

Rotan Council To Look At Water Rate Increase

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

The members of the Rotan City Council listened to a proposal by City Secretary Harold Sanders outlining his recommendation that water rates be increased by \$1.00 on the minimum 2,000 gallons increasing the rate from the current \$7.50 to \$8.50 and increasing the cost per 1,000 gallons after the minimum from the current \$3.00 to \$3.50. The Rotan City Council is expected to address the need for a rate adjustment at the March meeting. If the council passes Sanders recommendation, based on last years water consumption, Rotan residents will be paying approximately \$67,000.00 a year more for the same gallons.

One reason for the increase, according to information put out by Sanders, was a \$42,909.59 balance due bill

Rotan City Secretary Harold Sanders Proposes Increasing The Charges For Water By \$67,000.00 - By Increasing The Minimum By \$1.00 And Each 1,000 Gallons Over The Minimum By .50.

that the City of Rotan received from the City of Snyder. Under the agreement to purchase water from the City of Snyder, Rotan agreed to pay the actual cost of water plus 10%. The actual cost of the water is not determined until the end of the year. During the year, Rotan pays an estimated cost. During 1994, Rotan paid \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons of water purchased. They purchased 134,080,100 gallons at \$1.10 amounted to \$147,484.15. The actual cost of the water was \$142 per 1,000 gallons which computed to be \$190,393.74. The amount owed less

the amount paid amounts to \$42,909.59. Sanders is hoping the council goes along with some form of increase in the water rates.

Rotan residents have been paying a \$3.00 per meter service surcharge for the past three years that was supposed to go into a fund to take care of future deficits just like the \$42,909.59 Rotan is now facing. The funds have not been set aside. For the past four months, October 94 - January 95 funds have been set aside amounting to approximately \$11,150.00. Instead of there

being some \$90,000 in the fund (\$2,500 a month for 36 months since the \$3.00 assessment began in March 1992) there is only \$11,150 in the fund.

Rotan City Council members in 1994 paid approximately \$147,484.00 plus the shortage amount of \$42,909 for water. That water which cost the City of Rotan \$190,393.00 was sold by the City of Rotan for \$414,000. The City of Rotan made a profit on the sale of water in 1994 of approximately \$223,600, before direct attributable expenses.

If the Rotan City Council members go along with the increase Sanders is requesting, assuming the water consumption in 1994 is the same in 1995, the City of Rotan will buy the water

from Snyder for \$190,393.00 and sell it for \$480,000.00 hiking their profit from \$223,600 in 1994 to in \$289,607 in 1995.

Candidates With Elected Terms Expiring In 1995

All Rotan City Council members, plus Mayor Jerry Marshall, must seek re-election on the May ballot, according to the terms of the new cumulative voting guidelines that Rotan will be operating under in the future.

Councilmen Hank Day, Larry Markham, Scotty Daniel, Lonnie Starnes and Greg Rains each must seek re-election. The new term of office will be for 4-years. In addition, Mayor Marshall must also seek re-election.

Under the guidelines of cumulative voting, each registered Rotan voter will get a single vote for Mayor, regardless of the number running; while each registered voter gets a total of five votes to cast for councilmen - and can split the votes any way - for whatever number run for the offices.

Another entity affected by the cumulative voting is the Rotan School. The guidelines are a little different at the Rotan School, than the Rotan City. At the school, the terms of Dr. Vick Burk, Clay Helms and David Hudnall have terms expiring. Regardless of the number running each voter has 3 votes. Voters can cast the 3 votes for one candidate or split over the field. The terms at Rotan are for three years and still are staggered. Other races are Roby council - Mayor Cecil King and Councilmen Archie Rivers and Milton Peeples; Roby School - Lance McWilliams and Vance Lakey and Fisher County Hospital Board - Freddie Rasberry and CleDon Coffman.

The Rotan School is keeping the staggered expiration of terms.

Across Fisher County, Roby voters will be naming a new Mayor and two new councilmen. Currently Cecil King holds the Mayor's position and Milton Peeples and Archie Rivers hold councilmen posts.

At the Roby School, voters will elect two new board members. The terms of Lance McWilliams and Vance Lakey expire in 1995.

At the Fisher County Hospital, the terms of two board members expire. The spots being held by Freddie Rasberry and CleDon Coffman expire in 1995.

Sheriff Pack Appreciated Help In Locating Alex Flores Of Rotan

The name Alex Flores and the white Chevrolet Suburban he was driving are pretty much household words in the Big Country after an all out search for the missing man last week turned out OK.

Flores set out for Sweetwater for a doctor's appointment last Tuesday morning, February 14th, but never arrived at the Sweetwater doctor's office. He left Rotan without his medication (which he takes to control seizures), without his drivers license, wallet and left \$80 in cash at home, stated Pack.

Pack, fearing from the start that Flores may have suffered a seizure notified the three Abilene television stations, Abilene Reporter News and Sweetwater Reporter about the incident.

A front page story in the Sweetwater Reporter may have saved Flores' life.

Jack Stein, a Sweetwater resident, was almost run off the road by Flores on Tuesday morning near the AT&T tower just south of the Fisher - Jones county line.

Stein, after reading the Sweetwater Reporter story, began adding up the white suburban and what had happened on Tuesday and went out to look for Flores.

He located him, still in the vehicle, in a ditch that was approximately 70 feet wide, by 90 feet long and 30 feet deep.

Flores was in relatively good shape when found. He was hungry and cold, had facial cuts but no broken bones. When found he was clutching a cross that was always in the suburban.

Alex Flores was taken to Rolling Plains Hospital then on to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Sheriff Gene Pack expressed appre-

ciation to the media for the publicity to all the volunteers who searched for Flores and to John Gray of Rotan who on two occasions went up in his private plane conducting a county search for Flores' vehicle.

Flores was found in the area of the railroad underpass going into Sweetwater just south of the Fisher County line in Nolan County.

Four Juveniles At Rotan Answer For Roby Shots

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack, after taking a 16-year old Rotan juvenile into custody, who was not attending school, for allegedly firing a series of shots at the Roby school old gymnasium last week, announced that the original hearing was conducted and that an additional hearing was scheduled.

The 16-year old appeared before Judge Marshall Bennett on Monday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m. He was charged with assault. Bennett sent the youth back to Abilene Detention facilities and scheduled another hearing for earlier this week.

Four other juveniles, three of whom were students at Rotan High School and one who was a Rotan Junior High student were taken into to custody by the Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers and turned over to juvenile authorities. "There will be action taken against them," stated Pack.

The five were allegedly involved in a drive-by shooting incident a few weeks ago in which 10 to 12 shots were fired at the old gym in Roby while a highly attended game was in progress in the new gymnasium.

ELECTIONS: Cumulative voting has put a new light on at least two of the May elections in Fisher County. First, the entire Rotan City Council must run for re-election, including Mayor Jerry Marshall. Hank Day, Larry Markham, Scotty Daniel, Lonnie Starnes and Greg Rains, if they want another term on the council, must register before to 5:00 p.m., March 22nd deadline to have their name on the ballot. Regardless of the number of candidates running for the council, each Rotan voter will get 5 votes to cast for the candidates. They can cast the five votes for one candidate or spread the votes out over the field. For Mayor, each voter gets one vote, regardless of the number of candidates running. The council and mayor posts are for four years. Second, Rotan school comes under cumulative voting. Vick Burk, Clay Helms and David Hudnall have terms expiring. Regardless of the number running each voter has 3 votes. Voters can cast the 3 votes for one candidate or split over the field. The terms at Rotan are for three years and still are staggered. Other races are Roby council - Mayor Cecil King and Councilmen Archie Rivers and Milton Peeples; Roby School - Lance McWilliams and Vance Lakey and Fisher County Hospital Board - Freddie Rasberry and CleDon Coffman.

CONGRATULATIONS: Rotan Flower Shop will have its formal ribbon cutting of the business, under new owner Tammy Nowlin at 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 24th by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce.

BANQUET: The Rotan Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be Saturday, March 25th. The affair is informal and the speaker will be Nicki Harle of Baird, executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network. Chamber President Peggy Bilbo is accepting nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Awards. Pioneer Family, Senior Citizen, Business, Student and Individual. The deadline is March 10th.

BOYS STILL PLAYING: Roby's Lions are still 'in the hunt' for a trip to Austin and the state basketball tournament. They play Highland on Friday for bi-district, at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. Game starts at 6:30 p.m., Roby is visiting team. Rotan also plays on Friday night. They face Dublin at the Wylie High School gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Haskell plays Cisco at 6:30 p.m. Rotan is the visiting team.

NEIGHBORS: From the Texas Spur at Spur, Texas. "Neighbors have changed, but neighborhoods have not. If you live in a real neighborhood, you can be sure some or most of the following will be found there."

* One family with more kids than they can take care of.

* A dog that gets into the garbage cans.

* People who leave their Christmas decorations up until March.

* A grouchy woman who won't let the kids cut through her yard.

* Someone who doesn't cut his grass but twice each summer, or someone who cuts his grass twice a week and one of those times always seems to be at 7:30 a.m., Sunday.

* One driveway, with a junky pickup truck or trailer that's always sitting there.

* A family that never seems to turn off any lights in the house.

* A house where all the kids in town seem to congregate.

* One house where a dog barks all night."

DEADLINE: Deadline for filing for a spot on the Rotan City Council, Rotan Mayor, Roby City Council, Roby Mayor, Fisher County Hospital Board, Roby School Board and Rotan School Board is 5:00 p.m., March 22nd. If you file and change your mind - you have until March 31st at 5:00 p.m., to admit the mis-

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Cost Will Run Over \$30,000

County Hospital Board Members Approve Purchase Of 25 New Oxygen Concentrators

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board approved the purchase of 25 oxygen concentrators at a cost of approximately \$30,375 during their monthly meeting last Monday night.

The oxygen concentrators have a potential to cause a monthly income to the hospital of \$6,944, according to the presentation made to the board by Ella Ray Helms.

Board members also discussed the possible purchase of a \$1,700 anesthetic machine from Dyess Air Force Base, but left the decision to purchase up to Administrator Ella Ray Helms.

The board -

* Approved the minutes of the January meeting.

ary meeting.

* Listened to a briefing by Helms on the status of cumulative voting.

* Approved the appointment of Dr. Daniel Fish, Radiologist, to the consulting medical staff.

* Approved appointing Bob McMullen, Physician's Assistant, to the Fisher County Hospital Medical Staff.

* Re-appointed Gary Tilley and Paul Byers and appointed Ben Basham to provide anesthesia services.

* Approved a swing bed manual; approved a code flow sheet and approved a new emergency room form.

* In final action the board approved

resolution to deposit or withdraw investment funds.

Debby Hull, Assistant Administrator, reported on the January 1995 - Financial Statement Review. She indicated that total revenue for the month was \$223,528; total expenses \$228,455. The hospital had a \$4,927 loss from operations for January. Tax revenues

Harold Mayo Is New AD, Head Coach At Rotan

Harold Mayo, a member of the Rotan coaching staff for the past year, was elevated to the position of Head Football Coach and Athletic Director last Monday night by the members of the Rotan School Board.

Mayo assumed his new position effective last Tuesday morning. He was unanimously hired on a 1995-96 contract at state base plus \$4,700 for serving as Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and coaching golf under an 11-month school contract.

"I am real excited about the move by the board. I feel Harold Mayo will do a real good job. He will communicate well, has demonstrated his love for all the children in our system and is definitely in this for the kids," stated Superintendent Wes Hays.

Roby Plans To Hold An Open House Monday

In observance of Public School Week, Roby CISD will have an open house for the public on Monday, February 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The evening will highlight Roby's excellent technology program. Roby features computers in every classroom for student use and computer labs that are second to none. Student work will be on display and teachers will be available to visit with parents from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend and support the Roby Schools.

Little League Meeting Is Set

There will be a meeting on Feb. 27th at the Lions Building. This is for the parents to discuss a fund raising supper and the Little League Field. This is for anyone that has kids in Little League. Time will be 7:00.

Mayor Marshall Must Also Run

All Five Rotan Councilmen Must Run For Re-Election

All five Rotan city councilmen currently holding a seat on the council must run for re-election. Rotan voters will go to the polls on Saturday, May 6th to name a new Mayor and five councilmen who will each serve for a period of four years.

The current councilmen who must run for re-election to hold on to their council seats are: Greg Rains, Lonnie Starnes, Scotty Daniel, Larry Markham and Hank Day.

Candidates for election will be running under new guidelines for cumulative voting which call for every registered Rotan voter to have five votes to spread out over the slate of candidates wishing election to the council. If a voter so elects, they could cast all five votes for one of the names on the ballots or split the five votes up and spread them out in any combination over all the candidates.

Mayor Jerry Marshall must also run for a four-year term. But he goes head-to-head with whoever signs up to run against him. Regardless of the number of candidates on the ballot for the position of Rotan Mayor, registered voters only get one vote to cast.

Regardless of the number of candidates for the position of councilman, each Rotan voter only gets five votes to cast.

