Fee: \$65; Kiddie Computing I-Sat.; Fee: \$25; Kiddie Computing II-Sat.; Fee: \$25; Cake Decorating-Mon.; Fee: \$20; Ham Radio-Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: Free; Radio Announcing-Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$45; Horseshoeing-Mon. & Thurs.; Fee: \$65; Motorcycle Rider Safety-Sat. & Sun.; Fee: \$15; Powderpuff Mechanics-Sat.; Fee: \$15; Welding-Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$75; LOTUS 1-2-3 (short course); Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$40; LOTUS 1-2-3 (long course); Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$60; dBase III Plus (short course); Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$40; dBase III Plus (long course); Tues. & Thurs.; Fee: \$60.

Refinishing; M-F; AOT 127 Information (Word) Processing; Tues. & Thurs.; DSM 133 Diesel Engine Troubleshooting; Tues. & Thurs.; CST 111 PC Computer Operations; Mon. & Wed.; CST 111 PC Computer Operations; Tues. & Thurs.; CST 121 Computer Applications (LOTUS); Tues. & Thurs.; CST 123 Computer OP. Sys. I (MS-DOS; Mon. & Wed.); CST 124 dBase III Plus Applications; Mon. & Wed.

Anyone wishing more information about non-credit class times, rooms, start dates, instructors and text or supply requirements should contact the Special Programs Department at TSTI at 235-8441 or 1-800-592-TSTI. Detailed schedules and course descriptions will be available. Anyone wishing information about the credit offerings should contact the Admissions Office at TSTI for enrollment forms and the specific department offering the class for course information.

For more information contact: Robert Musgrove, Director of Special Programs, TSTI-Sweetwater; (915) 235-8441, ext. 251; 1-800-592-TSTI.

### Mrs. J.W. Porter Celebrates 99th Birthday On Aug. 24

Family and friends gathered together at the Fisher County Nursing Home on Monday, August 24th to celebrate the 99th birthday of Mrs. J.W. Porter. Mrs. Porter was born Minnie Lee McCleskey on August 24th, 1888 in Erath County, the daughter of David Henry and Winnie Emoline (Morton) McCleskey.

She was married to James William Porter May 2, 1905 and they moved to Fisher County in 1906.

They came in a wagon to the Dowell Community, where they farmed for a time. After Rotan was organized in 1907, Mr. Porter went into the meat market business, which evolved through the years into the Porter Locker Plant. Mr. Porter passed away in 1958.

Minnie Porter has always been active in community affairs. She

taught Sunday School for many years in the Methodist Church and is a member of the Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Porter also has been a member of the Rotan Home Demonstration Club for many years. In 1975, she was nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Porter has five grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and nine great great grandchildren.

Attending her birthday party were her sons and wives Wayne and Nobia Porter, Wilbourne and Peggy Porter, grandchildren; Pat Porter; great grandchildren: Judith Hawthorn, Tonya Porter Jones, Aaron Porter, Trisha Porter; and great great grandchildren Joshua and Jessica Jones. Also attending was Opal Phillips. Punch and birthday cake were served in the dining hall.

### Rotan Booster Club Holds Membership Drive Aug. 22

Members of the Rotan Yellowhammer Booster Club held a membership drive in the downtown area of Saturday, August 22nd. The drive was very successful, with 59 new members being signed up. Many additional members are expected to sign up Tuesday evening when the club hosts an ice cream supper for the team. Prior to the ice cream supper the staff and players, will be introduced to the membership. A large turnout is expected for this meeting.

The first home scrimmage is scheduled for Friday, August 28th against Albany. Supporters are asked to bring donations of towels and soap for the team to use in the field house. It is hoped that a large turnout will be at the game to get the team off to the

start of a successful season.

