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Democratic Presidential nominee Michael Dukakis and his running mate Lloyd Bentsen racked up a total of 1516 votes in Fisher County last Tuesday to out-distance Republican George Bush and his Vice Presidential nominee Dan Quayle who tallied 721 votes.

The significant comment on the Bush - Dukakis vote locally was that one in three cast votes for Republican Bush. In the 1984 race featuring Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro against Ronald Reagan and George Bush in Fisher County - Mondale tallied 1384 to Reagan's 965.

In the race for State Senator, District 30, Republican Bobby Albert received 279 votes to 1744 for Democrat Steve Carriker of Fisher County.

Charles Meek, Democratic candidate for the position of Fisher County Commissioner Precinct 1, had little trouble fighting off a write-in attempt by current Commissioner Tommie Jack Stuart. Meek captured two votes to every one for Stuart. Meek had a total count of 372 to 183 for Stuart. The Longworth and Sylvester boxes put Meek in the Commissioner's chair. The two candidates tied at Roby, Stuart got 20 to 19 for Meek at Rotan and Meek got 84 to 46 for Stuart in the absentee box.

In the only other contested race in Fisher County write-in candidates Jerry 'Cotton' Clawson and incumbent Constable Marvin Kersh ran relatively close campaigns. Clawson received 165 votes to 120 for Kersh.

Constitutional amendment Proposition 1 passed 1444 to 156; two passed 812 to 650 and 3 failed 719 to 802.

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President and Vice President													
George Bush/Dan Quayle	26	5	84	15	23	135	134	20	40	54	54	131	721
Michael S. Dukakis/Lloyd Bentsen	102	34	178	28	102	275	224	43	66	83	88	293	1516
Ron Raul/Andrea Marrou	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	3
Lenora B. Fulani/Rafael Mendez	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
United States Senator													
Beau Boulter	15	4	46	6	12	77	68	10	28	35	35	73	409
Lloyd Bentsen	111	36	211	36	111	324	138	52	75	98	101	343	1636
Jeff Daiell	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	1	–	1	–	1	5
Railroad Commissioner													
Ed Emmett	9	3	36	9	8	52	27	0	25	13	24	64	270
James E. (Jim) Nugent	114	35	209	30	110	329	60	60	77	108	103	321	1556
Richard Draheim	0	1	1	–	–	2	–	–	–	2	–	2	8
Reynaldo Lozano, Jr.	–	–	1	–	–	3	5	–	–	–	–	1	10
Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term													
Kent R. Hance	24	5	94	11	24	140	127	20	39	46	54	97	681
Clint Hackney	91	33	155	28	94	242	64	38	60	2	75	287	1175
Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Unexpired													
Tom Phillips	29	6	97	14	25	153	132	14	42	51	46	99	708
Ted Z. Robertson	92	33	154	26	93	232	62	48	59	75	78	280	1232
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1													
Paul Murphy	14	3	62	10	16	116	97	10	32	42	26	78	506
Lloyd Doggett	101	33	181	32	101	267	89	50	69	85	96	307	1417
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2													
Nathan Hecht	21	4	72	13	16	131	67	10	39	45	30	77	525
Bill Kilgarlin	98	34	171	28	101	254	84	49	62	80	90	293	1344
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3													
Charles Ben Howell	13	3	36	6	11	58	43	14	30	28	27	65	334
Raul A. Gonzalez	103	34	206	32	108	316	138	47	71	96	90	316	1557
Calvin W. Scholz	–	–	–	1	–	4	2	–	–	–	–	2	9
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Unexpired													
Barbara G. Culver	13	3	48	5	15	63	40	8	27	20	26	71	339
Jack Hightower	109	35	200	37	102	323	148	52	73	101	96	315	1591
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5, Unexpired													
Eugene A. Cook	20	4	54	11	14	110	86	11	28	35	26	84	483
Karl Bayer	100	34	179	29	101	259	90	47	70	83	92	290	1374
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals													
David A. Berchelmann, Jr.	12	3	42	8	10	62	42	8	24	19	21	62	313
Mike McCormick	107	34	195	32	105	304	126	50	41	97	94	309	1494
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1													
Charles F. (Chuck) Campbell	111	33	196	34	104	318	141	55	79	107	102	325	1611
Egon Tausch	–	–	–	–	1	2	2	–	–	–	–	3	8
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2													
Tom Rickhoff	13	3	51	8	11	74	47	11	27	26	26	20	367
Chuck Miller	100	35	174	29	100	282	100	46	70	88	81	291	1402
Carol Caul	–	–	1	–	2	1	3	–	–	–	–	3	10
Member, State Board of Education, District 14													
Donald Ray Dorsett	9	3	48	9	8	66	52	6	26	31	20	63	341
William L. (Bill) Hudson	108	32	182	29	104	283	103	51	68	85	91	302	1438
Dorothea Owens	–	–	2	–	2	6	3	–	–	1	–	5	19
State Senator, District 30													
Bobby Albert	7	4	31	5	10	56	39	8	20	17	26	56	279
Steve Carriker	122	36	227	38	112	340	159	53	85	109	102	361	1744
State Representative, District 78													
Rod Waller	10	5	42	7	9	68	50	9	24	30	37	58	349
David Counts	117	32	201	34	110	327	148	53	77	97	92	337	1625
Fisher County Commissioner Precinct #1													
Charles Meek	62	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	91	116	84	372
Tommie Jack Stuart	62	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	33	22	46	183
Constable, Precinct #3													
Marvin Kersh	–	–	–	–	2	53	46	3	–	–	–	16	120
"Cotton" Clawson	–	–	–	–	2	79	51	21	–	–	–	12	165

Basketball Season Begins In Fisher County For Girls, Boys Practicing

Basketball season is drawing near. The Rotan Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity warmed up last week in a scrimmage against Anson. "With four starters returning from last year the girls are further ahead this year," said Coach Danny Diggs, "we have good depth and good speed and we will try to utilize both of them to wear the other team out."

The Varsity Team is as follows: Seniors; Shanna Bennett, Jerri-Lynn Boone, Lucy Stinson, and Lynette McQueen. Juniors: Denise Powell, Shannon Boone and Cherry McGuire. Sophomores: Sherri Conner, Terri Johnson, and Shawna Speck. The Junior Varsity consists of the following fifteen girls: Tiny Carrion, Priscilla Gonzalez, Misty Gruben, Elizabeth Jones, Stephanie Long, Debra Martinez, Leticia Martinez, Jody McClain, Julie Parr, Vanessa Peek, Terrye Warren, Czrena West, Tracy Williams, Sharilyn Murdoch, and Jennifer Martinez.

Roby Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity are also looking good. They scrimmaged Jim Ned last Tuesday and they will start the season off with their first game against Roscoe at Roby. "So far we are doing good, we have less experience than last year with only one starter returning from last year," said Coach Jon Curry, "it is really hard to tell how we will do, we will learn as we go, so when district games start, we will be ready."

The Varsity team consists of the following girls: Seniors: Lorena Cave, Shari Heflin, Kim Justiss (returning starter), Carol Kirby, Donna Kay Terry, and Rochelle Elkins. Juniors: Myra Hohon, Tina McClure and Martha Goodrum. Sophomore: Shana Feagan and Freshmen: Stephanee Frierson and Lorissa Edmondson. The Junior Varsity: Michelle Beauchamp, Jenny Blaine, Angie Brezezinski, Kary Fulfer, Suzanne Maxwell, Belinda Williams, Karen Barrera, Margaret Gonzales, Nikki Hodges, Jennifer Kincaid and Jessica Moore.

Rotan Yellowhammers Defeated By Baird Bears, District Runners-Up

Despite the fact that the Yellowhammers didn't win Friday night and that they fell to the runner up position for the season, their last game of the season proved to be exciting.

During the first half the game was mostly one sided in favor of the Baird Bears. In the back field the Bears ran with Scooter Morrison a 235 pound fullback and Burke Robinson who is a 180 pound running back. Their quarterback Kelly Corn was very quick with the pitch-out on the option play. Rotan did have, however, a couple of bright spots even in the first half. Billy Speck punted the ball 47 yards. He also managed to get into the backfield and caused a fumble and recovered the ball. Gray Fowler and Kenny Warren hit Morrison and forced the Bears to lose 5 yards and that effort was followed by Lance Ragan and Billy Speck who forced a third and five situation. Joe Huitt then made a diving tackle forcing the Bears to 4th and one. The Bears went for it and made it.

The score in the first half was 13 to 0 Baird.

After receiving the ball on the kick-off, Rotan's drive was interrupted with an interception and the Bears scored on the play. Another interception resulted in a 28 to 0 ballgame in the 3rd quarter. It was at this point that unlike most high school teams Rotan responded to an overwhelming Bear lead with three unanswered touchdowns.

The Hammers got the ball on the 38 yard line and with a dancing in and out move, Joe Huitt was suddenly hit and the ball knocked loose. Kevin Smith made a quick reaction and caught the ball in the air making a first down. Huitt carried the ball two more times making yards the hard way up the middle. Then with a first and ten on the six yard line, Coach Nelms gave Kenny Warren the call and he took the ball in for the first Hammer touchdown. Jorge Montoya then made the extra point with a good kick.

Lance Ragan then took the spotlight recovering a Bear fumble on the Baird 10 yard line. Kenny Warren carried the ball in for six more points and Kevin Smith threw the ball to Willard Roddy for a two point conversion. Lonnie Foster kicked the ball deep and Baird took over at their 29 yard line. Brandon Alls became the man of the hour with an interception. This set the stage for Kenny Warren who then made his longest run of the night. He broke several tackles and carried the ball to the 8 yard line. Following two tough carries by Willard Roddy, Kenny got the call with fourth and inches. His touchdown brought the score to 28 to 22 Baird.

Baird then moved the ball to the Rotan 17 yard line. The defense of the Hammers shown with a goal line stand. The Hammers stopped the big fullback Morrison on 4th and one. The Hammers were unable to move the ball and had to punt the ball away with a 51 yard punt by Speck. The final score was 28 to 22 Baird.

The Hammers will meet Paradise in Breckenridge this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. "Paradise has average size and speed. They have a good quarterback and running back. We need to recover well from last weeks game and play four complete quarters", said Head Coach Nelms. The Rotan Hammers will enjoy your support this week in Breckenridge.

Hobbs Graduating Class of 1968 To Hold 20th Reunion

The twentieth year reunion of the Hobbs graduates of 1968 will be held in the Hobbs Lunchroom November 12th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor's Column

By Robert Kennedy
Pastor of Foursquare Gospel Church

Moses and the people of Israel were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed and feeding 2½ or 3 million people would take a lot of food. I have a problem with five but I have Chris, my son which is an eating machine.

According to some figures released by a man who was a General in the army, it is reported that Moses would have had to come up with 1,500 tons of food a day. Do you know what that would mean as far as hauling is concerned? You would have to have two freight trains, each one a mile long just to bring the Israelites their food each day. At today's prices it would cost more than four million dollars a day.

Besides you must remember they were out in the desert, and they would have to have firewood to use in cooking their food. This alone would take tons of firewood and just think, they were out there for forty years. Oh yes, they would have to have water. If they only had enough water to drink and wash the few little dishes (no irrigation or anything else, just enough to get by with), it would take eleven million gallons every single day. And another thing they had to get through the Red Sea, but then there was still another problem. Every time they came to the end of a day they had to get into a camp ground somewhere. Think how much space it would take. Do you think Moses figured out all these things before he left?

You see, Moses believed in God. God was able to supply all of this. God furnished everything.

We think our problems are so big! Remember what God can do. If you just team up with God, your problems will be taken care of by Him. Let Him run your life. Let Him be the Lord of your life. Do you need to change directions? When we walk toward Jesus, we walk into the light. So let us all in Rotan, Roby and the rest of Fisher County walk into the light. Attend Sunday School and Church. Discover the God of love and power for yourself. Let us place our trust in God that we may enjoy that abundant life offered us God created you and has a purpose for your life.

May we be a people of rare vision that has the ability to see with our heart, which is so important to our Heavenly Father.

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TAX PLANNING



Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA

TAX DEDUCTIONS APPROACH

Though the Tax Reform Act of 1986 was passed more than two years ago, the deadlines for some of the law's requirements and elections are just now approaching.

One such deadline is of importance to small corporations planning to liquidate. The 1986 law repealed the General Utilities Doctrine which allowed corporations to liquidate without paying tax at the corporate level. Under a transitional rule, qualifying corporations valued under $5 million can still avoid the corporate level tax if they complete their liquidation by December 31, 1988. Corporations valued between $5 million and $10 million receive partial relief.