The sign-up period deadline for a spot on the Rotan City Council, or for the Mayor's position, according to City Secretary Harold Sanders, is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22nd.

In the future, instead of staggered terms as has been the custom in years past, all council terms and the term of the Rotan Mayor will be for a period of four years. The new terms for those who take office following the May 1995 election will expire in May of 1999.

The eligibility requirements for running for the position of Rotan Councilman and Mayor are: *Candidate must be a United States citizen; be 18 years old or older on the first day of the term to be filled; have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court; have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities and have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the city of Rotan for six months preceding the deadline for filing. In addition to the exact same above requirements, those filing for Mayor must have lived in the city limits for 12-months.*

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "My daughter is excited about the possibility of joining 4-H. How old must she be and what must she do to be a member?"

ANSWER: - "A child can join 4-H when he/she is in the 3rd grade or 8 years old. There are two methods of joining (1) come or call the County Extension Office (776-2171) that is located in the Courthouse and complete an enrollment form or (2) contact the local 4-H club manager for enrollment. Fisher County Managers: Cindy Greene & Sharon Murdoch, grades 3,4,5, Rotan; Linda Callan & Belynda Rains, grades 6,7,8, Rotan; Lisa Carey & Debbie Terry, Roby 3,4,5th grades; Ann Moore and Mary Mahaffey, Roby 6,7,8th grades and county-wide high school is Kay Moore & Karen Counts. Even though September is enrollment time for 4-H, a child may enroll free of charge any time during the year." *Beth Dannheim, County Home Demonstration Agent, Fisher County Courthouse, Roby, Texas.*

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

Early Childhood Screening Set For March 1st And March 3rd

Early Childhood screening has been scheduled for March 1st and March 3rd for Rotan Elementary, coordinated by Tri-County Education Co-op.

Appointments are now being made for the screening of children who will be three (3) years old by June 7, but will not be five (5) years old by September 1. The screening will assess developmental areas such as psychological, auditory, visual, language, motor and speech. If you suspect your child is delayed in any of these areas, please take advantage of this screening opportunity.

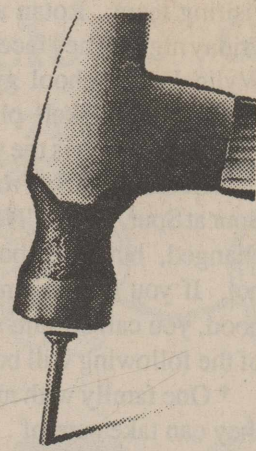
Children who show a significant deficit on a battery of assessment instruments in one of the areas from the screening will meet qualifications for the early childhood program at the local school.

Old Glory Musical February 25th

The Old Glory Musical will be held February 25 at the Community Center in Old Glory. THE BEST LITTLE CONCESSION STAND IN TEXAS will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6:00.

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Rotan City Council Awards Bid On Insurance, Postpones Contract For Cemetery Maintenance

The members of the Rotan City Council awarded the bid on the city insurance package for 1995 but postponed action on awarding the contract for cemetery maintenance until all the people bidding could be interviewed by Public Works Director Rodney Denton, Jr.

The meeting, conducted on Tuesday, December 14th, had the following highlights.

* Approval by the council of the Roan Community Center deficit of \$232.29.

* Approval for the payment of the bills for January.

* Rotan Councilmen split the insurance bid between two individuals. Scott Eperson of the Texas Municipal League was present and gave the council a bid on general liability, automobile, physical liability, public officers liability, real and personal property insurance and mobile equipment insurance of \$13,781. Tammy Kelly, representing Rotan Insurance Agency, presented a bid for like coverages of \$17,058.43. Instead of awarding TML the low bid, councilmen gave Rotan Insurance Agency all the liability insurance coverage at a cost of \$13,021 and awarded TML the property insurance at a cost of \$1,737 making the package \$14,756.00.

* Five bids were received on the maintenance at Belvieu Cemetery for the year. The 12-month contract, ranged from a low of \$750 a month of a high of \$1,250 a month. Those bidding and their bids (from low to high) were - Ricardo Amador - \$750; T&D Services (McDaniel) - \$950;

Herbert Moore - \$1,100; Rapp Construction (Randy Kelly) - \$1,250 and Sue Barrera - \$1,400. Rotan council members, partially because of the wide variance in bids and partially because no one was familiar with the low bidder, decided to interview each person who submitted a bid. The interview process is to take place in February with councilmen expected to make a decision in March. The contract will be for 12-months. In 1994, councilmen awarded a bid of \$825 a month for five months.

* Councilmen agreed to continue leasing the storage building behind the Rotan Fire Hall to Charles Atwell for boat storage for the fee of \$300 a year.

* Under the commission and supervisors report section of the meeting - Mayor Jerry Marshall informed the council that -

□ Joe Dickson was no longer City

Manager at Leander.

□ He was going to make copies of TML Update information and give it to each councilman instead of reading the information at the meeting.

□ He reported that Rotan's sales tax was up 7.77% over last year and up 2.72 % for the year.

□ Finally, he read a letter from Wayne Jamar of TCI Cable concerning the 1994 year.

Rotan Director of Public Works

Rodney Denton, Jr., reported to the council that

□ The water department was running fine.

□ The city employees were going to begin concentrating more on making street signs.

□ That new stop and yield signs were going to be installed in Rotan.

□ That for the 3 month period November through January his departments were at budget except for vehicle maintenance.

□ Finally, Denton reported that the city received a landfill inspection in January. He indicated that the results of the inspection would probably not be good and expected that report in March.

Following the reports by Marshall and Denton, Sanders presented the information on the proposed rate hike and informed the council that \$42,000 was owed Snyder for water.

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It has been observed that "those who are afraid of the deep will not catch many fishes." Grammar notwithstanding, this axiom holds a solemn truth.

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This Sabbath, visit God's house. If this is a new experience, you can be confident that God is waiting to welcome you. With God as your friend and faith as your guide, fear fades into oblivion forever... and no mountain is ever too high.



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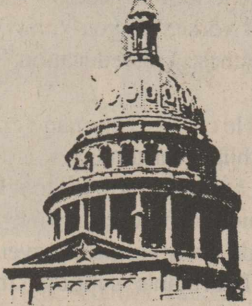
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HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, filed legislation last week which would allow local school districts to buy whatever textbooks they please with state money.

Ratliff, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, said elimination of the state textbook adoption process is part of his 1,088-page proposal to overhaul the Texas Education Code.

"I think there are about four or five textbook companies in the world large enough to go through the long, arduous expensive process of being approved for a textbook," Ratliff said.

"There's millions of dollars spent in that process, and small publishing houses can't afford to try to get a textbook approved," he said.

But Jack Christie, chairman of the State Board of Education, voiced concern about doing away with the present method of adopting textbooks.

Under the current system, school districts can use state funds to buy books approved by the state. They can use local funds to buy other books if they choose.

"My basic feeling is textbook selection still should be a statewide function because half the districts don't have the experts to peruse those books and choose what's best for the kids," Christie said.

Ratliff said that under his proposal, regional education service

centers would be given authority to create panels of educators to review available textbooks and make recommendations.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno said shifting textbook adoption to local districts would cut 46 members of the TEA's staff, out of a total 1,133 employees. He said about 30 states have local textbook adoption.

Ratliff's bill is considered a starting point for senators and House members, who are drafting their own proposal to make schools more accountable to local communities.

Other provisions of the education reform bill include:

- Teacher's minimum pay scale would be increased and tied to growth in per-pupil spending;

- A new State Board for Certification would give educators the same right of self-regulation that most other professions have;

- School district superintendents rather than school boards would develop district budgets, which then would be approved by the boards; and

- Limit school superintendents to 12 months of severance pay.

"Sen. Ratliff's proposals show a clear movement toward innovation and expanded local control of our Texas schools," said Gov. George W. Bush.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock concurred: "I support the entire bill as he has introduced it."

On another subject, Sen. Ratliff said he has pledged of 11 "hard no votes" against casino gambling, the exact number needed to defeat the proposal. He also vowed to filibuster a casino bill if it reaches the Senate floor.

Richards Joins Law Firm

Former Gov. Ann Richards last week became the senior advisor to the Washington-based law firm of Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand in its newly opened Austin office.

Rosemary Freeman, director of the firm's public affairs, said Richards, who is not a lawyer, would advise both public and

private clients with the firm in areas of public policy and comprehensive business strategy.

The firm recently hired former U.S. Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and George Mitchell.

Lottery Funds to Schools

A major portion of lottery revenues would be dedicated to public education under a bill proposed by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

Under the measure, 80 percent of lottery revenues would go toward funding public education and the remainder to the state's General Revenue Fund.

Wentworth said the bill would do "what most voters believed more than three years ago would happen when they voted in favor of a lottery."

Bill Limits Side Jobs

State legislators would be prohibited from representing paying clients before state agencies under an ethics reform bill approved last week by a Senate committee.

The measure, approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee on a 7-4 vote, would halt legal activities that earned certain lawmakers \$680,000 in fees during a recent three-year period.

"I think there is a widespread perception that state legislators represent clients before state agencies for pay and have undue influence on those agencies," said Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, author of the bill.

Other Highlights

- State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, is proposing a constitutional amendment that would give Texas voters the power to approve measures by petition. Under the proposed amendment, voters also could petition to repeal laws passed by the Legislature. "The power of the people should not be limited to the name they check at the ballot box," Nelson said.

- Gov. Bush nominated Houston businesswoman Brenda Arnett to be executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce. He announced the nomination after Deborah Kastrian, an appointee of former Gov. Richards, resigned.

Rotan And Roby Students Participating In FFA Week

FFA members at Rotan and Roby will join FFA members from across the nation in highlighting agricultural education and the FFA during National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25. This year's theme is "FFA - The Leadership Advantage."

"FFA Week is important because it gives us the opportunity to let the communities know what FFA is all about," said Jason Johnson, State FFA President, "and it allows us the opportunity to spread the FFA's mission, which is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education."

National FFA Week falls during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his contribution to agriculture in America and to remember his strong sense of leadership.

FFA and agricultural science programs in Texas' high schools prepare

youth for rewarding careers in diverse areas such as entrepreneurship, biogenetics, engineering, horticulture,

communications, equine science, and many other areas as well as traditional agricultural roles.

Thank You From The Greenway Family

Just wanted to tell all our friends in Rotan and Fisher County how much we appreciated all the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and flowers while Lester was in the hospital in Lubbock. To Dr. Perry, Mr. Scott, and the Hospital Staff at Fisher County Hospital, what would we have done without you? Time and time again the Burn Center at University Hospital told Lester and I you save Lester's life.

To Jerry Hoodenpyle, your coat and quick thinking, Luis Carrillo, your poor hands, trying to help Lester put the fire out saved him more third degree burns.

To the "Los Amigos" thank you for all the work you did Friday and Saturday. Lester knows how much time goes into one of those meals. There's no place like "home" to help each other.

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Words can never express the gratitude to everyone who called us during Alex's accident. A special thanks to Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack and all of his staff, to Rev. and Mrs. Guzman for their prayers and visits, to Suzy Day for her continuous support and John Gray for flying the area in search of Alex.

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Jeronimo Gaona Family Given F & R Award

Editor's Note: Jeronimo Gaona and family were the recipients of one of the Fort Worth Star Telegram Farm & Ranch Awards for 1994.

ROBY--Mexican native Jeronimo Gaona arrived in this small West Texas town in 1955, during the worst statewide drought on record.

At age 18, he was officially labeled a *bracero*, as were other Mexicans who joined a U.S./Mexico program to get seasonal worker permits for jobs in the states. Gaona had grown up on a small Nuevo Leon farm, which would pass to other family members.

He dreamed of owning a farm. Fortunately, he hired on as a cotton field hoe-hand to help Thurman and Dorothy Terry and their teen-age children scratch their way through the "seven-year drought" in an area almost devoid of usable irrigation water.

Luckier still, the drought ended in 1957, and Gaona and the Terrys hit it off both as friends and employee-employers. Later, the Terrys supported Gaona's efforts to remain a legal alien resident and then become a U.S. citizen, which he did.

"Everything was new to him," says Thurman Terry, 80, recalling that Gaona spoke a little English and was eager to work and learn any skill.

Beginning his own farming efforts by sharecropping about 50 acres of the Terrys' land in the early 1960s, Gaona has built his farming and beef cattle ranching operations to cover more than 2,200 acres of sharecropped, leased and owned land.

He shares labor and equipment with his son, Richard, who has his own similar operation. They are farming and ranching a combined 4,500 acres of sharecropped, leased and owned land.

Jeronimo credits his wife, Juanita, for making his work possible because she stayed home, nurtured their four children and often delivered meals to the Gaonas, Terrys and hired hands working in the fields.

Today, the Gaonas are among Fisher County's leading farm and ranch operators and cotton producers, raising the crop on a combined 1,400 acres.

Combined, they also raise about 700 acres of wheat. Additional acreage goes to sorghum sudan for hay to feed their separate cattle ventures. They also have range and pasture grasslands

Despite lean years, hard work and more hard work brought the Jeronimo Gaona Family a flood of business success in cotton and cattle operations in their Fisher County home.

