



CONGRATULATIONS: Susie Day and the members of her Main Street Revitalization Committee and to Monte Morrow and the members of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce who had a part in the successful parade, downtown lighting, Santa and holiday festival last week. Take a bow, you folks did a great job. Thanks, for your interest, hard work and willingness to serve.

YELLOWHAMMER FEVER: Seems like the circle is getting a lot bigger. For the past month people in the Big Country have been discussing the Rotan Hammers. Folks that call or people that visit or see us in other towns. Now, the circle is widening. People in other parts of Texas are asking about the Hammers. I think we'll be playing on Friday night, December 20th - Merry Christmas. P.S. A sign on the door of H.L. Davis & Co., "The Friendly Store" says "All I Want For Christmas Is State".

CONGRATULATIONS: To Katie Payton, Brent Payton, Sylvia Sapsky, Lynda Fudge, David Hargrove, Denese Hoffman and Ron Dunaway. They were the cast members of the "Second Marriage of Santa Claus" staged last weekend. Music was provided by Tony McGowan and Denise Messick and the Christmas Story was read by Joe Dickson. Congratulations to everyone involved. The next performance of "Theatre on the Brazos" will be in their new 'home' in the spring and will feature a performance of the "Odd Couple".

SAVE YOUR CALL: Second in a series of Newspaper Rules. We have already received three calls, in a little over 6 months, asking that a certain item of public information not be included in the "Fisher County Public Records". This was a tough decision, oh not the telephone calls - they were easy the answer was no. All items are included, period. The 'tough decision' was making the decision to use the "Fisher County Public Records" public information. We resisted for 20 years. We knew what ramifications we faced, knew that some readers would be annoyed and angered, but felt the information was wanted and was public. Besides, the information was being circulated out of Sweetwater, so why not do it locally. We are using information on car registrations, marriages, deeds of trust, warranty deeds and assumptions, release of lean judgements, tax liens, divorces, quick claim deeds, gift deeds, abstract judgements and bankruptcy filed. We do not check with the people to see if they want this information in the paper, we don't get permission to publish and we don't do favors. After 20 years of not running anything, we decided to print the information and now we print everything. No exceptions. If Aunt Tillie is going to have a heart attack by reading that Bubba & Bertha are getting a divorce or have a judgment against them by the IRS, hide the paper - please don't ask us not to publish the information. That puts us on the spot. We have to operate leaning in the direction of fairness, so the fair thing is to either publish them all or publish none. We're now publishing them all.

LETTERS TO SANTA: Letters To Santa will be printed in the newspaper to arrive at Fisher County homes on Tuesday, December 24th. The deadline to having the letters to the Newspaper Office is Friday, December 13th. The deadline for the newspaper, normally published on Thursday, December 26th, will be Noon Monday, December 23rd. The December 26th paper will be printed early and will arrive at Fisher County homes on December 24th.

BASKETBALL GAMES: Rotan's girls will be in the Roscoe Tournament this weekend while Roby's boys and girls will be taking part in the Robert Lee tournament. On Tuesday, December 17th, Rotan plays Munday here and Roby

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Roby Star-Record



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Jay R. Hendon Announces For Commissioner

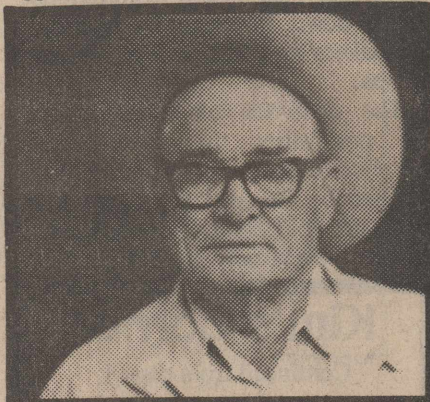
I, Jay R. Hendon, am announcing my candidacy for re-election of Commissioner of Precinct #3.

Most of you know I was raised in Fisher County and have lived here all of my life. I was in the Navy for 4 years.

My wife, Marie, and I have two daughters, Mrs. Jim Gruben and Mrs. Bret Clements, both of Rotan. We have two granddaughters, Misty Gruben and Bethany Clements.

As a taxpayer and Commissioner of Precinct 3 since 1977, I have strived to stay within my budget and to keep taxes from increasing. I will continue to do my best to help our county in every way if re-elected.

Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated.



Jay Hendon

'Hammers Zeroing In On Memphis

The Rotan Yellowhammers having slayed dragons and shed blood all over West and Central Texas have two more pesky opponents before claiming the 'big trophy' - Super Bowl of Class A'. Rotan, having knocked off top ranked Garden City in November; then Associated Press number one ranked Valley Mills last week, must now battle Memphis and win before claiming the right to challenge either Runge or Oakwood for the championship on December 20th or 21st.

Must Play 48 More Minutes

"We must play 48 more minutes of football and win, to get into the 'super bowl' and prove that we are the best football team in the history of Rotan," said Rotan Head Coach Pat Ward.

"I don't want to lose....." Ward

"I don't want to lose to Memphis after beating two #1 teams and getting this far. Playing in the finals has been a dream of the coaching staff and players and it is so close we can almost touch it," said Ward.

"Memphis will be a force to reckon with. This game will not be a picnic in the park, they will be the fastest team we will have faced all year," said Ward.

Memphis has defeated Canadian - class 2A; defeated Spearman - class 2A (who lost last week to Albany) and defeated to Top 3 Teams in Texas

when they won over Wheeler and Rankin.

Speed Concerns Rotan Coach

Ward was concerned with their speed. Memphis defeated Rotan in the sprint relay at the State Track Meet in Austin last Spring. "They are fast. They have a very, very aggressive, gap

blowing, blitzing defense", said Ward.

Memphis Speedsters - Fast, Fast
Ward said the Memphis speedsters to watch will be #10 - Jay Runnels, #19 - Brian Brown, #33 Finis Barker, #44 - Kerry Brown (just activated last week) and #32 Cosmo Duran.

Memphis Coach Interview

Memphis' Head Coach, in a telephone interview last Saturday morning, said he had a minute to spare, but not much more. He was on his way from his home to the field house to begin formulating a Rotan game plan for Friday night.

Memphis Better Running Team

"To be real honest with you, we're a

better running team than we are a passing team", said Memphis Head Football Coach Matt Monzingo.

Monzingo is a 1980 graduate of Memphis High School. He graduated

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Football Story

Cross Roads To Hold Christmas Eve Candlelight

The members of Cross Roads Baptist Church have issued an invitation to all Rotan area families to join them for a special Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

The service begins at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 24th at Cross Roads Baptist Church auditorium. There will be singing, a brief message and the lighting of candles. The whole service should only last 35 or 45 minutes, according to Rev. Keith Berryman, pastor.

Area families are invited to bring all family members, friends and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to worship God together on this special night and to thank Him for the real reason for the season.