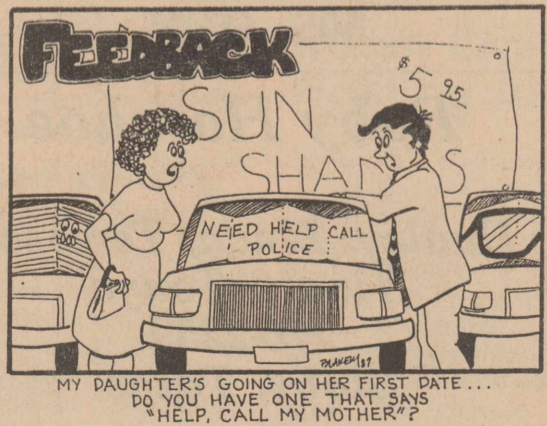
At the meeting on August 18th the club voted to purchase weight bars for the teams conditioning program. At upcoming meetings, the purchase of a leaping machine for the basketball program and an all sports banquet are going to be discussed.

Meetings are held every Tuesday evening in the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. Everyone in the community is urged to attend, so that we can receive as much input as possible and help to develop a first class athletic program. Don't forget, community support is essential to a successful program, just look at the Sweetwater Mustangs and the Cooper Cougars. Let's show them that we can do what they have done.

### Roby-Rotan Counselors Attend Conference

Marilyn Threlkeld, Roby school counselor, and Patsy Hamric, Rotan school counselor, completed a series of training classes August 3-7 at St. John's College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in Pre-college Guidance and Counseling entitled "Keeping the Options Open". This was presented by

College Board Southwestern Region under the direction of Dr. Martha H. Salmon of Austin, Texas. The course was designed to develop and enhance professional skills in facilitating students' transition from high school to college. Both counselors reported that extensive training was beneficial.





# "Fall Preview" Paint Sale August 26 To September 6th

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<b>Chemical Products</b>			
LD-30	Tru-Test Laundry Detergent .....	3.88 ½ Gal.	2.49
AC-20	Supreme Car Wash .....	2.98 Qt.	1.99
<b>Varnishes &amp; Stains</b>			
012/039/055	Supreme Polyurethane Varnishes .....	5.98 Qt.	4.98
<b>Primer</b>			
1267	X-O Rust Red Metal Primer .....	5.98 Qt.	4.98
<b>Specialties</b>			
XOS-1	X-O Stain Primer/Sealer Stain Killer .....	16.98 Gal.	10.98
		5.88 Qt.	4.88
		3.38 Pint	2.78
CS-1	Tru-Seal Clear Waterproofing Coating .....	13.98 Gal.	7.98
SE-1	Stripz-Em Paint & Varnish Remover .....	4.88 Qt.	3.98
KE-1	Kleenz-Em Brush & Roller Cleaner .....	4.98 Qt.	2.98
SE-1 (Spray)	Stripz-Em Paint & Varnish Remover/14.5 Oz. Net. Wt. ....	3.68 Qt.	2.58
86	Special Latex Caulk Cartridge .....	3.98	2.98
		1.48	.99
<b>Enamels</b>			
XO	X-O Rust Enamel .....	5.98 Qt.	4.98
		3.98 Pint	3.98
		2.58 ½ Pint	1.98
XO-10	X-O Rust Aluminum Paint .....	5.98 Qt.	4.98
<b>Spray Finishes</b>			
SVS	Servess Spray Enamel .....	1.29	.99
XO	X-O Rust Spray Enamel .....	3.08	2.78
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## Economic Development Commission Conducts Work-Planning Session

City Savings in Rotan, Thursday night, hosted a meeting of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission. A majority of the Commission members and their wives with 10 other interested residents participated in an important work-planning session. Thursday's meeting of the EDC like all meetings was open to interested residents.

Dr. David Morris, EDC Chairman and Mr. Greg Wortham, Legislative Aid to State Representative Steve Carriker, reviewed the current status of development projects. Leading the list was the November 2-5th meeting of national, state and regional consultants to the Fisher County 4 Day Development Planning Conference.