New rules on discrimination in employee benefit and retirement plans generally become effective in 1989. Where plans continue to discriminate in favor of higher-paid employees, these employees will be required to include additional amounts in income. Though some of the rules may be eased, companies with retirement or employee benefit plans should be getting details and advice on necessary plan amendments.

Another deadline is of importance to taxpayers who have large sums in a pension plan or IRA. The 1986 Tax Reform Act assesses a 15% excise tax on annual or lump-sum distributions from retirement plans when they exceed certain amounts. There is a special grandfather rule that can be elected by individuals whose retirement plans totaled $562,500 or more as of August 1, 1986. With the filing of their 1988 tax returns, these individuals can elect to have this grandfathered amount exempted from the excise tax. While this election could save some taxpayers thousands of dollars in taxes, it will not do so for everyone. Taxpayers in this situation should do the necessary tax planning to get the best results in their own individual circumstances.

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County Businesses Need To Try Harder To Attract Local Dollars

How well have Fisher County merchants been doing over the past several years? One measure of success, according to Dr. David Morris, Fisher County Economic Development Chairman, is the extent our local merchants have penetrated the Fisher County Market potential. This can be measured by what A&M Extension economists call draw factors. The draw factor measures the percentage of the County's market the county merchants are capturing.

"If the draw factor," Morris said, "is greater than 100 percent, merchants in that county are capturing more sales than expected. Apparently consumers are coming from outside the county to spend. Counties with unusually small draw factors are probably losing substantial consumer spending to other counties."

Morris went on to say, the trend is probably as important as the level. If a county shows an increasing draw percentage that indicates county merchants are apparently doing a better job of capturing consumer spending."

Sales figures used by Texas A&M to figure the draw percentage include all retail businesses plus three types of service businesses -- auto repair, garages and business service.

Morris said, "The figures below, tell us we need to try harder to attract and maintain Fisher County dollars in Fisher County businesses." He continued, by specially urging those spending public and private funds, to put forth an extra effort to spend those dollars in Fisher County. "Unless there is an emergency, give a Fisher County business the opportunity to order the items they might not have in stock."

"Merchants, on the other hand," Morris concluded, "must be cost conscious of the competition. Most Fisher County residents can be counted on to be loyal, even when some prices are slightly higher, but very large price differences, tend to encourage local dollars to go else where. Let's work together to improve our local share of local spending."

MARKET PENETRATION BY COUNTY MERCHANTS

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Fisher	42.4	48.3	37.9	42.9	34.1	49.6	43.5	47.2	41.1	44.9	41.6
Nolan	86.1	84.7	87.1	91.6	104.0	109.8	102.4	100.3	97.5	91.2	99.7
Scurry	100.1	104.1	94.2	110.6	120.4	121.3	107.8	106.8	95.9	85.6	90.1
Stonewall	68.0	59.6	46.4	81.2	105.3	93.1	71.5	69.7	69.5	57.9	56.6
Haskell	61.9	76.8	54.9	78.3	63.7	83.0	70.7	71.8	74.6	72.4	80.5
Jones	69.6	68.3	84.5	83.7	72.9	77.7	71.9	69.0	67.3	64.7	75.6

Submitted by : Dr. David Morris 11/4/88

Rotan School Board Will Hear Audit Report At Their Next Meeting, Nov. 14

The members of the Rotan School Board will be reviewing the annual audit report by Rodgers & Company of Hamlin when they meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 14th, according to Superintendent Alton Fields.

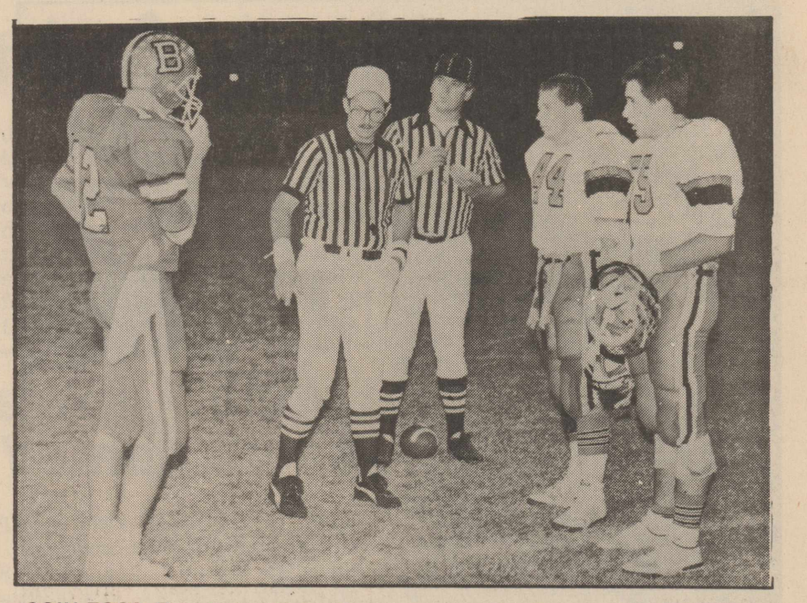
Other items to be discussed at the meeting are the appointment of a text book committee and the adoption of the annual performance report. The state mandated performance report addresses eight specific goals for public education to be reviewed by the board.

The Rotan School Board meeting is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 14th.

Rotan Learning Resource Building Is Nearing Completion At Last

Rotan School Superintendent Alton Fields said last Monday morning "I feel like the new learning resource building will be finished and ready for our acceptance somewhere around the 18th to 22nd of November." The workers are in the process of going through the acceptance "punch list", making sure all items have been completed. Fields and the board will review that punch list and accept the building in approximately two weeks.

Once the building has been accepted by the administration and board the task of moving in begins. Fields was under the impression that the move-in could take a considerable amount of time. "It will not be a fast overnight process, we have between 12,000 and 15,000 books to move."



COIN TOSS: Two Rotan Yellowhammers met the Baird Captain at midfield for the coin toss last Friday. (l to r) Brian Sheehan and Kenny Warren.

Rotan Lunch Menu

November 14-18, 1988

Monday: Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Wax Beans, Rolls, Butter, Applesauce, Milk.

Tuesday: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Butter, Chocolate Pudding.

Wednesday: Corn Dogs, Nachos/Cheese, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk.

Thursday: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Milk.

Friday: Hamburgers, Hamburger Salad, Potato Chips, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

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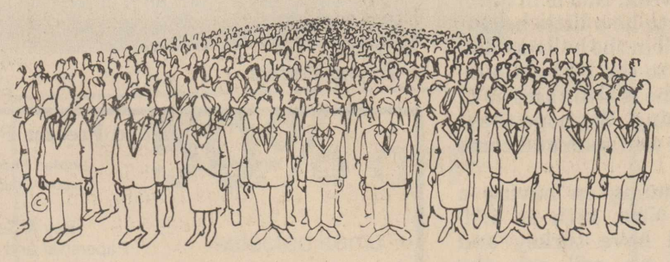
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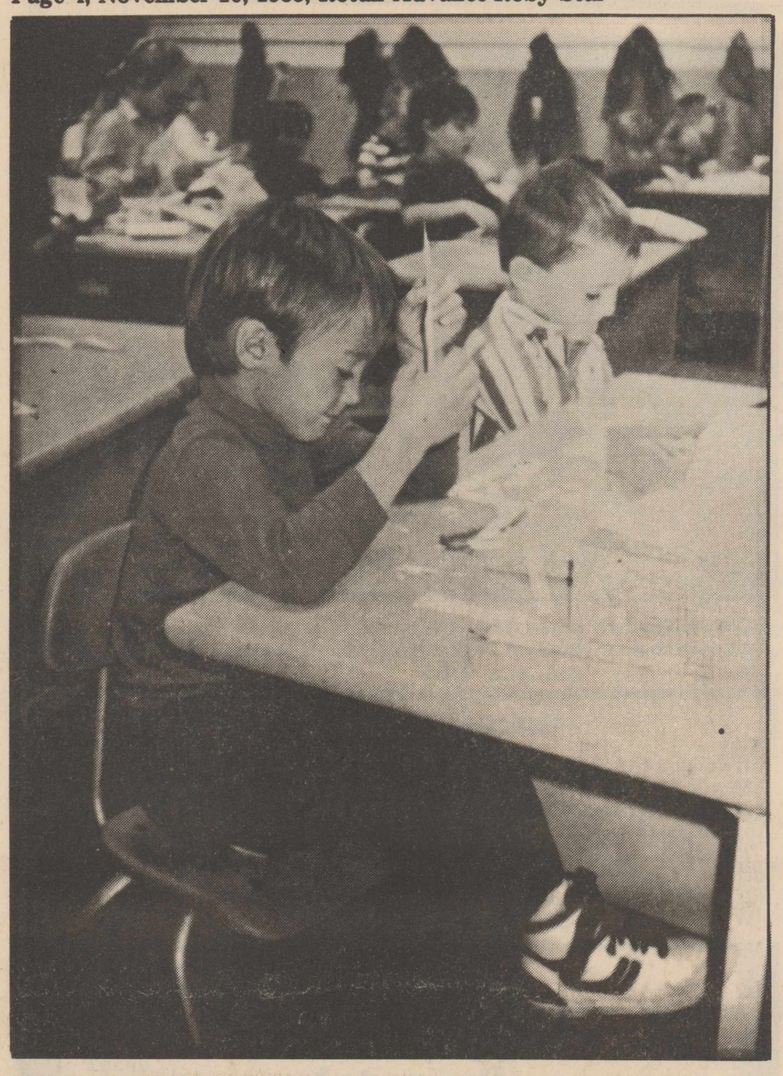
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PICTURED ABOVE: Lance Moore (l) and Jeremy Griffith are trying to get their projects finished. These guys are in Mrs. Gloria Floyd's kindergarten class at Roby.

Brucellosis Free Cow Herds On The Increase

Brucellosis free herds in Texas have increased from 46 to 1,969 since 1980.

The 185,124 animals certified as brucellosis-free in July of 1988 is a big increase from the 46 herds certified eight years ago.

Producers with certified herds have advantages and fewer restrictions when shipping or selling cattle.

Animals from certified herds do not have to be tested at market, and cows sold from these herds for breeding stock may command a higher price.

Producers interested in herd certification must enter into an agreement with the Texas Animal Health Commission and have the herd's blood tested to ensure none of the animals are infected with brucellosis.

Follow-up tests will be taken 10 to 14 months later and if no sign of the disease is evident, the herd receives joint certification from the TAHC and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The herd must be tested yearly and remain free of the disease in order to remain certified.

The largest certified-free herd in Texas has more than 7,000 head and is part of the Granada Land & Cattle Company in Wheelock.

Fayette County has the largest number of certified herds, with 43 at present. Next comes Washington, Van Zandt and Navarro counties, each with 38 certified herds. Other counties with at least 35 certified herds include Chambers, Henderson and Bosque.

Tony Flanagen, Kristi Bond Are McCaulley King And Queen

Tony Flanagen and Kristi Bond were named elementary King and Queen at the McCaulley School Harvest Carnival Saturday night. Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith. Kristi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bond. They are in the second grade.

Shelly Dominey, sixth grade, was crowned Jr. High Queen. David Scott was named Jr. High King. Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moran and Rod Dominey. David, a seventh grader, is the son of Debbie Valenzuela and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kelly.

Rotan Receives $74 In Alcohol Tax Revenue

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently sent checks totaling 10.6 million to 221 counties and 432 cities that tax mixed drink sales.

In Fisher County the City of Rotan received a check for $74.30. The total tax revenue paid amounts to $594.36.

School Honor Rolls

Rotan High
School Honor Roll
First Six Weeks

Ninth Grade: Elizabeth Gonzalez

Eleventh Grade: Ester Guerra, Candi Hayes, Kevin Smith

Twelfth Grade: Shanna Bennett, Candi Carreon, Jeff Cave, Randel Clawson, Gray Fowler, Mike Garcia, Carye Gruben, Philip Matthies, Jorge Montoya, Blake Morrow, Lucy Stinson

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McCaulley I.S.D. Honor Roll
First Six Weeks

First Grade: "A" Honor Roll -Adam Gomez and Emily Wheat; A-B Honor Roll - Efrain Espinoza, Jayla Hodges & Robert Pippin

Second Grade: "A" Honor Roll - Kristi Bond; A-B Honor Roll -Tony Flanagan, Jay T. Jeffrey & Nora Rivera

Third Grade: "A" Honor Roll -Amber Kelly, Matt Pond; A-B Honor Roll - Erica Perez and Adolfo Rivera

Fourth Grade: "A" Honor Roll - Josh Hollis, Konnette Mays, Dora Perez; A-B Honor Roll -Missy Hooper, Abby Jeffrey, Max Perez, Nancy Sanchez, Johnny Smith

Fifth Grade: "A" Honor Roll -David Bond; A-B Honor Roll -Steven Estes, Lonnie Green, T.J. Flanagan

Sixth Grade: "A" Honor Roll -Shelly Dominey; A-B Honor Roll -Brenda Flanagan, Bevin Hunter, Debra Perez

Seventh Grade: A-B Honor Roll - Brian Hunter, Jason Kiser, David Scott

Eighth Grade: A-B Honor Roll -Elaine Gomez, Cecilia Perez, Chris Estes

Building Bid, Block Grant Will Highlight Rotan Council Meeting On Tues.