Betty Mize Tax Assessor Candidate

My name is Betty Mize. Today I am officially announcing my candidacy for Fisher County Tax Assessor-Collector.

If I am elected Fisher County Tax Assessor-Collector, I will continue to operate the Tax Office and Appraisal

District out of one office for the convenience of the public.

I feel that a motor vehicle registration substation in Rotan is necessary and not just a matter of convenience. Therefore, I will restore vehicle registration

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Betty Mize

Inside Getting New Epoxy

Newly Painted Tower Will Feature 'Rotan Yellowhammers' And Bird

The members of the Rotan City Council in a recent meeting voted to spend \$11,200 to apply three coats of catalyzed epoxy to the bottom half of the water tower by the Rotan Tennis Court.

The bid was submitted by Utility Service Co. of Abilene. They are in the process of doing the work at the present time. In addition to the inside epoxy, the City of Rotan voted to spend \$2,800 to have 'Rotan Yellowhammers' painted on the white tower. The 'Rotan Yellowhammers' will be in orange, trimmed in black. The full-winged Yellowhammer bird will also be painted on the tower, according to Rotan City Manager Joe Dickson.



ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER COACHING STAFF: The above five coaches, plus one not pictured, were successful in designing a game plan to defeat AP number one ranked Valley Mills last week. Rotan faces a tough, scrappy Memphis team this Friday night with the winner getting the right to play for the State Championship title on December 20th. Coaches pictured - Front - Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Pat Ward, (l to r) David Simmons, Steve Merrill, Ted Posey and Barry Sartain. Not pictured in Bobby Richardson.

Total Gross Sales \$6,650,840

Fisher County Gross Sales Decline 1.3% For 2nd Quarter

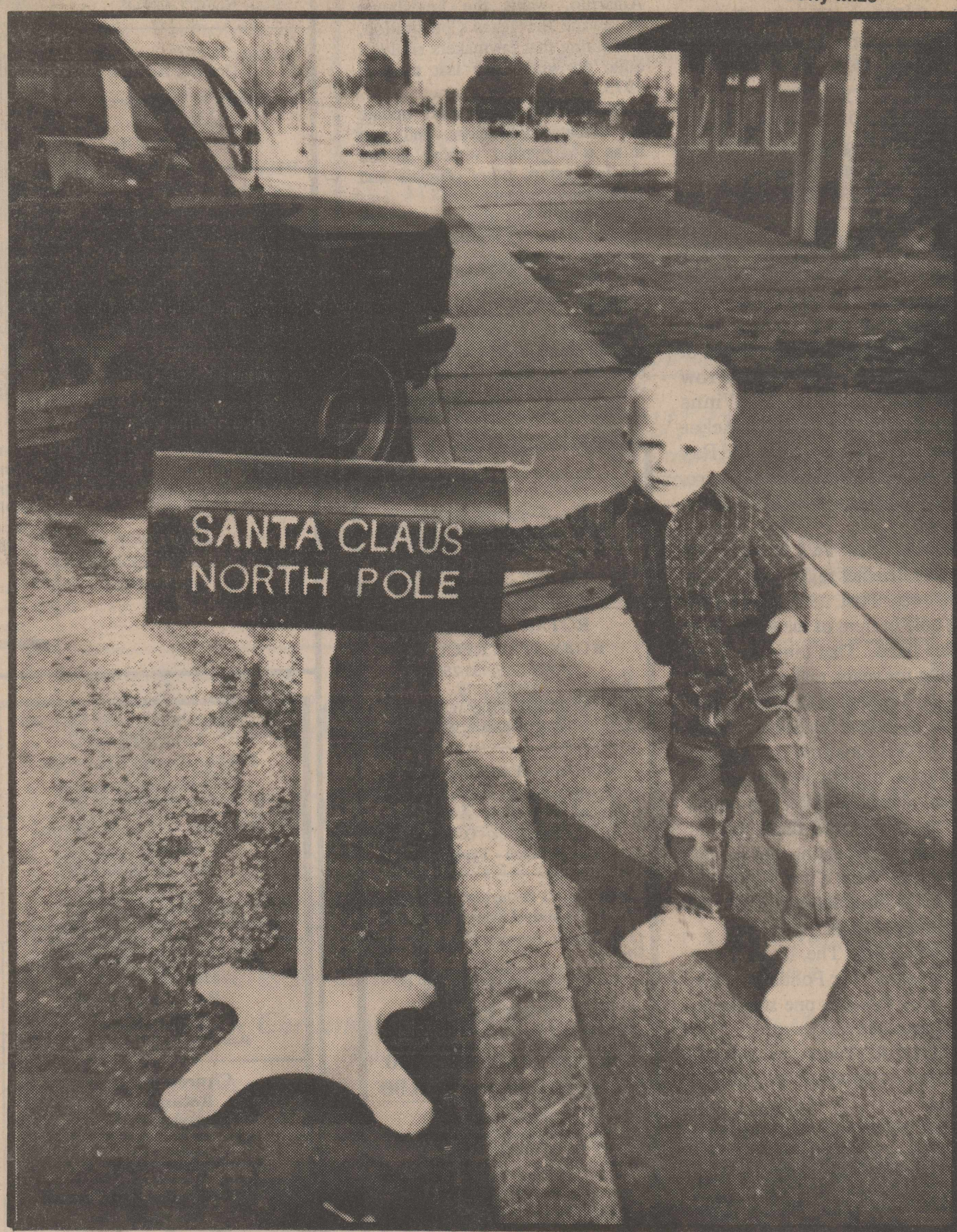
Fisher County for the 2nd quarter of 1991 (April, May and June) had 62 reporting outlets, 11 less than the 73 reporting in 1990, recording total gross sales of \$6,650,840 compared with gross sales for the same period in 1990 of \$6,740,256.

The information was released last week by John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts for Texas.

The information reflected a 1.3% decline in gross sales.

Surrounding counties and gross sales for the 1991 - 2nd quarter are: Jones (Stamford) - 254 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$32,983,518; Kent (Jayton) - 14 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$1,188,412; Garza (Post) - 106 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$10,047,058; Scurry (Snyder) - 420 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$61,349,723; Nolan (Sweetwater) - 354 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$39,144,011 and Stonewall (Aspermont) - 58 reporting outlets and gross sales of \$3,859,895.

The above figures are for all industries. The Fisher County figures for the retail sales division are 37 outlets with gross sales of \$3,054,471.



GETTING LETTER MAILED TO SANTA: Trey Groves, 2-year old son of Deidra and Jeff Groves of Rotan, was one of the first kids to drop off a letter to Santa Claus this year. He and other Fisher County children are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa on December 24th. The deadline for Letters To Santa is December 13th. Letters can either be mailed to Santa, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas or dropped off at the red Santa Letters mail box in front of The Newspaper Office.

Highlights And Sidelights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created." -- Texas Open Records Act, Article 6252-17a.