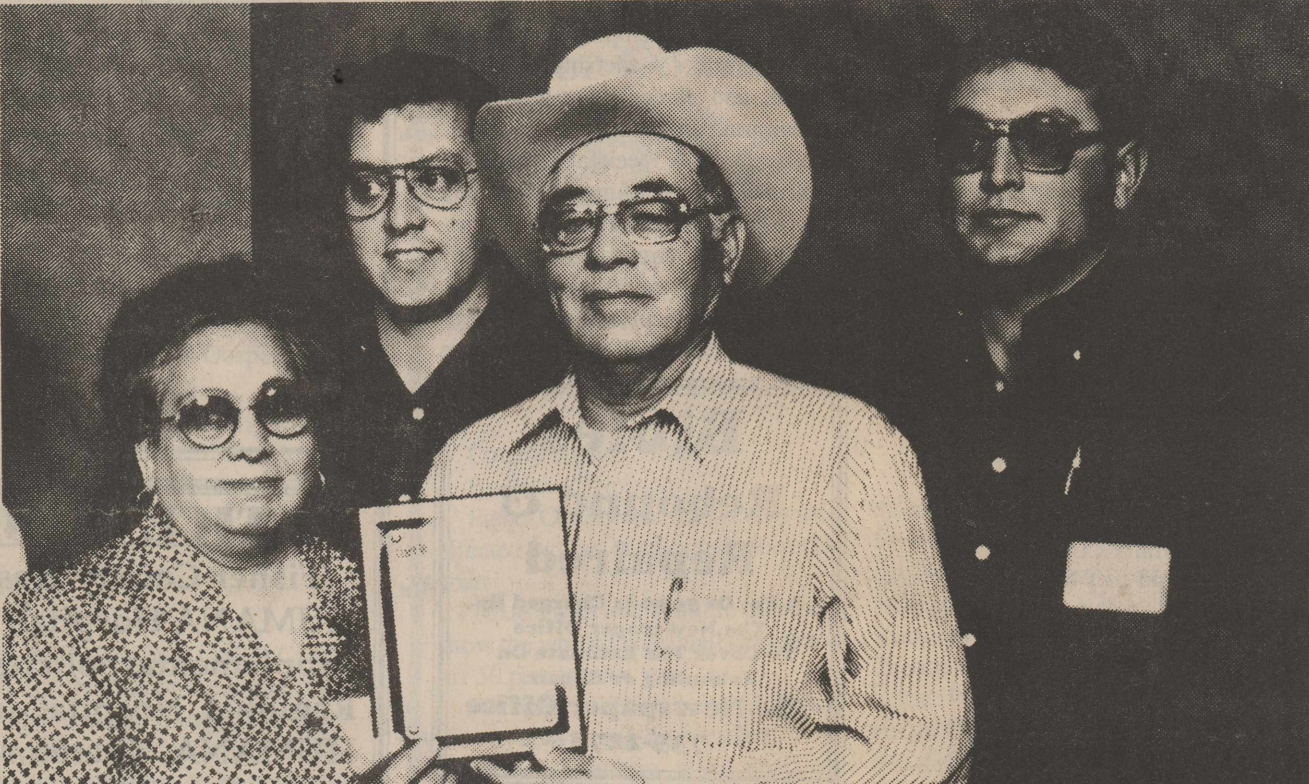
for a 220-cow herd.

Jeronimo and Richard are known for managing risk, living modestly, paying their bills and handling the daily

stress of the area's common dry spells, boll weevil attacks, less frequent hailstorms, varied soil types and some ever-present weeds for which there are no

effective pesticides and still enjoying their work.

"The good Lord takes care of the fools and the babies," says Jeronimo,



JERONIMO GAONA: The Jeronimo Gaona family was present in Fort Worth recently to accept one of the 1994 Texas Farm and Ranch Awards presented by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. (l to r) Juanita Gaona, David Gaona, Jeronimo Gaona and Richard Gaona.

Fisher County Round-Up
By Joy Walker - 735-2840

Well finally the sun came out and we have had several wary, sunny days, and after that miserable, damp, cold weather we had all last week, we are going to welcome the change. We didn't measure any moisture, although it did mist and sprinkle nearly every day when it was so cold.

Glad to be able to report that nearly all our sick folks are back on the road to recovery. But we still have some in the hospital and one or two going in for surgery etc., Windle Cave is feeling much better, and got to come home from the hospital in Lubbock Saturday. Of course, he is going to have to take it easy for a while, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Tommy Harbin is also home from the hospital in Lubbock and we hope to hear that he is feeling much better.

Donald Hull also got to come home Saturday, and although he still is feeling weak, he is doing very much better.

Winnie Kingsfield is still in the hospital, but hopes to be able to return home very soon.

Mrs. (Loys) Dorothy Landes goes back to M.D. Anderson in Houston and will enter the hospital on Friday. Keep Dorothy and her family in your prayers.

A large crowd attended the Benefit Bar-B-Que Saturday night for the Robert Martin fund and Lester Greenway. Lester was able to be at the Bar-B-Que for a short while as he is now home from the hospital in Lubbock.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Vada White from Lubbock and Mrs. Smith from Spur at Church Sunday morning. George Maule entered Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday; he is having some problems with his heart. We hope that he will soon be very much better.

Congratulations to Brad Maule who won Best Supporting Actor Friday night at the Soap Opera Awards. Brad plays Dr. Tony Jones on General Hospital.

Congratulations to Greg and Autumn (Shelly) Meek who are the proud parents of a baby boy born 14th February at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs. and they named him Cody Gregory. His big sister, Lauren, is sure proud of her new baby brother. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents Charlie and Norma Meek of Sylvestor and Byron and Sunny Shelly of Amherst. Congratulations also to Tanya and

Jeff Upshaw who are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday 15th February at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. They named her Tadie Shala and she weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. Her little sister, Tavi, is sure proud of her new sister. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents Jerry and Sano Upshaw of Roby and Virginia Ann Jones from Iraan. Tommy Higgins had eye surgery one day last week in Dallas, and he is now home and doing fine.

Mrs. Buck Hughes (Alice) went to Kansas last week. Her father passed away and she went to be with the family.

Mrs. Kermit Terry went to the Fisher County Hospital Sunday evening, as she wasn't feeling well.

Mrs. Penny Arnold and children from Waxahachie came to visit with George and Jan Price Friday night, and they went home Sunday. Kris and Zach Givens from San Angelo came to visit Saturday. Zach stayed with his grandparents over the weekend, and his Dad, Ben, came after him Monday and spent the day.

Kathie and Gary Daniel and family went to Odessa for the weekend and visited with Gary's Dad, Odell.

Carol and Wilber Gruben went to San Antonio Sunday and they came back Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff went to see James's cousin, Vernon Strickland in Kent County on Sunday. Then they visited with Kim Knipe and family in Snyder and then dropped by to visit with George and Josie Maule. Kim Knipe visited Friday night. Roy Masters, lifelong Fisher county resident, died Monday at his home in Rotan. Services were held Saturday at the Weathersbee Funeral Home with burial in the Hobbs cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, Alice, two sons, LeRoy and Larry and to the

remainder of the family.

Gus Simmons passed away Wednesday at his home in Rotan. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, Betty, 3 sons and to the remainder of his family. Graveside services were held Saturday in the Belvieu cemetery.

Paul Stanley from Odessa will be holding Revival America in song Sunday morning, 26th February at Hobbs Baptist Church. We would like to invite everyone to join us.

Rites Held For Gus. R. Simmons

Gus R. Simmons, 68, of Rotan, died at his home Wednesday. Graveside services were held at 10:00 am, Saturday, at Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan with Rev. L.D. Parks and J.A. McClain officiating. Arrangements were by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Simmons was born October 3, 1926 at Rotan. He was the son of Gus and Sinie (Crews) Simmons. He married Betty Malone, October 2, 1956 at Bakersfield, California. He was a disabled veteran and had served both in the Navy and in the Army. He had lived most of his life in the Rotan area and was a member of the Hobbs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

He was survived by his wife, Betty, of Rotan; three sons, Alfred Simmons of Niota, Tennessee, Jim Simmons of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Everett Simmons of Rotan; two brothers; a sister; and four grandchildren.

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63. He reports never incurring a net annual loss, although the profits have been skimpy at times.

He got off to a good start, raising more than one 500-pound bale of cotton per acre on these 50 sharecropped acres, with no irrigation. One-half to three-quarters bale, 250 to 375 pounds is usually considered good on Texas nonirrigated farms.

Now working 25 farm sites with miles of terraced slopes, Jeronimo, Richard and two full-time employees have averaged about 450 pounds of cotton fiber per acre, all nonirrigated. Their best has been nearly 800 pounds an acre; their worst, about 125 pounds. Jeronimo has average more than 500 pound an acre on the land he owns. Their farmwide averages beat the estimated 400-pound countywide average.

The usual key to a good crop is spraying early for fleahoppers and boll weevils -- a more that usually spells about 20 percent more fiber at harvest, says Richard, 36.

They fertilize ahead of planting, then feed the growing cotton plants with a foliar spray and don't waste fertilizer down the furrows. Nearly every major step is tuned to reap optimum results from rainfall; with a dry spell, they're likely to forgo one or more foliar feedings or pesticide sprayings because the plants' likely response won't cover the added costs, Richard says.

Jeronimo bought his first 160 acres in 1966, thanks to a U.S. Farmers Home Administration loan.

Thanks to the support of a local banker, he has bought more than 1,000 additional acres in six purchases; Richard has bought about 300.

But Jeronimo says his greatest pride comes from having provided 100 percent financing for the college educa-

tions of three of his children. Richard opted to farm instead.

"I worked my you-know-what off to give these kids education," Jeronimo says.

He credits Thurman Terry for helping him break through some initial lending barriers that were tougher for Hispanics to hurdle in what were tight-credit times for nearly every one.

Thurman's support, including a signed repayment guarantee to a banker, enabled Jeronimo to buy a used tractor on the installment plan.

"We are family," says Dorothy Terry. They still share a united family reunion every year.

"By gosh, we scratched, didn't we Jeronimo?" Thurman says. "We ate beans and cornbread, whatever we could get."

To survive droughts and continue gradually growing the business, Jeronimo has at times tended a 30-sow hog venture, custom farmed for other landowners and even added a second full-time job in road construction for a year.

In 1961, while sharecropping 50 acres and still working full time for the Terrys, Jeronimo added a seasonal night job at the local cotton gin. His fall and winter work there lasted six years.

He often slept as little as two or three hours between the gin work and his day farming, says Juanita, who married Jeronimo in 1957. During the peak of harvests, he sometimes worked up to 30 hours straight at the gin, she says.

When Jeronimo became the gin's chief operator, Thurman found help to do the Gaonas' farm chores. About 14 years ago, Jeronimo took an opportunity to buy an ownership stake in the same gin and a related farm-supply store.

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LISTENING ATTENTIVELY: Listening attentively at the meeting, left to right: Harold Sanders, Rotan City Manager, Lorrin Scott, P.A., Fredda Buckner, Mary Grace Carrillo and Ruth Callan.



CONCERNED CITIZENS: Concerned citizens present for the Fisher County Hospital meeting on serviced offered and being desired were left to right: Scott Toliver, Martin Soliz and Hoss Carrillo.

Fisher County Hospital Requests Input Into Goals, Services Offered

Approximately 30 Fisher County residents were present last Thursday for a meeting at the Rotan Community Center for the purpose of giving input to the Fisher County Hospital on services they are offered and services desired.

Administrator Ella Raye Helms and Quality Assurance Director Frank Cockrell guided those present through an evaluation and prioritization of services currently being offered by the medical facility.

Cockrell, after breaking the group into five mini table-groups asked the participants to list the 'most important services the Fisher County Hospital provides. He also asked for a list of any new services that need to be given consideration.

Administrator Helms, in opening the meeting, indicated that the purpose of the gathering was for the Fisher County Hospital "to stay in touch with what the community wants and needs."

Helms indicated that the Fisher County Hospital had been granted

\$720,000 in grants in the last two years. Most of the organizations giving the grants wanted to know what the hospital was doing to meet the needs of the community. "How are you (the hospital) assessing the needs of the community," stated Helms.

Helms accented the positive things that were happening at the hospital. She drew attention to the EMS and expounded on the dollars pumped back into the community as a result of the hospital.

Helms released the following five "Top Priorities of Current Services" and "Most Needed New Services".

The Top Priorities of Current Services - 1 & 2 - Emergency care and trained emergency team physicians; 3 - Aero Care flight service; 4 - Home Health; 5 - Outpatient services.

The Most Needed New Services - OB and prenatal care - Pediatrics and pediatric training for hospital staff. 3 - Health screening and more specialty clinics; 4 - Community health education; 5 - Elder care and education.

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WEDNESDAY: Sausage Pizza, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Jello.

THURSDAY: Turkey & Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Hot Rolls.

FRIDAY: Hot Dogs/Chili & Cheese, Ranch Style Beans, Tater Tots, Fruit Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

February 27-March 3, 1995

MONDAY: Beef Nachos, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Apple Crunch, Bread, Milk.