On November 2nd, Fisher County 4-H Clubs will sponsor a welcome dinner for the consultants. The dinner will be held in the Rotan Community Center on the night of their arrival. An opportunity to exchange views with them is planned. An extensive county wide invitation list is now being prepared to assure an active participation of outstanding county citizens. Mrs. Kathy Spencer, Representative Carriker's Fisher County Office Manager, is organizing the 4-H efforts. Suggestions of names to be placed on the guest list may be given to ED Commission members or Kathy Spencer.

The conference will be provided working space, telephone and stenographic services in Roby by the REA Electric Coop and the offices of Representative Carriker. Attending the 4 Day Planning Project are representatives from the National Rural Electric Cooperatives, Washington, D.C., West Texas Utilities, Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Agriculture Extension Service. All costs will be funded by participating agencies and corporations. This is equivalent to a \$10,000 grant.

Participation by federal government agencies has not yet been finalized. Commission members, Parker Wetsel and Dr. Morris have been in touch with Congressman Stenholm in making these arrangements. Due to Congress being in recess it may be more suitable to hold an additional planning session after the first of the year. At that time, federal agencies would be asked to provide other leadership efforts toward Fisher County's economic development.

During a "brainstorming" portion of the EDC meeting, a number of development possibilities were discussed. Dr. Morris encouraged the participants to approach the task of getting new ideas, differently than the job of operating a farm or business. He said, "when operating a farm, one has to remember that there is a limit on one's time and money. If we forget that, we run the danger of spreading ourselves too thin and we lose it all." Morris went on to say, "however, when trying to come up with new ideas for economic development, the first step is to come up with any idea that comes into your head. Avoid the temptation to say it won't work. Later on, when the ideas are looked at more carefully, we'll find that 9 out of 10 are no good. But for the present, we're look-

ing for ideas-any ideas. Tonight is not the time to pass judgement on the ideas being good or bad."

Greg Wortham said "The purpose of 'brainstorming' is to bring together ideas that will be passed in advance to the consultants that will be in the county for the November planning conference." He urged those at the meeting to discuss with their friends any ideas they might have and pass them along through Dr. Morris to the consultants. Dr. Morris can be contacted at the Blue Haven Motel in Roby.

A number of useful ideas were brought forth at the meeting. With the participation of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Abel, newly relocated retirees, now living in Rotan, the meeting was reminded of the importance of finding ways to encourage retired persons to return to Fisher County. Their comments brought out the need for appropriate, modestly priced housing.

Commission members said that the City of Ft. Worth has been contacted to inquire about the operating and funding procedures used in the Ft. Worth lottery of unoccupied houses acquired by the city for back taxes. This idea was presented along with the idea of building modestly priced, no interest houses that would attract self-supporting retirees from big city areas to Fisher County.

Mr. Pete Hohon, the new Director of Nursing and Assistant Administrator at the Fisher County Hospital, contributed the idea of looking into including all the residents in Fisher County in a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). An HMO is a complete coverage insurance plan that could be administered through our hospital district, a national insurance company and a federal agency.

Reporting on an idea being explored with the F.B.I., Reverend and Mrs. Alvin Petty, First Baptist Church of Roby, said they had written to the Public Information Office in Washington and talked with the regional agent. Their letter was to see if any state of community had erected a national memorial or national memorial gardens to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Their discussion with the regional F.B.I. agent indicated that approximately 300-400 county, state, and federal law enforcement officials die each year while performing their official duties.

A possible idea for Fisher County would be to design, build and maintain a National Memorial Garden to Law Enforcement Officers who have died in service. The gardens would be something like the Viet Nam Memorial Wall where each officer's name is inscribed in stone. The gardens could be designed to make use of our cacti, and other plants natural to West Texas. Funds to erect and maintain such a national memorial would be raised nationwide. It was thought that tourism and a number of new retail businesses could be linked to such an enterprise. The Chairman, Dr. Morris, made a point at this stage of the meeting by asking "would people come to Fisher County if Disney Land was here?" The answer was yes.

