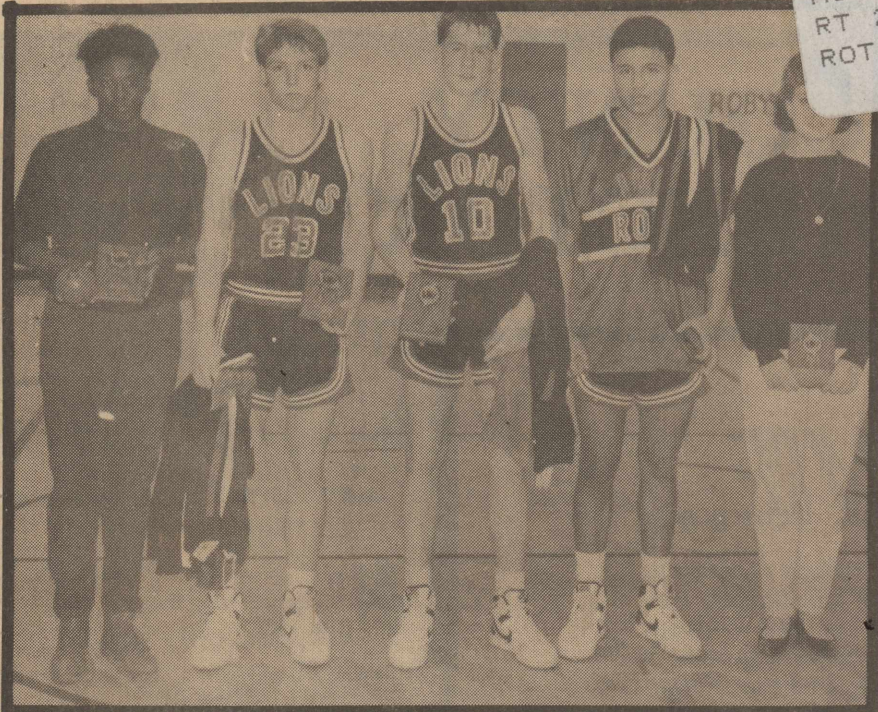


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ALL TOURNAMENT PLAYERS: Pictured above these five players received honors during the recent Roby Tournament. Left to right: Carol Kirby, Jason Terry, Carter Edmondson also named Most Valuable Player, Jerry Carreon and Cherie Feagan.

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Rotan Methodists To Put On Live Nativity Scene

The cast for the annual performance of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan "Live Nativity Scene" is in the process



A BIT UNUSUAL: The winners of the two \$50.00 savings bonds, given at the two performances of *The Awakening Of John Slater* were won by next door neighbors. Truman Gilliland won the prize, given by Myla Black of Black Investments, on Friday night and next door neighbor Roy Adams won the prize on Saturday night.

SHelter AT LEAST: During this season of counting your blessings, count a roof over your head and put it at the top of the list. In Houston, Texas an estimated 10,000 homeless live on the streets and in makeshift cardboard quarters. Officials say the weak Houston economy, new immigration laws and a prison housing shortage are all partly responsible for the problem. The estimated 10,000 homeless in Houston is about double the Fisher County population.

TEXAS EDUCATION BOSS: Was glad to see some matter of fact comments from Texas Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby on the positive effects of education reforms and TEAMS testing in Texas schools. Kirby said "Of course we continue to be concerned that Texas students' scores on the SAT and ACT are well below the national average," said Kirby. "The education reforms enacted three years ago are aimed at making the kinds of improvements in our public school system that will result in higher student achievement. Many of those reforms, particularly those forced on the early grades, are already having positive effects. By testing students in all odd-numbered grades on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills, we see that students in the early grades are performing well above average compared to students nationwide. At the exit-level, however, the results are not as favorable. It is apparent that we must do more to increase academic standards in high school". Enjoyed reading your comments, Commissioner. It is refreshing to see someone in the field of education recognize that we're not turning out the best educated students from our high schools and that improvements need to be made. I also found it refreshing to see you applaud the education reforms as tools that will result in higher student achievement.

NOW YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GOOSE: Mayor Mike Roark of Charleston, West Virginia, who according to a November 18th article in USA Today, was known as "Mad Dog", for his aggressive pursuit of drug dealers while in public office was introduced to the goose recently. Seems Roark pleaded guilty to six charges of possessing cocaine and agreed to resign as Mayor of Charleston. In return, Federal prosecutors agreed to drop 24 charges, including distributing illegal drugs. What's good for the goose is good for the gander - hey, Mayor.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from Rough Creek would like to leave you with these thoughts.

Dreams - It doesn't do any harm to dream, providing you get up and hustle when the alarm goes off.

Flattery - Flattery is like perfume; you're supposed to smell it, not swallow it.

Liquor - Get the best of liquor or it will get the best of you.

Politics - Millions of Americans don't vote. They figure they can't earn their keep under Republicans and can't keep what they earn under Democrats.

Prayer - To grow tall spiritually, a man must first learn to kneel.

Marriage - The woman who complains about the man she married should realize that she could have caught a bigger fish if she had used better bait.

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of being selected, according to Rev. Terry Lowe, Pastor.

The once-only performance will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday night, December 23rd in front of the First United Methodist Church in Rotan.

Cast assignments to date, knowing that bad weather has prevented the notification of the names of additional assignments, are as follows: Mary - Sheila Murphree; Joseph - James Park; Narrator - James Springer; Director - Bunny Coventry; Gabriel - Bob Coventry; King Herrod - David Hargrove; Innkeeper - Jack Jones; Wisemen - Chris Denton; Phil Springer, Randy Murphree; High Priests - Vick Burk, Rudy Hamric, Jeff Klein; Teachers

-Dale Cox; Shepherds - Yoke Fleming, Wayne Porter, Melvin Clements and Blake Morrow.

Junior Shepherd - Clay Helms and Mark Marshall.

Angels - Linda Morrow, Cindy Greene, Patti Park, Julie Pease, Jay Niece Clements, Connie Hargrove.

Junior Angel - Melissa Burk.

Props - Randy Murphree, Chris Denton and Vick Burk.

Costumes - Jessie Morrow, Janis Collins and Odessa Clements.

Chili Stew Committee - Joe Dale Burk, Fran Burk, E.J. Kiker and Betty Kiker.

Fireworks - Lloyd Greene; Music - Mary Ann Marshall.

Rev. Garry Wester Assigned To Ecuador Baptist Mission Field

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Garry Wester were among 30 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Dec. 8 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The Westers will live in Ecuador, where he will be starting and developing churches and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

He is pastor of Red Springs (Texas) Baptist Church.

Born in Abilene, Texas, Wester is the son of Nell Wester of Ozona, Texas, and the late Pat Wester. While growing up he also lived in Eldorado, Rotan and San Angelo, Texas. He considers San Angelo his hometown and Hillcrest Baptist Church there his home church.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Western Texas College, Snyder; the bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas; and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He has been an engineering assistant for West Texas Utilities

Co. in San Angelo, and a journeyman electrician at Southwestern seminary. He also has been a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board summer missionary in Washington, and pastor of a house church, sponsored by Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Born in Sweetwater, Texas, Mrs. Wester, the former Charlotte Thomson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomson of Roby, Texas. She grew up in Rotan and considers it her hometown. She also considers Hillcrest Baptist Church, San Angelo, her home church.

She received the bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University and attended Western Texas College.

She has been a teacher in Fort Worth, and a summer missionary, with her husband, in Washington. Recently she was a teacher with the Seymour (Texas) Independent School District.

The Westers have two children: Tara Rachelle, born in 1979; and James Daniel, 1984. The family will go to Rockville, Va., in March for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.



TO MISSION FIELDS: Rev. and Mrs. Garry Wester have been assigned to the Ecuador mission fields as part of the Southern Baptist Churches. He is a former Rotan resident and the son-in-law of Roby residents Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomson.



LIVE NATIVITY SCENE: The members of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan will be staging their 'gift to the community' - a live nativity scene on Wednesday night, December 23rd with a single performance at 7:30 p.m. Above Yoke Fleming, left, plays King Herrod with the three wisemen (l to r) Melvin Clements, Carlton Burrow and Dr. Vick Burk.

Rotan School Board Reaffirms Insurance Bid Policy, Tables Write-To-Read Plans

The members of the Rotan Independent School Board met last Monday night and took action on three specific areas. First, they re-affirmed their earlier decision

to take bids on the placement of all school insurance; second - they agreed to study for at least a month the decision to bring the drug-detection dogs to Rotan and

finally they tabled discussion on implementing the write-to-read program due to lack of space in the primary building.

The board discussed an 11 page written statement with local insurance agent Joe Buck, representing Rotan Insurance Agency. Burk wrote the statement to the board after having a bid for coverage rejected in favor of an out of town firm at the November meeting. Burk's bid, according to school officials, was 37 percent higher. In discussing insurance in general with the board, Burk contended that he could best represent their interests in all lines written. "I make no apologies for our charges, they are reasonable and I contend that no one in the state of Texas knows as much about the Rotan School insurance program as I do", said Burk.

Board member Luther Summers and Board Member Larry Landes expressed their desire to keep the insurance business in

Tommie Jack Stuart Announces For Commissioner I Re-Election

Fisher County Commissioner Tommie Jack Stuart has authorized this newspaper to announce his intention to seek re-election to the position of Commissioner Precinct -1.

Stuart is completing his first term as Commissioner. He and his wife Carole (Donham) Stuart have three children. Belynda Rains and Debbie Dickson of Rotan and Sharon Carrillo of Sweetwater.

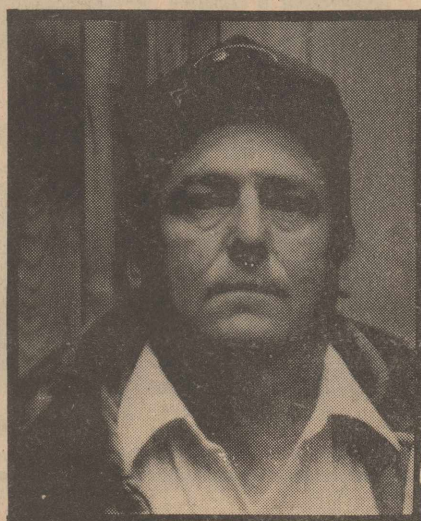
Stuart is a graduate of Roby High School (1958) and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

His wife Carol is currently employed as an insurance agent in Abilene.

In announcing for the office of commissioner, Stuart said "I have attempted to represent all of Fisher County in my capacity of Fisher County Commissioner of Precinct -1. I have tried to look out for the best interest of the residents of Precinct -1 but in a broader scope have attempted

to keep the best interests of Fisher County when called upon to make decisions".

"I am in hopes of having the opportunity to ask each resident of Precinct -1 for their vote personally between now and the Primary in March", concluded Stuart.



Tommie Jack Stuart

Santa Claus Planning Visit To Roby On Thursday, Dec. 24th

Santa Claus will make his annual stop in Roby at the Court House Square on December 24th at 3:00 PM.

Commissioner Jimmie Wright Gets Deaf Ear From 'Brothers' On Precinct Finances

The fraternity of commissioners has always been a tight knit society - adhering to an unwritten rule that frowns on public scolding, the airing of dirty laundry in public and the like.

The fraternity by-laws dictate that "what comes around goes around", etc, etc. Last Monday morning, the boys on the Fisher County Commissioners Court left the rule book at home. They turned a deaf ear to Commissioner Jimmie Wright and by doing so, as much as told him to get his precinct's financial act together.

Seems Wright has been forced to hard times financially. The only commissioner feeling the financial pinch. He asked, by means of a motion, that he be allowed to purchase two used vehicles - one a 1979 and the other a 1978 costing \$11,000 each - total \$22,000. He doesn't have the money in his precinct funds to pay for the vehicles, so he wanted to borrow the money from the Citizen's State Bank at 8 percent interest and pay the vehicles off in 1989 and 1990. Wright has been playing catch-up for several years with precinct finances. All precincts receive the same amount of money to expend each year. Commissioners turned down his request for the purchase - by not seconding an alternate motion made

by Wright that he be allowed to purchase one vehicle instead of two.

Commissioner Tommie Jack Stuart, instead of seconding the motion, said he "wanted to look at the end of the year figures for 1987 in January". Commissioner Billy Henderson and Jay Hendon were silent, neither offering a second to Wright's motion.

Wright contends that it has taken a lot of money to get the roads in his precinct up to acceptable condition. Because of large expenditures in the areas of equipment and salaries in years past he has started out each year behind other precincts financially.

Commissioners made a motion allowing Wright to use 1988 tax money to complete the 1987 year in a motion that was unanimously passed by the court on November 10th, 1987.

Some solutions were offered to Wright's financial dilemma - cut down on the number of road hands (they actually cost - salary, insurance, retirement, social security, etc., approximately \$17,000 each - per year); sell some surplus vehicles and equipment and use that money to purchase newer vehicles; sell a surplus road grader.



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Two days after television's "Sixty Minutes" criticized the Texas Supreme Court as justice for sale, one high court judge charged that the broadcast was tainted.

He also blasted Gov. Bill Clements for publicly criticizing the court's decision not to review the controversial Pennzoil-Texaco megabucks lawsuit.

Justice William W. Kilgarlin told Capitol reporters the CBS network had motives for slanting the program which focused on campaign contributions to Supreme Court justices from lawyers representing both Pennzoil and Texaco.