AUSTIN - Legal entanglements at all tiers of redistricting, plus a maverick GOP candidate, threaten to make Texas' primaries a rousing, convoluted, politically bloody election.

In other words, 1992 will be business as usual in a state where politics is a contact sport.

To date, no less than nine lawsuits are pending which could alter Texas redistricting, but some of those issues may be resolved by the Texas Supreme Court this week.

Breakdown in Talks

The threat that House elections may not occur on time became obvious last week when negotiations broke down between Democratic lawmakers and Hispanic representatives.

The deadlock also heightened the possibility that a kill-the-Democrats House redistricting plan devised by Republicans could become the political map under which elections eventually are held. A Re-

publican three-judge federal court panel is scheduled to consider adoption of that plan this week.

House Redistricting Chairman Tom Uher, D-Bay City, said he hoped new talks with Hispanic lawmakers would begin, but the hope appeared dim.

"It's more likely that the federal court is going to draw this plan," Uher said.

Special Session Looms

House Speaker Gib Lewis said the talks had disintegrated. "We negotiated for two days. Both sides would have to give up too much to make it salvageable."

"A special session is the only way we could resolve it at this point, unless we want to go ahead and let the courts do it," Lewis said.

Gov. Ann Richards said she will decide whether to call a special session this week. She is awaiting a Texas Supreme Court decision on whether Attorney General Dan Morales has the power to settle a Senate redistricting lawsuit in court.

Duke Enters Race

Meanwhile, Louisiana state Rep. David Duke, founder of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, last week predicted he will run strong in the Texas presidential primary.

Duke said Texans will like his anti-immigration, and anti-free-trade with Mexico themes.

Perhaps, for just the day before, Gov. Ann Richards, visiting officials in Washington, said she fears the Mexico free-trade pact will become a destructive election issue.

Labor Opposes Pact

Richards has been listening to others, not David Duke; many labor union Democrats oppose the pact, foreseeing plant shutdowns here and the exporting of U.S. jobs to Mexico.

Black union leaders, like top Texas Democrat campaign general Allen Parker Sr., would never go for Duke, of course.

But Duke assumes, and Richards probably fears, that rank-and-file white Democrats could get angry enough to cross over in numbers to the Republican primary.

A New Constitution?

State Sen. John Montford, D-Amarillo, wants the Legislature to rewrite the Texas Constitution, something that lawmakers couldn't quite do when they last tried in 1973.

Montford had his staff update the defeated document, and sent it as a suggested version to the top leadership, other officials and various civic groups.

He plans to introduce an amended version in the '93 regular session as a single constitutional amendment to replace the entire existing document, written in 1876.

Apparently some of the controversial items in Montford's version include annual sessions, 12-year term limits for legislators, and a cabinet system for the governor.

It would undo the 1981 repeal of the state property tax, and would do away with several elected officials: treasurer, land commissioner, railroad commissioners and agricultural commissioner.

School Finance Question

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said last week there is "an awfully good chance" the Texas Supreme Court will declare Texas' school finance system unconstitutional, which would throw schools in disarray and require a special legislative session.

If the court does, Bullock said he hopes it issues "clear-cut guidelines" on what constitutes a legal system.

"We followed what we thought were their guidelines," Bullock said. "If they reverse that decision, I'm going to be critical of them in public."

Mauro, Gramm Feud

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro last week accused U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of trying to steal credit

for his plan to clean up Texas beaches.

Republican Gramm, sponsor of a \$100 million clean-up bill, failed to invite Mauro to participate in his press conference and later denied Mauro's charge.

Mauro, a Democrat, said the plan was drawn up by a panel chaired by one of his staff members.

Turner's Bad Week

After failing to appear for a hearing, a state district judge ordered Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, to pay more than \$49,000 in a civil case accusing him of misrepresenting a client's fire insurance claim.

Turner, who is campaigning to become the first black mayor of Houston, had a bad week: media reports linked him as the attorney in a possible faked death for insurance benefits scam, and his legislative aide was jailed in Louisiana for possession of 64 grams of cocaine.

The Memphis Cyclones How They Got To The Semi Finals Score By Games

Opponent	Them	Memphis
Canadian	14	20
Spearman	26	27
Clarendon	0	25
Wellington	42	6
Shamrock	0	49
Gruver	0	19
Claude	13	39
Booker	17	38
Wheeler (Dist.)	21	26
Nazareth (Bi-Dist)	18	25
Paducah (Area)	6	21
O'Donnell (Reg.)	13	49
Rankin (Qtr.)	3	15

Kim's Corner

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hosts Rule.

BRAGGING UPDATE: My young son John, a member of the Killen High School, scout team, is getting another 'dream come true' this week. Killen High plays for the State Championship in the AstroDome in Houston. He'll be on the sidelines. As I was bragging to Jim Cain, Rotan Junior High Principal, last Monday night, he called time-out and bragged on his son a little. Seems Jim Cain's son, Jim T. is a member of the coaching staff at Southlake Carroll. They play Marble Falls on Saturday night at Baylor Stadium in Waco. Jim T's team was in Texas Stadium last week playing Gladewater. Thanks for letting Jim Cain and I brag, we owe each of you an ear - at any time on any subject.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Dec 12-18. On 12th to Mildred Borwn, Ethel Adams, Mike "The Hammer" Hull, Oma Long, Doug Reeves; 13 - Tiffany Rivers; 14 - Linda Stuart, Aubry Nell Cauble, Dexter Elrod; 15 - 0 Dawn Tandy, Charles Dannheim, Jacob Price, 17 - Vivian Williams, H.A. Kiker, LaNeta Young, Larry Crumpton, Lois Rodgers, Gloria Floyd, Gelnna Crow, Nell Hughes; 18 - Mary Ann Marshall, Donna Chapmon, Paige Hinson, Leola Kincaid and Virgie Weems.

CALL ON CAFE: Buddy Burnett and a half-million others, called, stopped me with information on Keener's Cafe. It was located on both sides of the street. It was in a narrow two story building by Winns back in the 1950's. Doris Acker Gilliland, Bessie Eaton and Ray Kelley were waitresses there. Gene Wallace operated for a while.

FINALLY: Two things that Whistle Bitches said he wanted for Christmas. First, he wants the silly flag pole in front of the Rotan Post Office fixed. That thing has been leaning for years, makes the world look unlevel and is a source of irritation. Second, he said he wanted to see \$3,000 in good old U.S. Dollars (from one or more people) anonymously donated to Theatre on the Brazos. They need funds to continue their remodeling and are out of money. What a nice Christmas present if Bitches could get his Christmas wish on both items.

DANCING: The latest dance step is called "The Politician". It is two steps forward, one step backward, and then a sidestep.

LIQUOR: There are two finishes for automobiles: lacquer and liquor.

ALCOHOLICS: An alcoholic is not one who drinks too much, but one who can't drink enough.