The Rotan City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, November 15th for their regular monthly meeting.

This date is a week later than normal for a Rotan City Council session.

Rotan City Secretary Kenneth Vann indicated earlier this week that two items sure to be discussed were: (1) the status of the city offer on the Southwest Savings Building and (2) status of the community block grant for paving.

Vann was not optimistic on either items. He did not feel the council would offer enough money to purchase the Southwest Savings Building and he was not optimistic that Austin would approve the community block grant. The public hearing on the grant was held on Friday, November 4th.

Fisher County Nursing Home News

We appreciate Mrs. Naomi Cauble coming last week to play the guitar for our residents.

The Calvary Baptist Church group was here Sunday for evening worship. We enjoyed the singing and preaching very much.

Mrs. Yantis sent us a very pretty ivy plant. The staff and residents only had Mr. Yantis a short time here before he went to the hospital but we will miss him and we extend our sympathies to the family.

Mrs. Trejo was sent to the hospital last week. She is in room 12 and seems to be a little better.

Mrs. Peel fell in the hallway and was also sent to the Fisher County Hospital. She is still there as of Monday morning. We hope these two ladies get well soon and come home.

We are planning on having a family night Nov. 14th at 5:30 p.m. We will have turkey and dressing and we will ask the families to bring a covered dish or a dessert.

Last week Mrs. Trejo's visitors were Teresa Randez from Hermleigh, Domingo Jr., and Judy Trejo from Sweetwater, Felix and Linda Silva, Ofelia Trejo, Anita Hernandez and Elva Alaniz. Mrs. Trejo's granddaughter Linda Sosa from Germany and Vicki Wheeler, another granddaughter also visited her last week.

Roy Cumming's visitors for the last two weeks were Becki, David and Lynn Cummings, Patsy Odom, Dean Parker, and Carole Green.

Mrs. Yanez's visitors were Frances Alvarado and family, Thomas and Anita, Bea Yanez, Linda and Felix Silva, Luther and Lydia Yanez and Delores Yanez.

Irma Lee Branch visited Judy Branch.

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THE LEAVES OF FALL: Two members of Mrs. Ruth Witherspoon's class at Rotan Elementary pose by decorated leaves for fall. The decorations have been in the hallway where all elementary children can enjoy the colors. Children (l to r) Mark Denton and Ruth Ann Riddel.

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

We have sure been having some lovely weather this past week, but it has really been windy, both night and day. The wind has really been getting my pecans off our trees in a hurry and I have sure been busy picking them up.

John and Teressa Swofford from Lubbock visited with the James Ratliffs' over the weekend. They came Friday night and stayed until Sunday, and James and Dianne sure enjoyed their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boydstun went to Peacock on Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pat House. She is Frank's sister. Frank's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Boydstun were also there, and both of their daughters Mrs. Bill Meadows from Peacock, and Mrs. Moorehouse from Jayton also were there, so they sure enjoyed a good visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hardin, James Manlove and Mrs. Bea Hardin all went to Joe Hardins' on Saturday. He lives at Merkel. It was his birthday and all of his family were there, so they sure had a good visit. Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Hardin also went. Glenn Phillips from Post visited with his mother, Mrs. Opal Phillips Saturday. Opal is feeling very much better we are glad to report.

Doc Davis from Snyder visited with us Wednesday night. Thursday we went back to see Dr. Hirsch at Abilene and Jim had a bad day that day. He hasn't really been feeling too good anyway, no energy and short of breath, so he got some more pills for that, and we are going for a CAT scan Wednesday. His lung X-ray was just about the same, not any worse but didn't show any improvment either. Mrs. Wilber Gruben took us to Abilene, and we came back by Evette and Becky's apartment in Sweetwater that evening, and visited with Becky for a short while. Friday I went to Baird with Mrs. Donnie Gruben and we attended the Baird-Rotan football game which was sure good. Sure am glad Jim didn't go as we stood up so many times, he would have really been tired by the ending of the game.

Donnie Gruben and Donnie Carl, who flew in to Lubbock from McAllen Thursday evening came on in our pickup. After the ballgame Sheila and Carye went on to Wichita Falls for the 4-H Food Show and I came home with Donnie and Donnie Carl. We visited with Evette Gruben from Sweetwater at the game, also Becky Baer from Sweetwater and Greg Gruben from Stephenville. Sunday I ate dinner with the Donnie Grubens', also Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Gruben and Lucy Stinson. Donnie Carl flew back to McAllen from Rotan Sunday after dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Sig Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caraway from San Angelo and Mrs. Iva Lee Hillis from Sweetwater all visited with us Sunday afternoon and after they left, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Walker from Ennis Creek came and stayed until bedtime.

Well not too much news this week, as everyone is busy outside this beautiful weather.

Hope we have a lovely day for the Hobbs Homecoming this weekend.

See you all next Thursday.



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Petty continued, "We have learned much about tournament promotion. We have learned some history. We have enjoyed the people who have supported our tournaments. We have made new friends. We have worked very hard."

"We are thankful for the opportunity we have had to help Fisher County's Economic Development through the creative idea of forming the National Domino Association. Wholesome economic development is a spiritual and social work as well as a material one."

Saturday, November 19, will probably be the last NDA domino tournament of this year. It will be the last chance to earn points this year towards the National Finals on January 28, 1989.

The November 19 tournament will be a "heads up" domino tournament. This means it will be individual play only. As in all NDA tournaments it will be a double elimination.

The entry fee is $5.00 a player and it must be paid by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 19. Tournament play will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center on Highway 70 just south of Rotan, Texas.

You need to bring your own set of dominoes and your own playing table. Invite a friend to come with you and join in the fun.

The Senior citizens will be serving baked goods and a marvelous chili lunch. They will also be selling containers of chili for you to carry home. We expect a large crowd.

Others will purchase a booth for $10.00 and be there selling their products. Tables are furnished for the booths. You may reserve a booth for your products by calling Helen Noles, 915-776-2146.

Dollie Hammond, 83, Passed Away Saturday At Nursing Home

Dollie Hammond, 83, of Rotan, died at 9 PM Saturday in the Rotan Nursing Center in Rotan. Services were at 10 AM Tuesday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Terry Lowe, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Miss Hammond was born May 12, 1905 in Erath County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond. She had lived in Fisher County since 1919. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include: Several nieces and nephews.

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County Agent's Report

By: Beth Dannheim

WEATHERIZE NOW FOR WINTER

When that first "Blue Norther" blows through Texas, you may feel it indoors as well as out, especially if your home caulking and weatherstripping isn't doing its job.

Caulking and weatherstripping don't last forever, yet homeowners often assume they do.

Settling that causes doors or windows to shift slightly or inexpensive caulking that has lost its bond are just two causes of air infiltration.

Homeowners should inspect all caulking and weatherstripping annually.

The exterior areas of a house most likely to require periodic caulking include around the chimney and siding, joints between masonry or concrete parts and the main part of the house, and all window joints.

The least expensive oil-base caulking lasts only about 1 to 2 years. Acrylic latex caulk, designed primarily for interior use with latex paints, lasts about 5 to 7 years.

Butyl rubber is more expensive than oil-base caulking but also lasts 7 to 10 years. Silicone caulking compounds are the most expensive, but when properly applied will give top performance for up to 20 years.

There are many types of caulking compounds on the market. Since each type has been designed for a specific purpose, it's important to get the right kind for your home maintenance job.

Weatherstripping around all doors and any wood casement windows also merits inspection.

Pliable gaskets of vinyl or rubber can become rigid over time and the felt gaskets may compress or deteriorate so that the seal is ineffective.

The weatherstripping made of metal and applied with screws or nails will be the longest lasting.

Homeowners often have weatherstripping around the sides of a door but neglect the bottom. Special threshold weatherstripping kits are available at most home improvement stores.

When inspecting for adequate weatherstripping, homeowners should not neglect interior doors between heated and unheated space.

If you have a door leading to an attached garage, the weatherstripping needs to be every bit as good as that on outside doors. Weatherstripping the ceiling trap door leading to the attic will also help cut down on heat exchange.

Caulking and weatherstripping are two of the least expensive home energy savers available. Typically, the cost of installing them will be paid back in energy savings within a year.

Carye Gruben Is Gold Star Honoree At Rolling Plains

Thirty outstanding members of 4-H clubs across the Rolling Plains were honored Tuesday night (Nov. 1) in Haskell.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented at the county level by the youth organization, the recipients were challenged by Gordon Grubbs, vice president of First City Texas Bank, Graham, to continue to be positive leaders and make this honor a stepping stone in their journey toward success.

Honored from Fisher County were Carye Gruben daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gruben of Rotan.

Joining the youths at the awards banquet at the Haskell Civic Center were parents, government officials, leaders of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, fellow 4-H'ers educators and other community leaders. They were welcomed by Kit Horne, farm and ranch supervisor for West Texas Utilities, Abilene, banquet sponsor.

The response to the welcome was by Lee Wall of Foard County, vice president of the District 4-H Council. Tracy Wheeler of Shackelford County, council president was mistress of ceremonies. Rusty Willmon of Motley County, council secretary, gave the invocation.

Tonya Sursa of King County, council treasurer, introduced special guests and Chuck Dannheim of Fisher County, council public relations chairman, introduced the speaker. Award recipients were introduced by Ed Garnett, district Extension director. Horne presented the award certificates.

Grubbs, a former 4-H member, teacher and coach, told the audience that "success is a journey, not a destination." He stressed three key elements of success: the right mental attitude, little things that make the big difference, and communication.

"Your attitude is important...and your attitude can change," Grubbs said. Just as our attitude is a matter of choice, life is a choice, he told the youths. "Your future depends on your choices."

4-H is the youth development program of the Extension Service, an educational arm of the Texas A&M University System.

32 County Residents Enrolled At WTC

Thirty-two Fisher County students were enrolled at Western Texas College for the 1988 fall semester, Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, said.

Total enrollment this fall was 1,026. Included were 578 full time students and 448 part time students. Scurry County has the largest number of students, 487, and Nolan County is second with 101. Thirty-one students came from states outside Texas and three were from foreign countries.

Other counties represented by 10 or more students were Mitchell with 74, Haskell and Jones with 21 each, Dickens and Kent with 19 each, Garza with 13, Taylor with 12, Tom Green with 11 and Lubbock with 10.

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HELPING WITH SPANISH FEED: The above seven ladies assisted with the feed last Sunday by the Rotan Spanish Club. The club is attempting to raise money for a field trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ladies (l to r) Tiny Carrion, Celina Morales, Lupe Silvas, Ida Medrano, Emma Soliz, Sherrie Rodgers and Benita Carrillo.

Friends And Relatives Help Treasa Dycus Celebrate 95th Birthday

On October 30, 1988, several relatives and friends gathered at the home of Treasa Dycus to celebrate the 95th birthday of Linda Williams of the Hobbs Community.

Lots of visiting and picture taking took place before and after dinner.

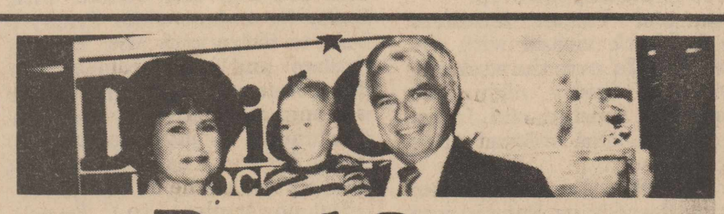
Those attending were: Elmer and Bessie Jones, Billy C. Jones and daughter Tabatha of Kermit, Agness Bunn, Bub Bunn of Sweetwater, Loness Curlee, Opal Upshaw of Colorado City, Maj. Billy, Diane, Mollie and Alice Dycus of Azle, Jerry, Candy, Dee and Mandy Dycus, Rev. Terry and Judy Lowe, Rosa Horton, Jo Bill White, all of Rotan.

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Cheryl Horton On UT Dean's List

Cheryl Horton, daughter of Bill and Barbara Brzezinski of Roby and wife of Brad Horton, was recently notified that she was named to the Dean's List with a 3.8 grade point average.

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Council Offer Denied, Will Submit New Offer On Building

The Rotan City Council, after making a bonafide offer on the Southwest Savings and Loan building recently, had that offer rejected by company officials.