The Texas Supreme Court last month refused to review the lower court verdict which found for Pennzoil, and "Sixty Minutes" reporter Mike Wallace said Pennzoil's lawyers gave more campaign dollars to judges than did Texaco's lawyers.

Kilgarlin told reporters that Wallace never asked him for an interview.

CBS-Texaco Link

He also said the network singled out Texas because CBS chairman and CEO, Lawrence Tisch, testified for Texaco and faced a grueling cross-examination by Pennzoil's counsel, Houston attorney Joe Jamail.

Kilgarlin said Texaco's lead attorney in the case, David Boies, had previously represented "Sixty Minutes" producer George Crile, when CBS was sued for libel by Gen. William Westmoreland. Crile was the producer of the network's segment which reported on Vietnam casualty numbers.

High Court Fights Back

As for Clements, Kilgarlin said the governor should not denigrate a decision by saying it was bad for Texas business, but should focus on the law and the facts.

Kilgarlin's remarks are the first full-scale defensive against growing criticism of the sitting justices, all Democrats.

Clements and Texas Republicans have let it be known they intend to go after the judges at the voting booth with a full slate of replacement hopefuls.

GOP Gains in Texas

Capitol Republicans took heart last week when the results of a poll taken before two significant events showed an increasing number of Texans are planning to vote in the Republican primary.

The poll, which the Texas Democratic Party criticized as "horribly skewed," indicates 58 percent of respondents favor Vice President George Bush and that as many will vote in the Republican primary as in the Democratic primary.

The sample was taken in mid-November, before the U.S.-Soviet summit and the nationally televised presidential debate.

Texas Republicans had worried about a drop in GOP popularity following the "Ponygate" scandal and the Iran-Contra affair.

Candidates Visit Texas

Meanwhile, as the March 8 Super Primary date approaches, a record number of candidates are campaigning in Texas. Stumping the state last week were the three

leading Democrats, Jesse Jackson, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Tennessee U. S. Sen. Albert Gore.

The poll showed Jackson and Dukakis, two liberals, holding steady with Gore, a conservative, gaining a couple of points.

U. S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen-for-Vice President speculation was squelched by his spokesman Jack Martin, who said Bentsen is preparing for re-election and waiting to see who will surface as an opponent.

Possibles include Amarillo Congressman Beau Boulter, Dallas State Rep. Bill Ceverha, City Councilman Jerry Rucker, also of Dallas, and San Antonio lawyer Doug Harlan.

Texas Nearing Finals

Texas officials learned last week that two sites here appear to be in the running and two have been cut by a panel of scientists deliberating where to build the new supercollider.

Still being considered are the Waxahachie and Amarillo sites; eliminated are the two West Texas sites.

The panel's recommendations to the U. S. Dept. of Energy are to be made final on Jan. 15.

Other Highlights

- The new president of Texas Southern University, William H. Harris, wants to make TSU the best predominately black school in the nation by, among other goals, increasing alumni endowments and raising the law school's success rate on the state bar exam.

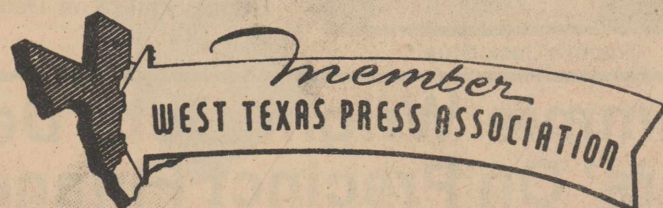
- State archaeologists dug holes on the south side of the Capitol lawn, searching for the foundations of the old Capitol building which burned in 1881.

Mark Denton of the Texas Antiquities Committee remarked the old Capitol had privies, which, if found, could reveal much because of the kinds of trash disposed in them.

- Gov. Bill Cleme. named three new members of the Board of Medical Examiners: Dr. John Boyd, Eden; Barbara Cole, Dallas; and Dr. C. Richard Stasney, Houston.

- Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby is losing two top staff members. Executive assistant Tom Scott and Senate Parliamentarian Canilla Bordie resigned last week.

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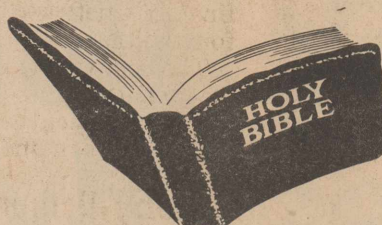
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BE CREATIVE...

Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society

Sunday Matthew 2:13-21	
Monday Luke 2:41-51	Thursday Psalm 150:1-6
Tuesday Psalm 147:1-20	Friday Mark 1:1-13
Wednesday Psalm 148:1-14	Saturday Mark 1:14-20



In A.D. 155 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, declared: "My God, in what a generation thou hast caused me to live!" Of course, it was a day of persecution for the good Bishop and many of his people. Fact is, not long after that, he was burned at the stake. Yet, in his opinion and experience, it was a great day in which to live.

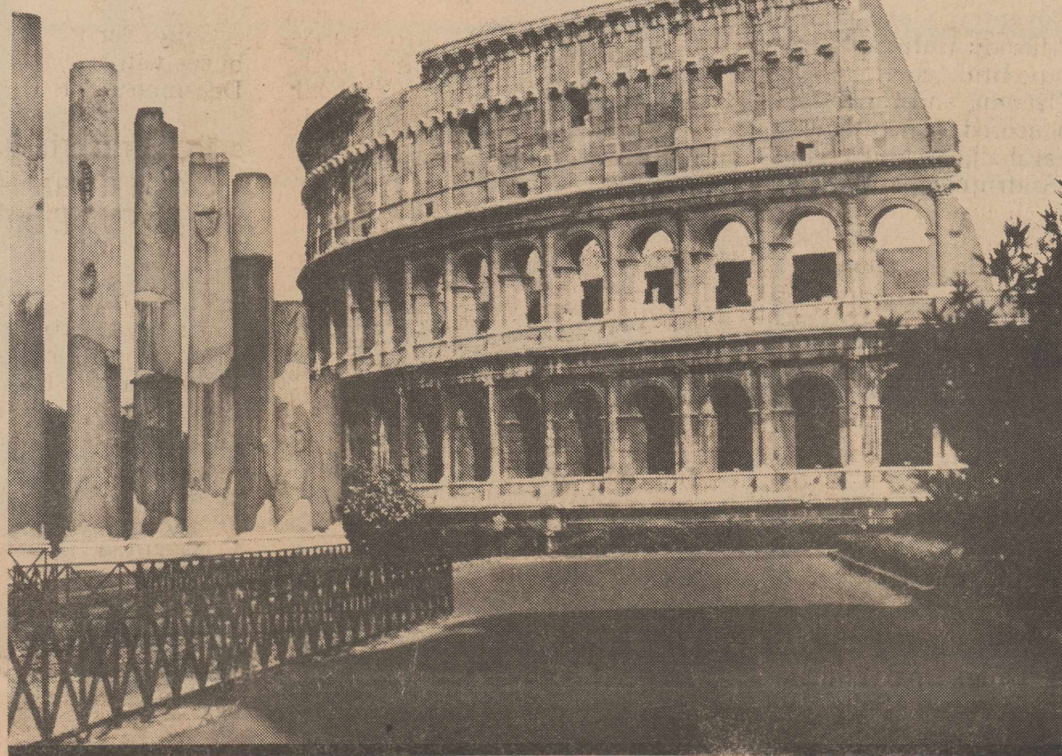
The greatness of life is determined not by ease but by how creative we are in times of hardship. We decide what we see in life and about life; that's what makes life real and exciting—our faith in what is and our hope in what can be.

We need to grasp the faith and vision of the young Frenchman standing amidst the ruins of his little town caused by the Nazis. "How can you be so optimistic in the middle of so much gloom?" someone asked him.

"The world is being wrecked but I am going to have the privilege of helping build it back."

The Apostle Paul would have applauded such faith and commitment. Said he "for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11)

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Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.
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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
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Worship Service 6:00 P.M.
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Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.
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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-10:50 A.M.
Sunday Evening-UMYF-5:00 P.M.
Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
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Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Eve.-Ladies Bible Study-5:00 P.M.
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Worship Service-6:00 P.M.
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Sunday Evening-6:00 P.M.

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Sunday Evening-5:30 P.M.
Wednesday Night Worship-7:30 P.M.

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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.

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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
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Sunday Eve.-Ladies Bible Class-5:00 P.M.
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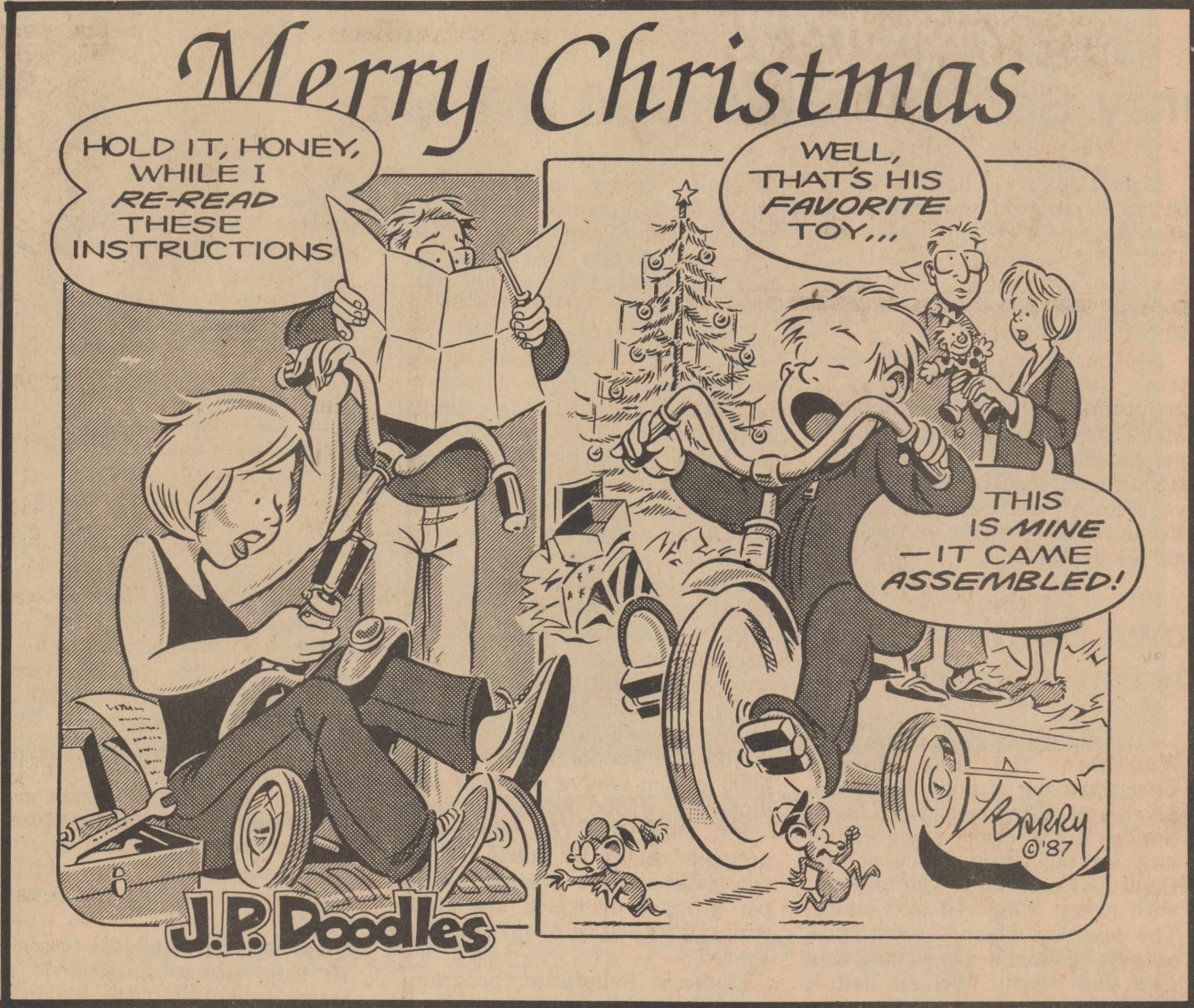
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Sunday School-10:00 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Bible Study-6:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship-7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.

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Rotan, Texas
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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Wed. Night Worship

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Rotan, Texas
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Sunday School-9:45 A.M.
Worship Service-11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 P.M.
Worship Service-7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.





Fisher County Commissioners Approve Payment In Lieu Of Tax Waiver

Fisher County Commissioners approved a payment in lieu of tax waiver; sold a typewriter and adding machine and turned down a request by Commissioner Jimmie Wright that he be allowed to purchase a used truck for his precinct.

The action came during the regular meeting of the Fisher County Commissioners Court, last Monday. The Roby Housing Authority executive director Lynette Goforth requested and was granted a waiver by commissioners to not pay a payment in lieu of taxes for the 1987 year.

Commissioners sold a typewriter for \$15.00 and a used adding machine for \$10.00 to Hortencia Perales and W.D. Rushing respectively.

Commissioners denied a request by Commissioner Wright, made in the form of a motion, to purchase a used \$11,000 truck for his precinct. The denial of the request came in the form of none of the other three commissioners seconding Wright's motion to purchase the truck.