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Tim Gregg To Be On Nationwide Satellite Show Nashville Starseek

Feb. 13, 1995--Tim Gregg auditioned for the Crystal Image talent agency, a professional talent agency that finds new singers for many of the top record producers in Nashville. He was chosen to appear on a talent showcase which will be seen on the nationwide satellite show Nashville Starseek.

Tim will be in Nashville on February 26th taping the show. In addition to singing on TV, a professional video will also be made of his Gospel Bluegrass stage performance.

Tim is depending primarily on local contributions to make this trip and greatly appreciates everyone's support and prayers.

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On the 19th day of July, 1994, Ringo Drilling Co., Inc., recovered a Judgment in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas against American Cascade Energy, Inc., which Judgment is recorded in Volume 29, Page 70, of the Records of said Court and a verified copy of the bill of costs is attached to this Writ and made a part hereof.

Said Judgment is for the sum of \$32,898.05, of which \$32,898.05 is actually due, with interest thereon from the 19th day of July, 1994, at 10% per annum together with the sum of \$183.00, costs of suit taxed against American Cascade Energy, Defendant in execution.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE COMMANDED that out of the property of American Cascade Energy, Inc., Defendant in execution, subject to execution by law, you cause to be made the sum of \$32,898.05 with interest thereon from the 19th day of July, 1994, at the rate of 10% per annum, together with the sum of \$183.00, costs of suit, and the further costs of executing this Writ.

You shall execute this writ according to its terms, and according to law, and have the said sums of money, together with this Writ, showing how you have executed same, before said Court, at the Courthouse in the City of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, within 90 days from the date of this Writ.

WITNESS, Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk of the 39th District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, this 28th day of December, 1994.

ATTEST:

Carolyn Reynolds
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PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT: The official opening of the new Physical Therapy Department at the Fisher County Hospital took place last Friday. The ceremony was sponsored by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce. Present for the ceremony were, left to right: Peggy Bilbo, Chamber President, Sherry Rodgers, Harold Sanders, Rotan City Manager, Elle Rae Helms, Hospital Administrator, Andre Porzycki, Physical Therapist, Juanita Richardson and Kenny Heflin.

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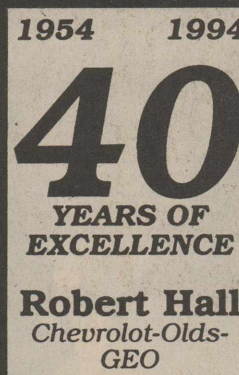
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Agricultural News

County Agents Column

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County Agent's Column

By Richard Spencer

Fisher County was not the only area affected by low quail populations this year.

Texas Parks and Wildlife estimates show the whole Texas quail population off 50 percent this year.

We can attribute a lot of Fisher County loss due to dry weather.

Dr. Fred Guthrie, noted quail authority from Kingsville, also states that extremely hot temperatures add to quail mortality. The whole state was affected by very warm temperatures last summer.

Both Guthrie and Dale Rollins think that numbers will not come back over night. Under the right circumstances, they may reach close to 1993 populations in 2-3 years.

Farmers and ranchers who depend on quail income need to leave more grass in the pasture for cover and food.

There is currently a serious outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Mexico. This disease is causing dramatic production losses in many poultry flocks. The strains of avian influenza have been isolated from flocks on

three related premises in Tehuacan, Mexico. The affected premises are egg-laying operations that contain an estimated total of 1.25 million birds. Because it is very easy to spread the disease by way of clothing and through human contact, preventative measures are necessary to prevent the spread of this disease into the U.S. Guidelines have been developed by the Delmarva poultry industry and they have given the Texas industry permission to adopt and use them. The first guideline is to keep poultry houses locked at all times. Also, resident flock managers should have clothing (including shoes, boots, hats and gloves) when caring for flocks separate from those worn off the farm. And flock managers and other caretakers should not visit any other poultry flocks, nor should visitors be allowed on or near poultry houses.

In retaliation over what may be referred to as theft of computer software, movies, music and trademarks, the United States has levied 100 percent tariffs on a number of Chinese goods. The Chinese have countered with tar-

iffs on U.S. goods such as compact discs, video games, cigarettes and alcohol. What worries international agricultural economists like Extension's D. Parr Rosson is when, and if, these retaliatory tariffs might make their way to U.S. agricultural goods. What may prevent the Chinese from retaliating against U.S. agriculture exports is based on how badly they need certain commodities. Rosson is still hopeful that U.S. and Chinese negotiators will be able to resolve the issue. But until then, he says the U.S. will not back down from its demands -- which are centered on stronger copyright enforcement. There was a similar trade war between America and China in 1983, when wheat and soybean producers felt the pinch. This time, if the trade war escalates further, it looks to be wheat and cotton producers who may suffer.

The Texas Supreme Court has upheld, in a 5-4 decision, the state's tax-sharing school finance law which high-property-wealth school districts said went too far in redistributing local property taxes and low-property-wealth districts said didn't go far enough. This

legislature was able to craft a constitutional school finance system.

US beef production should increase 1-2 percent this year as cattle producers take another step toward a cyclical peak in cattle numbers in 1996-97, according to a Cattle-Fax outlook.

Analysts for the market information and analysis service also projected that average prices for all types of beef cattle would dip below 1994 averages. The analysts pegged 1995 averages at \$68-69/cwt. for Choice fed steers, \$72-74 for 750-lb. Choice feeder steers, and \$84-86 for 500-lb. Choice steer calves. They said to expect substantial price swings within the year.

Texas cattle feeders reported 2.38 million head of cattle and calves on feed Jan. 1, down 13 percent from last year. During the fourth quarter of 1994, 1.49 million head were placed, 3 percent below the same period last year. Placements totaled 320,000, down 26 percent from November. Marketings increased 7 percent from a year ago to 1.33 million.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

WASTEFACTS: Recycling Aluminum

It does not seem right to throw away something we could save and reuse -- the idea behind recycling. Before valuable materials reach the landfill, we intercept them and manufacture new, useful products.

When you think of aluminum recycling, you think of aluminum cans. More than half of these cans are reused. By the year 2000, the container manufacturers expect to collect 75 percent to the 50 billion beverage cans thrown away each year.

Aluminum products are ideal for recycling because it is much cheaper to reclaim them than to make new aluminum from bauxite ore. Recycling saves about 95 percent of the energy needed to make aluminum "from scratch." The recycling process cuts out the most energy-intensive portion of aluminum manufacturing.

To get manufacturing-grade aluminum through recycling, scrap is simply melted and recast. This eliminates the mining, shipping, refining and reduction processes.

Why recycle aluminum?

Recycling saves energy and the fuels to produce it. Once produced, used and recovered, the aluminum can is completely recyclable. The process of converting used beverage cans into molten aluminum requires only about 5 percent of the energy needed to produce aluminum from bauxite ore. That's like improving the miles per gallon on your car 19 times over. By recycling just one aluminum can, we save enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning about 3 1/2 hours.

For each pound of recycled, the aluminum industry saves the energy resources needed to generate about 7.5 kilowatt-hours of electricity. In 1986, the aluminum industry saved enough

electricity to meet the electric needs of a city like Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for about 6 years.

Recycling also conserves capital. Industrialists build facilities to melt used aluminum cans in half the time and one-tenth the cost of the facilities to mine and refine ore to produce aluminum.

This large domestic supply of aluminum reduces our dependence on imported bauxite. There is a limited supply of ore in the United States.

Economically, aluminum recycling is helpful to Americans. Reynolds Aluminum has paid out almost \$1 billion to recyclers since the late 1960s. A used aluminum can returned to a recycling center is worth about a penny to a consumer.

Recycling aluminum cans also created about 30,000 new jobs at recycling centers, at aluminum companies, and in the transportation support industries.

It also created jobs in the can-processing-equipment industries that support the recycling effort.

Preparing Aluminum Cans for Recycling

Rinse cans to remove traces of food and beverages. Dirty cans may produce odors and will attract insects and rodents.

Keep foreign objects such as gravel, glass and other types of metals out of aluminum cans that will be recycled. Contaminants cause problems during processing.

What Can We Do?

Theatre on the Brazos has a collection bin located beside their theatre in Rotan for aluminum cans. If transportation is a problem, you may call any TOTB member to arrange for them to pick up your aluminum.