"Likewise, people can be expected to come to such a national memorial, regardless of

where it is located."

Dr. Jerry Marshall, Mayor of Rotan, encouraged the Commission to continue its efforts to find some means of residentially serving youth, who may have come from broken homes or facing other problems of adjustment to the adult society. He also said the Rotan Chamber of Commerce and the Fisher County Economic Development Commission hopefully could jointing publish a promotional brochure.

The need for a Retirement Center for elderly, active Fisher County residents was presented. It would not be a nursing home but more like a modestly priced residential hotel. Along this line, the need for an inexpensive Life-Line type of program connected to the hospital was presented. It would serve as a mobile emergency system for persons who live alone or for heart patients out on tractors.

Richard Spencer, Fisher County Agent, was congratulated for promptly inquiring into an alternative crop of grapes for drying (raisins). Unfortunately, his study showed that field drying of the grape is necessary for economic reasons. Fisher County normally gets rain when the grape drying should take place. Artificial drying would make the crop non-competitive with California raisin producers. Commission members suggested that maybe we should explore if there is much of a market for sunflower oil. Since wild sunflowers grow well here, possibly an alternative cash crop would be a hybrid sunflower.

The meeting concluded with an added appeal for ideas to be made available for use by our planning consultant.

### S.F.C. Calvin Jones Returns From Korea

S.F.C. Lloyd Calvin Jones, son of Erna Lee Jones of Sweetwater (formerly of Claytonville) returned to El Paso, Texas August 21st after serving one year in Korea. He was stationed at Camp Humphreys, near Seoul, with Company B, Military Intelligence Battalion.

He will be home until Sept. 1st, at which time he reports to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He will be stationed there one year, then be ready for retirement, after having served twenty years in the service. He has been stationed several places, here in the states and those overseas include Hawaii (on the island of Oahu), Sinop, Turkey; Berlin, Germany and Korea.

His wife, Ginger (formerly of Roby) and daughter, Shelley M'Lynn reside in El Paso.

Calvin received a hearty welcome home, by his friends and neighbors, when the family returned home from the airport. They found yards of yellow ribbon tied to three limbs, shrubs and etc., and a large "welcome home" sign that covered the double garage doors. This was even a surprise for Ginger and Shelley.

### Eaton-Winters Reunion Set

The Eaton and Winters reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 6, Labor Day Weekend at the Rotan Community Center.



CHEERING FOR ROTAN JV: The above cheerleaders will be leading the cheers for the Rotan JV team this season, left to right: Tiny Carreon, Sherry Connors, Shannon Boone and Denise Powell.

### R&R Acrostars To Be In County Parade

The R&R Acrostars will participate in the Fisher County rodeo and fair parade Thursday, August 27th in Roby. All members are urged to come be a part of the parade. Everyone is asked to line up at Buddy's Automotive,

which is across from the Silver Spur in Roby, between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. Members need to wear their competition suits, R&R t-shirts and shorts or a black leotard if they have one.

Those students who wish to participate in

the tumbling exhibition are asked to meet at the pink building at the fairgrounds in Roby, Saturday, August 29th by 9:45 a.m.

### Secret Pal Club Meeting

The Secret Pal Club met Wednesday, August 19 at the Senior Citizens Building. They played bingo and had refreshments.

Hostesses were Lillie Herron and Dean Reaves. Attending were: Opal Burch, Bessie Eaton, Bertha Allen, Clara Rogers, Mrs. Neal, Dean Reaves, Oma Long, Lenora Streetman, Tresa Dycus, Gay

Henry, Christine Rackley, Emma Loyd Morris, Annie Lee Martin, Anna Knox, Linda Carter, James Carter, Gayle Carter, Helen Thornburg, Gladys Farrar, Lorena Darden, Aurora Martinez, Maude Anderson, Hazel Hudnall, Mary Allen and Virgie Weems. Guests were: Orlena Lay and Buffie Shipp.