Commissioner Tommie Jack Stuart asked commissioners to give consideration to purchasing additional tables and chairs for

the Pink Building. No action was taken. Judge Marshall Bennett is to look into securing prices.

Commissioners agreed to purchase an insurance policy with the National Sheriff's Association for a cost of \$3,668.00 which represents a savings of \$1,000.00. The savings according to Sheriff Counts is due to the county using fire retardant mattresses in the Fisher County Jail.

Fisher County Attorney Rudy Hamric met with Commissioners concerning a bill that had been received from W.J. Coffman for legal services and dirt work.

In final action N.G. Underwood, Dub Underwood and Mrs. Underwood met with commissioners concerning some problems that they were experiencing with roads and right of ways at their ranch at Rough Creek. It is believed that a possible solution to an access problem was solved by Commissioner Hendon at the meeting last Monday.

Former NFL Player Mickey McCoy Speaks At Rotan Schools

On Thursday, December 10, Mike McCoy, former professional football player with 3 NFL teams, spoke to the Rotan student body during an assembly.

The speaker stressed the importance of setting your limits when it comes to alcohol use. McCoy stressed the fact that there are four stages when it comes to the use of any type of drug: 1) non-user, 2) social user, 3) user but not an addict, 4) an addict or dependent.

He also stressed that there is a fine line between the third and fourth stages.

The best way to deal with drugs is to not use them, but if you choose to use them know what stage you're in and set your limit.

Roby Buses To Run At 2:00 To Dismiss For Holidays

Roby School will dismiss and buses will run at 2:00 on Friday, December 18th.

Rotan Primary Christmas Program Set For Dec. 17th

The annual Rotan Primary Christmas program will take place on Thursday night, December 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The students, and faculty of Rotan Primary cordially invite each of you to see our very special Christmas gift to the Community of Rotan. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Rotan Primary School.

Roby Varsity Boys Tournament Winners

The Roby Lions Boys Varsity Basketball team bettered their season record this past weekend to 9-1 at the Roby Invitational Tournament. The Lions came away as tournament champions with wins against Hamlin, Weinert and Robert Lee.

Thursday evening, December 11, the Lions faced the Hamlin Pied Pipers and defeated them 92-61. Carter Edmondson and Rick Onofre shared the high point honors with 18 points each. Jerry Carreon scored 15 while Jason Terry was not far behind with 11

points of his own. James Gantt had 10 points. Shad Rasco, Michael Carrion, and Craig Maxwell each scored 4 points while Mark Marshall, David Shipp, Ronnie Rodriguez, and John Everett each scored two points for the Lions win.

The Roby Boys team next played Weinert and defeated them 100-49. Seven technical fouls and an evicted coach for the Weinert team did not seem to help their cause.

Carter Edmondson and Jerry Carreon shared high point honors

with 14 points each, Jason Terry had 13 points. James Gantt, Rick Onofre, Mark Marshall, Shad Rascoe and David Shipp each scored 10 points. Michael Carrion had 5 points, Ronnie Rodriguez had 3 and John Everett had 1 point.

In the final game of the tournament the Lions were up against the undefeated Robert Lee Steers. The Lions won the game and the tournament championship with the 66-63 score. Carter Edmondson who was named Most Valuable Player for the tournament had 25 points. Jerry Carreon had 14 points and Jason Terry had 13 points which included three 3-point shots. Rick had 9 points and Reggy Spencer had 5.

Jerry Carreon, Jason Terry, and Carter Edmondson were named all tournament with Carter Edmondson as MVP.

The Roby Lions travel this weekend to participate in the Roscoe Tournament. Their first game is against the Hamlin Pied Pipers at 5:30 on Thursday evening.

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Fisher County Nursing Home News

Well it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful snowfall this week. It has certainly put all of us in the spirit of the season.

We have had many visitors the past two weeks. Several members of Calvary Baptist Church were here on the 6th. The Bible Learner Children's Class from First Baptist Church came and sang for the residents this past Sunday.

La Nita Moore's daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Jimmy Hughes, were here from Houston.

Paul and Inez Foreman of Roby visited with Fawn Wiley, Tennie Bostick and Louise Ashley.

Visiting with Verona Cross

Six County Gins Have Ginned A Total Of 36,019 Bales

Fisher County Gins are still making progress in ginning this year's bountiful crop of cotton. The six gins have processed 36,019 bales so far and are showing no signs of slowing down much before the first of the year.

The Rotan Gin ginned 2,687 bales this week pushing them over the 10,000 mark to 11,205 this year. Terry Gin in Roby had the second highest bale count with 6,900 for the season. The Hobbs Gin has produced 5,835 bales; Farmer's Union Coop Gin, 5,000; Farmer's Gin in Rotan, 4,720; and the Longworth Gin has processed 2,359 bales for the season.

This total number of bales already through the gins represents an increase of 21,927 bales over the total crop (14,092 bales) from last year.

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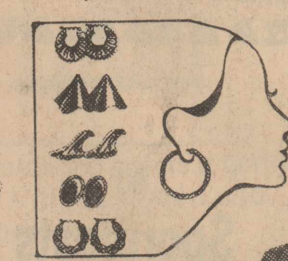
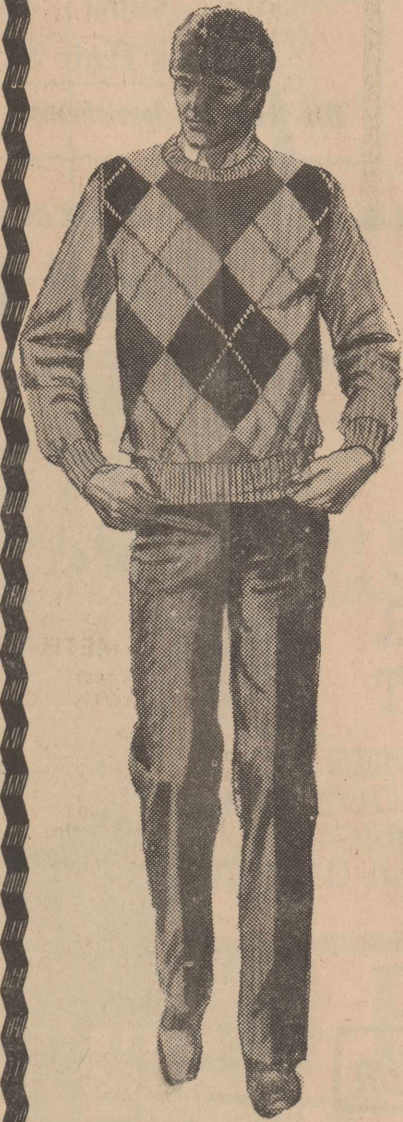
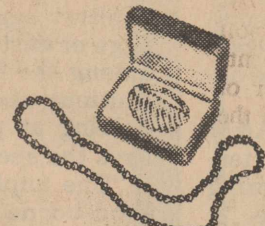
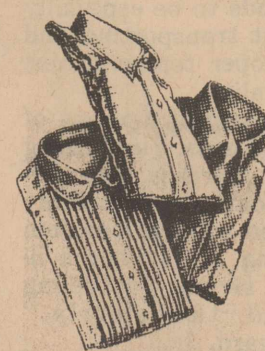
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Legal Notice

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 1st day of December, 1987 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL vs. LESTER PAUL HOYLE; Cause - 4164 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 5th day of January, 1988 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all that certain North 50' of Lot 1 and the North 50' of the West 40' of Lot 2 in Block 53 of the Original Town of Rotan,

Rotan Varsity Girls Team In Anson Tournament, Winning Two Games

The Rotan Yellowhammer Girls Varsity team was a participant in the Tournament held in Anson this past weekend. They won two of the three games that they played.

In action against the Girls team from Throckmorton the Rotan Yellowhammer Girls came out on top with a score of 38-30.

Jerri Boone and Shanna Bennett shared high point honors with 6 points each. Sherri Conner had 5 points, Denise Powell and Jan Posey each had 4, Lucy Stinson had 3 and Lynnette McQueen had 2 points all to lead the Rotan squad to a victory.

The Yellowhammer Ladies next faced Winters and defeated them by a score of 41-39.

Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 502, Page 426 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 1 day of December, 1987 as the property of LESTER PAUL HOYLE, if living; PAMELA ANN HOYLE, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$478.87 with interest from the 14th day of October, 1987 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL,

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 1 day of December, 1987 Micky A. Counts SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS 44:3tc

Like most states, the state of Texas discharges its responsibility for public education by creating local school districts and giving them the authority to impose taxes. But students and property wealth seldom are distributed equally. The primary purpose of state school aid is to equalize resources for school programs and also to equalize tax burdens imposed for a common purpose. State-aid schemes provide funds inversely to the per-student property tax value in each district.

Fisher County schools average \$1958.25 per student in state aid, according to "Bench Marks for 1987-1988 School District Budgets in Texas." The state average for school state aid is \$1497.00 per student.

At the lower end of the spectrum Hobbs ISD received \$234 per student while at the other end McCaulley ISD received \$3103.00 per student in state aid for operations during the 1986-1987 school year. Roby received \$2428.00 and Rotan received \$2068.00 in State aid for operations.

School taxes in 1986-1987 averaged 74.3 cents per \$100 of market value. Thus, property selling for \$100,000 was taxed an average of \$743 for school purposes.

True tax rates imposed by school districts ranged widely among the 1061 school districts in Texas. Fisher County schools averaged 75 cents per \$100 of market value in property taxes. Roby School District was taxed 62.3 cents; Hobbs, 62.4 cents; Rotan, 71.5 cents and McCaulley \$1.041.

Twelve districts in Texas levied a rate of less than 30 cents per \$100 of market value while at the other extreme four districts had a true tax rate in 1986 of more than \$1.50. In other words, property selling for \$100,000 would be taxed by the school for less than \$300 in the twelve districts and more than \$1500 in four districts.

For 1986-1987 the foundation program set up by house Bill 72 was estimated to average \$2089 per student of which the state will pay 71.6% or \$1497 per student.

Under a foundation program, equalization of state aid and local property tax resources is achieved

by varying the proportion funded by the state. For the poorest group of districts, the state pays 92.1% of the foundation cost, or \$2212 per student. For the most affluent group, the state's share was 16.6% or \$332 per student. Again, Hobbs, as an affluent district receives \$234 in state aid per student and the tax-poor districts in Fisher County receive much more in state aid for operations.

This program continues to favor small districts. For example, foundation program cost averages \$3016 per student in the 74 districts with 100 or fewer students-44% more than the average for all districts.

As a result the entire system of state aid and local taxing to finance public education in Texas has been found to be in violation of the Texas constitution by the district court. The variation in the property tax base per student among the 1061 school districts was found to be more extreme than the state-aid formulas could offset. The result is too wide a variation in state-local resources so that students living in different school districts are denied equal educational opportunity.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for making our Anniversary a Happy One. For those who attended, the gifts, flowers, cards, phone calls and the Congratulations in the Newspaper. We express our love and appreciation.

Wayne & Bertha

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital are: Vanessa Janie Fields, Carolina Martinez, Gayle Weilder, Doris Gentry, Minnie Beard, Virginia Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez (new born), David Gonzalez (new born), Polly Denton, Lena Feagan, and Callie Shipp all of Rotan. Alfred Criswell of Snyder. Aleene Smith, Brenda Ramon, Noel Field, Lillian Terry, and Jannice Beecroft of Roby. Norma Smith of Garland. Jonah Taylor of Spur.

News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Looks like winter time is here. We got about 2 inches of snow Monday. Roy and Paulene Kimzey went to Amarillo to visit their daughter and family Carol Ann, Marvin and children Roy Joe and Jody Ray Sarton. They were going to spend a week, but Roy got sick and they stayed almost a month. But he is much better now and they are home again. Elmer Jones is home and feeling better after having surgery last week. Hope he will continue to improve.

A group of Senior Citizens went on a shopping spree in Abilene Wed. They all had a very nice time. The E.M. O'Donalds spent several days in Wylie visiting Ronnie, Vickie O'Donald and children. They came back by Don and family and had lunch before returning home Sunday. They drove home in rain, thunder and lightning and had a lot of heavy traffic.

Ester Jones is now in a private room if you want to send her a card she is in room 5632 at Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene, Tx. Hope she will be coming home soon. Maggie Wiley from Lubbock came for our anniversary and spent a few days with Edna and Ben Benson.

Tips For Safe Traveling For Food

If you're taking food to a holiday party or family gathering, make sure you don't inadvertently bring along food poisoning bacteria to spoil the fun.

"The real problem occurs when you have to travel more than two hours," says food safety expert Marilyn Haggard. "Bacteria multiply rapidly whenever perishable foods are left between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit for that amount of time."

"Since it's difficult to keep foods hot enough to be safe for long travel, cooking the food completely and then thoroughly cooling it in the refrigerator is one option," she says.

According to the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist, freezing the food is also a good choice.

"Any prepared food that freezes well will travel easier and will help to keep the other foods

cold. Just before departing, pack a cooler with ice and the cold or frozen food. Place it in the coolest section of the car."

"Don't forget to unt the holding time once you get to your destination too," cautions Haggard. "If you drive for an hour and then the food sits on the buffet for another hour before it's eaten, there could be problems."

She advises promptly refrigerating food until it's time to reheat and serve it.

Protein foods, such as meat and poultry; egg dishes like deviled eggs or custards; and gravies are among the foods to be especially cautious about transporting and holding at proper temperatures, says the specialist.