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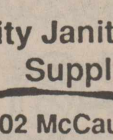
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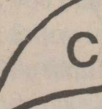
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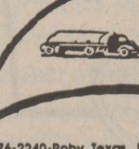
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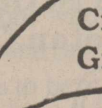
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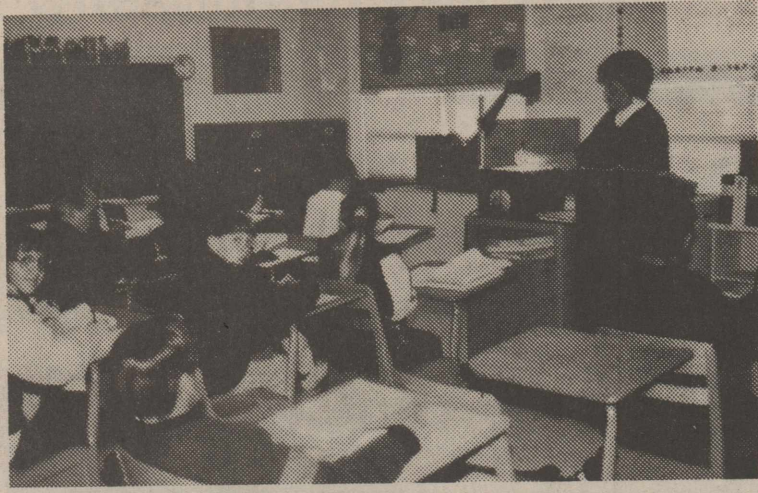
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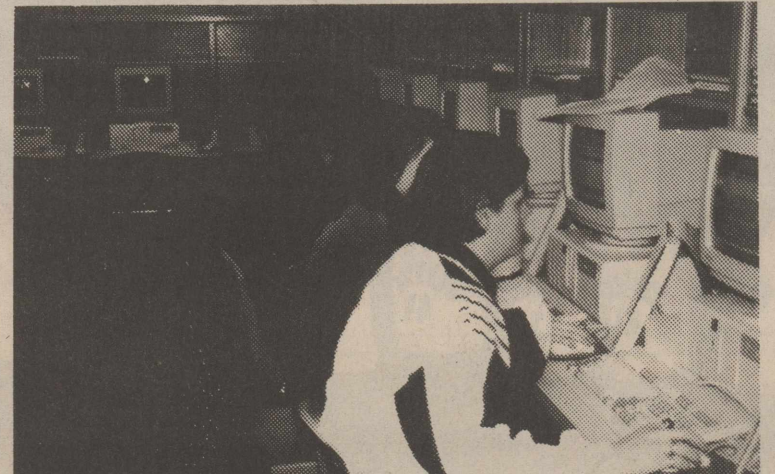
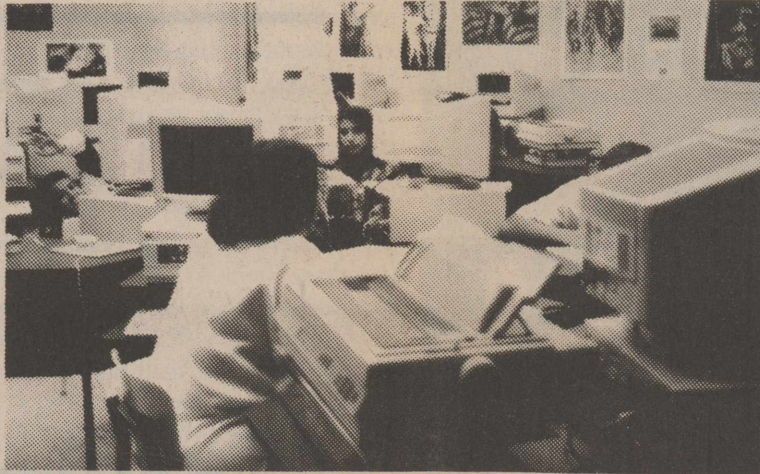
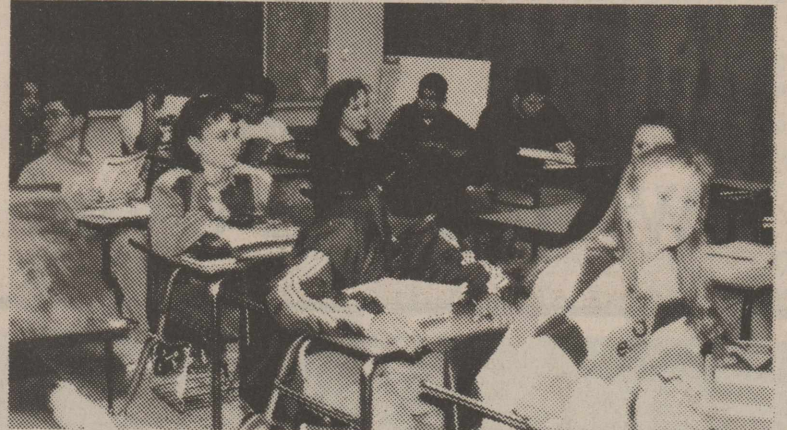
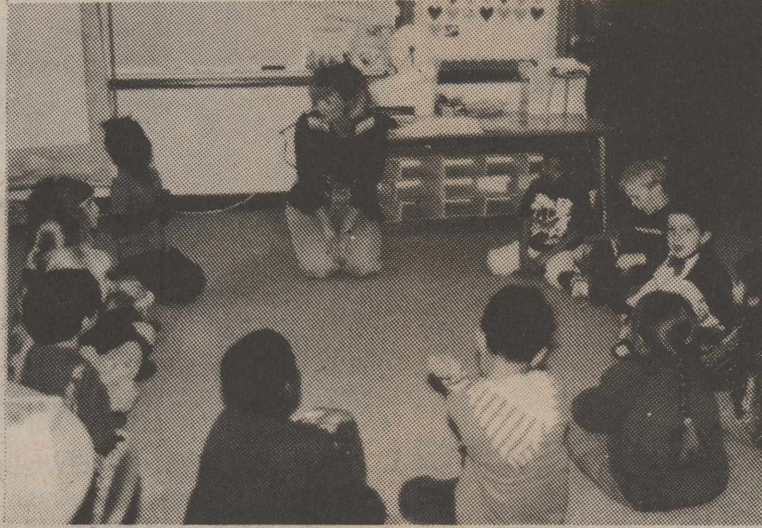
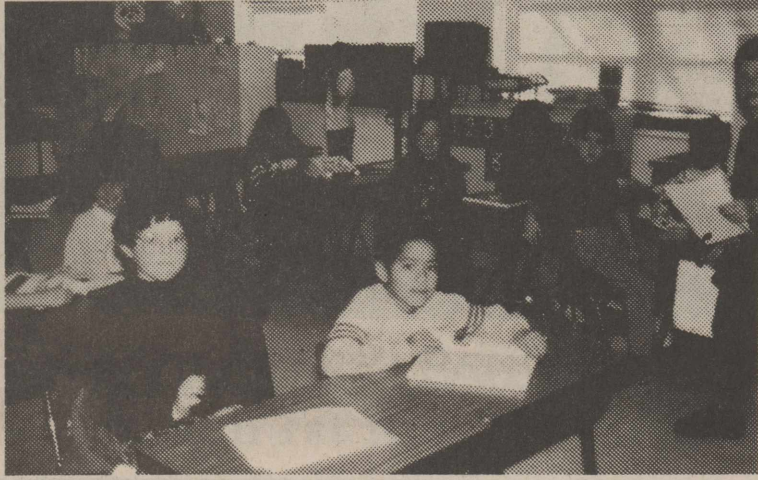
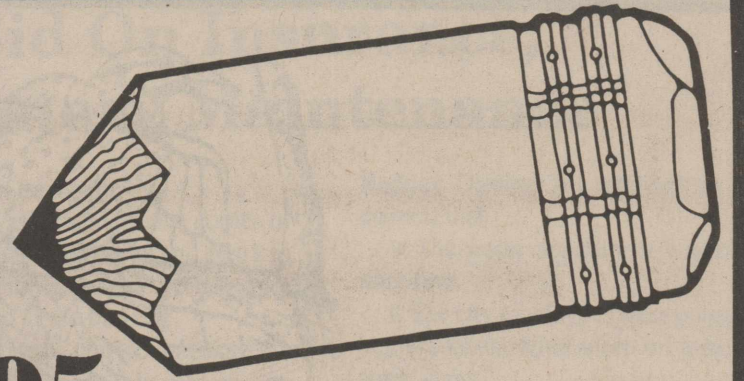
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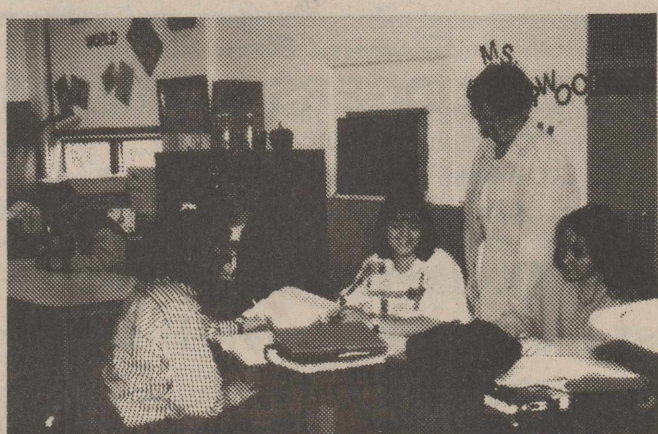
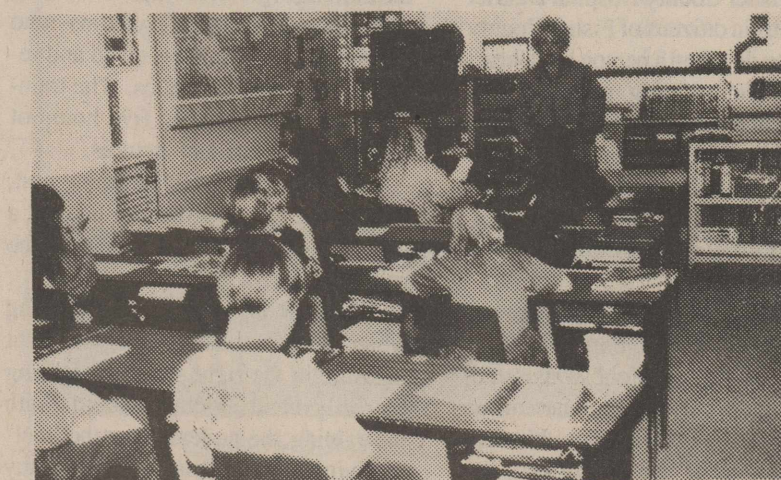
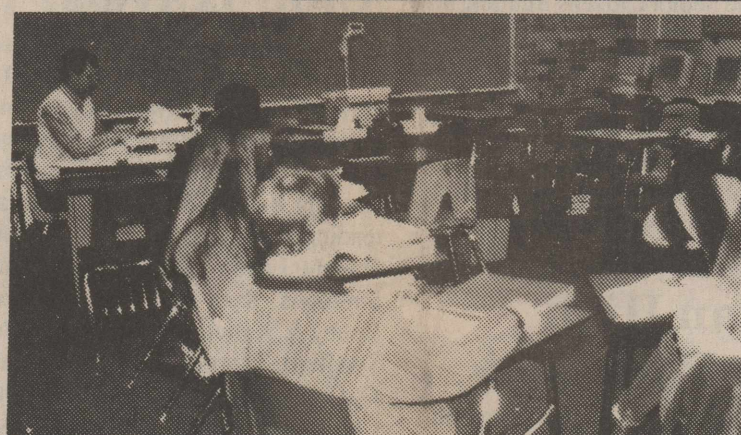
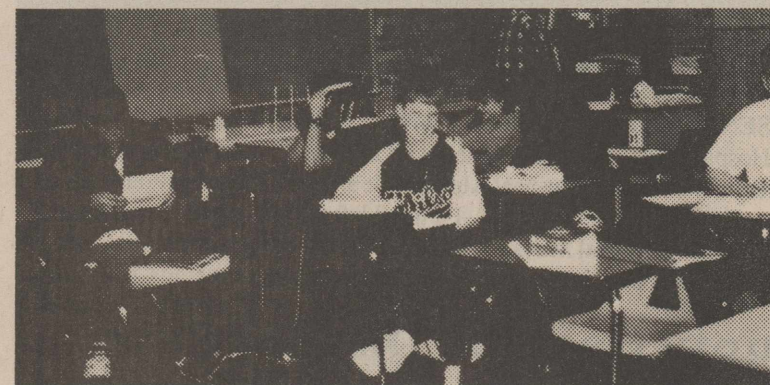
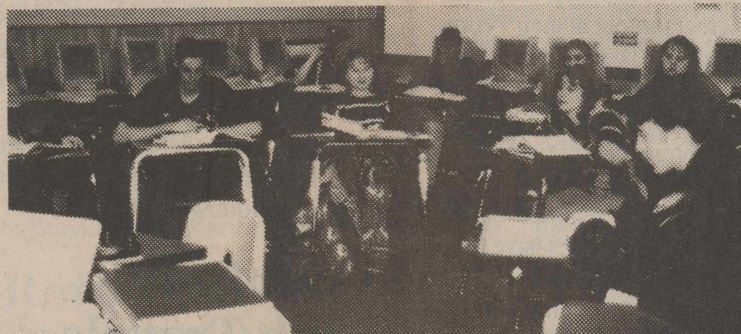
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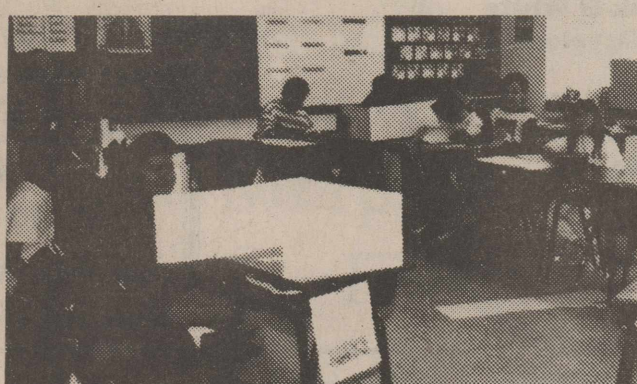
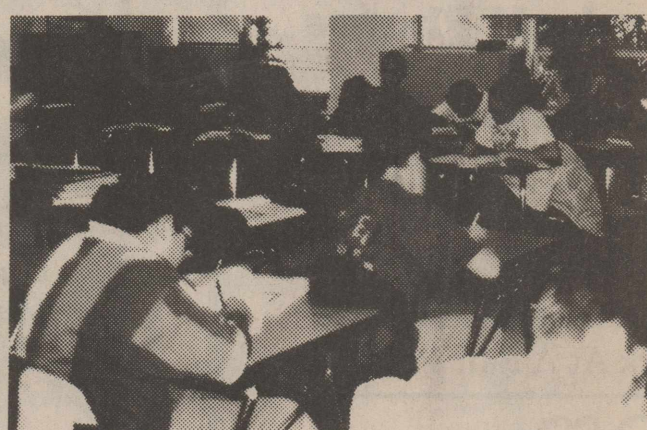
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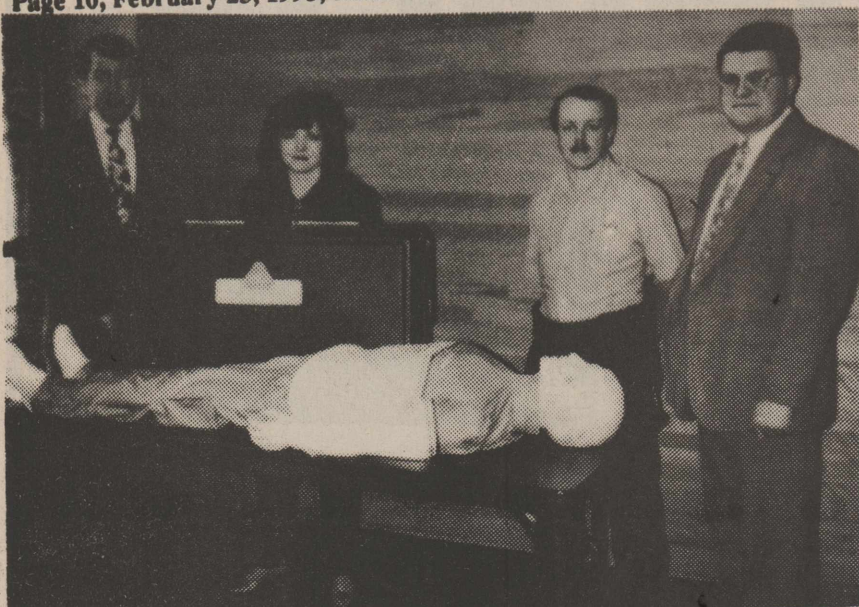
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PRESENTED WITH RESUSCI ANNE TRAINING UNIT: Fisher County Hospital District was presented with a Resusci Anne Training unit in formal ceremonies by the National Automobile Dealer Charitable Foundation and Robert Hall Chevrolet of Jayton. Pictured left to right at the presentation: John Conner, Jr., Regional Manager, Ella Rae Helms, Hospital Administrator, Bobby Davis, EMT Supervisor, and Robert Tra Hall of Robert Hall Chevrolet.

County Hospital District Gets Auto Dealer Grant For Unit

The Fisher County Hospital District hopes to train citizens of Fisher County on what to do when a person has a heart attack. The training program was greatly enhanced when the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation and Robert Hall Chevrolet of Jayton presented a Resusci Anne training unit to the organization in formal ceremonies today.