CHRISTIANS: Funny how some Christians give the impression they have been baptized in vinegar.

Fisher County Church Directory

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Rotan, Texas

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Kiefer & Aubrey Nell

Bart Strayhorn
735-2231
Rotan, Texas

City Auto
Supply
735-2242 - Rotan, Texas

Abilene
Reporter - News
Byrle & June Martin
735-2464
Rotan, Texas

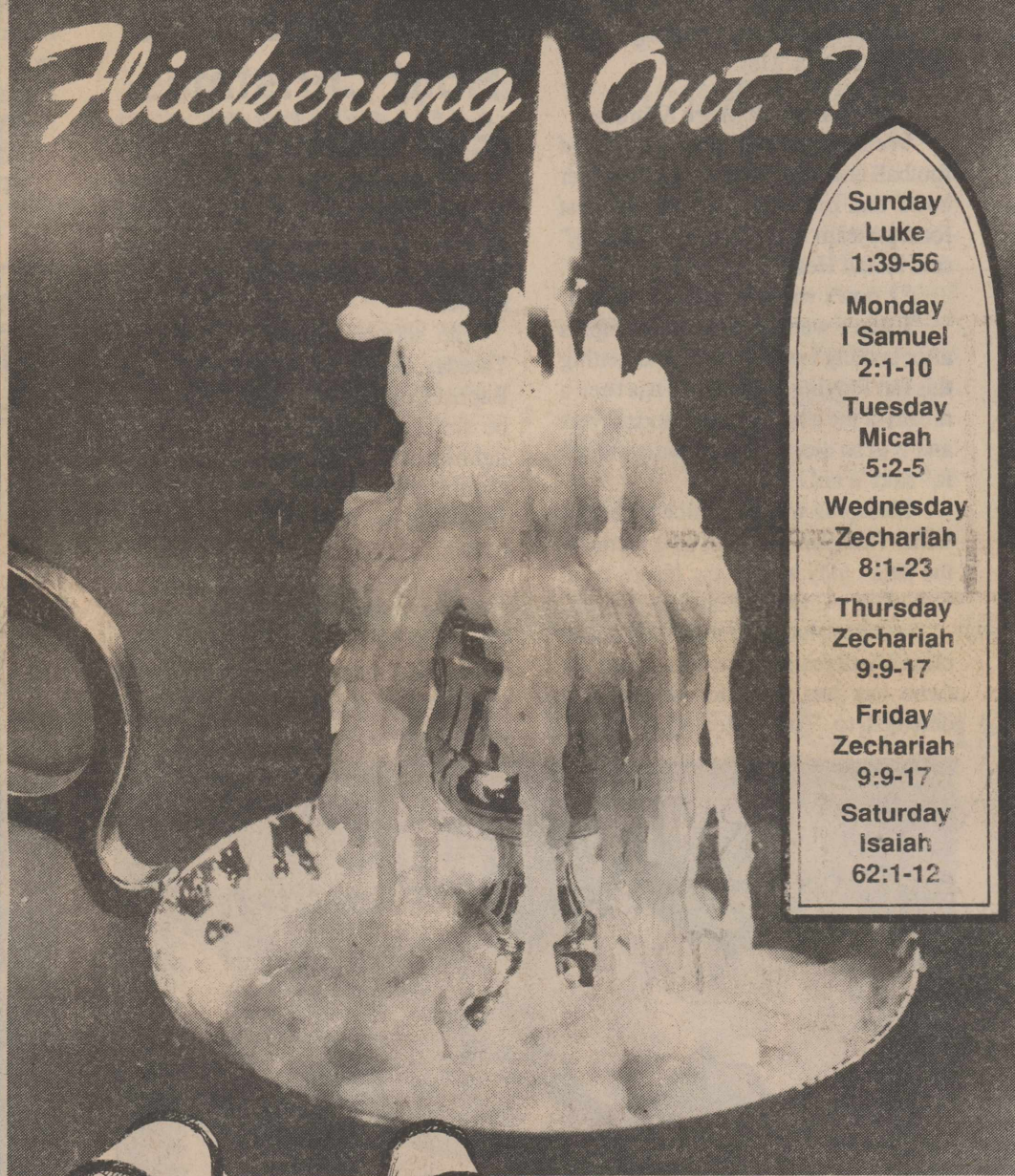
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Cable Television
735-2526
Rotan, Texas

Rotan
Insurance Agency
735-2571

Circle C Grocery
735-2574
Rotan, Texas

H.L. Davis & Co.
"The Friendly Store"
Bill & Elaine Day

Theatre
On The
Brazos



Flickering Out?

Sunday
Luke
1:39-56

Monday
I Samuel
2:1-10

Tuesday
Micah
5:2-5

Wednesday
Zechariah
8:1-23

Thursday
Zechariah
9:9-17

Friday
Zechariah
9:9-17

Saturday
Isaiah
62:1-12

Clinic Pharmacy
735-2500
Cleburne Murdoch-RpH
Rotan, Texas

Rotan Nursing Center
735-2233
Rotan, Texas

Landes Furniture
Larry & Beverly Landes
735-3171
Rotan, Texas

Summers Flying Service
Neal, Kathy & Seth
735-3477

Weathersbee
Funeral
Home

735-2255
Rotan, Texas

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Home
Carl Hitt-Administrator
735-3291
Rotan, Texas

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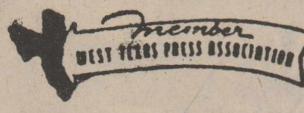
"I see Heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal,
Arming me from fear."
-Emily Bronte

A candle flickers on the mantle...
"a wavering, unsteady light"...easily extinguished with one breath. A "flame", however, is a "blaze"...an intense light full of strength and vigor...which may survive for hours or days, despite all efforts to extinguish it.

In those terms, we may consider our faith in God. It can resemble a flicker,

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rotan, Texas Father Austin Kittredge Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Night 7:30 p.m. Mass	Little Zion Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. John L. Martin Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	Foursquare Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Robert Kennedy Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	Cross Roads Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Keith Berryman S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Church Of The Nazarene Rotan, Texas Rev. Jack Jones Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening & Wed. Evening 6:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church Roby, Texas Rev. Tobey Clements S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church Training 9:00 - Worship 9:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.	Hobbs Baptist Church Hobbs Community Rev. Dee Threault Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Sylvester, Texas Sue Rowlett, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Each Third Wednesday Night
McCauley Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Dutch Parks Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Rotan, Texas Rev. Ron W. Dunaway Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.	Church Of Christ Roby, Texas Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 8:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Roby, Texas Rev. Larry Crumpton S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Night Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Church Of Christ Rotan, Texas Douglas Reeves S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45 Sunday Ladies Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship 6:00 - Wed. - 7:30	Baha'i World Faith Roby, Texas Dr. and Mrs. David Morris Information Meeting Every Thursday night at 7:30, Blue Haven Motel, Roby	First Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Joe Vernon S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Emmanuel Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Gene Prevo S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.	Mission Bautista Calvario Roby, Texas Rev. Eli Sepeda S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist McCauley, Texas Sue Rowlett, Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	Sylvester Baptist Church Sylvester, Texas Rev. Jim Reid S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.