### Beef Cattle Program Set For September 1st

A Beef Cattle Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, 8:00 p.m. at the courthouse annex in Roby.

A very good program has been lined up by the Livestock Committee. Ray Etheredge, General Manager of Caprock 1 & 2 Feed Yards in Grover will

speak on Controlling Risks and Different Ways of Contracting Stocker, Feeder and Fats.

Nelson Adams, Area Livestock Specialist, will talk on Stocker Management and Use of Home Grown Feeds in Livestock rations. The public is invited.

### Trintiy Bible Studies To Be Held At FUMC In Rotan

Those interested in signing up for the Trinity Bible Studies program at the Rotan First United Methodist Church are asked to contact the pastor, Terry C. Lowe, at 735-2334 or 735-2352, or Janis Collins at 735-3232 no later than Sunday, August 30. This semester begins on Thursday, September 17 and the

Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) will be studied. The course is non-denominational, and the cost is \$5.00 for the material and \$3.00 for is non-denominational, and the cost is \$5.00 for the material and \$3.00 for the optional vinyl notebook binder. Classes will meet weekly for ten weeks.

### Roby Soccer Fall Season To Begin On Sept. 5th

Roby's soccer fall season is about to begin. Registration will be Saturday, Sept. 5, 9:30-2:30 p.m. at the Roby courthouse annex. Registration fee will be \$17.50, this will include new uniforms and insurance.

There will be an all-girls team in each age group permitting enough interest.

Coaches will be needed for the all-girls team and cold teams. If you are interested please contact Karan McClure, 776-2541. A coaches meeting will be Monday, August 31, 6:30 p.m., at the Snyder bank building. We will be holding a coaches clinic in Roby for all new Roby coaches to learn the basics of soccer.

### Rotan Church Of Christ Hosting Area Wide Singing

The Rotan Church of Christ is hosting an area wide singing this Sunday, August 30th from 2:30 til 4:00 in the afternoon. The ladies of the congregation will provide a pot luck noon meal and visitors are

welcome. The singing will be congregational and if you haven't heard acapella singing, we believe you will enjoy this," said Don Dawes, minister of the Rotan Church.

### Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners will hold a hearing on the 1988 budget at 9 a.m., Sept. 8, 1987 in the Commissioners Court Room, Courthouse, Roby. Marshal Bennett County Judge 29:1tc

### Rotan High Registration

Any student who was unable to register last Wednesday or Thursday when Rotan High School registered is urged to come to the high school this week to confer with Mr. Cain or Mrs. Hamric and get started on time. If you have questions, please call 735-3041.

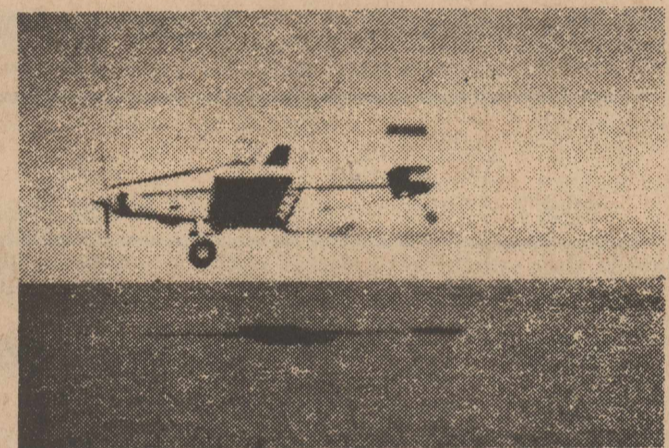
### Immunization Clinic Set For Sept. 2nd

The Texas Department of Health will be providing their Comprehensive Clinic/Immunizations on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1987 at the Roby Annex from 9:15 a.m. til 12:00 noon and 1:00 til 3:30 p.m. Parents or legal guardians must accompany infants or children. A small fee will be charged for this service. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 235-8368, or 776-2178.