In presenting the CPR unit, which is essential for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, Bobby Davis said, "If the right kind of treatment can be given a heart attack victim within seconds after he or she is stricken, the chances are good that the life can be saved. CPR training teaches a person how to keep the heart beating while professional help is coming."

Davis said that since the massive involvement of Americans training in CPR, there has been an increase in long-term survivors from ventricular fibrillation. There are many cases where

the training is given to citizens showing that many heart attack victims who otherwise die have been saved and returned to normal activities. The training takes from three to five hours of intensive practice and lectures.

In accepting the CPR training unit, Davis said the organization had set a goal to train a number of persons in the next year.

The CPR unit gives signals telling when the trainee is applying the right pressure in the right spot or breathing correctly into the victim's mouth. With the training, the students learn the "feel" of giving quick, lifesaving emergency treatment.

The National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation is part of the National Automobile Dealers Association with headquarters in McLean, Virginia. Its membership includes over 19,000 franchised new car and truck dealers in the U.S.

Six 4-Hers Place In San Antonio

Fisher County 4-H members place 6 steers at the San Antonio Livestock

Fisher County Historial Comm. Meeting

Fisher County Historical Commission had a great turnout at their February 7th meeting - 31 members. Two new members, Dorothy London of Sweetwater and Marguerite Higgins of the Hobbs Community, were welcomed into the Commission.

Marjorie Mitchell reported on the books sold and eight names have been added to the Veterans Memorial.

Saturday, February 25th we are to meet at the Senior Citizens Building at 8:00 a.m. to go to Texas Tech University Museum and Ranching Heritage Center. We are also going to the Omnimax Science Spectrum to see "Search for the Great Sharks."

Several other possible future field trips were discussed before our meeting was adjourned.

Rotan High UIL Play Cast

The Rotan High School will present Cinderella as its U.I.L. One Act Play. The cast and crew members will be traveling to Stamford Friday, March 31st to compete for District.

The cast members include Buffy Shipp as Cinderella; Dawn Tandy as the Wicked Stepmother; Jennifer Rains as the Young Step-sister; Cassidy Early as the Older Step-sister; Michael Hull as the Handsome Prince; Brandi Murphree as the Jester; Christina Morin as the Fairy Godmother; and Lane Greene as a Footman.

The crew members consist of J.P. Anderle, Kathleen Moffett, Kasey Greene, and Justin Moffett. The play is directed by Connie Early.

Show last week.

Those placing were: Bryant Terry - 9th pl. Lt. Hereford Cory Rains-3rd pl. MW Brahman Bryce Moore-4th pl. MW Limousin Brooke Smith-6th pl. LW Limousin Katrina Rains-3rd pl. HW Short-horn

Cassie Terry-6th pl. HW Angus Katrina Rains and Brooke Smith sold their steers in the Premium Sale for \$2.25 and \$1.75 a pound respectively.

4-Hers will be in Houston the first week in March and conclude in San Angelo the following weekend.

County R.V. Club Travels

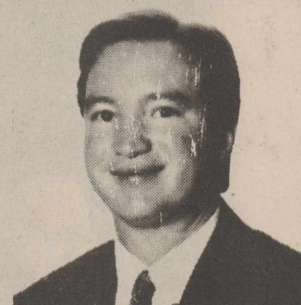
The Fisher County R.V. Club met at Cottonwood R.V. Park February 18. New officers elected were Roy Adams-President; Joe Swafford-Vice President; Alline Terry-Secretary & Treasurer; Dorothy Burrow-Reporter. Those attending were Roy & Mary Adams, Dwight Lovett, Murray & Virginia Simmons, Ruth & Maurice Callan, Bobby & Wynelle Terry, Joe & Nelda Swafford, Thurman & Dorothy Terry, O. O. Hollabaugh, Charles J. Smith, Carl & Peggy Murff, Melvin & Odessa Clements, Guy & Frances Kemp, Rosemary Orrell, Cullen & Alline Terry, J. T. & Louise Mahaffey, Carlton & Dorothy Burrow, Tommie & Vonzell Walker, Glenn & Violet Upshaw.

The first rally will be March 24-25-26 at Arrowhead Estates Campground at Clyde. The April rally will be April 20-21-22 at Hords Creek Lakeside Park.

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Sheriff's Department Officers Arrest Hamlin Men On Burglary

Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers arrested two Hamlin residents who burglarized a house in Sylvester on February 16th, according to Sheriff Gene Pack.

Dwayne McKay, a Fisher County Sheriff's Department Deputy and resident of Sylvester, was informed by Hal Ely of Sylvester that he observed three subjects in a old white Chevrolet burglarizing a home in Sylvester.

The home contained all contents and was owned by Ruby McClain of Stamford.

Deputies arrested Ramiro Villarreal, age 41 of Hamlin and his 17-year old brother Remcio Villarreal. They were placed in the Fisher County Jail pending action by the Fisher County Grand Jury.

Producers Who Want Loan Need Insurance

Any producer who anticipates applying for a farm loan from USDA must obtain at least Catastrophic (CAT) crop insurance coverage on all crops of economic significance. This coverage must be obtained before the sales closing date for the producer's particular crops. The requirement applies to both direct and guaranteed farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans administered by the former Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offices, now using the working name Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD).

This change is required by the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The Act also authorized the reorganization of USDA, which combined the programs of the former ASCS and FCIC with the farm loan programs of MFA, under the newly created Consolidated Farm Services Agency (CFSA).

The sales closing dates are approaching quickly. It is crucial for applicants to contact their local CFSA office because once the deadline has passed and the loan applicant has crops without CAT coverage, they will likely have to wait until the following crop year to be eligible for loan assistance.

Further information about the coverage can be obtained from any local crop insurance agent or the CFSA (formerly ASCS) office. Questions regarding the loan requirement can be answered by the local RECD (formerly FmHA) office.



ROTAN JV GIRLS TEAM: Top to bottom, left to right, Yvette Solis, Dean Duke, Marla Phares, Monica Gaspar, Renee Helms, Katy Cade, Amy Gruben, Leanne Landes. Coaches, left to right: Coach Charles Cate and Coach Dennise Williams.

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Kandis Fay Moore And Dale Alsup Exchange Wedding Vows

Kandis Fay Moore of Clyde and Dale Alsup, of Austin, Tx. were united in marriage, Jan. 21, 6:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Eula, Tx. Rev. Bobby Lane of Abilene officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Harold and Vickie Moore of Clyde, Tx.

The groom's parents are Bernie and Shirley Alsup of Roby, Tx.

The sanctuary was decorated with brass candle stands that hold seven candles with greenery entwined. These stood on each side of wooden lattice decorated with greenery and two large wicker baskets of flowers and greenery. Large bows of rose pink and jade decorated the ends of each pew.

The candlelighters were Krystal Moore, sister of the bride, and Whitney Moore, 2nd cousin of the bride, both of Clyde.

Vocalist was Sherry Fellers of Clyde. A friend of the bride, she sang "Go There With You". A friend from Abilene, she was the pianist. Tina Jones of Abilene, cousin of the bride,

played the "Lord's Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's gown was long white satin with deep shawl like collar, bow at the back and lace with pearls decorating the front. The veil was long with tiny satin bows. The bouquet was white silk flowers with small pearls entwined.

The maid of honor was Angi Ricci of Clyde. She wore a pink dress and carried a bouquet of pink flowers.

The bridesmaids were Kristmas Moore, sister of the bride, and Ra Donna Lane, a friend. Both wore jade dresses and carried jade silk bouquets. The flower girl was Tova Horne of Abilene.

Ring bearer was Drew Hatley of Coleman.

Bernie Alsup, Sr. was the groom's best man. The groomsmen were Steve Teague of McCauley and Andy Gurrera of Austin.

Ushers were Kelly Moore of Clyde and Aaron Hoover of Goldthwaite.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with black bow tie and cummerbund. Misti Smith of Athens registered the

guests. The table was decorated with rose pink cloth, dark blue and pink flowers, a feather pen set, and a white satin book.

Reception was held at the Eula Baptist Church.

The bride's table decor was white lace table cloth, pink and jade flowers and pink candles. The cake was three tiers with scalloped pink icing and tiny pink roses with green leaves.

Servers at the bride's table were Dana Cardinas of Louisville and Sheila Wadley of DeLeon, both cousins of the bride.

Groom's table decor was white lace table cloth, pink and jade napkins, open Bible cake with verse and platters of hors d'oeuvres.

Server at the groom's table was Tanya Moore, cousin of the bride.

The couple's honeymoon included points of interest in Texas and New Mexico.

The bride graduated from Clyde High School. She also attended Texas State Technical College and received an Associates Degree in computer science.

The groom graduated from Roby High School. He too attended Texas State Technical College and received an Associates Degree in computer science.

They now make their home in Georgetown, Tx and the groom is employed with Dell Computers in Austin, Tx.

Auditor's Office Getting New IBM Computer

Fisher County Auditor Charles Thornton indicated earlier this week that commissioners approved the purchase of a \$5,307 computer / software package for his office.

"The system is to be installed this week but we will not begin using it until the first of March," stated Thornton.

The new IBM Leopard -486 S/LC2 computer and software package is coming from Charles Wolfe & Associates in Abilene. The software cost \$2,895 while the remainder was computer charges.

Bid Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for sale of 1976 Chevrolet 2 1/2 ton truck with water tank. For further information contact Gene Terry, Commissioner Precinct 4. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. in regular session of Commissioners Court meeting March 13, 1995. Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marshal Bennett
County Judge



ROBY J.V. GIRLS: Bottom row, (l to r) Amber Kelly, Mandy Taylor, Misty Taylor, Konnette Mays. Middle, (l to r) Candice Brown, Sonya Gaona. Top, (l to r) Wendy Harwell, Jaycee Carey, Coach Wood, Ashley Scott.

Zachary Greenlee Wins First Place At Piano Contest

Zachary Greenlee, 3rd grade Rotan Elementary student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greenlee, was first place at the Lubbock Music Teacher's Association (LMTA) contest in Lubbock last weekend.

He played the third movement of Sonatina in C by Hazel Cobb.

Following his win, he played at the Winner's Recital Sunday afternoon at the Hemmle Recital Hall at Texas Tech. He is a student of Mrs. Lynn Bethel of Snyder.

He will be playing in a contest in Midland on March 3rd and at the Festival At Lubbock on April 1st.



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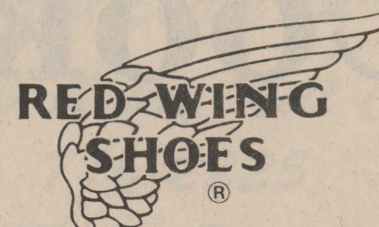


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Two In Rotan Get LVN Caps In Western Texas Ceremony

Two Rotan Licensed Vocational Nursing Students were capped in a ceremony last Thursday, February 16, by Western Texas College. The ceremony took place at Trinity Methodist Church. Gayle Duke and Shawna Speck were recognized for completing the LVN

program. They are qualified to take their state board exams and become LVN's.

Robert C. Adams, WTC history instructor, was the featured speaker and WTC President, Harry Krenk gave the

Invocation and Benediction.

There were a total of twenty-one nursing students recognized either by being pinned or capped. Those being pinned were recognized for completing the first half of WTC's LVN school.

TAAS Testing In Rotan Soon

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills will be administered to Rotan 4th, 8th, 10th repeaters and out-of-school students who have pre-registered, announced Patsy Maberry Hamric, Rotan TAAS Coordinator. The writing test will be administered March 7 for grades 4, 8 and exit. Exit level examinees only will take the Math on Wednesday, March 8 and the Reading test on Thursday, March 9. All tests are untimed so students are encouraged to take as much time as they wish. Mrs. Dot Harris and Mrs. Debby Burnes will

administer the 4th grade TAAS in the Rotan 4th grade classrooms under the supervision of Principal David Hargrove.

Mrs. Lisa Cade and Mrs. Joy Stinson will administer the 8th grade TAAS Writing to the 8th graders in the 8th grade homerooms under the supervision of Principal Ted Posey.

Rotan 10th graders will be transported to the Rotan Community Center. Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin, Mrs. Connie Chissum, and Mrs. Debi Mercer will administer the TAAS Writing on March

7. On March 8, Mr. Dee Threat, Ms. Laurie Pittard, Mrs. Debi Mercer, Mrs. Chissum et al will administer the TAAS Math. On Thursday, March 9, Mrs. Connie Chissum and Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin will administer the TAAS Reading. Mrs. Patsy Hamric and Mrs. Wilma Bullock will administer the TAAS three days of testing to all students who are retesting in one area or more plus the out-of-school registered test-takers. Mrs. Hamric and Mrs. Bullock will be testing in the Rotan LRC.

Anyone having questions, please call Mrs. Hamric at 735-3612.