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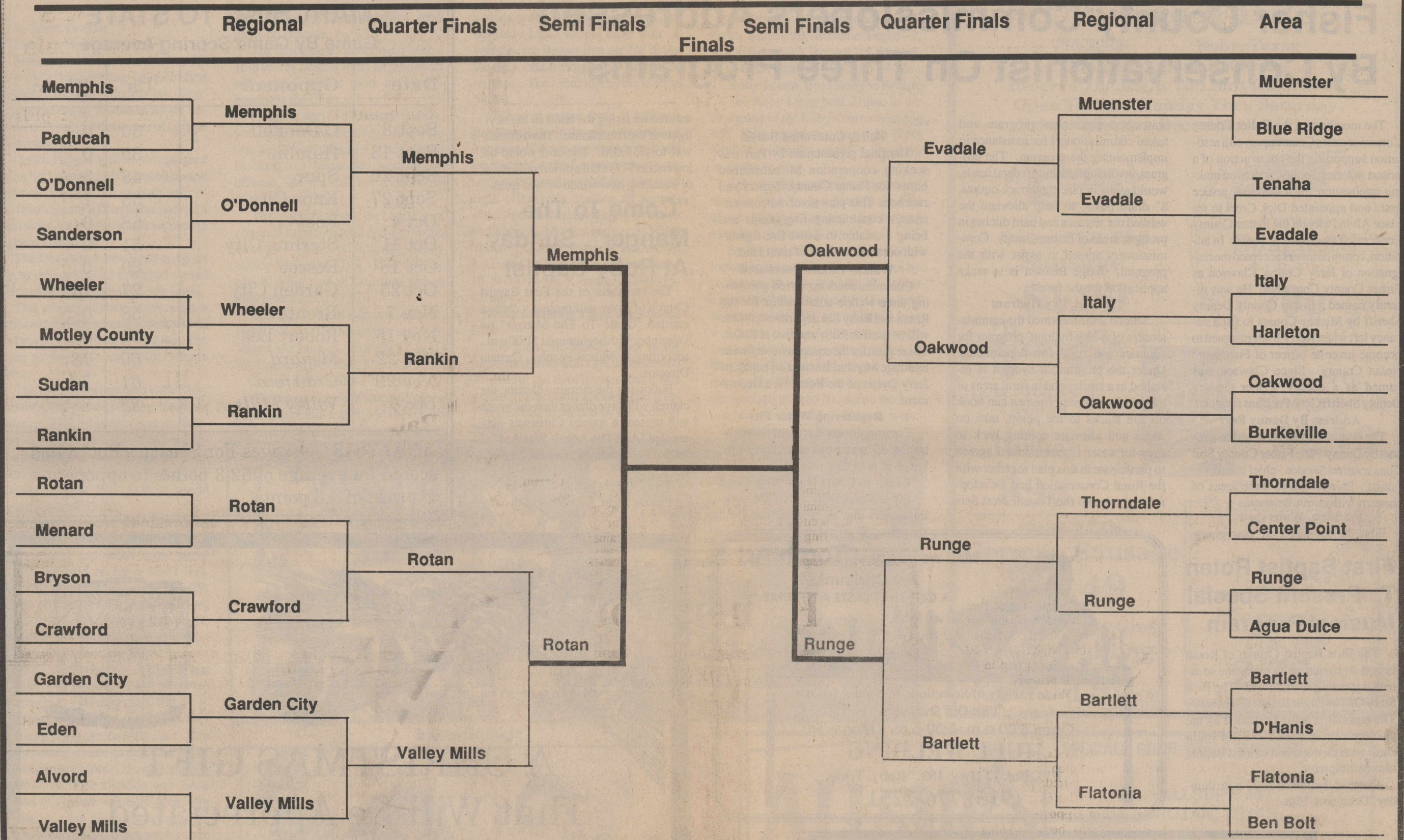
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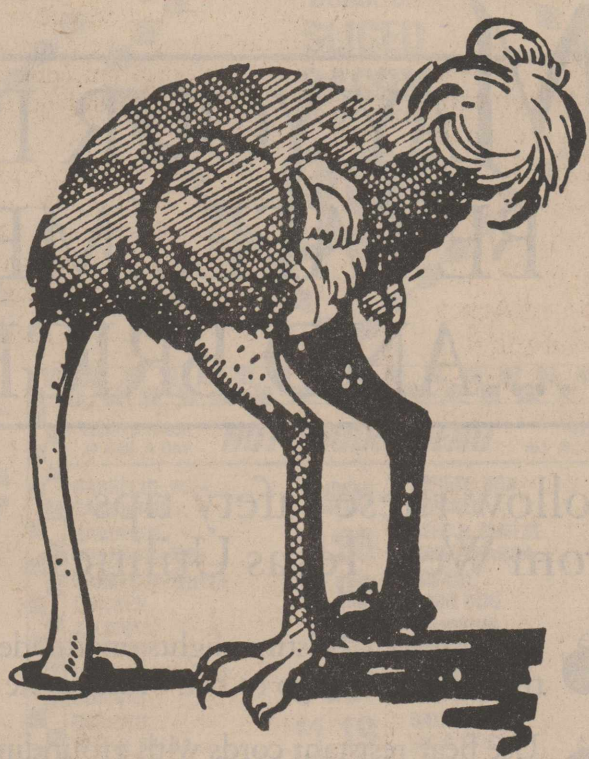
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Fisher County Commissioners Addressed By Conservationist On Three Programs

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court approved a resolution supporting the construction of a prison in Jones County, approved making application for a criminal justice grant and appointed Dick Creel to replace Alvin Petty on the Fisher County Economic Development board. In addition, commissioners accepted the resignation of Jerry 'Cotton' Clawson as Fisher County Constable. He was recently named a Fisher County Deputy Sheriff by Mickey Counts to fill a vacancy left when Kerry Blair resigned to become juvenile officer of Fisher and Nolan County. Since Clawson was named as a deputy, Fisher County Deputy Sheriff Gene Pack has resigned.

Address By Danny Parr

The commissioners listened to a report by Danny Parr, Fisher County Soil Conservation Service - chief conservationist. Parr reviewed three areas of concern with commissioners.

First, Watershed

First, he reviewed an 'emergency

watershed protection' program and asked commissioners for assistance in implementing the program. The program, involving matching federal funds, would assist in placing terrace outlets, 8" drain pipes, to help alleviate the washed out terraces and bard ditches in problem areas of Fisher County. Commissioners agreed to assist with the program. Judge Bennett is to make application for the funds.