"The unpleasant symptoms of food-borne illness, including vomiting and diarrhea, can certainly put a damper on holiday festivities. And while it's seldom life threatening, a food-borne illness can be serious for young children and the elderly," remarks Haggard.

Rotan Varsity Boys Defeated By Anson Team In Recent Game

Not only has the Rotan Boys Basketball team participated in a tournament with Anson this past week but they also played them in a regular game on Tuesday evening, December 8. The Anson tigers defeated the Yellowhammers 52-33.

High point for the Rotan team was Lane Landes with 14 points. He was the only team member to score in double figures.

Willard Roddy scored 5 points; Aaron Porter, 3; Mitch Whitefield, 3; Glen Overby, 2; and Brian Sheehan and Darrian Ragan each scored 1 point.

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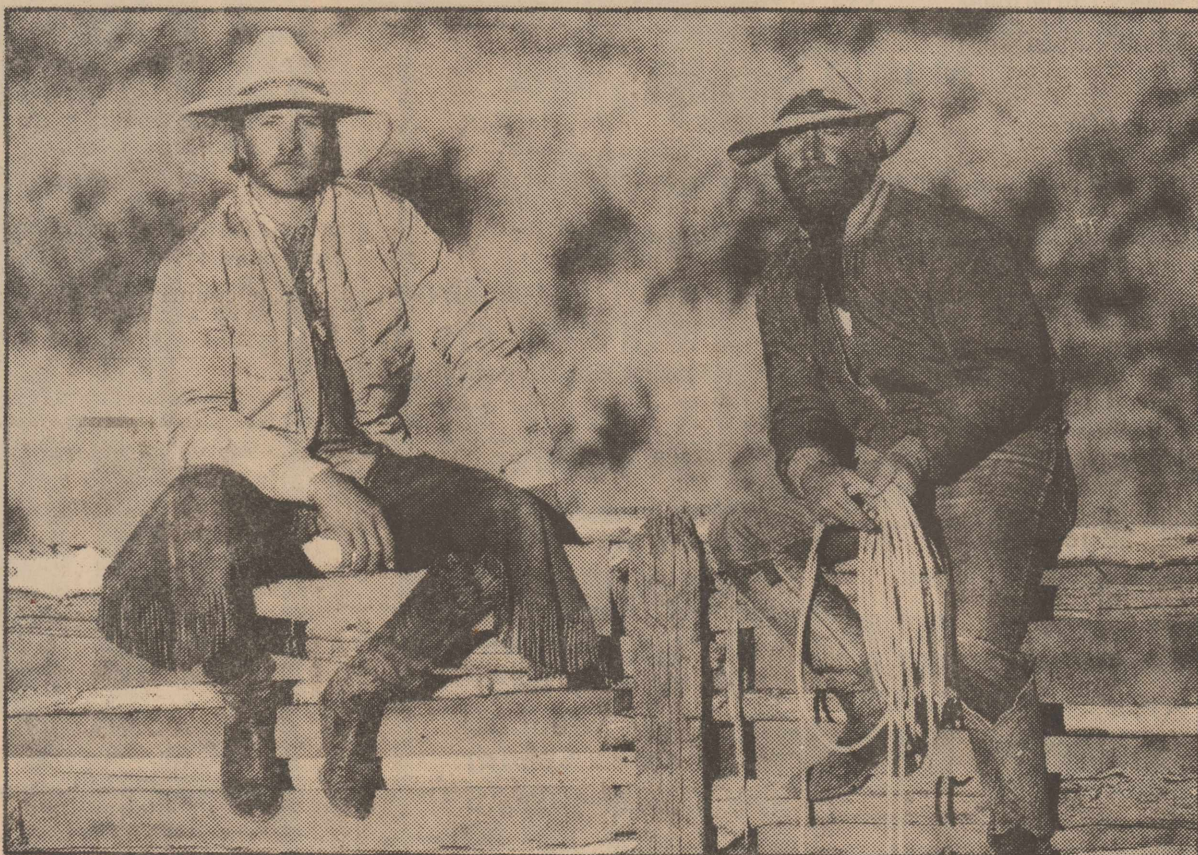
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NOTICE

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Feagan And Kirby Named All Tournament Players In Roby Invitational Tournament

The Roby Varsity Girls Basketball team participated in hosting several area teams in the Roby Invitational Tournament. Coach Byron Shelly led the girls to vic-

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Rotan with Joe Dale Burk.

Donald Gruben, when polled by Board President Pete Fowler said "I think we need to bid it out. If he (Burk) is within 10 percent think it's fine to work with him, but we owe it to the taxpayers to bid it out".

Leo Long said "I think we are in a situation where we have to bid it out" - making reference to the large total insurance dollars spent by the board on insurance coverage.

Roger Blackwelder said "I'm willing to bend over backwards to do business with Joe Dale Burk, but feel we're obligated to go with bids".

Donna Kennedy said "I think it is fair to everyone that it is bid out - we'll get Joe's best price".

Pete Fowler took the discussion one step further, after learning that the majority of the board wanted to stay with the previously established policy of taking bids.

Fowler wanted to know how the board wanted to award the bid. Roger Blackwelder, Donna Kennedy, Leo Long and Donald Gruben each wanted the superintendent to bring the figures to the board with a recommendation. Giving the board the option to make the final awarding decision.

Luther Summers stated that he didn't feel that was the professional way to do business, but agreed to support what the majority of the board decided.

Larry Landes "passed" and didn't offer any opinion.

Board President Pete Fowler went on record as saying he felt the Superintendent should make the decision.

Unless the board changes the present policy, all insurance will be awarded on a bid basis for the next 12 months. Superintendent Alton Fields will secure bids, present the bids to the board with his recommendation, but the final decision on awarding the bid will rest with the school board members.

Concerning the demonstration of the drug detection dog, Kim Pease appeared before the board and expressed his personal feelings concerning the program. He informed the board that he personally objected to bringing the dogs on campus. He said he felt the presence of the dogs would only serve to drive a wedge between the administration, teachers, principals and students.

Roy Rodriguez, representing Roy Rodriguez Associates of San Angelo, Texas appeared before the board with 'Butch' the drug detection German shepherd. Rodriguez had the handler give a demonstration, then gave a 30 minute talk on the positive aspects of the drug dog program.

He reviewed the procedures, informed the board of education assemblies and indicated that the dog detection program was designed as a deterrent.

Following the demonstration, the board discussed program cost with Rodriguez. His basic cost was \$300 per search, usually once a month, and \$150.00 per assembly - three to educate students at beginning.

The board did not intend to make a decision on implementing the program last Monday night. They did indicate that the cost of the program was going to be between \$3,000 and \$4,800 and felt possible study of alternative drug programs would warrant study.

The board is expected to discuss the drug program in further detail at a later date.

Superintendent Alton Fields, in a surprise announcement, requested that the Write-To-Read program that he had been 'selling to board members' for the past several months be tabled. He cited a lack of sufficient space to properly put on the program as the reason for his table request.

Fields reviewed some new election law changes with the board; approved the annual performance report; discussed the possibility of securing a wheel chair platform on one of the district school buses under a grant program; and informed the board of an error on behalf of Pritchett and Abbott where they failed to list an \$83,880 property on the tax roll.

In final action the board accepted the resignation of 5th grade teacher Pam Gorman who will be teaching in the Snyder School system and approved the hiring of Leigh Nowlin as a full time 5th grade teacher.

tory in the first two games against Weinert and Roscoe. The Lady Lions, however, met defeat in the final game against Novice.

Roby girls defeated Weinert 72-26 in Thursday evening's game. Carol Kirby was high point with 10 field goals and 2 of 2 free throws for a total of 22 points. Following closely behind her was Cherie Feagan with 21 points to her credit for the game.

Missy Turpin had 14 points; Becky Kiser, 9; Autumn Shelly, 4; and Shana Feagan, 2.

The Lady Lions next faced the Roscoe Plowgirls in the second tournament game and defeated them 66-45.

Cherie Feagan and Carol Kirby both scored over twenty points with 24 and 20 respectively. Missy Turpin also scored in double figures with 12 points. Donna

Gordon had 6 points and both Kathy Mize and Becky Kiser had two points each.

The Roby Girls could not manage a win in the final game against Novice staying only a few points behind the whole game. 45-37 was the final score with Novice girls as the tournament champions.

High point was Carol Kirby with 14 points. Cherie Feagan scored 12; Donna Gordon, 5; Missy Turpin, 3; Shana Feagan scored 12; Donna Gordon, 5; Missy Turpin, 3; Shana Feagan, 2; and Becky Kiser, 1.

Cherie Feagan and Carol Kirby were named all-tournament.

The Lady Lions meet the Lady Pied Pipers of Hamlin at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday to begin the Roscoe Tournament in Roscoe.

Roby Boys Varsity Squad Defeats Trent Gorillas, Holding 6-1 Record

Tuesday, Dec. 8 the Roby Lions Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated the Trent Gorillas 84-53 to bring their record to 6-1.

Individuals scoring in double figures for the Lions were Carter Edmondson with high point honors for 22 points, Jerry Carreon with 20 points and Rick Onofre with 17 points.

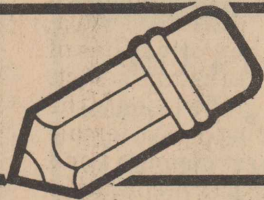
The score at the half was Roby 42, Trent 30 with the Lions going on to win the game by 31 points.

The two Junior Varsity teams from Roby and Trent also played in Roby on Tuesday. The Roby

J.V. which was 5-1 going into the game also defeated the Gorillas 70-23 to bring their team record to 6-1.

Each team member was able to contribute to the 47 point difference with Michael Carreon as high point with 22 points. Mike Reeves scored 14 points; Craig Maxwell and John Everett each had 7; Jeremy Terry had 6 points; Eddie Onofre and Jamie Amador each had 4; and Cory McCombs, Kenny Heflin, and Joe Paul Barrera each scored 2 points for the Roby victory.

Letter To The Editor



To Whom it may concern:

Last weeks article couldn't be any closer to home than Rotan. This town breathes on Gossip. Don't get me wrong but it does exist on dirty gossip.

There's a place where the best gossip starts, and that is at National Gypsum.

Gossip and rumors destroyed my marriage. Right now, I'm in the middle of a divorce. Thanks to people who thrive on gossip and

add on to it to make it juicier. I seriously hope these people who added on or started the cruel gossip are happy with themselves for their accomplishment in splitting marriages. Since mine is not the first, nor will it be the last.

I won't suffer, I'll live through it. But my children will pay at the end before it's all over. But do sleep at peace, people with gossip in their mouths.

Thanks a million;
Esmeralda Soliz

Roby Band Member Myra Hohan Qualifies For Area Band

Myra Hohan was selected as a representative of the Region II Bands to the Area tryouts in Odessa on January 9, 1988. Myra, a sophomore, who plays Alto Saxophone in the Roby Band, was selected as one of two representatives from among 33 contestants vying for the chance to represent the Region II Bands.

Region II is a very large area and includes all schools in

Wichita Falls, San Angelo, Abilene, Snyder, Childress, plus all other schools within the area bounded by these schools.

At the Area Tryouts in Odessa, Myra will compete against students from four other regions for the right to represent the area at the State competition. Congratulations Myra, and Good Luck at the Area tryouts.

Mary Kay

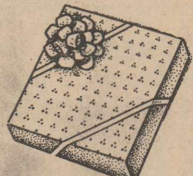
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Funeral Services Held For Shirley Ann Rogers Of Abilene

Shirley Ann Rogers, 48, of Abilene, died Friday night (December 11th) at Hendricks Medical Center. Funeral services were 2 P.M., Sunday, at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Steve Peace, Pastor of First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers was born August 19, 1939 in Rotan. She had made her home in Abilene for the past 14 years, but had also lived in Portland, Houston and Childress. She was a member of the Elmcrest Baptist Church of Abilene.

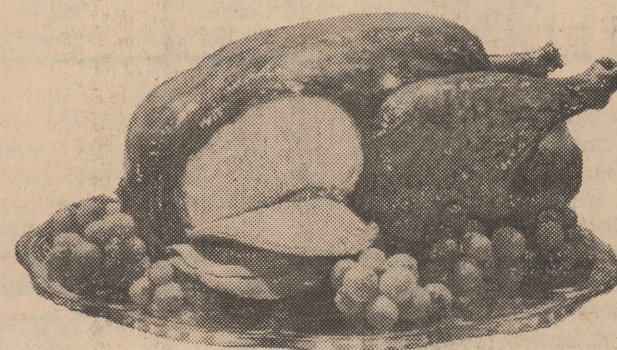
She is survived by: a son, Ricky Rogers of Augusta, Georgia, a daughter, Michelle Rogers of the home, her mother, Claudine Stephenson of Rotan, her brother, Jerry Stephenson of Abilene, her grandmother, Mary Burrows of Rotan.

Casket Bearers were Jim Zoth, Scotty Williams, Phil Cartrite, Frank Crites, Joe McHale, and Don Henson.