Fisher County Hospital Report

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of February 14 - 20, 1995 were:

ADMITTED:

Glenna Crow-Rotan; W. J. Harvey-Roby; Zachery Yancez-Rotan; Maizie Redden-Roby; Justin Messick-Rotan; Jackie Teague-Rotan; Lino Yancez, Sr.-Rotan; Louisa Carrillo-Ro-

tan; Maria Escobedo-Desdemonia, TX; Concho Castillo-Rotan; Steve Patterson-Roby; Emma Terry-Roby; Lynda Kenner-Rotan; George Baeza-Jayton; Opal Burch-Rotan; Addie Beckhausen-Rotan; Juanita Dickerson-Roby; Alex Almanza-Rotan; Alma Gravens-Anson

DISMISSED:

Betha Hicks-Rotan; Bonnie Briggs-Rotan; Mary Faught-Roby; Glenna Crow-Rotan; Christine Gruben-Rotan; Wiley J. Harvey-Roby; Lucy Neal-Roby; Louisa Carrillo-Rotan; Justin Messick-Rotan; Billie Nichols-Aspermont; Maria Escobedo-Desdemonia, Tx; Jackie Teague-Rotan; Lino Yancez, Sr.-Rotan

Roby Lions Lose Out In Steer Series

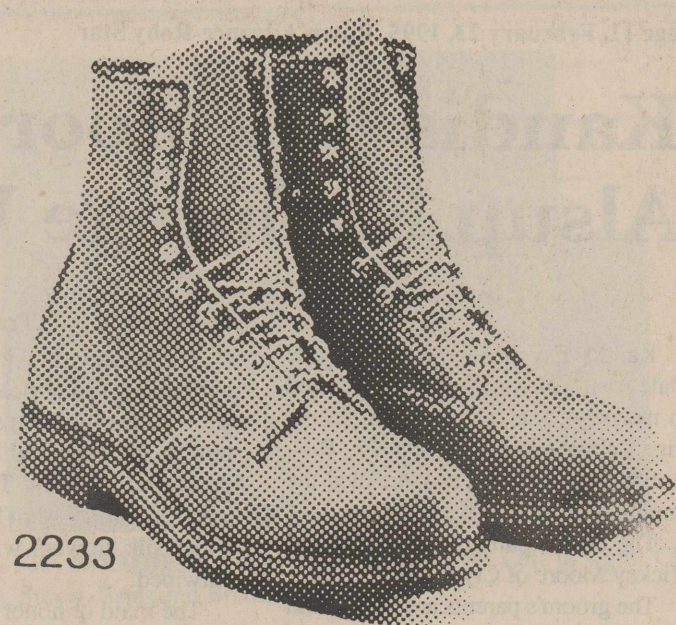
The Roby Lions saw a 14 point half time lead evaporate in the third quarter as the Robert Lee Steers made a tremendous comeback to capture the District 27-A title with a 75-69 decision on Tuesday, February 14.

The Lions owned the first half scoring 23 points in the first and 26 in the second to coast to a first half lead of 47-33. The fired up Lions turned ice cold in the third as nothing seemed to fall in the bucket and added only 5 points to their total while the Steers came out of the shoot and poured in 22 points to gain the advantage over the Lions 55-52 entering the final 8 minutes. The Lions offense cranked up again in the 4th connecting for 17 points but it was not enough to overcome the Steers. The Steers claimed a 75-69 victory and the District championship. The Lions move into the playoffs as the second place team.

The Lions were led by Jason Osuna's 19 points and Chad Danneheim's 16; Coby Moore and Shea Feagan each had 9; Robert Onofre, 8; Mike Counts, 6; Chris Terry, 2.

The Lions played practice games with Sundown and Petersburg on Saturday and Monday. The Lions defeated Sundown 64-50 and downed Petersburg 82-63.

The Lions will meet the Highland Hornets on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.



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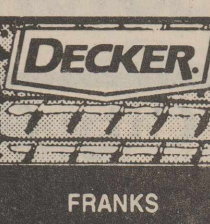
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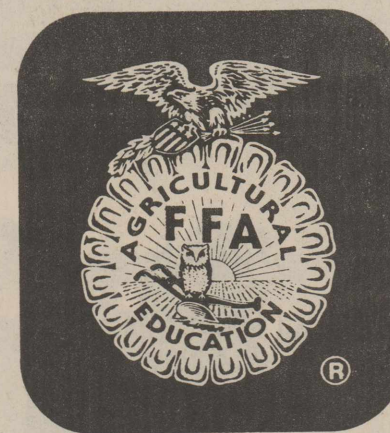
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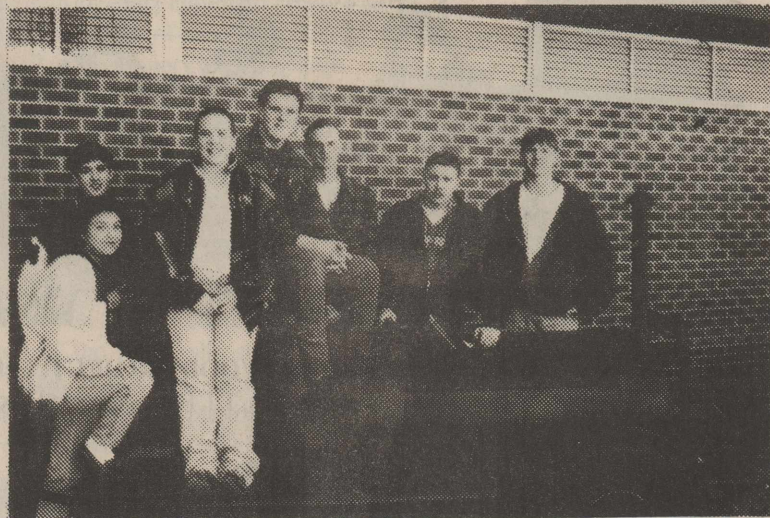


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"FFA-The Leadership Advantage" National FFA Week February 18-25, 1995



ROTAN FFA MEMBERS: Left to right: Jay Carrion, Yolanda Mratinez, April Martin, Eloria Alamanza, Amy Bennett, Clinton Williams.



ROTAN FFA: The Rotan FFA members constructed this BBQ Pit. Left to right: Eloria Alamanza, April Martin, Dawn Tandy, James Cope, Shon Fudge, Jeremy Hyer and Clinton Williams.



ROTAN FFA, TRACTOR DRIVERS: Driving tractor, Patrick Zambrano, James Cope, standing.



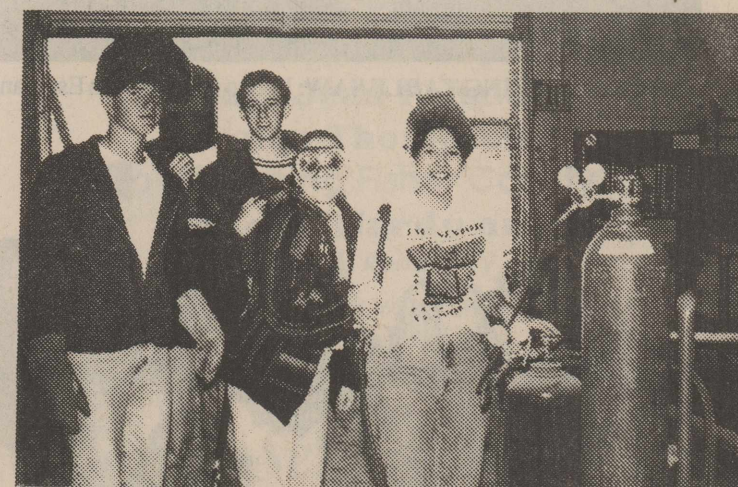
ROTAN FFA OFFICERS: Left to right: Corey King, Michelle Martinez, Rusty Goodwin, James Cope and Brandon Weaver.



ROTAN FFA MEMBERS: Left to right: Dominick Yanez, Cory King and Stomper Daniel.



ROTAN FFA AUTO MECHANICS: Left to right: James Cope, Dawn Tandy, Pete Elrod.



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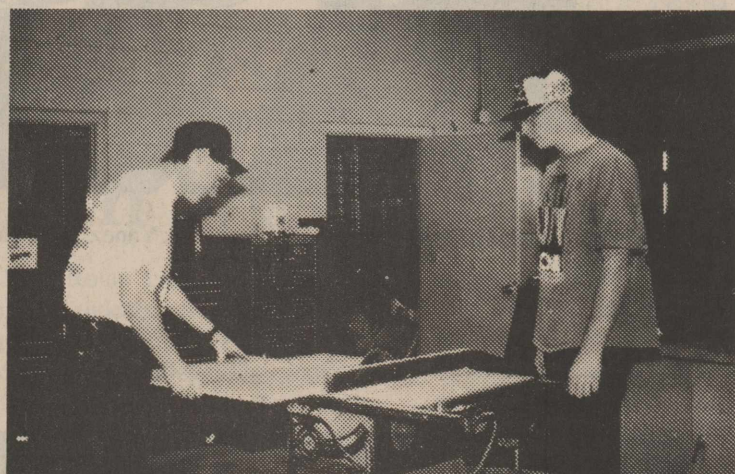
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"FFA-The Leadership Advantage" National FFA Week February 18-25, 1995



USING WELDER: Roby FFA, Lonnie Green using welder.



ROBY FFA, USING TABLE SAW: Left to right: Steven Estes and Lonnie Green.



ROBY FFA ANIMAL SCIENCE STUDENTS: Left to right, front: Tommy Lands, Lonnie Green, Kelly Heflin, David Bond. Back row, left to right: Justin Smith, Carissa Kiser, Rebecca Stearns, Shawna McKee, Michael Brown and Chad Arnwine.

More than 428,000 FFA members will promote FFA, agricultural education and fiber industry during National FFA Week, February 18-25, 1995.

FFA members in 7,238 chapters across the U.S. as well as Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will be organizing events and activities to foster awareness of agricultural education and support for FFA.

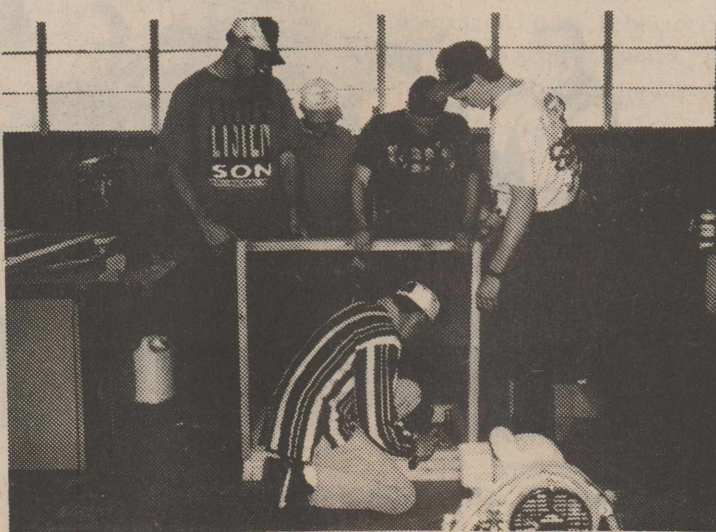
This year's theme, "FFA-The Leadership Advantage," will be seen through communities nationwide through promotional efforts of local members. FFA activities and agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, analytical thinking and the application of both to the industry of agriculture.

Larry Case, national FFA advisor, said today's young people are aware of their responsibilities as agricultural leaders for tomorrow. "Our members realize the world in which we live is growing larger and more interdependent," he said. "These young people will be leading the effort to provide

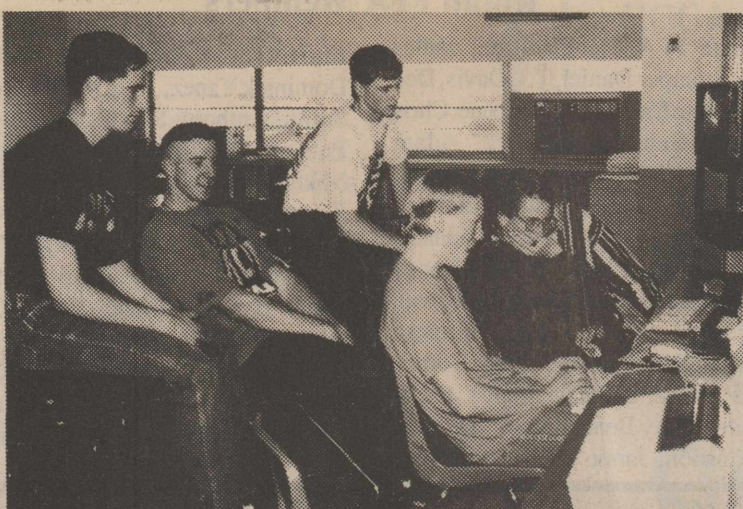
food and fiber for a growing population, as well as to keep America competitive in the global marketplace."

National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture. Both the National FFA Center and the National FFA Hall of Achievement are located on part of Washington's original Mount Vernon estate near Alexandria, Va.