Second, Dry Hydrant

Second, Parr informed the commissioners of a 'dry hydrant' program for counties and rural fire departments. Under the program, a hydrant is installed in a stock pond in rural areas of the county whereby firemen can hook up fire trucks to the pump, take on water and alleviate coming back to town for water. Commissioners agreed to participate in this plan together with the Rural Conservation and Development group and the Texas Forest Ser-

vice.

Third, Controlled Burns

The final presentation by Parr was seeking cooperation in 'subscribed burns' for Fisher County farmers and ranchers. This plan involved commissioners constructing fire guards and being available to assist fire fighters with controlled burns of rural land.

Walkie-Talkies Purchased

Commissioners approved purchasing three walkie-talkie radios for the Rotan and Roby fire departments. One will be used at Roby and two at Rotan. The request for the equipment was made by Judge Marshal Bennett on behalf of Jerry Dycus of the Rotan Fire Department.

Registering Water Pits

Commissioners discussed the registration of water pits and quarry pits, however no action was taken.

Leaks In Court House Sky Light

Judge Bennett informed the commissioners that an estimate had been

secured on fixing the leaks in the skylights at the court house. The estimate was for \$38,000. The cost would be lowered to \$17,000 if a different method of installing new windows was used.

"Come To The Manger", Sunday At Roby Baptist

The members of the First Baptist Church of Roby will present a cantata entitled "Come To The Manger" on December 15th beginning at 11:00 a.m., according to Milton Peebles, Cantata Director.

Following the morning cantata, the church will have dinner then the youth will present a special Christmas play entitled "And The Angels Watched" at 2:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon, December 15th.

There will not be an evening service on Sunday night, December 15th only.

Rotan Yellowhammers 'MARCHING TO STATE' Game By Game Scoring Average

Date	Opponent	Us	Them
Sept 8	O'Donnell	50	0
Sept 13	Hamlin	39	0
Sept 20	Spur	48	3
Sept 27	Knox City	55	7
Oct 4	Roby	68	0
Oct 11	Sterling City	51	0
Oct 18	Roscoe	69	0
Oct 25	Garden City	27	13
Nov 1	Bronte	58	0
Nov 15	Robert Lee	61	6
Nov 22	Menard	60	12
Nov 29	Crawford	61	7
Dec 6	Valley Mills	33	8

ANALYSIS: Averages For Season - Rotan has scored an average of 52.3 points to opponents average of 4.3 points.

First Baptist Rotan To Present Special Musical Program

The First Baptist Church of Rotan issued an invitation to everyone to attend a special production of "The Real Story Of The Night Before Christmas". The musical is being presented by the children's choir, adult choir and youth choir with the handbell of First Baptist also participating.

Program begins at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Decmeber 15th.



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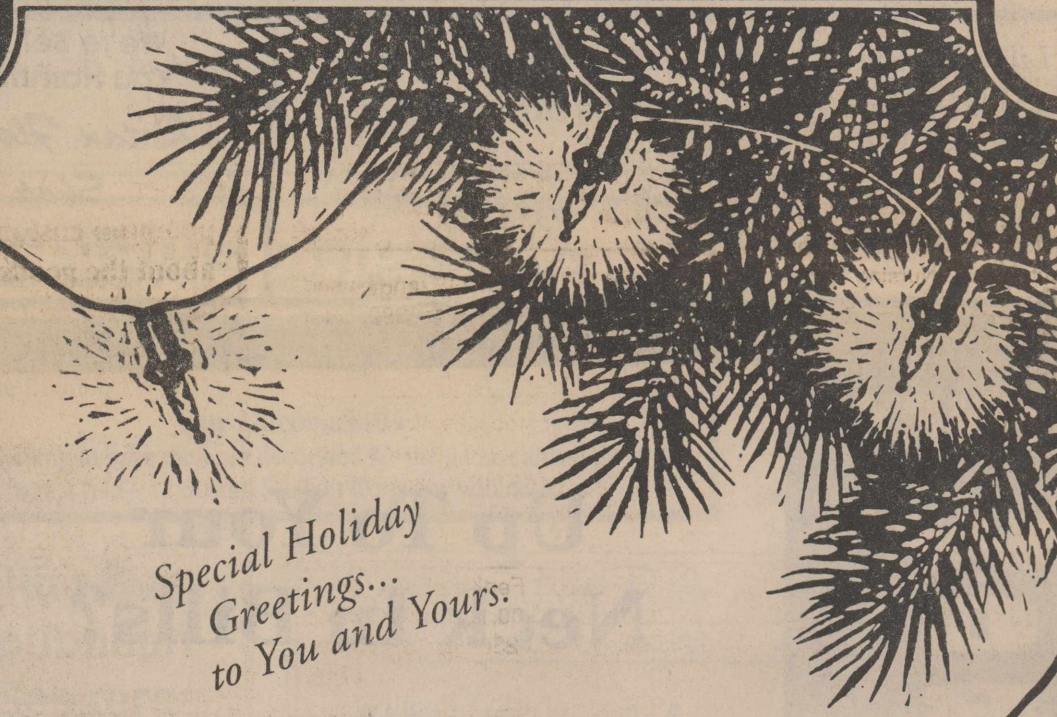
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Possible For Runge, Oakwood

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The Rotan Yellowhammers will play the winner of the Oakwood - Runge game, providing they defeat Memphis in the semi-finals on Friday, in the State Championship contest on December 20th or 21st. A Saturday game is not out of the question.

The possibility exists that the Rotan squad could be playing in Austin. Other possible sites are Brownwood, Waco or Temple. At this point everything is speculation. Coaches have to agree on a site, Rotan has to beat Memphis before a playoff site is agreed upon.

Runge High School, in UIL football District 30A, is located in Karnes County, a town of 1,285. Runge is in South Texas, west of Victoria. Beeville is to the north and Cuero is located southwest of Runge. The Runge Yellowjackets were in a district with Flatonia, Falls City, Charlotte, Pettis and Louise.

Oakwood High School, in UIL district 22-A, is located in Leon County, a town of 576 people in East Texas. Oakwood is east of Mexia. Palestine is southwest of Oakwood and Fairfield is southeast.

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44:2tp

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45:tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 803 E. 7th, 2 lots, 3 BR, central H/A, fenced yard, 3 vehicle carport, storage bldg., trees, well cared for. Linda Diggs 915-576-2625.

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25:tfc

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45:1tp

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41:tfc

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45:2tp

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45:1tp

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47:tfc

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KEEP YOUR CHIN UP: Rotan's varsity girls, being addressed by Head Coach Steve Merrill, are given a pep talk during a time out. The girls, fighting inexperience, have defeated Paint Creek but lost to Jayton, Knox City and Munday so far during the young season. Merrill is optimistic that things will get better and is banking on the fact that the girls will keep learning each week.