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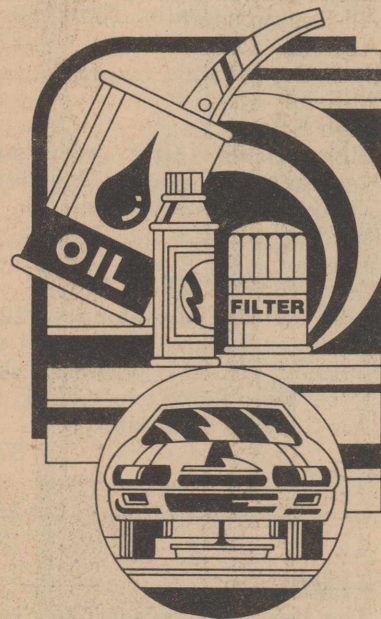
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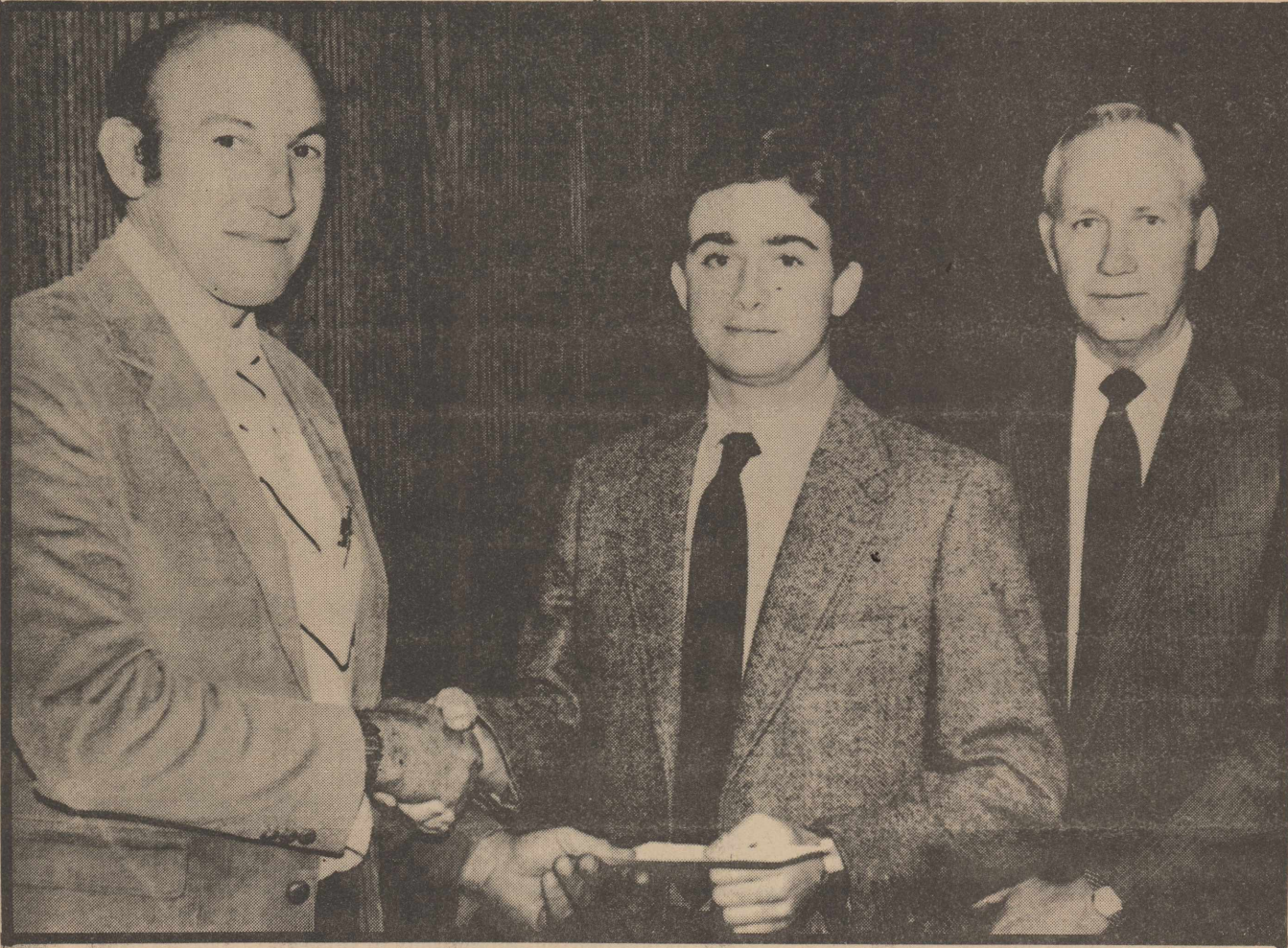
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AG SCHOLARSHIP: Ricky Spencer, a sophomore Agriculture Business major at Tarleton State University, was selected as one of two recipients of the University's Ag Faculty Scholarship for the 87-88 school year. Presenting the scholarship is Associate Professor of Agriculture, Dr. Frank Gilman. At right, is Dr. Weldon Newton, chairman of the Department of Agriculture at Tarleton. Ricky, a graduate of Roby High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer of Roby.

Randy Sparks Elected President Of Rotan Jr. Livestock Show Association

The Rotan Jr. Livestock Show Association met Dec. 8, and set Saturday, Dec. 19, 1987, for the 1987 show. Randy Sparks was elected president. The show will be at the Fisher Co. Show barns in Roby and will begin at 10:30 AM. Show order will be gilts, barrows, lambs, rabbits, heifers and steers. Chili will be served to the public. Exhibitors will need to keep the

following weigh in times in mind if they wish to show. Pigs should be on the grounds by 8:00 AM Saturday Dec. 19, with weigh in at 8:30 AM. Steers, heifers, sheep, and rabbits should be on the grounds by 9:00 AM Saturday.

Exhibitors are reminded to bring meat for the chili. Proceeds from the chili go to the Rotan Jr. Livestock Show. Lee Scott Smith

and Lyndon Hefferman are in charge of cooking.

Superintendents were elected as follows: Beef- Randy Sparks with Joe Mike Sparks assistant, Swine- Bret Clements with Lance Greenway assistant, Sheep- Lyndon Hefferman with Kevin Copeland assistant, Rabbits- Eugene McKimmey.

John Jensen, vo-ag teacher, from Leuders will judge. Cle Don Coffman is the announcer this year.

Students enrolled in the Rotan School system who are 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show in the Rotan Jr. Livestock Show. Showmanship trophies will be awarded for beef, swine, and sheep.

Members of the Rotan FFA thank all of our supporters and give a special thanks to the Rotan Young Farmers for helping with the show each year.

Myra Hohan Earns Second Chair In All-Region Band

Myra Hohan, a sophomore member of the Roby High School Band, earned second chair in the All-Region band. She competed at Abilene Cooper High School Saturday against students from Abilene High School, Cooper High School, San Angelo Central High School, and Wichita Falls Herschi High School.

Second Chair in the All-Region Band qualifies her to travel to Odessa for All-State Band tryouts. The All-Region and All-State bands are sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association.

Rotan Varsity Boys Team Takes Part In Anson Tournament, Record Of 2-7

The Rotan Yellowhammer Varsity teams participated in the Anson Tournament on the weekend

of December 10, 11, and 12. The boys varsity defeated the Winters Blizzards but lost two games to

Paint Creek and Trent.

Rotan defeated Winters 72-62. High point honors went to Todd Gruben for his contribution of 28 points. Willard Roddy and Glen Overby also scored in double figures with 25 and 10 points respectively. Brian Sheehan scored 4 and Billy Speck and Lane Landes each scored 2 to take their team to a victory.

In action against Paint Creek the Yellowhammers were beaten by a score of 67-31.

Willard Roddy scored 9 points to lead his team in scoring. Todd Gruben had 7 points, Mitch Whitefield put 6 points on the board and Billy Speck scored 5. Lane Landes scored 3 points and Aaron Porter scored 1 point.

Rotan's squad found themselves facing Trent High School but were defeated 54-35. Todd Gruben held the honors for high point once more as he led the Yellowhammers with 13 points.

Lane Landes scored 8; Mitch Whitefield, 6; Brian Sheehan, 3; Billy Speck and Willard Roddy, 2 each; and Darrian Ragan had one point.

This tournament leaves the Yellowhammers with a record of 2-7. The Rotan squad next travels to Aspermont this weekend for another tournament which will begin Thursday, December 17.

Major Legal Victory Won By TSTA

A major legal victory won by the Texas State Teachers Association will ensure that female coaches in the La Porte Independent School District will receive equal compensation with their male counterparts. The settlement will have ramifications for all female coaches throughout the state.

In a settlement agreement reached December 7, 1987, between La Porte ISD and eight female coaches, the school district agreed to pay \$5,733 in back wages to the eight plaintiffs. The district also agreed to implement a new salary schedule that will provide equal compensation to all coaches.

The plaintiffs filed suit in August contending that male coaches at both the high school and junior high level were receiving larger coaching increments and more preparation days prior to the beginning of school. Following a complaint from TSTA to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the district had been issued a letter of violation by the commission in July in which the commission found the school district in violation of the equal pay provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The EEOC concluded that the district was paying some female coaches lower increments and granting them fewer preparation days even though it had combined its salary scheduled for male and female coaches in October 1986.

Houston attorney Truman Dean, who was retained by TSTA to represent the coaches, said this victory could result in other equal pay lawsuits being filed around the state.

"Female coaches all over the state are not getting equal pay," Dean said. "I think this is going to generate a lot of other cases because the coaches in La Porte were successful and a lot of female coaches will file similar cases."

Rotan Masonic Lodge To Hold Regular Stated Meeting

Rotan Masonic Lodge - 956 will hold a regular stated meeting Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

A Master Masons degree will be conferred Friday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and all members are invited to attend.

Grand Jury Indicts Rotan Resident

On Wednesday, December 9, Rotan resident Tomas Flores was served with an indictment by the Fisher County Sheriff's Office after the Grand Jury met in Special Session. Sheriff Mickey Counts and Dewayne McKay made the arrest charging Flores with delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine).

At the time of arrest Flores had on his person a quantity of cocaine and had in his home a large quantity of marijuana.

This indictment and additional charges brought about a total of five charges against Tomas Flores. Bond for Flores was posted at \$33,500.00.

Thursday afternoon, December 10, Martin Flores was served an indictment and charged with delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine).

Martin Flores is serving time in jail in lieu of bond. These two indictments and arrests come as a result of work done by an undercover agent in Fisher County.

Funeral Services Held For Purvis A. SoRelle, Sheriff Of Kent County

Purvis A. SoRelle, 61, Sheriff of Kent County, died 9:30 AM, Tuesday, at his home in Jayton following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be 2 PM, Thursday, at the First Baptist Church in Jayton with Rev. Truett Kuentler and Rev. Ned Hicks officiating. Burial will be in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Sheriff SoRelle was born December 8, 1926 at Sweetwater. He married Tommie Joyce Rose, October 17, 1945 at Rotan. He was a 15 year veteran of the Kent County Sheriff's Department and had served as sheriff for the past 3 years. He was a member of Jayton's First Baptist Church and was a veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Texas Association of Tax Collectors, the Kent County Drug & Welfare Task Forces, The National and Texas Sheriff's Associations and was president of

the Caprock Peace Officers Association. He was coordinator of the Kent County Ambulance Service.

He is survived by: His wife, Tommie Joyce of Jayton, 2 daughters: Sharon Kocurek of Post and Melody SoRelle of Dallas, 1 son: Tommy Allyn SoRelle of Texas City, 3 brothers: Frankie of Sweetwater, Roger and Jerry, both of Cleburne, 2 sisters: Clara Jane Perry of Collinsville, Oklahoma, Susan SoRelle of Flat Top, Arizona.

Reggy Spencer Awarded \$750 Scholarship

Fisher County 4-H'er, Reggy Spencer has had some great opportunities and experiences as a result of recent trips he has been privileged to take according to Alice Ballenger, County Extension Agent- Home Economics.

As first vice-president of Texas 4-H Council, he represented Texas and the United States at the Canadians National 4-H Congress in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 18-23.

He was a national winner in the Santa Fe Awards Program. As Winner in this program, he will receive a \$750 Scholarship. He also attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago December 5-11, as a part of the reward for winning in Santa Fe.