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## News From Down South By Bertha Warren

It's time once again for the Fisher County Fair and Rodeo. Hope the weather will be pleasant so everyone will come out and have a good time.

Tyler Ogden of Midland spent his first night alone with his

great grandparents, Ed and Ollie Ogden Friday. His dad Greg and a friend went fishing and let him stay over night before returning home Saturday night.

The McCormick reunion was held at the Claytonville/Capitola Community Center Friday, Saturday and Sun-

day. About 60 from all over Texas and New Mexico registered.

Visiting Jewel Ratliff over the weekend were Dot and F.A. McCain of Rising Star. They came Thursday and left Friday. Then on Saturday, Richard Ratliff and children, Ryan, Courtney and Ashley from

Monahans spent the night with her. Ryan had spent a few days with his other grandparents in Wichita Falls and Richard and the girls went to pick him up. Janice was in Lubbock doing some shopping and visiting with friends.

The Cavitt reunion will be at the home of Charlie and Thelma Smith this year, the 5th of Sept. in Roby. We're sorry we left a part of Thelma's birthday party out of last week's paper.

Along with her birthday the 16th, was her granddaughter Cindy's the 13th; her great grandson, Brandon Law, the 5th and great granddaughter, Rachel Ronson was one year on the 8th.

Lowell and Helen Thornburg's grandson, James Allen Carter, helped his grandmother celebrate her birthday Sunday. He was 13 the 22nd and Helen's was the 18th. Helping them celebrate were Gwen and Marion Carter and Linda and Barbara Scrivner. Happy birthday to all of these folks.

### Roby Schools To Begin Classes On Sept. 1st

Roby schools will open their doors for classes to begin on September 1. Buses will run at 7:00 and arrive at school at 8:00 a.m. Regular school hours will be in effect.

### Rotan Summer Reading Club Completed

The Rotan City Library Summer Reading Club will meet August 31. All young readers are encouraged to return all books checked out over the summer and pick up certificates from the Library.

Louella Waddell's nephew, Bobby Slaton from Dunn, that had the wreck has been moved to Hendricks with a broken neck. He is showing some improvement and we hope he will be much better soon.

Lolly Whitworth of Ft. Jackson, South Carolina writes home that she has passed all her requirements, and will be in training for 8 more weeks.

The Quilting Club has

not been doing much this summer but will start back again the 3rd of Sept. May Rogers will have the quilting and they hope to see everyone back as most of the hot weather will be behind-hopefully.

Londa Jones of Wisconsin and LaRue Stevens of Indiana, enjoyed visiting with their aunt and uncle, Mary Lou and Truett Eaton of Ft. Stockton, Texas, last week.

Calvin Jones called

his mother, Erna Lee, Saturday and was very happy to be home, even though it took him 28 hours to get there from Korea.

Steve, Tachie, and girls from Snyder, came out to see us Sunday for a cookout. We talked with Brian Warren Friday and he was leaving for school at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Summer is winding down and time to start looking out for school kids as they sometimes forget to

watch where they are going in their happy "glad to be back in school life".

Most of the cotton fields are full of white and red blooms. Kind of late but sure are pretty. I'm sure those living on the farm remember the saying about the cotton blooms, "first white, then red, 3 days later, then dead".

See you all at the fair and rodeo. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

## Memories Of The Class Of 1947

The old Primary School (rythm bands and recess)--Grammar School (chasing bats and skinning knees on the gravel hill)--High School (climbing up and down three steep flights of stairs and chunking things out the second and third story windows.)