Rotan City Council members offered a figure and were told that the figure offered was too low. Rotan City Secretary Kenneth Vann, asked officials at Southwest Savings to put in writing what they would accept for the building.

Within the last few days Rotan City received a contract for $65,000 from Southwest Savings for the sale of the building.

Southwest Savings originally wanted $75,000 for the Rotan property.

Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall indicated last Monday that the subject of purchasing the Southwest Savings building will once again be brought up at the Rotan City Council meeting on November 15th.

Section (f) of Article 6252-17 Vernon's Anotated Civil Statutes gives the Rotan City Council the authority to meet in sessions closed to the public "...during which a discussion is had with respect to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations to the state or governmental body, when such discussion would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body as between such body and a third person, firm or corporation".

The council has not made public what figure was offered for the property.

"The council does not want to pay $65,000 for it", said Mayor Marshall last Monday morning.

Celebrities Judging First Quail Cookoff Saturday, Nov. 12th

A host of celebrities from the Big Country will act as judges for the first annual Fisher County Quail Cook-Off and Jackpot Trap Shoot next Saturday morning, according to Chairman Billy Don Atkinson.

The Quail Cook-Off and Jackpot Trap Shoot will be held Saturday, November 12th beginning at 10:00 a.m., with judging at noon.

Judges will be Larry Zelisko, Abilene Reporter News; Greg Beatty, KTXS-TV; Rudy 'Fearless' Fernandez, KEAN Radio and Charlie Jordon - Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

The event will take place at the Terry Cottonwood RV Park located one mile south of Roby on Highway 70.

The jackpot trap shoot consists of walkback, fox chase and partners. There will be classes for ladies, youth and men.

The Quail Cook-Off entry fee is $10. Winning entries will be judged on taste, appearance and quality of the dish using a minimum of four quail cooked on site on the day of the contest. Contestants will furnish all cooking utensils, supplies and birds. All entry fee money will be returned to winners. There will be three winning places awarded providing a minimum of ten enter the contest. Judging will be at noon.

The event is sponsored by the Fisher County Hunting Cooperative and the Ag Task Force of the Fisher County Hunting Cooperatives. Members of the Task Force are Billy Don Atkinson, Chairman; Morris Guelker, Dr. David Morris, Myla Black, Foy and Frank Mitchell and Glenn Imken.

Individuals desiring additional information on the trap shoot or quail cookoff can contact Billy Don Atkinson in Roby.

WTU Customers Will See Lower Rates Beginning This Month

(November 7) Customers of West Texas Utilities Co. will see approximately a 12.5 percent drop in their rates beginning this month (November). The reduction is the result of using the lower winter rates, which will be in effect six months. Using higher summer and lower winter rates is part of the States plan to encourage energy conservation during the summer when air conditioning creates the peak demand on electricity use.

According to WTU local manager Garvis Hinson, a residential customer using 476 kilowatt hours of electricity a month, the average for November 1987, will see his bill go from $43.53 to $38.02." Other customer groups will see similar reductions, Hinson said. Since mild fall weather has reduced many customers' cooling and heating use, the actual decrease in the electric bill from September when average use was 906 KWH to November will probably be around 50 percent. That decrease includes the combined impact of lower winter rates and lower use resulting from mild weather. The actual size of a customers bill is determined by their use.

According to the local manager, the electric company is still waiting for final approval from the Public Utility Commission regarding a request to change the fuel portion of the bill. Fuel is used at power plants to make electricity.

Although the average cost of fuel on the company's many fuel contracts has not changed significantly, WTU faces a December expiration of a very low cost 20-year gas contract at one of its nine power stations. That was for gas at pre-oil embargo prices of 22 cents per mmbtu and has saved customers $350 million. It must be replaced with gas at today's prices which are almost $2 per mmbtu.

The local manager added that since 1985 WTU has lowered the fuel portion of the bill -- called the fuel factor -- five times, and had six refunds totaling almost $50 million as the result of other fuel contract changes.

4-H Members Will Compete At District Contests In Vernon This Weekend

4-H club members from Fisher County will compete Saturday, November 12, at Vernon in Rolling Plains District 3 contests in Livestock, Soils, Horse and Consumer Decision Making. The competition will determine individuals and teams in the Senior Division of the Livestock, Soils, Horse Judging and Consumer Decision Making Contests to represent the District in the Texas 4-H Roundup next June at Texas A&M University.

Contestants will check in at 8:45 a.m. and all events will begin at 9:30 a.m. All events will begin at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building in Vernon.

Awards will be presented around 2:00 p.m. at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building.

Eleven county youths will put their skills against youths of 20 other counties as they select top beef cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and determine ideal soil makeup. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is designed to teach 4-H'ers shopping skills to stretch their dollars.

Fisher County will have Junior and Senior Livestock Judging teams. Contestants include Jessica & Tim Moore, Bryce & Coby Moore, Chuck & Chad Dannheim, Joey Teague, Anita Floyd, Melissa Burk, Amanda Moore and Brandy Long.

Rotan Girls Place 15th At Cross Country Meet In Lubbock

The Rotan high school girls Cross Country team placed fifteenth overall last Saturday in Lubbock at Mae Simmons Park. "For running on about three hours of sleep the girls did very well, and we are very proud of them", said Coach Adriana Cox. "The girls got in at around 1:30 a.m. from the football game then got up at around 4:30 a.m. to get ready to leave at 5:00 for Lubbock", said Cox. The Cross Country team consists of Terri Johnson, Terrye Warren, Vanessa Peek, Elizabeth Jones and Jerri-Lynn Boone.

Book Fair To Be Held At Primary Building Beginning Monday

The Rotan Primary Room Parents Association will sponsor a Book Fair in the Primary building, Monday, November 14th thru Thursday, November 17th. Classes will be scheduled to visit at various times. Parents are encouraged to come view the books with their children. The Book Fair will be open Monday and Tuesday from 2:00-4:00. Proceeds from the fair will be used for organization projects.

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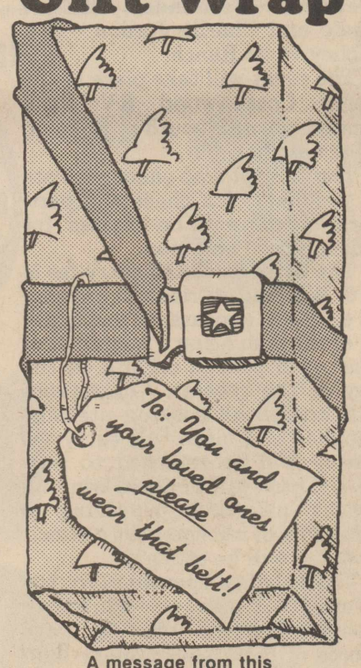
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BEST CARVED: Brittany Ann Morgan won the 'Best Carved' category at the Chamber of Commerce Pumpkin Carving Contest last week. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Morgan of Roby.

Roby Seniors Play A Frustrating Finale Against Aspermont

By Cliff Vlasin

The final scene was rich in emotional impact. The stands were empty; only a few parents and stragglers remained.

Near the west end zone, virtually unnoticed, seven Roby seniors knelt together in remembrance of outstanding high school football careers.

For Jay Linn Helm, David Shipp, Ronnie Rodriguez, Pete Perez, Norris Green, and Joey Teague, it had been a frustrating end to a frustrating season.

The Aspermont Hornets, relying on three Roby turnovers and one big play, had handed the Lions a 24-6 defeat in their season finale.

In truth, Teague and Helm should not have even suited up for the game. Severe knee injuries a week earlier had left them at only a fraction of full strength. But this was their last chance to wear the Roby Black, so dress they did.

In the end, this game was an exact reflection of the entire season. The Lion defense had proved equal to the task on virtually every play, holding Aspermont in check during most of the game. Two interceptions by Russel Douglas had been run back for touchdowns, however, and a 64-yard run by Bemil Pattel had added to Roby's misery.

Despite six first downs for Roby to only two for Aspermont in the first half and an early Lion advantage, the Ants held an 18-6 halftime lead.

In the early going, it had appeared as if this might finally be Roby's night. After two first-quarter Aspermont touchdowns had been called back because of clipping penalties, the Lions broke the ice at the 8:23 mark of the second quarter.

The touchdown came on a two yard pass from Michael Carreon to Joe Don Helm, capping a 33-yard, six-play drive.

The Lions had been on the receiving end of a big break this time as Aspermont gave up the football on a bad snap from center on a punt attempt. The Hornets recovered the loose ball, but Roby was set up with a first down at the 33-yard line.

The Lions then returned the favor, fumbling the snap from center on their first play and recovering their own fumble. A Carreon pass on second down fell incomplete, leaving the Lions with a third-and-11 from the 34, but the Roby quarterback found Ronnie Rodriguez with a short pass and the Lions senior turned it into a 23-yard play giving the Lions first down on the Hornet 11.

Carreon scrambled to the two on second down and then found the younger Helm, in his second week as an offensive back, open in the end zone to give the Roby 11 a 6-0 lead.

The score seemed to charge up the Roby defense as it stifled the opposition on the next possession.

The Lion joy was quickly turned to gloom, however, as the Hornets scored twice in just over a minute to take the lead.

The first score came on a 64-yard first-down romp by Pattel. Then, on the next Lion possession, Douglas snatched his first of two interceptions and streaked down the right sideline to give Aspermont all the points it would need.

Neither team converted an extra point attempt on the night. At this point the game was hardly out of reach. The final play of the half, however, would deal the hometown Lions a devastating blow.

Facing fourth-and-16 from midfield with only seconds remaining, the Lions decided to try one more pass play to try to even things up. Enter Douglas again, snaring the Carreon toss and rambling 48 yards for a touchdown as a shocked Parents Night crowd looked on.

The second half was an exercise in frustration for Roby. With the Lions' normal starting center, Joe Don Helm, pressed into backfield duty to replace his injured brother, the Lions continually had difficulty with the center snap, putting the ball on the ground eight times on the night.

The Lions recovered all but two of the fumbles, but they became a frustration to the Lions, robbing them of offensive opportunities.

Aspermont was finally able to fall on a Roby miscue, however, as the third quarter came to a close, taking possession on the Roby 27. An eight yard run by quarterback Paul Page and a 10-yard penalty on Roby gave them first down on the nine. From there, the Hornets only needed one play as Page hit Shane Trevino for the anticlimactic tally.

As sad as the ending was for Roby seniors, the season gave the remaining Lions something to look forward to in 1989.

To begin with, they plan to see a continuation of the rebuilding program started this year by the Lions' new head coach, Steve Long.

"I'll be back," Long stated emphatically, "no doubt about that. I promised the kids."

Long also plans to fully install the "run-and-shoot" offense the Lions began at the end of the 1988 season. "We're going to have some guns returning," he said, alluding to the fact that at least three quarterbacks, Jeremy Terry, Michael Carreon, and Johnny Joe De Los Santos, will be back next year.

"They're fired up," he said. We're going to get into our off-season program and get ready for next year."

Score by quarters:
Aspermont: 0, 18, 6, 0-24
Roby: 0, 6, 0, 0-6
Statistics:
First downs - Aspermont 8, Roby 6; Yards rushing - Aspermont 178, Roby 4; Yards passing - Aspermont 9, Roby 81; Fumbles - lost - Aspermont 1-1, Roby 8-2; Penalties Aspermont 7-65 yds., Roby 7-60 yds.

News From Down South

by Bertha Warren

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Not very much news this week as Hobbs will have their Homecoming Saturday, Nov. 12th and some are waiting to visit and then a lot of the farmers are gathering their cotton crops and are too busy and too tired to visit.

Elmer and Wanda Brashear of Brownwood visited Ed and Ollie Ogden Saturday afternoon. They also stopped by to see Charlie and Thelma Smith in Roby. Calvin and Ginger Jones are moving to Fredricksburg, Virginia and they stopped in Sweetwater to spend a couple of days with Calvin's mom Erna Lee Jones. Calvin will be working for the "E" Systems. Their daughter Shelley will remain in El Paso as she attends El Paso University. Looking over some of the Hobbs school history, did you know in 1924, four school districts, Baird, Hobbs, Dallas and Grady, were consolidated making Hobbs the very first consolidated rural high school district in Texas.

This was done by the Texas State Legislature, through the efforts of Mr. J.W. Hale, Fisher County School Superintendent. This was a milestone in the history of education in Texas, making it possible for rural youths to secure a high school education without moving to town. More schools consolidated with Hobbs through the years and our student population was over 300 at one time. Also in 1924 the school district covered 84 sections and today it covers 240 square miles. Of course this is just the tip of the Hobbs history. We hope to see all of you Saturday at the Homecoming. By the time you read this, there will be a new President of the United States of America and I just hope the winner will remember the words for the people and by the people and hope he remembers we are the people.

Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

Hobbs To Host Homecoming On Saturday

Saturday, November 12, 1988 is the date for the Hobbs Homecoming. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration and a program and business meeting will follow.

Exes will be welcomed by Bertha Ratliff Warren, President of the Hobbs Exes Association, and Howard Gordon, President of the Hobbs School Board. Music will be by Janiece Cave Stephenson and her daughter, Debbie. Speakers are Glen Cavitt and Esther Medrano Lopez.

The Coming Home Queen for 1988 will be selected by the Exes by secret ballot during registration. Candidates are:

Class of 1938 - Mamie Dell Simmons German; Class of 1947 - Lavern Shipp Young; Class of 1948 - Mary Frances Alford Pitner; Class of 1957 - Darlene Ogden Warren; Class of 1958 - Neva Thompson Harbin; Class of 1967 - Melva Pearce; Class of 1968 - Tachi Martinez Warren; Class of 1978 - Sandra Clawson Gordon; Class of 1987 - Georgie Wright Trejo; Class of 1988 - Donna Gordon.

There will be a time of remembrance for all exes known to have passed away since the last Homecoming. Exes are urged to contact one of the officers with names of those deceased since 1986.

At 5:30 there will be a dinner in the gym. The menu has been changed to brisket, and the cost is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for those under eleven years of age. The meal is to be catered by St. Clair & Wright Catering Services. There will be plenty of time for visiting old friends and former classmates both during and after the meal.

A dance will be held at the Rotan Community Center from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The Southern Knights from Snyder are playing this year. Cost is $5.00 per person, payable at the door.

We are placing an emphasis on Hobbs "Community" this year and do urge all former members of our community to come on out and visit even if they did not graduate from Hobbs. Anyone interested in Hobbs, past, present, or future is very welcome and urged to attend regardless of whether or not an invitation was received.

Any person not receiving an invitation should contact Pat Porter at 735-2850 or 735-3337 to have their name added to the Homecoming list.

Roby NHS Inductions Will Be Conducted Friday, November 18

The Roby Chapter National Honor Society met Thursday, November 3, to discuss plans for the upcoming induction ceremonies.

The ceremony will be held Friday, November 18 at 11:35 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. in the Roby High School auditorium. The ceremony will be followed by a reception for the inductees and their parents

The NHS will also be sponsoring a Faculty-Student basketball game Friday, Nov. 11th at 2:40 p.m. Admission is 50¢ and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Rotan 4-H Club Plans Christmas Party With Roby Counterparts

The Rotan 6th, 7th & 8th grade 4-H club met Monday, November 7 at Carye Gruben's home. Carye is the teen leader for the club. The group watched the movie "E.T." Twenty-three 4-H members, Carye and two adult leaders attended. The group discussed 4-H Day at Tech and a Christmas Party with the Roby 6th, 7th & 8th grade club.

Bingo Night Being Sponsored By Roby Fire Department

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a "Let's Play Bingo" night, November 12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Roby Community Center. Homemade pies and coffee will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary with all proceeds going toward Christmas expenses. The public is invited to attend.

Andrew Clayton Born To The Nelsons, October 12

Guy and Lynda Nelson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Andrew Clayton Nelson.

Andrew Clayton was born October 12, 1988 at 4:09 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Annie Henderson of Rotan. Paternal grandparent is Mrs. E.A. Nelson of Childress.

Thank You

The Roby School Parents Organization raffle was a big success and we would like to thank all the merchants who supported us with gift certificates and the public for purchasing the tickets.

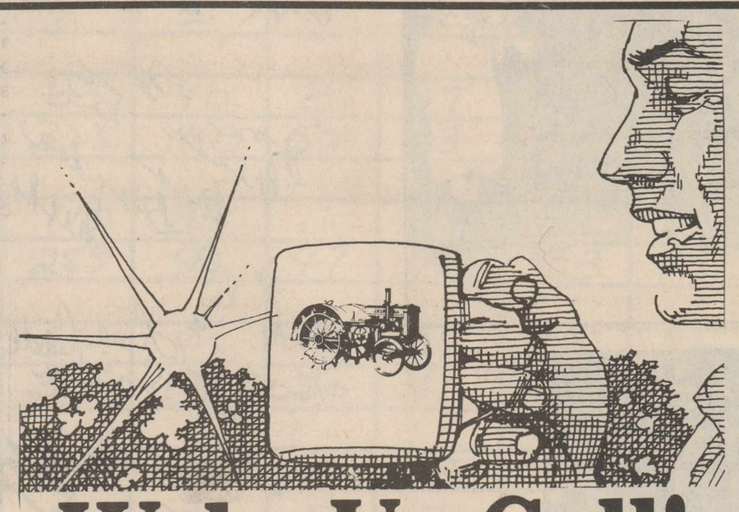
The winner of Package #1, Anita Guerra, Rotan, Package #2, Genia Kiser, Roby, Package #3, Nell Hunt, Roby.

The Roby School Parents Organization

WINNS ANNOUNCES
Winner Of Halloween Haunted House Contest
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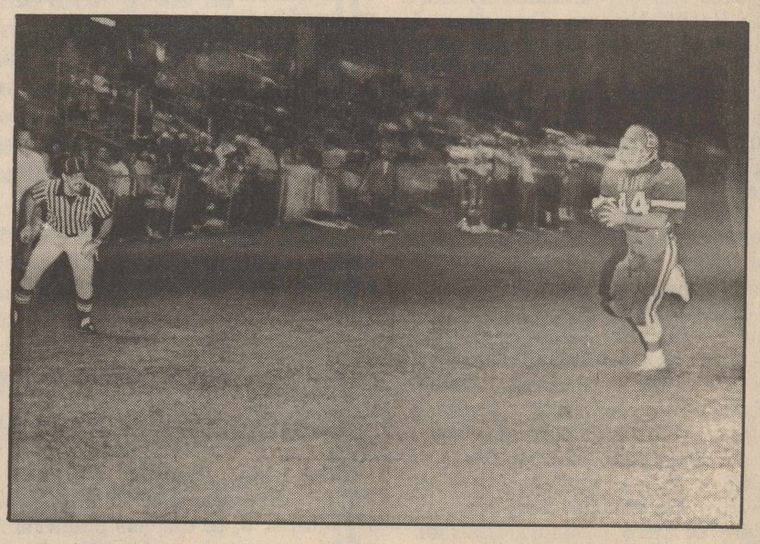


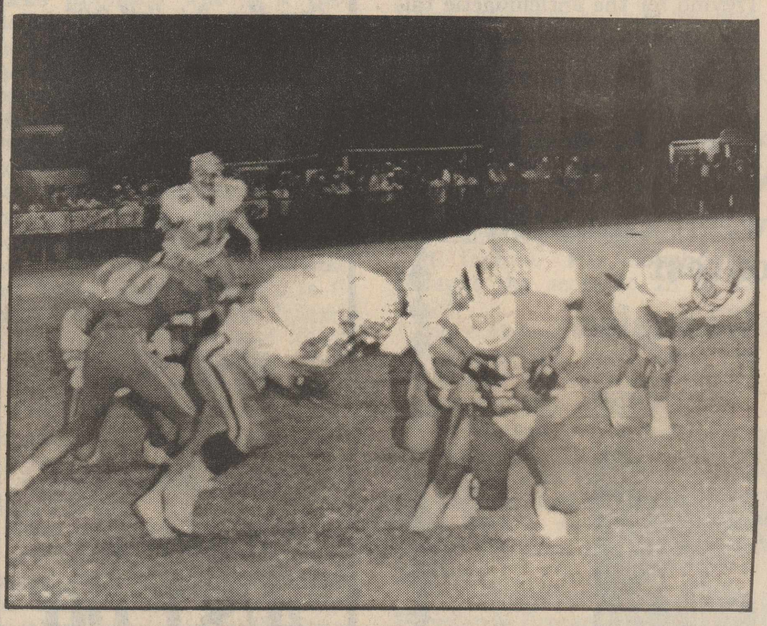


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Rotan School Honors Students For Academic Excellence In Classroom For the 1987-88 Year

There are many proud people in Rotan as a result of the Academic Excellence Awards presented to students last week. The Academic Excellence Program initiated by Superintendent Alton Fields, was started to encourage students to strive to better their grades. "I wanted some way to honor and single out students who are strong academically," said Fields. To achieve academic excellence a student must obtain a 93 overall average in every subject for the entire year. The students awarded last week were awarded for the 1987-88 school year. "Next year we hope to award them in September," said Fields, "This is the first year of the Academic Excellence Program, instead of working to make the "A" honor roll, maybe students will try a little harder to achieve a 93 for Academic Excellence."

The program cost the school a total of $623.41. Primary students were awarded t-shirts, Junior High students received windbreakers and the High School students received jackets. "We will continue to award the same thing each year, the Seniors are the only ones with a choice, they can have a jacket or a blanket," said Fields.

The following students were awarded t-shirts: First grade: Ruth Ann Riddell, and Rebecca Velez; Second grade: Mikya Dickson, Holly Hunsaker, Brooke McCall, Andrea Carrillo, Chance Fields, Bradey Murphree, Guy Duke, Adan Garza, Stacy Morrow, Shelley Burk, Ryan Branch, Ryan Parr, David Garcia and Keri Robertson; Third grade: Joey Lujan, Stephanie Merrell, Adam Lovell, Stoney Carrillo, Jake Baker, Tony Guerra II, Katy Cade, Stephanie Yanez, J.D. Elrod, Kaleb Goodwin, Tracey Posey, Maria Gonzalez, Renee Helms, Monica Gaspar and Crystal Flores; Fourth grade: Laura Blackwelder, Erlinda Natividad, Katie Kennedy, Leanne Landes, Deon Duke, and Mandy Dycus; Fifth grade: Rebekah Dawes, Jason Knight, April Martin, Shelly Baker, Brenda Sepeda, Kimberly Martinez, Clinton Williams, Monica Merrell, Cassidy Early, Carmelita Munoz, Shon Fudge, Amanda Clawson, Zack Burnes, Brandi Murphree, Kathleen Moffett, Danna Parr, Daniella Garcia, Shamika Ford, Jennifer Rains, Jennifer Underhill, and Jimmy Don Tankersley.

The following students received windbreakers: Sixth grade: Misty Bowen, Amy Blackwelder, Brandy Long, Melissa Burk, Brandi Thomason, Dawn Tandy, Brian Carreon and David Nowlin; Seventh Grade: Matt Mercer, Karen Dickson, Jenni Burnes, Joe Gonzalez, and Mark Marshall. Eighth Grade: Rachel Dawes.

High School receiving jackets were Jeff Cave and Candi Hayes.



FIFTH GRADE: Clinton Williams, Monica Merrell, Cassidy Early, Carmelita Munoz, Shon Fudge, Amanda Clawson, Zack Burnes, Brandi Murphree, and Kathleen Moffett, pictured above won academic excellence awards and received t-shirts.



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: These fifth grade students were given t-shirts for their academic excellence awards. Pictured from left to right are: Rebekah Dawes, Jason Knight, April Martin, Shelly Baker, Brenda Sepeda, and Kimberly Martinez.



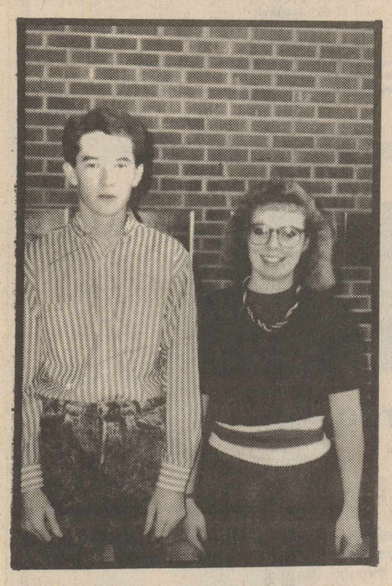
FIFTH GRADERS: Academic excellence awards given to the following students: Danna Parr, Daniella Garcia, Shamika Ford, Jennifer Rains, Jennifer Underhill, and Jimmy Don Tankersley. They also won t-shirts.



FOURTH GRADE: Front row: Laura Blackwelder and Erlinda Natividad; Back Row: Katie Kennedy, Leanne Landes, Deon Duke, and Mandy Dycus. They were all awarded t-shirts for academic excellence achievement.

ROTAN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE STUDENTS

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE: Academic award winners were Matt Mercer (Seventh), Karen Dickson (Seventh), Rachel Dawes (Eighth), Jenni Burnes (Seventh), Joe Gonzalez (Seventh), and Mark Marshall (Seventh). These students received windbreakers also.



HIGH SCHOOL: These two students won jackets for their academic excellence awards, they are Jeff Cave and Candi Hayes.