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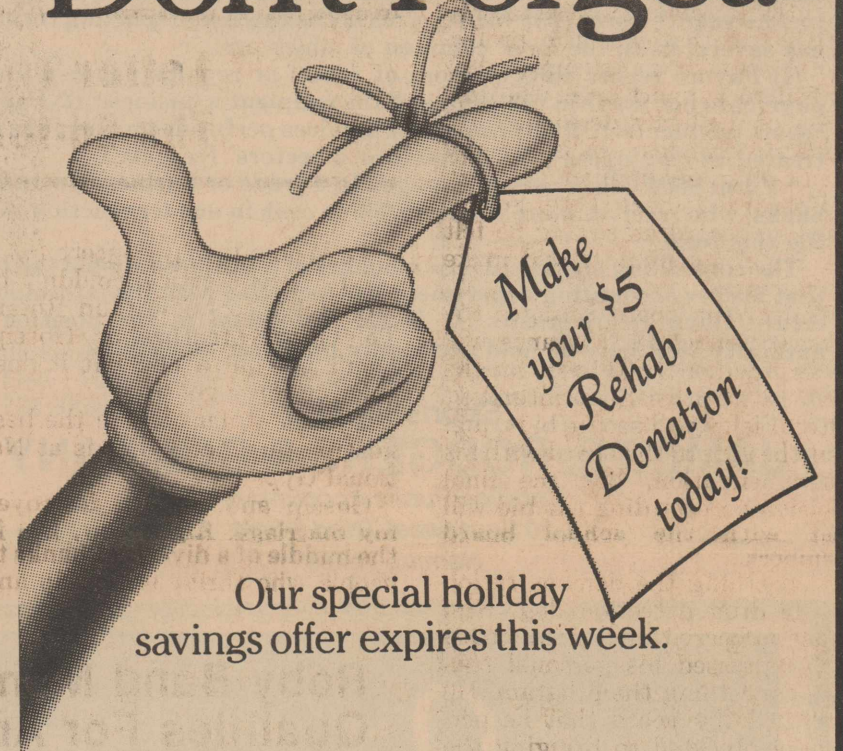
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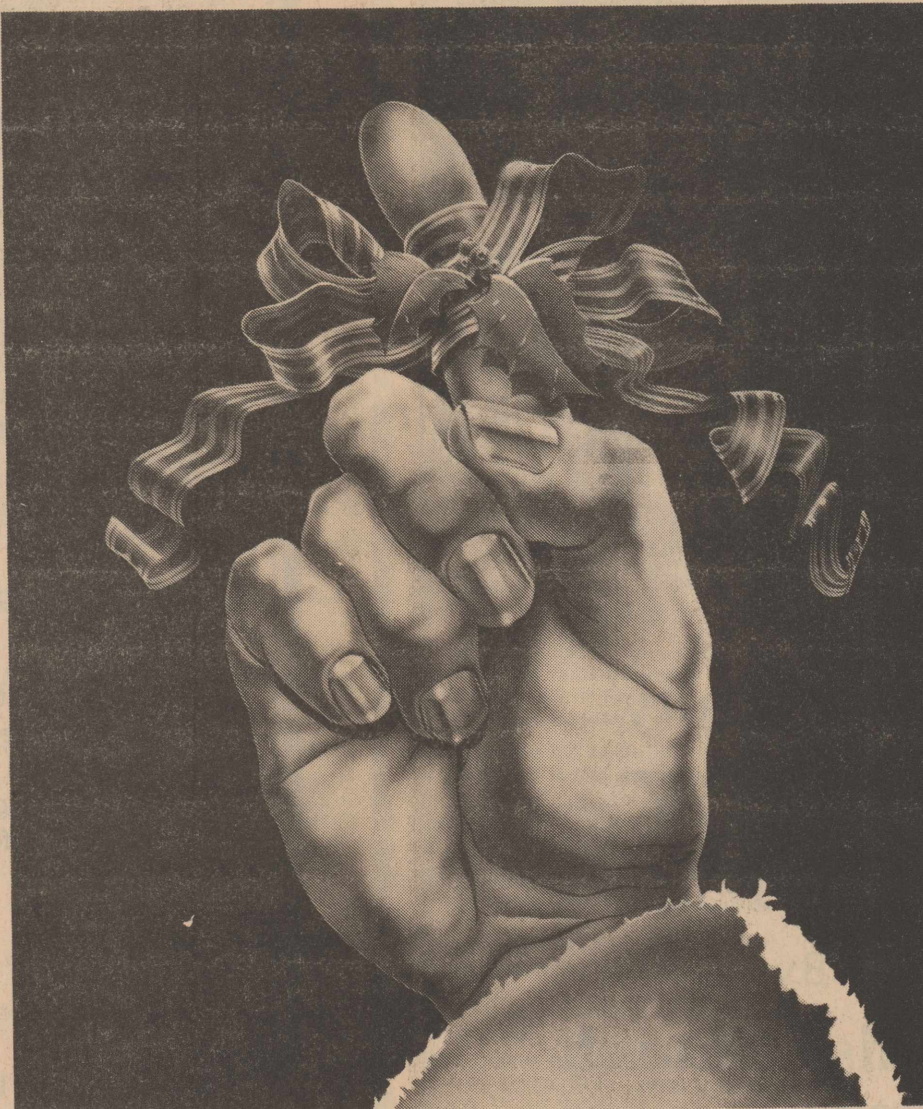
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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well Winter has arrived in earnest and it's really snowing here this morning, Monday. It was so cold and windy on Sunday and then began a light rain, and I think it rained off and on in the night Sunday. Some folks are glad to see this rain as the wheat is dying from lack of moisture, but others who are right in the middle of cotton stripping wish it had stayed dry for a few more days. The gins are really busy and maybe with this bad spell, they will start to get caught up. I would rather have the snow now though, instead of over the holidays when there are so many folks traveling.

Cody Wayne Etheredge celebrated his 1st birthday with a party on Thursday, December 10th. Those attending were Mr.

and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Rains, Katrina and Corey, Mrs. Fern Shipp, Mrs. Viola Hawkins and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge. They had a dinner Thursday night followed by cake and ice cream, which Cody enjoyed the best. Happy 1st Birthday to Cody.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff hosted a Sunday School party Monday night for the Young Adults from Cross Roads Baptist Church. They said they really had a good party with 17 present. Baby Taren Knipe from Snyder spent Sunday afternoon, Sunday night and Monday visiting with her grand-parents; she is the daughter of Tracy and Kim Knipe of Snyder. James and Dianne are really enjoying having her with

them.

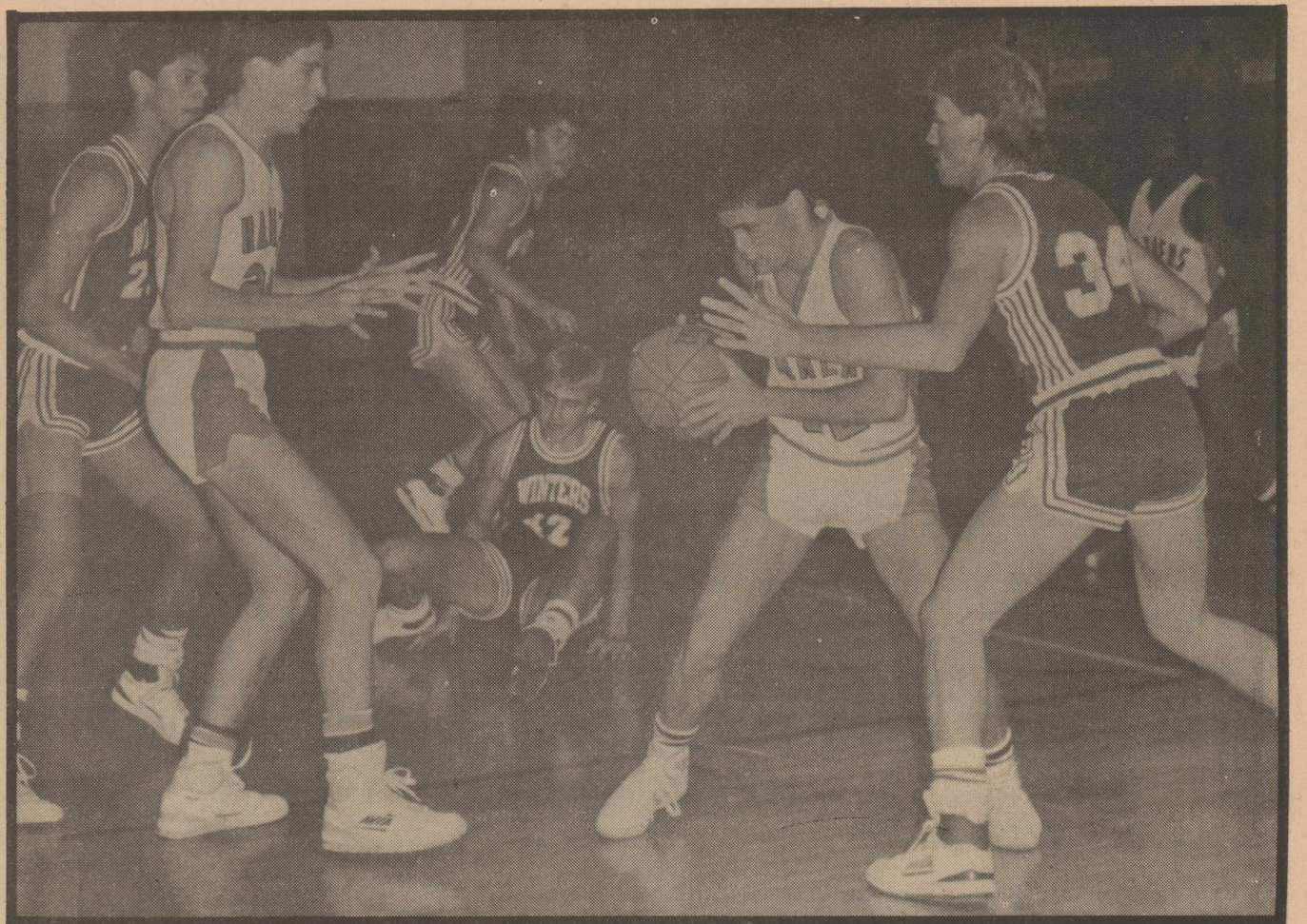
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez attended the 40th Wedding Anniversary for Wayne and Bertha Warren on Sunday, 13th December, which was held at the Capitola Community Center. Happy Anniversary to Wayne and Bertha. Then the Martinez's attended the Pink Ladies Christmas party for the Fisher County hospital staff and all the personnel which was held at the home of Janice and Glenn Copeland.

Mrs. Lisa Nowlin and Mrs. Bea Hardin went shopping to Snyder and Sweetwater on Saturday. Bea attended the Hobbs Home Demonstration Club Christmas party at Mr. and Mrs. Dale Caves on Thursday. Mrs. Opal Phillips and her sister-in-law from California picked Bea up and they all went together. Sunday Kenneth Hardin from Rotan and Randall Johnson from Wichita Falls visited with Bea that morning, and then she went to Rotan with them and ate lunch with the Kenneth Hardins. She saw her new great grand-son, Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hardin who live in Roby. Another new great grand-son was born Sunday, 6th of December, to Mark and Wendy Caurville of Victoria. Wendy is the Doc Hardin's daughter. Bea's family just keeps on growing.

Billy Carter from Brownwood came Thursday evening and picked up his mother, Mrs. Lucille Carter in Roby. Then Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave went to Brownwood early Friday morning, and they, the Billy Carters and Barry and Lucille Carter all went to Bryan and the A & M campus. They attended Graduation exercises Saturday morning for Randall Lynn Carter, son of Billy and Loretta. He received a Bachelor of Science Building Construction degree. Congratulations to Randall. The J.C. Caves came home Sunday and brought Lucille Carter back to Roby.

Jim and I attended the Christmas party given by the Fisher County hospital on Thursday night.

Well this is all for this week. Try to keep good and warm, and watch out for the bad roads. See you next week.



THE BIG FREEZE: Rotan Yellowhammer Todd Gruben and Billy Wayne Speck fight for the victory as the Yellowhammers defeated the Winters Blizzards in recent Tournament play in Anson.

Tax Planning By James Rodgers CPA



Many businesspeople fail to file information returns (Form 1099 and others) because of lack of awareness. Some of the more common information returns and the circumstances under which they are due are as follows:

* Form 1099-B. Brokers use this form to report sales of stocks, bonds, commodities, etc. Barterers are to use this form to report exchanges of property and services. Real estate "brokers" use it for reporting sales or exchanges of real estate. * Form 1099-DIV. Corporations must report payments of \$10 or more in distributions such as dividends, capital gains and nontaxable distributions paid on stock. * Form 1099-INT. Payors must report payments of \$10 or more in interest. * Form 1099-R. This form is used for reporting total distributions from retirement plans. * Form 1099-SSA. The Social Security Administration uses this form to report Social Security benefits paid for the year. * Form 1099-MISC. This is the catch-all reporting form. It has several uses, the most common of which are:

(1) Payors report \$600 or more of rental or royalty payments and payments not made in the course of the recipient's business. (2) Payors report payments of \$600 or more for services performed by persons not treated as employees (subcontractors, directors' fees, etc.).

* Form 8300. Each person engaged in a trade or business (including banks) who receives more than \$10,000 in cash in one transaction must file this form.

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Rotan Extension Homemakers Meet

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Betty Kiker. The Christmas decorations were beautiful and set the mood for the seasons party. Thank you Betty for having us in your home.

This was a covered dish luncheon and everyone enjoyed the fellowship after lunch. The entertainment was Bingo. We also exchanged gifts under the Christmas tree. 1987 has been a good year for our club. Members pre-

sent were Effie Murphree, Mary Posey, Oma Long, Wanda Floyd, Ardell Floyd, Gaynell Henry, Bonnie McKenney, Eda Bickerstaff, Hazel Hudnall, Beatrice Hargrove and Maud Anderson.

We had four visitors we were happy to have. Betty's daughter Cindy Greene and Aaron Greene, Chris Ivey, and Mrs. Waymon Levertan.

The next meeting will be with Effie Murphree on Jan. 5, 1988.