First Season Win Is Logged By Rotan Girls

Jenni Burnes High Individual In Scoring Department For Rotan

The Rotan girls basketball team, picked up their first win and two additional losses last week to give them a season one win three loss record through last Friday night.

Jenni Burnes High Point

Jenni Burnes, the sophomore starter was high point individual scorer in all three games. She scored 18 points in the win over Paint Creek on December 3rd; she scored 6 points in the loss to Jayton on December 5th and she scored another 6 points in the Knox City loss of December 6th.

Merrill Pleased With Win

In the win over Paint Creek on December 3rd, Rotan Coach Steve Merrill said, "Needless to say, I was pleased with a win. We played well defensively. The girls were able to make some good adjustments defensively on the floor. We didn't shoot the ball well against Paint Creek. I think this game gave our young team a boost in confidence. It was a good learning experience."

Rotan led 6-4 at the end of the first quarter; led 19-10 at halftime, 32-14 at

the end of the third quarter and 45-28 at the end of the game.

Traci Hull picked up 9 points, Amy Blackwelder 6, Melissa Burk 6, Jody Price 4 and Stephanie Hunsaker 2 in the win.

Jaybirds Bombard Rotan Girls

Against the tough Jayton Jaybirds on December 5th, the girls were bombarded by a good shooting, experienced squad.

"Jayton has a good team with state tournament experience as defending regional champs. We were intimidated by them from the beginning. It was an opportunity for us to see the level we aspire to," commented Coach Steve Merrill.

Jenni Burnes was the high point individual scorer with 6 points. Others scoring were Melissa Burk 2; Stephanie Hunsaker 3; Julie Parr 4; Traci Hull 2 and Amy Blackwelder 3. Other team members are Jody Price, Mandy McK-inney and Misty Bowen.

Knox City Contest Is Closer

The Rotan girls stayed a little more

within reach of the Knox City girls on December 6th. After trailing 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, Rotan just trailed 18-5 at halftime. Rotan scored 4 points in the third period and 12 in the final period.

Bad Shooting Performance

"This was our worst shooting performance this year. We got a lot of good shots but they didn't fall for us. Health tended to be a factor; our stamina and strength were lacking. Our concentration was also lacking," commented Head Coach Steve Merrill.

Knox City Scoring

Scoring against Knox City were Jennie Burnes 6; Julie Parr 5, Jody Price 5, Traci Hull 4 and Amy Blackwelder 2.

Young Team Is Learning

"We have a young team and we are still learning what we want and need to do offensively and defensively," concluded Merrill.

1991 Memphis Cyclone Varsity Roster

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Finis Barker	6'1"	180	FB	LB	Sr.
Joey Combs	5'7"	160	QB	S	Sr.
Lamonte Dickson	5'8"	190	G	T	Sr.
Johnny Franklin	6'1"	170	T	DE	Sr.
Haydn Maddox	5'10"	170	G	DE	Sr.
Carl D. Bowman	5'9"	220	T	T	Sr.
Jr. Torres	5'10"	160	SE	C	Sr.
Terry Widener	5'10"	220	T	T	Sr.
Cosme Duran	5'8"	170	TB	LB	Sr.
Brian Brown	5'10"	170	HB	LB	Jr.
Jeremy Cabler	5'9"	170	TE	C	Jr.
Val Gonzales	5'10"	160	G	DE	Jr.
Larry Don Johnson	6'3"	160	C	DE	Jr.
Jerry Jurado	5'8"	150	QB	LB	Jr.
Jesse Reynolds	5'10"	170	G	T	Jr.
Jay Lynn Runnels	5'10"	170	TB	LB	Jr.
Steve Tippet	6'0"	180	T	DE	Jr.
Martin Torres	5'8"	160	FB	LB	Jr.
Tony Samaniego	5'6"	150	FB	LB	Jr.
Johnny Jarrel	5'8"	150	TE	C	Jr.
Chris Johnson	5'11"	200	T	T	So.
Glenn Ward	5'11"	200	T	T	So.
Keith Martin	5'8"	150	G	DE	Jr.
Kerry Garrison	5'8"	160	G	DE	Sr.
Chris Stone	5'8"	150	SE	C	Sr.

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Selling cotton Rotan, Texas, ca. 1912



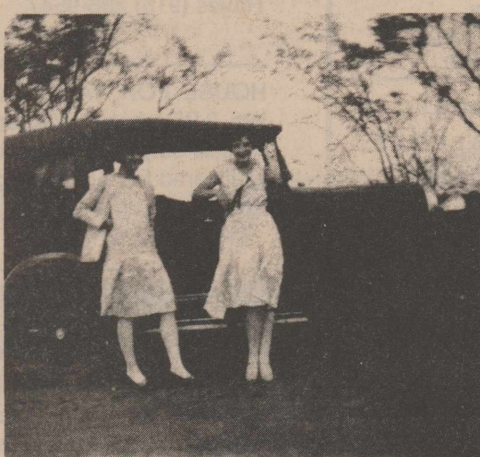
At the Boll Weevil Gin, Rotan, Texas, 1914



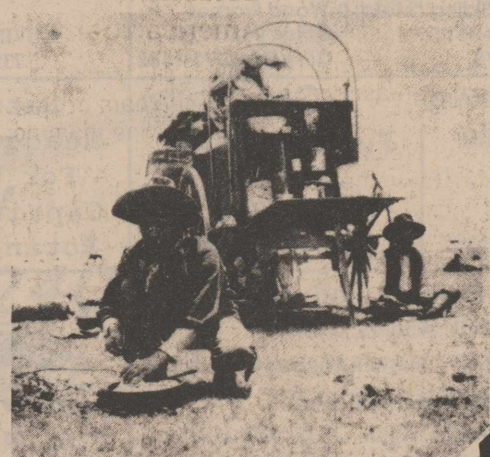
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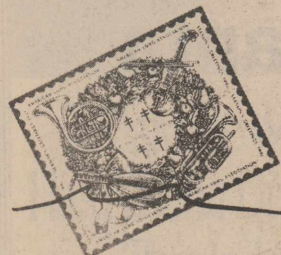
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The road to the State Championship in 1962 went through 15 Texas towns for Coach Tommy Watkins and twenty-seven Yellowhammer players.

Rotan		Opponent
10	Hamlin	12
50	Paducah	6
43	Roby	0
26	Slaton	0
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28	Albany	20
39	Ingleside	6

Rotan Housing Authority Votes A Termination

The members of the Rotan Housing Authority board of directors voted, by majority, to terminate the working relationship with Jo Tankersley, executive director, at a meeting on Thursday, December 5th.

The vote to terminate, leaving the office vacant, was 4 in favor, none against with one abstention. Voting in favor of the motion to terminate was Norvelle Kennedy, Jr; Harold Sanders, Luther Ochoa and Anna Mae Fleming. None against. Abstaining was Virginia Woodson.

"We asked for her resignation, she didn't give it to us", said Rotan Housing Authority Board President Anna Mae Fleming.