FIRST GRADE: Ruth Ann Riddell (left) and Rebecca Velez (right) received t-shirts for their academic excellence award.



THIRD GRADE: Academic excellence awards given to the following: Joey Lujan, Stephanie Merrell, Adam Lovell, Stoney Carrillo, Jake Baker, Tony Guerra II, Katy Cade, and Stephanie Yanez. These youngsters received t-shirts for their hard work.



SECOND GRADE: These guys won t-shirts for their academic excellence awards. They are from left to right: Mikya Dickson, Holly Hunsaker, Brooke McCall, Andrea Carrillo, Chance Fields, Bradey Murphree, Guy Duke and Adan Garza.



THIRD GRADERS: In their t-shirts awarded to them for their academic excellence are: J.D. Elrod, Kaleb Goodwin, Tracey Posey, Maria Gonzalez, Renee Helms, and Monica Gaspar.



WINNERS: Second Grade academic excellence winners pictured from left to right: Stacy Morrow, Shelley Burk, Keri Robertson, Ryan Branch, Ryan Parr, and David Garcia. These youngsters won t-shirts for their outstanding grades.



SIXTH GRADE: Misty Bowen, Amy Blackwelder, Brandy Long, Melissa Burk, Brandi Thomason, Dawn Tandy, and Brian Carreon were academic excellence winners and received windbreakers.

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UPPER CLEAR FORK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

October 1, 1987 Thru September 31, 1988

UPPER CLEAR FORK S&WCD

New Conservation Plans Developed	12 No. 1,508 Ac.
Conservation Plans Revised	19,471 Ac.
First Technical Service Individual	1,372 No.
Cooperator Applying Practices	155 No.
Subsurface Drain Systems	35,000 Ft.
Farm Security Plans Developed	207 No.
Conservation Reserve Program	91 No. 16,589 Ac.
Cropland Protected	6,676 Ac.
Pastureland Protected	8,976 Ac.

Conservation in the 1985 Farm Bill

Conservation Provisions

United States Department of Agriculture

Assistance Available to You

Several federal, state, and local agencies have responsibilities for carrying out the conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985—the 1985 Farm Bill. The law and the regulations assign roles and duties to each of these agencies.

The major conservation provisions are the Conservation Reserve Program, Sodbuster, Conservation Compliance, Swampbuster, and Conservation Easements.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has the primary role in implementing these provisions. Here's what you can expect USDA and other departments and agencies to do to help agricultural producers deal with these provisions.

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS)

ASCS determines:
- If applicants for USDA programs are producing agricultural commodities on a field that SCS has determined to be predominantly highly erodible land or converted wetland;
- The boundaries of fields that include highly erodible lands or wetlands;
- The fields that were used to produce at least one crop during 1981-1985 and fields that were part of a set-aside or diversion;
- If a crop was considered planted before December 23, 1985;
- If provisions of existing landowner-tenant agreements require production on highly erodible land or converted wetlands and if the conversion of these lands began prior to December 23, 1985; and
- If the conversion of a particular wetland was commenced before December 23, 1985.

Soil Conservation Service (SCS)

SCS helps producers determine if their cropland or potential cropland is highly erodible, wetland, artificially induced wetland, wetland on which the conversion would result in minimal effect, or converted wetland. SCS field staffs help producers prepare conservation plans and install appropriate conservation systems.

Conservation Districts

Conservation districts approve conservation plans for land to be entered into the Conservation Reserve and for highly erodible cropland affected by the Sodbuster and Conservation Compliance provisions. SCS approves these plans where there is not a conservation district.

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)

FmHA obtains information on land characteristics from ASCS and SCS about specific sites for which producers have requested loans. If applicants intend to produce a commodity on newly converted land that is highly erodible or on converted wetlands, FmHA is prohibited from making or guaranteeing a loan.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

FCIC determines if a producer is eligible for multiple-peril crop insurance. Producers may be ineligible for crop insurance if they produce crops on highly erodible land or newly converted wetland.

Forest Service And State Forestry Agencies

The Forest Service provides technical assistance for tree planting through state forestry agencies. These agencies provide assistance to producers interested in tree planting, including site evaluations, determining proper tree and shrub species for their land, design and planting recommendations, information on sources of seedlings and planting assistance, and review of seedling survival rate.

The planting plan, which includes this information, is developed for the owner and included in the producer's conservation plan for conservation district approval.

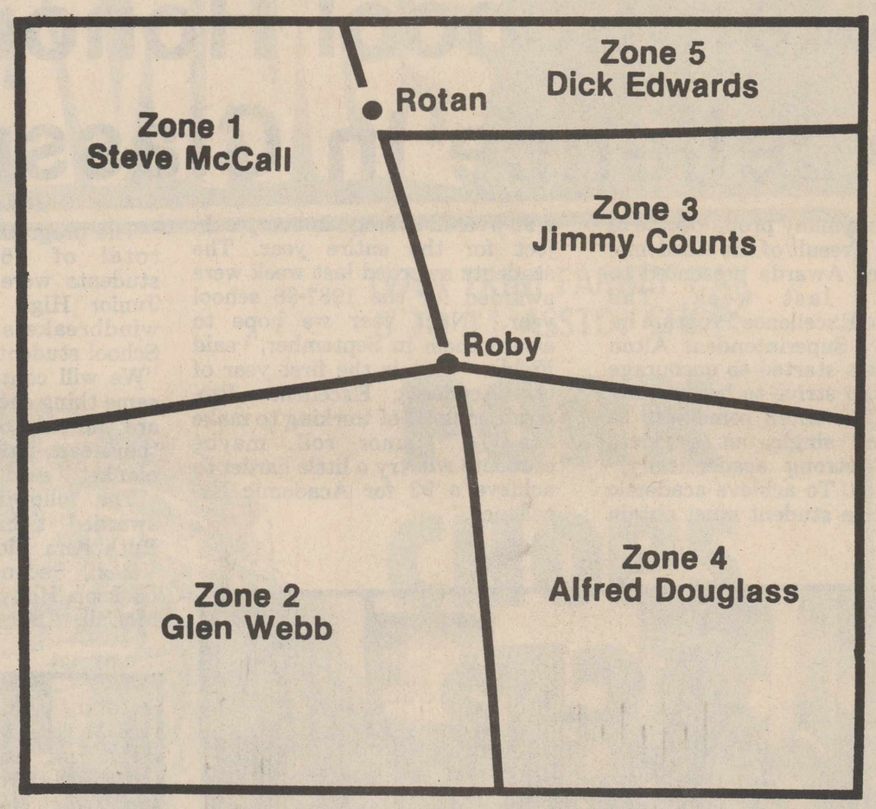
Extension Service

The Extension Service, working through the land grant colleges and others, disseminates information on the conservation provisions. Extension agents advise producers about the economics, alternatives, and other effects of the conservation provisions. They also advise producers on plant selection, fertilization, and pesticide use for controlling soil loss.

Department of The Interior

The Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service provides advice to USDA on identifying wetlands and determining wetland in which the conversion would result in minimal effect.

This fact sheet provides general information on a key concept in the Food Security Act of 1985. Published rules and regulations are available at local USDA offices.



Your SWCD Meets The 3rd Thursday Of Each Month At 1:00 P.M. At The Lions Club Bldg. At Rotan

FACT SHEET — CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

United States Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service
September, 1988

Introduction

The conservation compliance provision of the Food Security Act of 1985 disqualifies you for certain U.S. Department of Agriculture programs if you produce crops on highly erodible cropland without a conservation system approved by the local conservation district.

Highly Erodible Cropland Defined

To be considered cropland for this provision, the land must have supported a crop at least once during the period 1981-85. To be considered highly erodible, more than one-third of a field must be composed of a highly erodible soil map unit, or the highly erodible area must be larger than 50 acres.

USDA Programs Affected

These are the USDA farm programs affected by the conservation compliance provision:
-- USDA price and income supports;
-- disaster payments;
-- crop insurance;
-- Farmers Home Administration loans;
-- farm storage facility loans; and
-- other programs under which USDA makes commodity-related payments, including annual payments for the Conservation Reserve Program.

Effective Dates

You have until January 1, 1990, to have and begin actively applying a conservation plan on highly erodible cropland. You have until January 1, 1995, to have a conservation system fully applied to the land. If soil maps of your farm or ranch are not available, however, you have until two years after mapping to get a conservation plan in place.

Certification

When you apply for the USDA farm programs listed above, you must certify that you are not producing crops on highly erodible fields.

Your Options

If you are farming highly erodible cropland and do not have a conservation plan, these are your options:
-- You can continue to plant crops on the land without a conservation plan, and you will lose eligibility for the USDA farm programs listed above.
-- You can, in cooperation with SCS and the local conservation district, develop a conservation plan for your highly erodible land that will enable you to farm it without excessive erosion.
-- You can stop planting crops on the highly erodible cropland field. If you choose this option, consider bidding the field into the Conservation Reserve Program.

Where to Get Help

For more information about conservation compliance, contact the local office of any USDA agency, the agricultural Extension Service, or your local conservation district.

All programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin

Conservation in the 1985 Farm Bill

Conservation Reserve

United States Department of Agriculture

What the Conservation Reserve Program Means to You

What Is the Conservation Reserve Program?

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), enacted December 23, 1985, as a part of the Food Security Act of 1985, encourages farmers to stop growing crops on highly erodible cropland and plant it to grass or trees through 10-year contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

How Do You Sign Up for the Conservation Reserve Program?

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) is the administering agency and applications are made at the local ASCS office. Signup periods are announced periodically by the Secretary of Agriculture.

At the time of application, you must submit bids stating the rental payment you would accept per acre per year to convert your highly erodible cropland to permanent vegetative cover for the duration of the contract period.

Annual Payments

Annual rental payments will be made to you if you enter a contract to convert eligible cropland to permanent vegetative cover. Rental payments will not affect the total amount of payments you are eligible to receive through other programs. Payments will be made in cash or commodity certificates.

Can Cost-Sharing For Establishing Cover Practices Be Obtained?

USDA will pay up to 50 percent of your cost for establishing permanent vegetative cover. Eligible practices are permanent grasses and legumes, forest tree plantations, permanent wildlife habitat, field windbreaks and shallow water areas for wildlife, or any combination of these practices. Combinations of eligible practices are particularly beneficial for wildlife production.

What Croplands Are Eligible?

Eligibility is limited to fields with two-thirds or more highly erodible cropland. Cropland is defined as land that has been planted to an agricultural commodity other than orchards, vineyards, or ornamental planting; or has been set aside in a production adjustment program in at least two of the crop years from 1981 through 1985 and is suitable for crop production. Alfalfa and other grasses and legumes in a rotation practice are considered an agricultural commodity for CRP purposes. CRP land is not eligible to be designated as set-aside or diverted acres for annual production adjustment purposes. Your local ASCS and Soil Conservation Service (SCS) offices can provide more detail on land eligibility.



WORKING ON PROJECTS: Two members of Debby Burns 4th grade class at Rotan Elementary work on class projects during spare time. Students are: (l to r) Amy Gruben and Ray Yanez.

Yellowhammers To Encounter Paradise In Playoff Game

Paradise is no stranger to the playoffs. Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Ed Deady has been the Paradise coach for the past 11 years and for eight of those eleven years he has guided his team to playoff berths.

The Paradise Panthers, green and white school colors, will be feeling right at home at Breckenridge this Friday night. Not only did they win the coin flip and will be home team, they have matching colors with the Breckenridge Bucks - green and white.

In 1987 Paradise, then a member of class 2A posted a 5-5 record. Through last Friday night, Paradise has posted a 9-1 season record after dropping to class 1A this year.

Coach Deady made no excuses for their lone loss to Valley View by the score of 13-7 this season. Valley View "just beat us", said Deady.

The Paradise Coach was especially proud of two offensive players Randy Read, Sr., fullback with 145 season rushes for 1008 yards and 12 td's. Read is averaging 7.0 yards a carry.

The other offensive player is Tony Chappell, senior, halfback, with 160 rushes for 1036 yards and 19 touchdowns. Chappell has a rushing average of 6.5 yards.

Rotan Coach Weldon Nelms could not point to a weakness for Paradise. "They are pretty solid although several of their opponents have been weak teams", Nelms indicated that they may be the winning team from one of the weaker districts in Texas.

Nelms was quick to point out that Paradise is no slouch team, they are in the playoffs because they have a 9-1 record and it's "all or nothing from here on out", he said.

Nelms was pleased with the "come-back effort" his Yellowhammers displayed last Friday night.

From the size standpoint, Rotan will be bigger and faster but Paradise will be quick.

The winner of the Rotan -Paradise contest will face the winner of the Rising Star - Eden game on Friday, November 18th.