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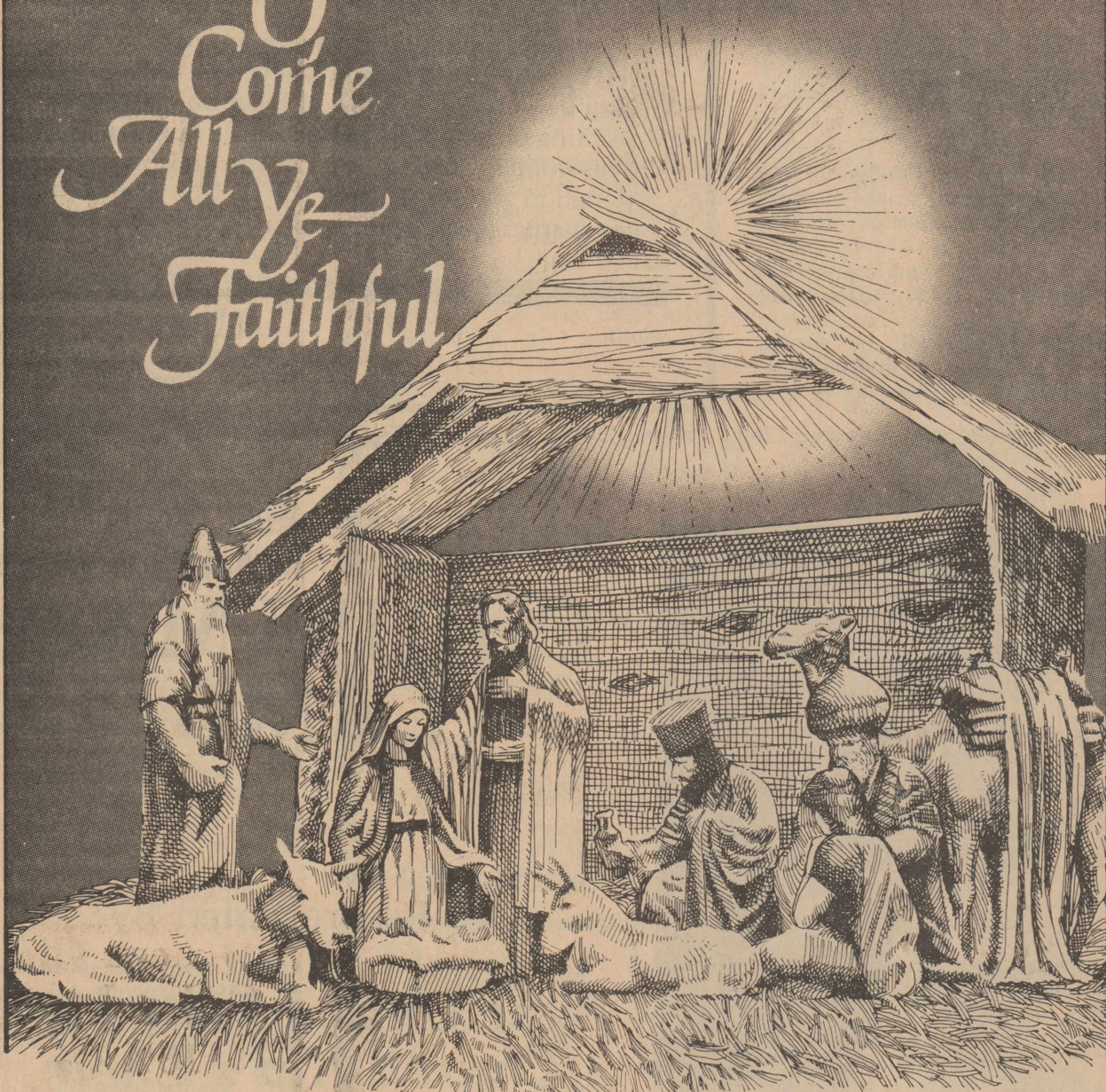
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BEWARE OF THE STALL: The Roby Lions in Tournament action last weekend defeated the until that point undefeated Robert Lee Steers by following the wise instructions of Coach McCarty. The Lions were able to win the game by three points to take the Tournament Championship.

Secret Pal Club Meets For Holiday Party

The Secret Pal Club met at the Senior Citizen Building the 12th Dec. 1987 for our Christmas Party. We played Bingo, had refreshments, got our gifts and went home.

Members present were: Lillie Herron, Opal Burch, Clara

Rogers, Bertha Allen, Bessie Ashley, Wanda Kiker, Anna Knox, Hazel Hudnall, Oma Long, Bessie Eaton, Aurora Martinez, Dean Reaves, Virgie, Maudi Anderson, Gladys Farra, Lenora Streetman, Gay Nell Henry, Christene Rackley. Visitors:

Dorothy Gergory, Delona Cox, Lon Weems and Gay Henry.

Rotan Schools To Dismiss For Holidays On December 18th

School To Dismiss At 2:30
School will dismiss and the buses will run at 2:30 on Friday, December 18, 1987. Rotan students will be on Christmas vacation until January 4, 1988. Classes will resume and the buses will run at their regular time on Monday, January 4, 1988.

Santa's Toy Store To Be Open In Roby On Saturday & Sunday

Santa's Toy Store in Roby will open on Sat. 10 to 3 PM, Sun. 1 to 3 PM. Santa will be at the store from 1 to 2 both days. Toys available at low cost.

Adopt a child Christmas tree will be set up at the store for persons interested in meeting this need.

Ample Supply Of Real Christmas Trees Expected In Texas For Marketing

Growers in the Lone Star state will market more than 500,000 Texas-grown Christmas trees this season, says Jim Chandler, a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In the early 1970s, Extension forestry specialists conducted demonstrations in East Texas to select best adapted trees and study cultural practices.

"Today, about 20 years later, the estimated value of the crop to Texas producers is \$8 million and the economic impact to the state is more than \$25 million," Chandler says.

"Approximately 44 percent of this year's crop will be choose-

cut, while 50 percent will be wholesale and 6 percent will be retail lots operated by growers," says Chandler, who is based in Overton.

Eighty-six producers in 27 counties of Extension Districts 5 and 9 have tree farms. Most of these farms are choose-n-cut operations and owners also sell some trees wholesale, Chandler says.

Across the United States, surveys among Christmas tree growers are resulting in optimism about ample tree supply prospects for the coming holiday season.

Consumers nationally should benefit this year from increased Christmas tree plantings of five and six years ago. Prices are ex-

pected to remain near last year's retail level, the survey indicates.

Generally, U.S. consumers should have an excellent tree selection in all species and sizes, notes Fred Strathmeyer of Dover, Pa., president of the National Christmas Tree Association. "This is good news for the real Christmas tree enthusiasts," Strathmeyer says.

Because weather conditions this harvest season for Christmas trees are good across most of the U.S., Strathmeyer predicts that Christmas trees will reach their retail destination in excellent condition.

Last year, a total of 32.7 million trees were sold, and 1987 sales are expected to be about 33.3 million Christmas trees.

Consumer surveys also show that natural and artificial trees have about an equal share of users. But, real trees led slightly with 38 percent of the market share, compared to 35 percent of the market for artificial trees. About 27 percent of homes use no tree at all.

Roby Garden Club Holds Meeting

The Roby Garden Club held its December 10 meeting in the home of Landa Stuart. Her home was beautifully decorated for Christmas. As the members came in they were given a number and a number was placed on their gifts, which was placed under the Christmas tree. Our salads were taken into a beautiful laid kitchen and placed on an island with other foods. We exchanged gifts, then went into the kitchen for a buffet

style luncheon of salads, tea, coffee, cakes, and home made bread. Prayer was said and we filled our plates and went into a beautiful decorated dining room. The table runner was poinsettias. Also the glass coasters.

Present were Inell Goforth, Ivey Ray, Imagee Harvey, Menola Parker, Ava Leach, Vera Carriker and the hostess Landa Stuart. Mr. Stuart also got to sample the salads which were all delicious.

HEALTH CARE AND YOU

By Pete Hohon

"Children And The Common Cold"

With this weeks change in the weather we will probably see an increase in the common cold in our children. It is not necessarily the cold that causes this illness in children, but what we do when it turns cold. When it is cold and wet we keep our children inside at home and at school. This makes it easier for the common cold to spread among them. In addition, we heat our homes and schools, and this dries the air; making conditions in the respiration tract conducive to the growth of certain cold viruses.

Most children develop between two and eight colds each year. Some children have "bad" years with continuous colds and some have "good" years, with only one or two colds.

The first sign of a cold is usually a clear watery discharge from the nose. This is followed by sneezing watery eyes and a scratchy throat. Next may bring a dry, tickling cough. There may be a slight fever, 99 degrees to 100 degrees F, during the first three days. By the 4th and 5th days: The base of the nose may be red and raw. The discharge may be yellow and thick. The cough may be present all day and night. The nose may be stuffy. The appetite may be poor. The child may be tired. Most symptoms last 7 to 14 days.

What You Can Do

There are no drugs or medicines to cure a cold, but there are several ways of making the child more comfortable during the cold.

1. Offer extra liquids (juice, pop, water, weak tea) and do not worry if the child does not seem to want to eat. 2. Allow extra time for naps or rest periods. 3. At night use a vaporizer near the child's bed. Cold vapor is best, but hot vapor will also help. Use caution in setting up a hot vaporizer. Do not set it in the bed or on the floor where you will trip on it or an older child will fall on it and be burned during a trip to check on the ill child. 4. For infants who cannot blow their nose, a nose syringe can be purchased at the drug store and used to remove some of the discharge at the edge of the nose. Compress the bulb, gently insert it into the nostril, and slowly release. 5. For raw noses, use a dab of petroleum jelly or mentolated ointment at the base of the nose. Spread it thinly so it will not be inhaled. 6. For a slight fever, let the child play in a luke warm bath for 20 minutes, encourage extra fluids, and give Tempa, Tylenol, or children's aspirin as directed.

When To Call The Doctor

Call the doctor if you are worried about your child or any of the following occur: 1. The cold symptoms continue too long. 2. The fever persists over 101 degrees F for 24 hours. 3. The child complains of a sore throat or an earache, or pulls at the ears. 4. The child stops drinking fluids. 5. The child starts vomiting or having diarrhea. 6. The child seems different.

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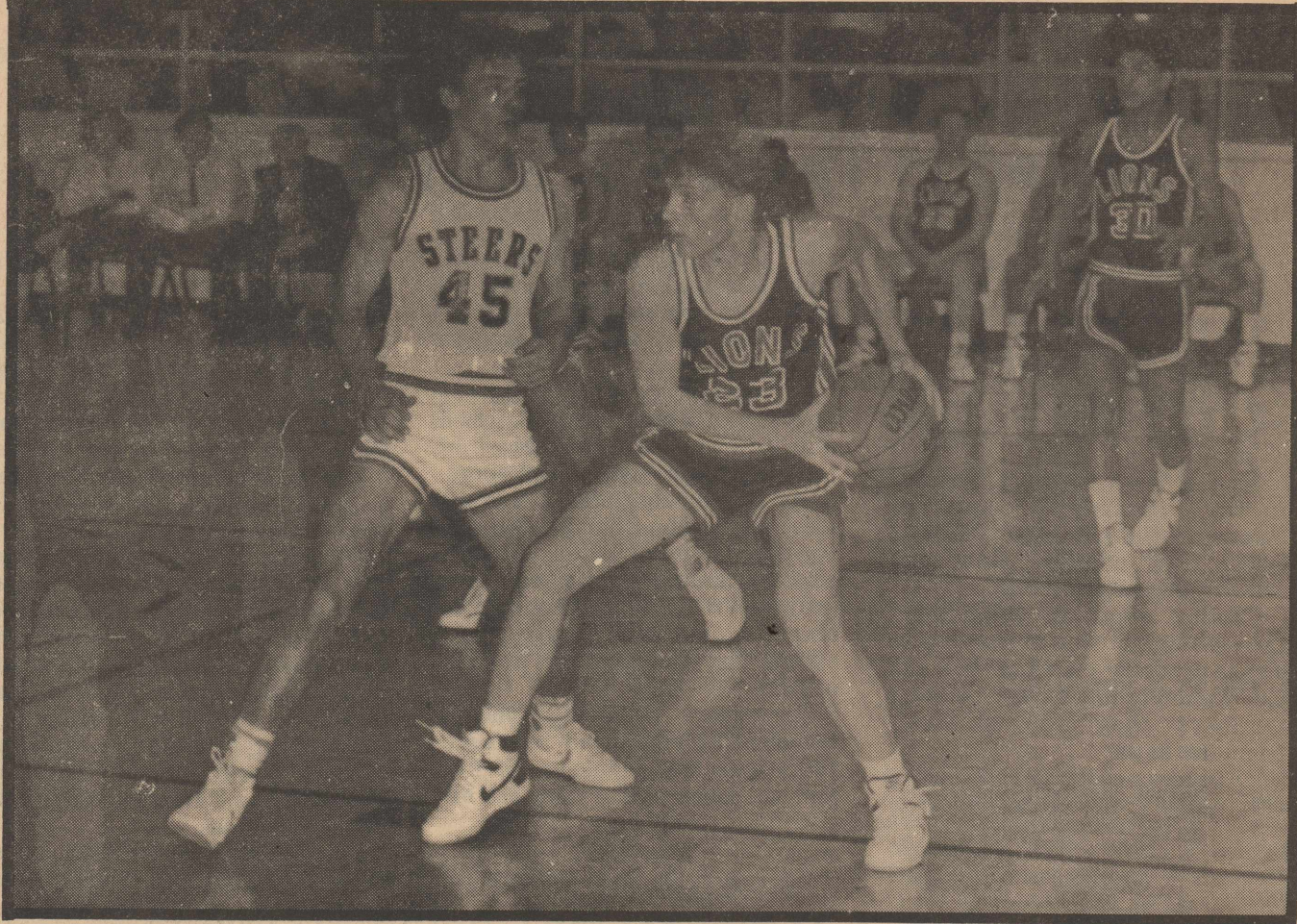
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TIE ONE ON THE STEERS: The Roby Lions defeated the Robert Lee Steers to win the championship at the Roby Tournament last Saturday. Jason Terry handles the ball while Rick Onofre keeps watch in the close scored games between the two final teams.