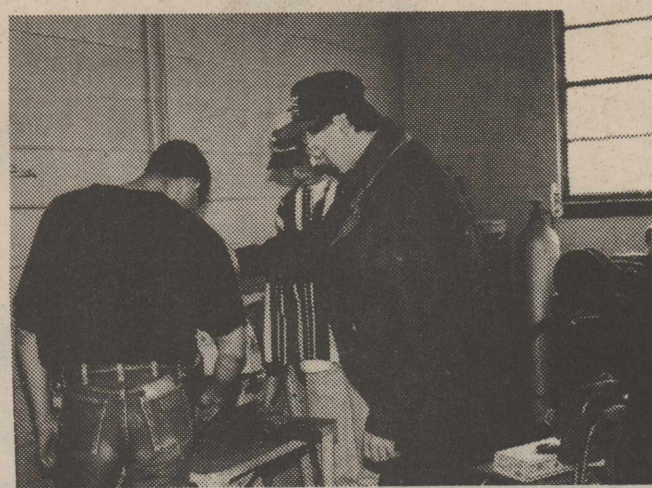
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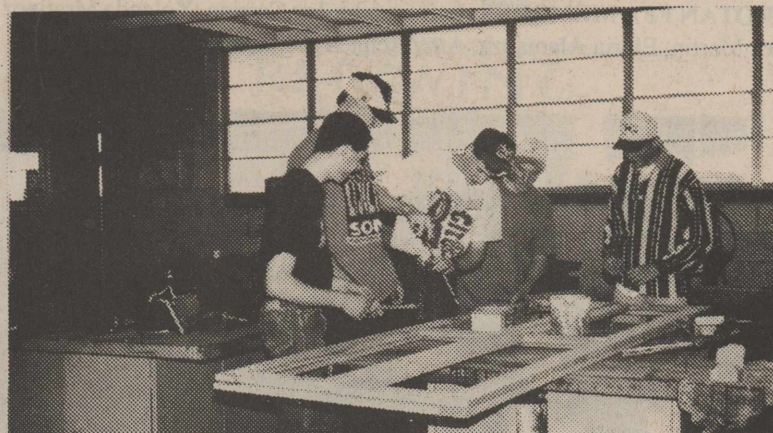
ROBY FFA WOOD WORK: Bradley Atkinson, using hammer, top, left to right: Lonnie Green, T.J. Flanagan, Chad Dannheim and Steven Estes.



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Roby FFA Members

Roby students active in FFA are:

Course Title: Animal Science: Chad Arnwine, David Bond, Michael Brown, Lonnie Green, Kelly Heflin, Carissa Kiser, Sidney Lands, Shawna McKee, Justin Smith, Rebecca Stearns.

Course Title: Ag. Struc. Tech.: Shea Feagan, Philip Goodwin, Michael Haigood, Juan Melena.

Course Title: HM. Main: Ronald Andrews, Larry Castillo, Adrian Castor, John Casey Claxton, Michael Counts, Chad Dannheim, Brian Dickson, Sammy Garcia, Lonnie Green, Jason Osuna, Jarid Stidham.

Course Title: AG. Mech.: Bradley Atkinson, Les Branham, Chad

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Course Title: App. AG. SC.: Ronald Andrews, Donnie Barrera, Mario Barrera, Larry Castillo, Adrian Castor, Troy Faglie, Billy Floyd, Sonya Gaona, Lonnie Green, Joseph Guerra, Tony Guerra, Curtis Harris, Jeremy Hearn, Jenny Knox, Sidney Lands, Roy Lewis, Brandon Maberry, Juan Melena, Ashley Scott, Justin Smith, Leslie Stephens, Jarid Stidham, Mandy Taylor, Rusty Thompson, Jeremy Valdez, Ty West.

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2. First National Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,671.01
3. Harold Sanders	Adm. Fee (Water)	\$100.00
4. Rotan Municipal Water	Purchases	\$13,206.97
5. Rotan Municipal Water	Bond	\$1,139.41
6. Community Center	Deficit - Nov.	\$232.29
7. Xerox	Lease on Fax	\$60.46
8. John's John	Landfill & Park	\$120.00
9. DP&R Water	Water - Landfill	\$25.00
10. White True Value	Tools, lights, supp.	\$162.03
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12. Group Benefit Risk	Employee Ins.	\$3,293.65
13. Southwestern Bell	Basic Service - Pool	\$19.88
14. Southwestern Bell	Office	\$340.74
15. Southwestern Bell	Reg & L.D.	\$30.31
16. NTS	Long Distance	\$20.07
17. Texas Cellular	Mobile Phones	\$113.22
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19. Lone Star Gas	Pol. Sub-station	\$281.85
20. Midwest Electric Coop.	Service	\$293.08
21. WTU	Service	\$3,198.22
22. Higginbotham-Bartlett	Parts	\$78.58
23. Western Industrial	Parts	\$632.49
24. Martin Feed	Flats	\$52.00
25. Johnson Lab & Supply	Supplies	\$222.24
26. Sims Plastics	Clamps	\$1,037.44
27. Gray Fuel & Chemical	Fuel	\$1,394.68
28. Lee Shamrock	Flats, etc.	\$217.55
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30. Petty Cash	Postage, advances	\$630.48
31. National Uniform	Uniforms & Mats	\$61.14
32. Thriftway	Supplies, Christmas	\$201.35
33. The Newspaper Office	Off. Supplies, Ads	\$683.07
34. Visa	Travel Exp., School	\$893.56
35. West Texas Welder	Cylinder Rent	\$12.50
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53. Clearfork Health Center	2-Phys. Fire Dept.	\$60.00
54. Jasper Wood Fire Ext.	Service Fire Ext.	\$694.00

Salaries	\$43,807.62
Social Security (City part)	\$18,407.66
Retirement - City part	\$1,408.19
Fire Chief	\$1,319.83
Fire Marshal	\$100.00
Attorney	\$75.00
Fire Department	\$200.00
Fire Department	\$50.00
Total Bills & Salaries & Others	\$65,368.30

USDA Conducting Farm Costs And Returns Survey (FCRS)

AUSTIN...DeLanna Hinson of Rotan, Texas will contact several local agricultural producers in the next few weeks to ask them to participate in the 1994 Farm Costs and Returns Survey (FCRS). This is an extremely important survey conducted locally by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, and part of a nationwide study by USDA.

The FCRS measures the 1994 financial condition of U.S. agriculture by providing summarized information

Rotan F.C.E. Club Holds Feb. Meeting

The Rotan F.C.E. club met February 16, in the home of Effie Murphy. There were 11 members present and one new member, Mary Anne Craver. Our program was on Home Health Services, it was given by Pat Featherston. Effie served refreshments to June Anderson, son, Leonora Cleveland, Ardell Floyd, Wanda Floyd, Jenny Lane, Ozella Rivers, Charlene Starns, Pat Kelley, Mary Ann Craver, and Pat Featherston. Next meeting, March 2, will be in the home of Ozella Rivers. Our program will be, Speed Cleaning Your Home. Everyone is invited to come.

Only Anson Has Higher Water Bill Than Rotan

Of eight area towns surveyed on water rates, only Anson residents would get a higher bill than Rotan's residents under current rates. If members of the Rotan City Council grant City Secretary Harold Sanders his recommendation on a rate adjustment, Rotan and Anson will have equal rates for 4,000 gallons of water - taking into consideration the fire protection fees of both cities and all water surcharges.

Of eight towns surveyed the following information was ascertained.

Bills for the water are based on rates for 4,000 gallons of water (including fire protection fees and water surcharges).

Post - \$8.00; Knox City - \$13.00; Roby \$13.00; Haskell - \$14.90; Winters - \$16.32; Hamlin - \$16.50; Rotan - \$18.50 and Anson \$20.50.

Anson, of all the towns surveyed, also employed the most full-time employees. Anson reported 25; Hamlin 19; Post and Haskell 18; Winters 17; Rotan 14; Knox City 10 and Roby 4.

Sources Of The City of Rotan Income Of \$72,775.29 Generated In January 1995

The following is a break-down of the various income generating categories responsible for a total of \$72,775.29 in spendable income in the month of January 1995.

Water Collections	\$25,312.30
Sewer Collections	\$3,732.25
Garbage Collections	\$7,889.49
Penalties	\$448.26
Fire Protection	\$1,405.23
Connection Fees	\$80.00
Meter Deposits	\$60.00
Service Sur-charge	\$2,637.30
Lieu Of Tax	\$393.56
Use Of Landfill	\$690.00
Insurance (House Auth.)	\$-0-
Tax	\$536.09
Use Of Dumpster	\$23.82
Oil Tax	\$46.32
Returned Check Fee	\$-0-
Property Taxes	\$20,347.17
Sales Tax	\$6,567.91
Wes-Tex Waste Landfill Contract	\$1,092.00
Franchise Tax - WTU	\$1,246.66
Mixed Drink Tax	\$130.93
RV Park Income	\$-0-
Cemetery Lot Sales	\$50.00
Use of City of Rotan flatbed truck	\$20.00
Ditch Witch Rental	\$30.00
Dog Tag	\$6.00

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We at Murphree Flying Service hope that this will aid you in complying with WPS.

This class will be held on March 1st, 1995 beginning at 1:30 p.m., but we want to serve all growers and handlers a Bar-B-Que Lunch beginning at Noon on Wednesday, March 1, 1995.

All growers attending the lunch will be permitted to register for a shot-gun that will be given away. The growers only who attend the lunch will be permitted to register for the shot-gun to be given away immediately following the meal.

Handlers and growers are invited to the Bar-B-Que lunch.

Only handlers need to stay for the Pesticide Handler Training.

The event begins at Noon Wed., March 1, 1995
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In Order To Have An Accurate Plan Of Those Who Will Be Eating Lunch - Please Call 735-2266 To Register.

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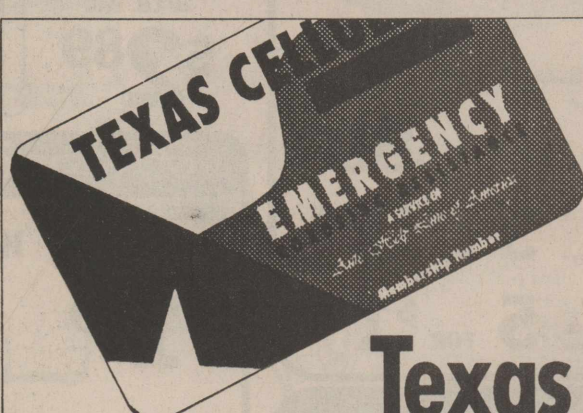
Scaled proposals shall be received in the office of Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546 by 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 1995. Each proposal received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Insurance Proposal". Proposals shall be opened in the office of Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, at 1:15 p.m., Monday, March 20, 1995. The board shall consider the proposals and take appropriate action at a public meeting on Monday, March 20, 1995 beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Rotan ISD Cafeteria. Additional information may be obtained from Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools at (915) 735-2332.

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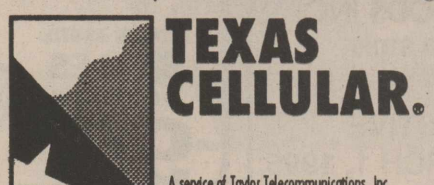
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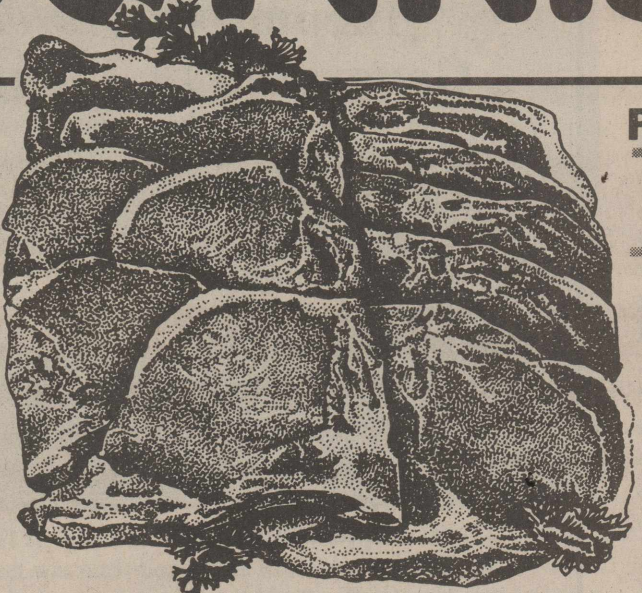
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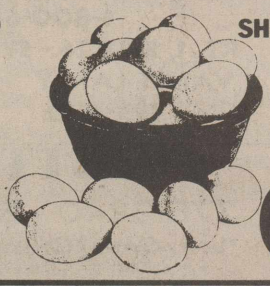
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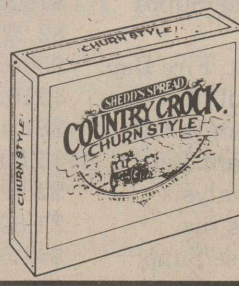
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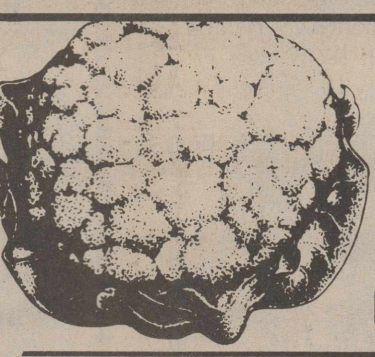
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