Toxic Waste Is Focus Of Roby City Meeting

The Roby City Commission met at City Hall on Tuesday, November 1, for their regular monthly meeting. Those present were Murray Simmons, Mayor; Cecil King, City Commissioner; Jimmy Price, City Manager; and Bobby Beauchamp, City Secretary. City Commissioner Jack McClure was absent.

The main topic of discussion was the Hazardous Waste condition. The city of Roby received a resolution letter that was written by the City of Snyder. The motion was made that Roby City Commission send a similar letter to the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Water Commission in opposition to the toxic waste site. The motion carried.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were: retirement system of city employees; the firemen that were sent to school and the condition of some lots located in the east section of town. Mayor Simmons also noted that the Roby city taxes did not increase for 1988.

Jimmy Price in the City Managers Report, discussed an old building that needed repair, fencing off or demolishing because it has become dangerous. Bobby Beauchamp read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Rotan Boosters Will Host Trap Shoot On November 20th

The Rotan Booster Club is sponsoring a trap shoot on November 20th from 1:00 p.m. until dusk. It will be held at the Clay Fowler Ranch, North of Rotan. A concession stand will be provided.



Hammer Happenings



By Donna Turnbow

The Hammers had a very busy weekend in numerous events. The Rotan Yellowhammers met the Baird Bears at the Bear's home field. The Hammers played a tough game against the Bears rallying in the third quarter, but time ran out before they could score again. The score ended Bears 28, Yellowhammers 22. Rotan will travel to Breckenridge to meet Paradise to battle it out in the playoffs this Friday night. Good Luck!

The Rotan Yellowhammer Band and the Baird Band united to do a joint marching performance. Each band played one song separately and then the bands played two songs together. Then the Hammer band marched off the field to the Fight Song.

The Cross-country team traveled to Lubbock to compete in a regional cross-country meet. The members of the team are: Jerri Lynn Boone, Terrie Johnson, Vanessa Peek, Terrye Warren and Elizabeth Jones. In another part of Lubbock at Texas Tech, a group of six students attended a conference to sharpen their literary skills. They are Shelly Schooley, Ester Guerra, Candi Hayes, Monte McKinney, Cherry McGuire and Czrena West.

The Spanish Club sponsored a Mexican dinner Sunday at the School cafeteria. They are trying to raise money for a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. The food was good and the prices were very reasonable. They plan to have more such dinners in the future, so let's support them.

Be on the lookout for more Hammer Happenings to come!

Commodity Distribution Is Saturday

The monthly commodity distribution for Fisher County will be on Saturday, November 12th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., according to Beth Martin of the Fisher County Judge's office.

Commodities to be distributed are butter, flour and milk. Distribution will take place at the Pink Building in Roby.

Charles Irvin Of Sweetwater, Former Rotan Resident, Died November 3

Charles Irvin, 56, of Sweetwater, died at 3:45 PM Thursday at his home in Sweetwater after a brief illness. Services were held at 2 PM Monday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. James Carrington and Rev. F.K. Williams officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 2, 1932 in Waco and was the son of Willie D. Irvin and the late Elma Irvin. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He had lived in Sweetwater 15 years, moving there from Rotan. He was a Baptist and an employee of the Sweetwater Cooperative Compress.

Survivors include: Two daughters: Bobby Susan Irvin, L.A., California, Tony June Irvin, L.A., California; Father: Willie D. Irvin, Ft. Worth; Three sisters: Helen Conner, Rotan, Marilyn Moore, Colorado Springs, Colo., Dorothy Taylor, Richmond, Calif.; Two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Clarence Conner II, Marcus Conner, Roger Hooper, Eugene Hooper, Modesto Yanez, Saul Smith.

Legal Notice

Fisher County Commissioners Court will be accepting bids on a 1989 vehicle for the Fisher County Sheriff's Department. Bids will be opened on November 14, 1988. Persons interested in submitting bids should contact Fisher County Sheriff's Office for information on specifications and trade-in.

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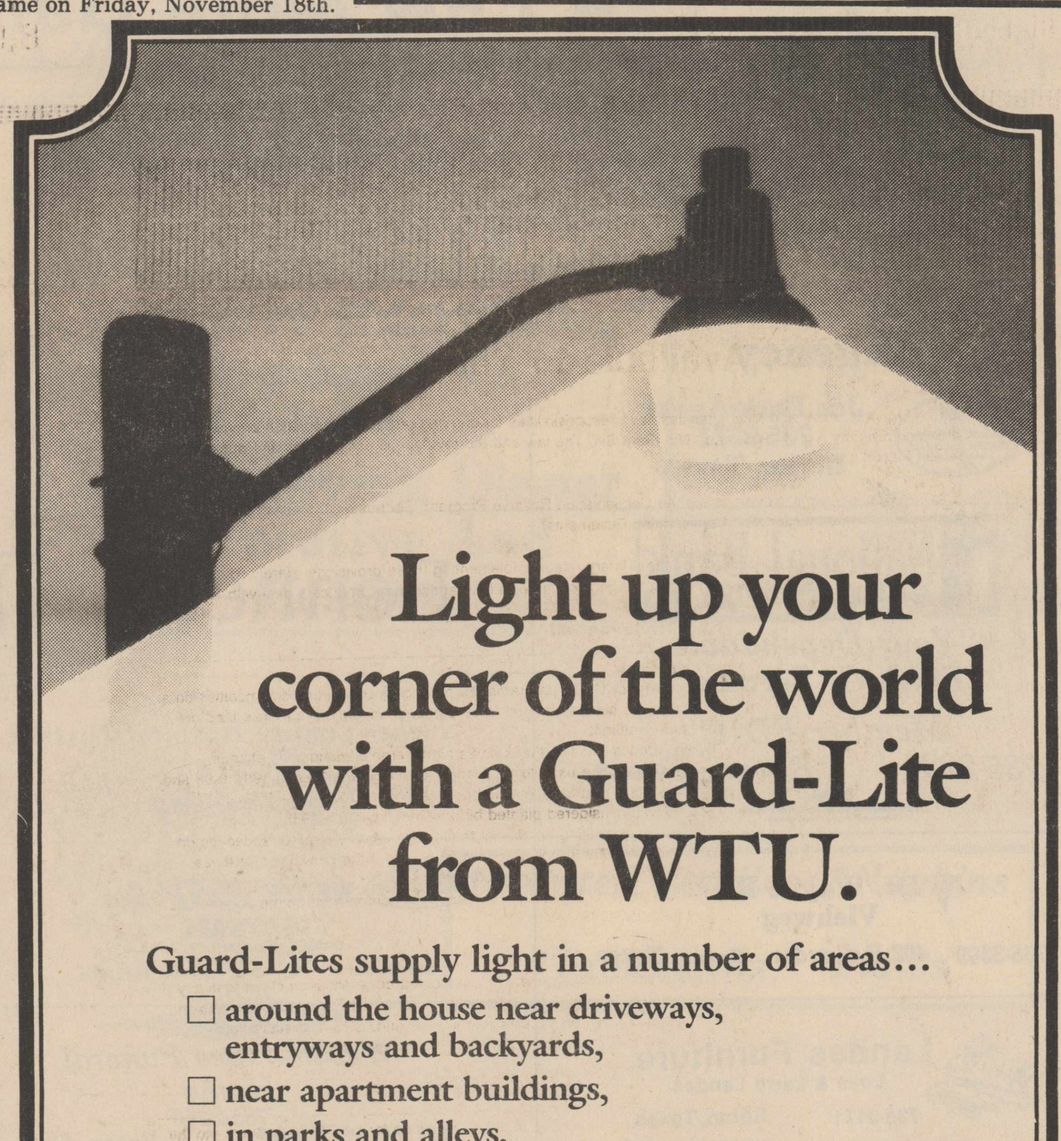
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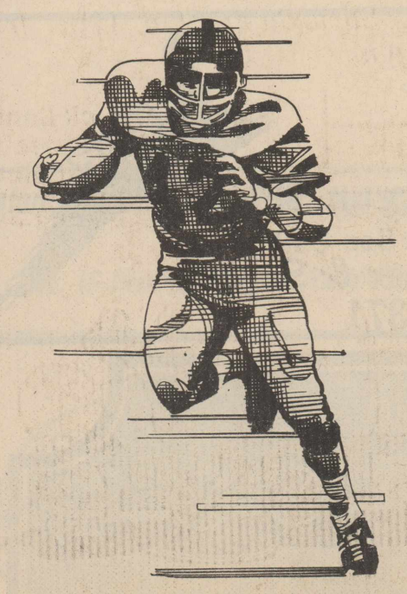




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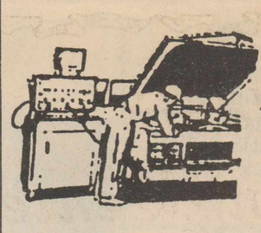
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STAND BY CLASS PROJECT: Standing by the decorated wall decorations at Roby Elementary School are: (l to r) Keshia Stidham, Shaun Chapman and Wesley Pullig. The students are members of Roxie Herron's 1st grade class.

Gamma Tau Met Sunday

The regular monthly meeting of Gamma Tau, local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, was held Sunday, November 6, at the Southwest Savings and Loan of Sweetwater. Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary teacher society founded in Austin, Texas in 1929. One of the goals is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. This month the fellowship was enhanced by a humorous look at Teacher Appraisal. Our very own Joan Meen appeared as a gypsy; she read the future of teachers. Her future was spelled APPRAISAL. She gave advice on how to get through the appraisal and how to do what teachers know how to do best, "Teach", and still "pass" the appraisal.

The business meeting was conducted by President Joyce Smith. A total of 20 members were present. Hostesses were Dora Reyes, Zelma Hulse, Mallie Lee Melton, Mary Lou Rowland.

The next meeting of Gamma Tau will be Saturday, December 3, in the home of Joe Clark of Rotan.

Service Academy Applications Close In Less Than One Month

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm today said the deadline for applications to the United States Service Academies is less than one month away.

The deadline to apply to any military academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Dec. 1. All interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Washington, D.C. office as soon as possible.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 22nd birthday, and will have graduated from high school by July 1, 1989. Competitive applicants will be in the top 20 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 500 Verbal and 550 Math or ACT scores of 22 English and 26 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Co., the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. and who wish to serve as commissioned officers are strongly encouraged to contact Susan Goulart in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office. For more information call (202) 225-6581 or write to 1226 Longworth H.O.B., Washington, D.C. 20515.

Sen. Carriker Named To Health Services Research Conference

Senator Steve Carriker (D-Roby) has been named to the seven member Texas delegation to the National Conference for Health Services Research to be held in San Antonio November 29 through December 1. Senator Carriker will meet with officials from several western and midwestern states.

Regional leaders will discuss the challenges facing rural health care and exchange ideas for solutions. The states of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, and Maine will be represented. Each state delegation will caucus to develop its state plan of action for upcoming legislative sessions.

Senator Carriker brought more than a dozen state and federal rural health care specialists to Fisher County for a four-day intensive assessment of the current situation. This resource team came up with a series of recommendations for local, state, and federal initiatives for rural health care. Senator Carriker is expected to inform other states of the process and results of the Fisher County conference.

Senator Carriker has sought private financing for education of rural health care professionals. He also advocates more efficient use of state funds allocated to state agencies and universities with overlapping responsibilities for rural health issues.

Roby Methodist Group Having Multi-Sale This Weekend

The Roby United Methodist Church Ladies are having a Multi-Sale on Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Friday the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, the sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The sale will include a garage sale, bake sale, chili sale, and craft items. The garage sale will have children's clothes, furniture, and other items. Chili, beans and crackers will be sold for "carry-out" only, beginning at 11 a.m. Friday. No chili will be sold on Saturday. The craft sale will include gifts and Christmas decorations.

County Gins Complete 5713 Bales

The six Fisher County Cotton Gins have baled a total of 5,713 bales for the 1988 season with totals reflecting production through last Tuesday morning.

Weekly production for the six gins amounted to 2,558 bales with the Terry Gin taking honors as the top producing gin in Fisher County for the reporting period. The Terry Gin had weekly production of 1,070 bales.

In second place for weekly production was the Rotan Gin with 891 bales. The season total for the Rotan Gin is 1,632 bales.

Third in weekly production was the Farmers Gin at Rotan with 479 bales. Their season total is 540 bales.

In the number four spot in weekly production is the Farmers Union Coop Gin at Roby with 389 bales. Total season production for Farmers Union Gin is 814 bales.

The Longworth Gin had 303 bales last week for a season total of 523 and the Hobbs Gin had 23 bales for a total of 198 for the season.