Family Activities Make Holidays Special

Doing things together as a family over the holidays creates good times and memories-- and strengthens the family unit.

"It's ironic that even though the holidays are supposed to be family times, we're busier than ever," says Diane Welch, a family life specialist. "With family members shopping, baking and going in different directions to parties and other events, it's possible to spend very little time together."

"When children are of different ages and family members have different interests, it can be difficult to find things that everyone will enjoy," concedes Welch.

"But because shared family activities have consistently been identified as an important contributor to a strong family, making the effort to find something that works for your family is a worthwhile goal."

Family time doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive, she says, but should be involving. While sitting around watching television together can be a fun activity, there are many other types of things families can do as well.

* Musical activities- Plan a family sing-along, music recital or Christmas concert. Attend Christmas music programs presented at church. * Nature activities- Take a trip to a cut-your-own Christmas tree farm, try a nature hike, family camping trip, star studying session or feeding and watching birds and wildlife. * Service activities- Get in the spirit of the season by doing something for others, such as visiting shut-ins or nursing home residents or having a neighborhood canned food drive for the local food bank. * Dramatic activities- Consider setting aside time for cards, board games, going through the family albums or having a family party. * Physical activities- Play backyard games, tennis, horseshoes or ball. Try skating, dancing, hiking or bicycling. * Spiritual activities- Attend services at your church, or visit a church of another denomination to see the different ways the meaning of the holiday is celebrated.

The type of activity your family chooses is less important than the fact that you do things together, says the specialist.

She notes that family activities

can also help beat the "is that all there is" reaction of youngsters after the decorations are up, the gifts opened and the parties are over.



NHS MEMBERS: Let to right, David Shipp, Craig Maxwell, Carter Edmondson, Larry VanLew, Donna Terry, Rick Onofre, Jill Branson, Lorena Cave, John Everett and Greg Meek.

Roby H.S. NHS To Provide Food During Holidays For Two Families

Roby H.S. National Honor Society members will be providing food and toys for two needy families this Christmas as one of their service projects for the community. Roby NHS officers

are president, Jill Branson, V-Pres. Greg Meek, Sec., Reggy Spencer, Treasurer, John Everett, Historian, Stephen Hennington, and reporter Rachel Petty.



Holiday COUNTDOWN

KIDS! Get your letters to Santa Claus in to the Newspaper Office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 20th for publication in the Christmas Edition of the Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record.

County Agent Report

By Richard Spencer

Performance horses—trained for cutting, reining, racing, or other sports are at their best ever in this country. Breeding, training, and feeding have never been better, and the popularity of the animals has never been greater.

But even the best-bred, best-trained animals suffer from fatigue; think of the animal that fades in the last furlong or that finally lets a calf get the best of him. Fatigue sets in when the horse's great energy requirement has depleted his body's reserves.

The energy requirements of horses in race training or horses doing intense arena performance work, such as cutting and reining, are very high and often hard to supply in sufficient amounts using conventional horse feeds.

Horse trainers frequently complain that it is difficult to get some horses to eat enough while they are training intensely, especially when the amount of grain fed must be limited to avoid colic and founder. The amount of grain a horse can be fed safely often is inadequate to meet the horse's extra energy requirements.

Vegetable and animal fats con-

tain over twice as much energy as carbohydrates, and horses can digest fat rather efficiently, even though fat is not considered a conventional ingredient in horse feeds.

Texas A&M Scientists conducted a series of experiments of the physiological and biochemical responses in the diet of horses in race training.

The horses fed the fat had more energy and less stress. The experiment must now be tried in field tests before it is recommended for the public.

Keep it Short

Lord's Prayer—56 words
Lincoln's Gettysburg Ad-

Rotan Nursing Center News

We will be having our residents Christmas Party this Saturday the 19th at 2:30 P.M. All families and friends are invited to attend the party.

The residents sold several of the crafts they had been making in their sale last Friday. We still have a few items left to sale.

Visitors in the home last week were Dorothy Cave, Jeff Cave and L.D. McGrew all of Rotan visited Ruby Cave; Lydia Yanez of Rotan visited Minnie Zimmerman; Ronnie Sharp visited Pearl Sharp; and Wanda Warren of Red Oak, Tx visited G.W. Finch.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the Dycus family in the loss of Hubert Dycus.

Lora Cleveland

dress—266 words
Ten Commandments—297 words
U.S. Government Directive Setting Price on Cabbage—26,911 words

Many farmers have finished strip-ping and, to most others, the end is in sight. Fisher County farmers are to be congratulated for their good yields. Their lint production will compare to any county's dryland production and also beat a lot of irrigated.

Fisher County Political Calendar

Rate for listing in the Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record Political Column is \$80.00 for all offices. This fee includes a front-page announcement article and a one-column photograph to be run with the announcement, in addition to the listing in the Political Column from the date the announcement is made until the final election.

Charges for announcements must be paid in advance, and the same policy applies to all political advertising carried in the columns of this newspaper.

Names of candidates for each office will be listed in the Political Column in the order that they are received at the newspaper office.

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Teddy Kral
FISHER COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT #3
Jay Hendon

Twin Sons Born To Mr. And Mrs. Marcus Gonzalez Of Rotan

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Gonzalez are proud to announce the birth of twin baby boys. Daniel Angel- 6 lbs. 14 1/4 oz. born Dec. 14 at 5:26 p.m. David Lee- 6 lbs. 9 1/2 oz. born Dec. 15 at 5:15 a.m.

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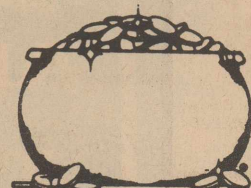
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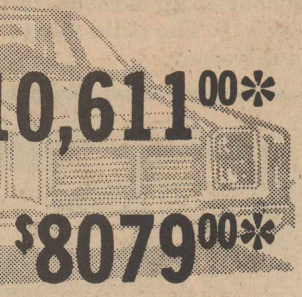


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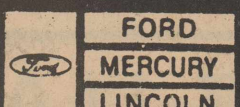
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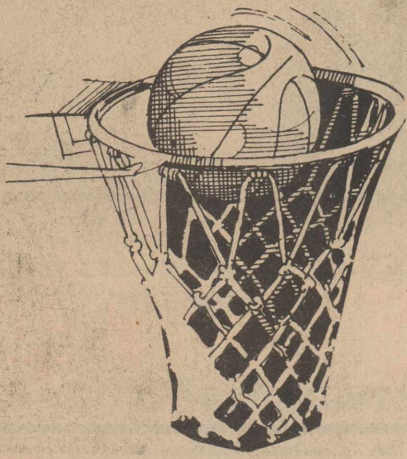
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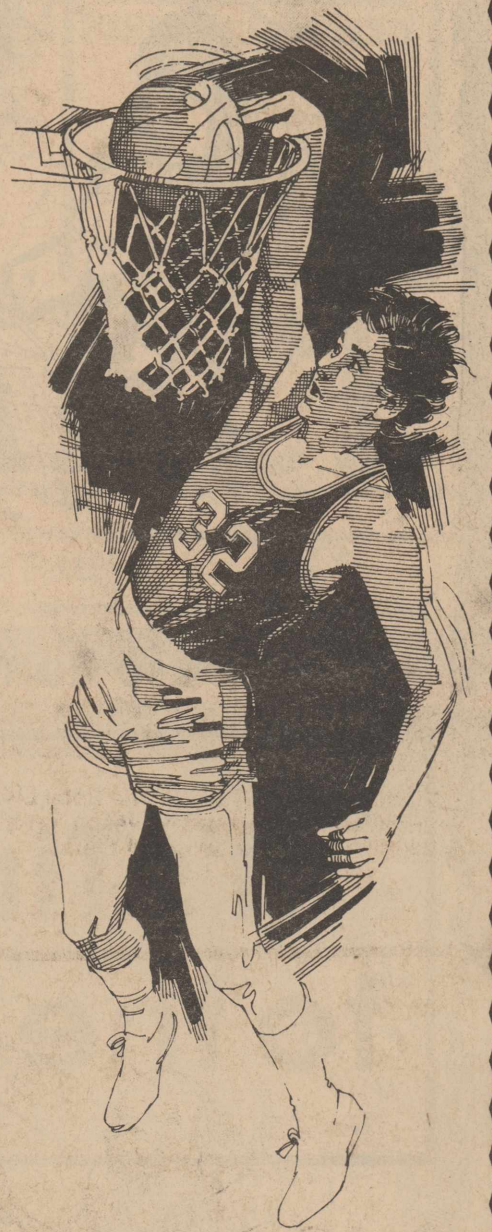
1987-88 Rotan Yellowhammer Basketball Schedule

Dec. 1-Varsity Girls & Boys-Trent-There
Dec. 3, 4 & T-Rotan Tournament
Dec. 8-JV Boys & Girls-Varsity Boys & Girls-Anson-There
Dec. 10, 11, 12-Varsity Girls & Boys-Anson Tournament
Dec. 15-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Hamlin-Here
Dec. 28-Open
Dec. 31-Open
Jan. 5-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Aspermont-There
Jan. 8-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Jayton-There
Jan. 12 (Semester) Open
Jan. 15-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Panther Creek At ACHS
Jan. 19-JV Boys & Girls-Varsity Girls & Boys-Roby-Here
Jan. 22-Open
Jan. 26-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Aspermont-Here
Jan. 29-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Jayton-Here
Feb. 2-Open
Feb. 5-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Roby-There



1987-88 Roby Lions Basketball Schedule

Dec. 1-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Roscoe-Here
Dec. 4-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Hamlin-There
Dec. 8-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls-Trent-Here
Dec. 10-12-Roby Tournament
Dec. 15-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-There
Dec. 17-19- Roscoe Tournament
Dec. 19-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Coahoma-Here
Jan. 2-JV Girls-Varsity Girls-Varsity Boys-Albany-Here
Jan. 5-JV Boys-Varsity Boys-Varsity Girls-Here
Jan. 7, 8, 9-Ira Tournament
Jan. 12 (Semester) Dead Week
Jan. 15-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Ira-There
Jan. 19-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Rotan-There
Jan. 22-Varsity Girls-JV Girls-Varsity Boys-Aspermont-There
Jan. 26-JV Girls-Varsity Girls-Varsity Boys-Jayton-There
Jan. 29-Open
Feb. 2-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-ACHS-Here
Feb. 5-JV Girls & Boys-Varsity Girls & Boys-Rotan-Here
Feb. 9-Varsity Girls-JV Boys-Varsity Boys-Aspermont-Here



Rotan Yellowhammer Basketball Schedule

Dec. 28th-Open
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Roby Lion Basketball Schedule

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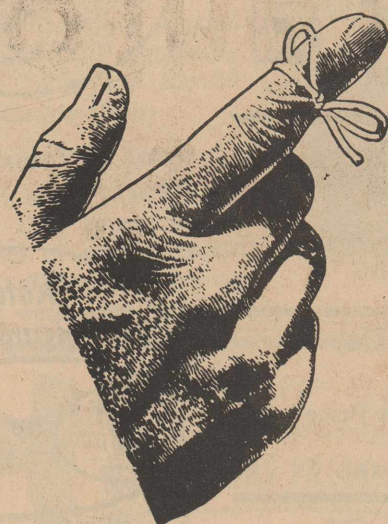
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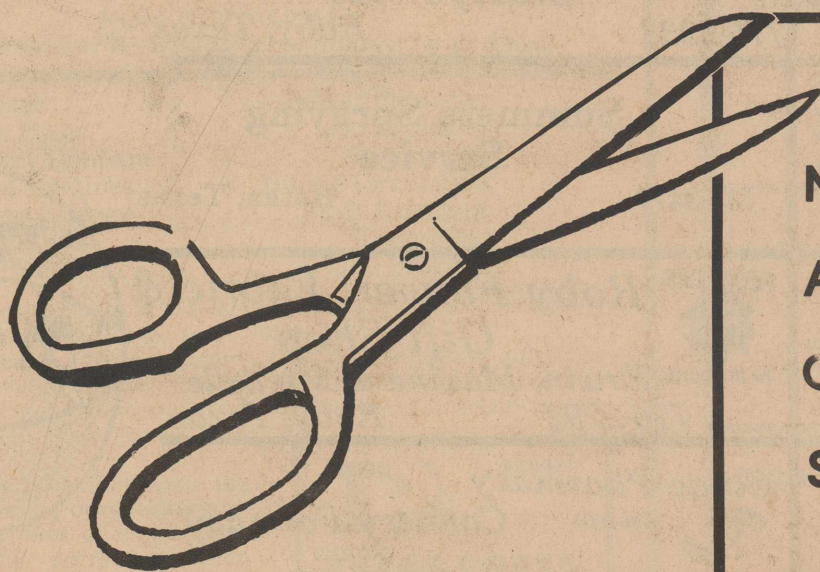
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