Mr. and Mrs. Railsback--Mrs. Yantis--Mrs. Tillotson--Miss Smith (later Mrs. Kennedy)--Misses Josie and Delila Baird--Mrs. McDonald--Lester Burk, Mr. Simmons, and Tommy Toland--Coaches Red Howard, Ocie Mott Isbell, and James Day--our trainer H Govan--and Mr. Head (our custodian for many years.)

The man shortage in 1944-45 when the Junior and Senior boys went into the armed services--War Bond Rallies--Newspaper drives--Patriotic parades--a certain group of Freshman putting chopped onions in the Senior lockers--Marching in the pep squad and how cold it was riding to the football games in the back of a cattle truck because of the gasoline shortage--our football banquets in the sky room of the old Bluebonnet Hotel--the Majestic and the Lance Theaters and going to the midnight preview--Boy-Girl parties and playing post office and Spin the Bottle--Learning to dance--Jitterbug at Aub's in

Roby--Our school rivalry with Roby--Bobby Socks--Penny Loafers--Skinny-legged pedal pushers--wearing our Dad's long tailed shirts--Rotten egg fights with eggs from J.O. Roberts Hatchery--The Choral Club--Las Vaqueros and our trip to Mexico City in a school bus--slumber parties with lots of snacking and giggling, hoping we'd have visitors, and we usually did--Pep Rallies in the auditorium and on the school steps--Boys shooting marbles--Spitwad fights--Basketball and volleyball on outside courts before we had a gym--Kings and Queens and coronations--Best All-Around Boys and Girls and Sweethearts--Going to Chapel in the auditorium--sitting in the balcony--The old Grand Piano--Going to 8th period study hall--Donuts fresh from Gilberts Bakery--a good hamburger and a cold pop from John's for 25 cents--cold watermelon from Leon Ice Co.--Going on watermelon raids--Eating in the lunch room--Riding in Shehast--FFA trips to Fort Worth Stock Show--Firecrackers--Gatherings on the High School front steps--Junior and Senior Plays--Initiating the Fish-playing hokey and two girls who tried it one time, got caught, and

kicked out of the National Honor Society--cooking and sewing in Home Ec.--riding the school bus (not many cars were available).

Wanda Knight, Irene Allen, Doris Ashton, Billie Fancher, Morris Forgy and Fay White getting married--our football stars: Dalton Arrington, Darrell Underhill, and Jesse Crow (2nd String All-District)--Our Cheer Leaders: Betty Kennedy and Wynoma Hull--Our Flag Bearer: Laverne Gruben--Our King and Queen: Darrell Underhill and Betty Kennedy--Our Poet: Jane Gray--our artists: Ruth Higgins, James Adams, Jesse Crow, and Dalton Arrington--Our songbirds: Kenneth McCright and Laverne Gruben--Our musician: Ava Nell Deel--Our scholars, who won Herff-Jones Awards: Rita Branscum, Ava Nell Deel, Jane Gray, Mary Beth Hunter, Kitty Burk, and Barbara Smith--Our Valedictorian: Lola Jo O'Briant--Our Graduation Night--Our senior trip to Austin and San Antonio on a Greyhound Bus--

These are some of the memories of the Senior Class of 1947. Our school days were the best periods in our lives and at the time--we didn't appreciate them!!!

### Pink Ladies Meeting Set For Sept. 2nd

There will be a meeting of the Pink Ladies on Sept. 2nd at Fisher County Hospital at 10 a.m. Please make plans to attend, as this will be the first meeting we have had since May. All you Pink Ladies please come and bring a new volunteer with you. Anyone who wishes to become a Pink Lady is welcome, so please remember Sept. 2nd at 10 a.m.

### Carol Byrd Gets Position At Humana

Carol Byrd has been named Associate Director of Radiology at Humana Hospital in Abilene. Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byrd of Rotan.

### Roby Open House For New Cafeteria

Roby schools will host an open house during regular school hours on Monday, August 31st for the new cafeteria just completed this past summer.

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