The six Fisher County Gin managers are approximately twenty percent finished ginning the 1988-89 crop, assuming early projections of approximately 25,000 bales holds true.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital are:

Connie Whitefield: Roby; Jessee Whitefield: Roby; Maeloa Coleman: Hamlin; J.D. Hudnall: Rotan; Juanita Trejo: Rotan; Lela Peel: Rotan; Laura E. Pillians: Rotan; Ila B. Burk: Rotan; Jimmie McCright: Rotan; Luther Donham: Rotan; Lela Peel: Rotan; Robert Valenkamp: Roby; Lucille Carter: Roby.

Cancer Unit Will Meet November 15th

The Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lions Club Building for the monthly meeting. All citizens of Fisher County are invited to take an interest in this program and learn about the fight to conquer this dreadful disease. "We thank all who helped make our Chili-Stew Supper a success, the money will be well spent on a V.C.R. and other educational material," commented a local society official.

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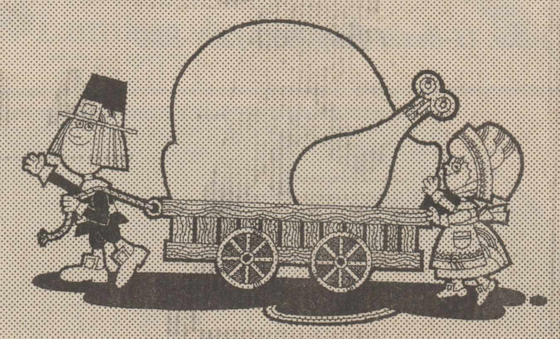
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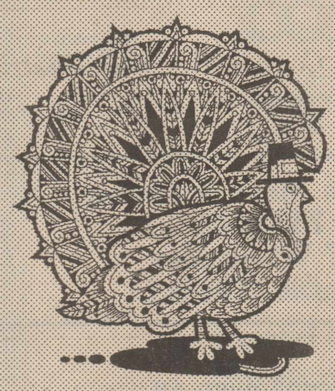
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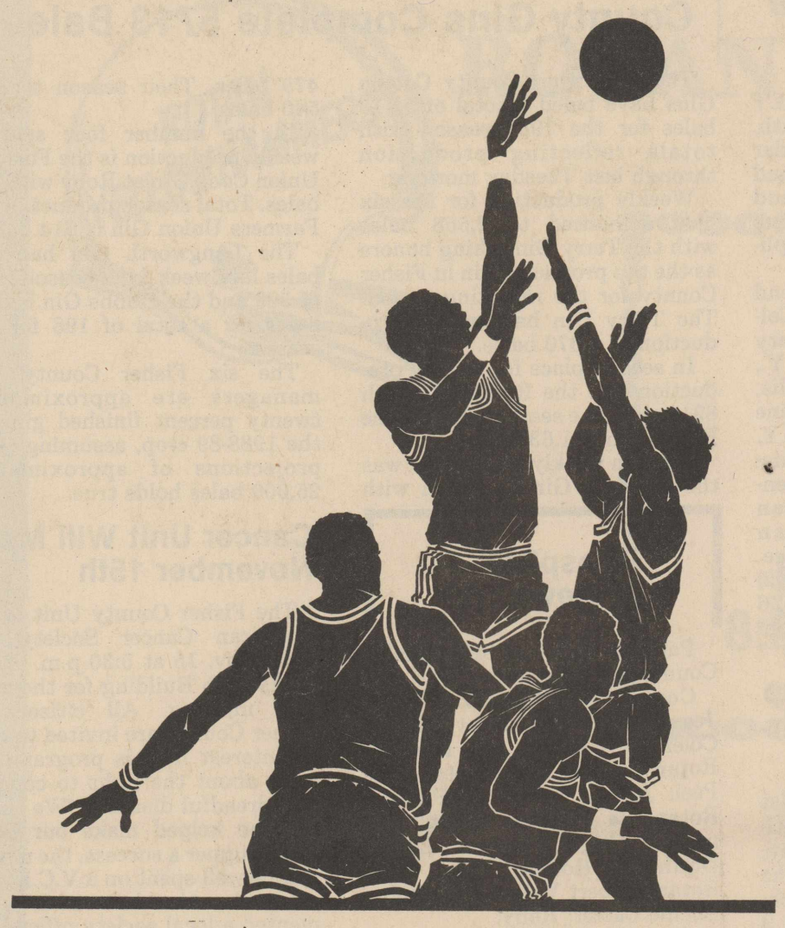
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"ALL THE WAY HAMMERS": The fans will be in the stands this week cheering on the Rotan Yellowhammers, runners-up in district competition. Rotan faces Paradise at Breckenridge on Friday night, November 11th.

Roby Convenience Store Has Grand Opening Celebration

Nubbin's Convenience Store in Roby conducted the official grand opening last Saturday and gave away a grand prize and three other prizes to persons registering, according to Marty Williamson, Store Manager.

The grand prize was a bicycle won by David Shipp; first prize was a gas grill won by Mickey Counts; second prize was a tote bag won by Cleo Dickson and third prize, a cassette bag won by Jason Terry.

A.J. Scott and Johnny Scott of Scott Fuel in Sweetwater are the owners of Nubbin's Convenience Store in Roby. The hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday the business is open from 6:00 a.m., until midnight.

Other employees at the store are Mary Stidham, Linda Wright and Kirk Williamson. Part-time employees are Charla Wiley, Twyla Hardin, Tempie West and Audra Lewis.

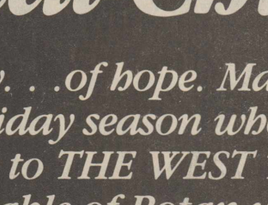
The new convenience store is offering fresh prepared deli food, hamburgers, corn dogs, fountain drinks and Gulf gasoline.

Rotan VFW Post Will Fly Flag For Veterans

The members of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Rotan Post, will be flying the colors on Friday, November 11th, Veteran's Day.

Lee Rasberry, Post 5072 Commander, indicated recently that the VFW flies approximately 30 flags down the center median at Rotan on holidays.

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Fisher Co. 4-H Awards Banquet

The Fisher County 4-H Awards Banquet was held Saturday, November 5 at the Rotan School Cafeteria.

MC's for the program were Mary Lee Hicks and Matt Floyd. Jerry Carreon gave the Invocation. Kevin Smith led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. David Shipp introduced guests. Carye Gruben presented the Adult Leader Awards.

4-H Awards: Senior: Jessica Moore, Agriculture; Jan Posey, Bread; Kevin Smith, Citizenship; Jerry Carreon, David Shipp, Community Beautification; Norris Green, Joey Teague, Conservation; Jennifer Kincaid, Consumer Education; Shelia Green, Dairy Food; Carye Gruben, Leadership; Mary Lee Hicks, Music.

Junior: Melissa Burk, Jason Gruben, Coby Moore, Bryce Moore, Agriculture; Matt Counts, Bicycle; Kelly McWilliams, Clothing; Timothy Moore, Dog Care; Mark Marshall, Eric Smith, Entomology;

Anita Floyd, Family Life; Amy Blackwelder, Laura Blackwelder, Mandy Dycus, Monica Merrell, Food & Nutrition; Brandy Long, Justin Smith, Horse; Travis Clark, Zachary Clark, Rhonda Henry, Poultry; Shelley Baker, Johnny Sharp, Patrick Zambrano, Rabbit; Dee Dycus, Safety; Brad Atkinson, Carolyn Atkinson, Sheep; Amanda Moore, Swine; Mike Counts, Cassidy Early, Kasey Greene, Stephanie Hunsaker, Vet. Science.

The Spur Clip "Friend of 4-H Awards" were presented to Morris Guelker and Alice Ballenger.

The banquet was sponsored by Midwest Electric Coop and Citizens State Bank of Roby. First National Bank of Rotan sponsored the Spur Clip Awards. Terry Gin of Roby was the program sponsor.



Spur Clip Winners: Alice Ballinger and Morris Guelker were recognized as "Friends of 4-H" at the Fisher County awards program held last Saturday.

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FULLY COOKED-2 LB. PORTION
ORIG. OR HONEY CURED
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LEAN TRIM FAMILY PAK
8 TO 11 ASSTD. CHOPS
PORK CHOPS
$1.38 LB.

WRIGHT'S HICKORY SMOKED
SLICED SLAB BACON ... LB. **$1.19**

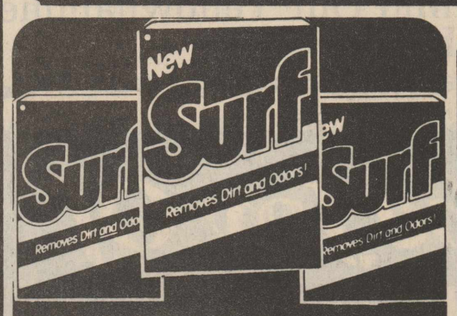
SELECT LEAN TRIM CENTER CUT
PORK CHOPS ... LB. **$1.99**

COUNTRY STYLE-LOTS OF MEAT
PORK RIBS ... LB. **$1.49**

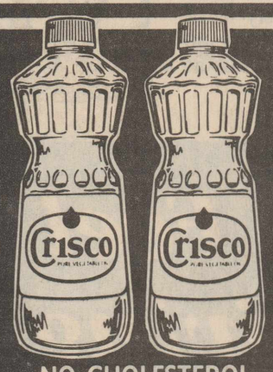
PURDUE GROUND
TURKEY MEAT ... 1 LB. ROLL **89¢**

OSCAR MAYER QUALITY
SLICED BACON ... 1 LB. PKG. **$1.99**

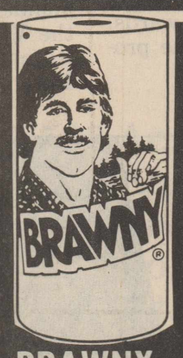
OSCAR MAYER ROUND OR SQUARE
VARIETY PAK ... 12 OZ. PKG. **$2.29**



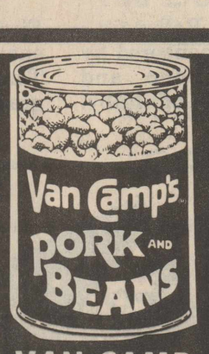
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SURF
147 OZ. BOX
$5.69



NO CHOLESTEROL
CRISCO OIL
32 OZ. BTL.
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3 FOR $1



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HUGGIES
CONVENIENCE PKG.
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SOFT N' PRETTY
BATHROOM TISSUE
4 ROLL PKG.
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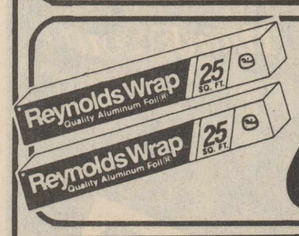
18 OZ. BOX
BETTY CROCKER
CAKE MIX
69¢



16 OZ. CAN ASSORTED
READY TO SPREAD
BETTY CROCKER
FROSTING
$1.49

COFFEE
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HILLS BROS.
39 OZ. CAN
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LAY'S® POTATO
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$1.49 SIZE
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CARNATION
EVAPORATED
MILK
TALL CANS
2 FOR **89¢**

FROZEN



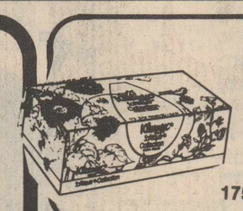
ALL TYPES-2 LITER BOTTLE
COCA-COLA 89¢

NEW CROP TEXAS
ORANGES
5 LB. BAG **$1.69**

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POTATOES
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TISSUES
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LUNCHEON MEAT
SPAM
12 OZ. CAN
$1.59



CAPTAIN CRUNCH
ASSORTED
CEREALS
16 OZ. BOX **$2.39**



GOLD MEDAL
BROWNIE
POUCH MIX
10 OZ. PKG.
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BLUE BONNET
QUARTERS
MARGARINE
1 LB. BOXES
2 FOR **$1**

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ALL VARITIES
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NIGHTTIME COLD MEDICINE
VICKS ORIG./ CHERRY
NYQUIL
6 OZ.BTL.
$2.99



ALKA-SELTZER
PLUS
36 CT. PKG.
$3.99



PERT ASSORTED
SHAMPOO
7 OZ. BTL.
$2.49



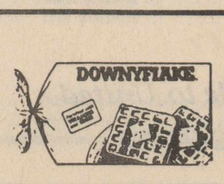
TABLETS
ADVIL
50 CT. **$4.49**

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HOMESTYLE ASSTD.
ENTREES
6-10 OZ. PKG.
$1.29

BANQUET
CHICKEN
NUGGETS
10½ OZ. PKG.
$2.89



SHURFINE
COTTAGE
CHEESE
24 OZ. CTN.
$1.29



DOWNYFLAKE
WAFFLES
12 OZ. PKG.
$1.09

PILLSBURY
ALL READY
PIE CRUST
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