The board is expected to meet again on Thursday, December 12th to "begin the hiring process for someone to fill the vacant position", according to Anna Mae Fleming.

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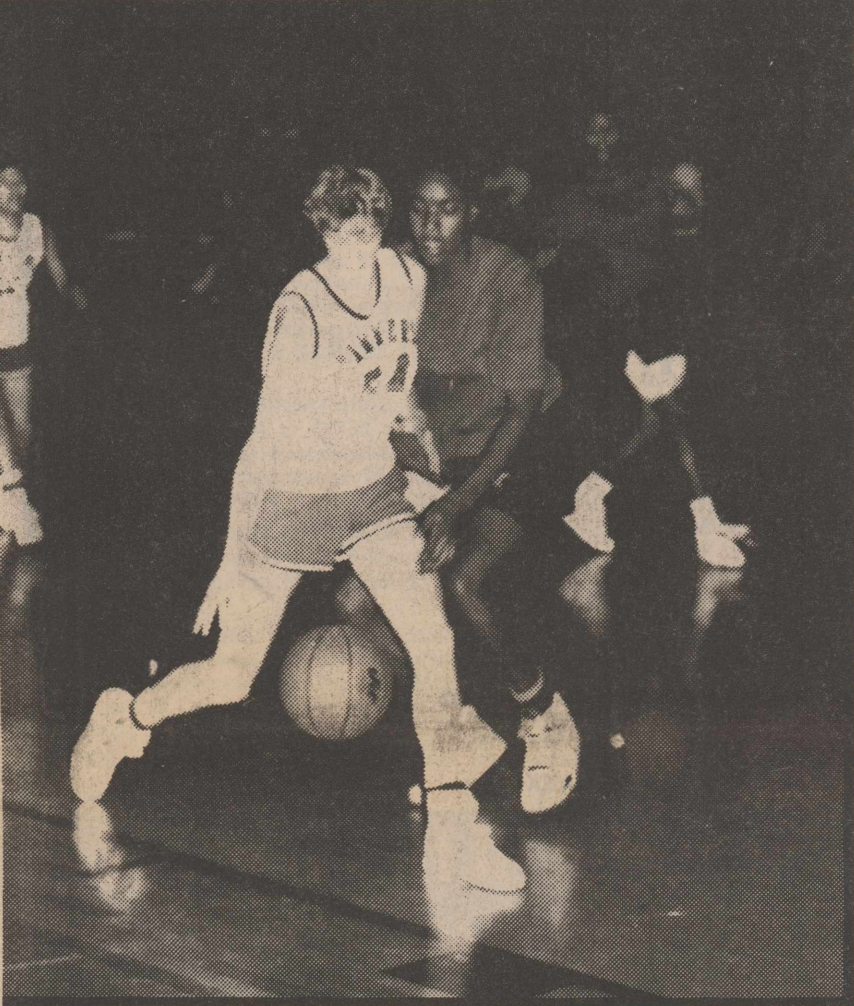
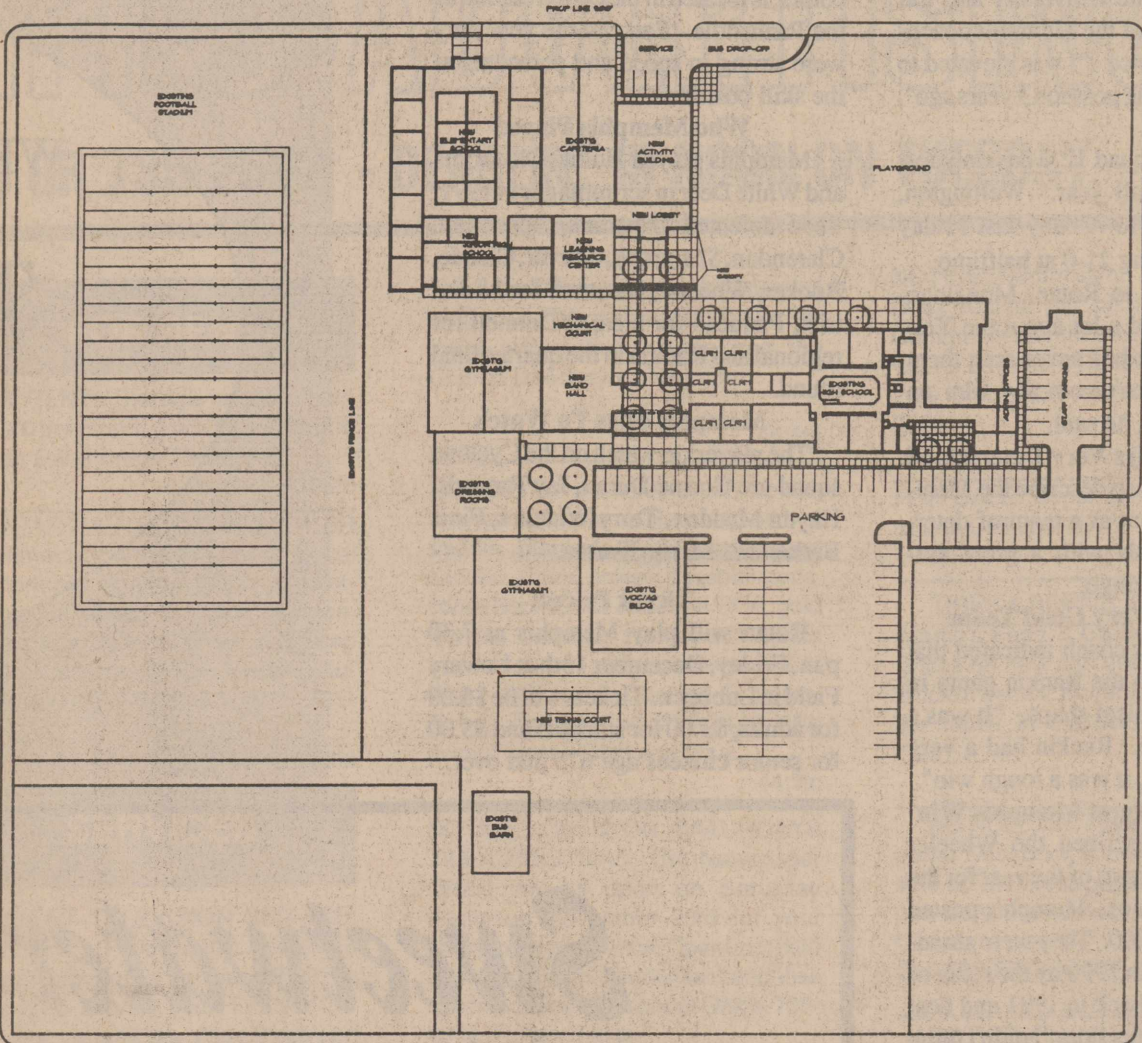
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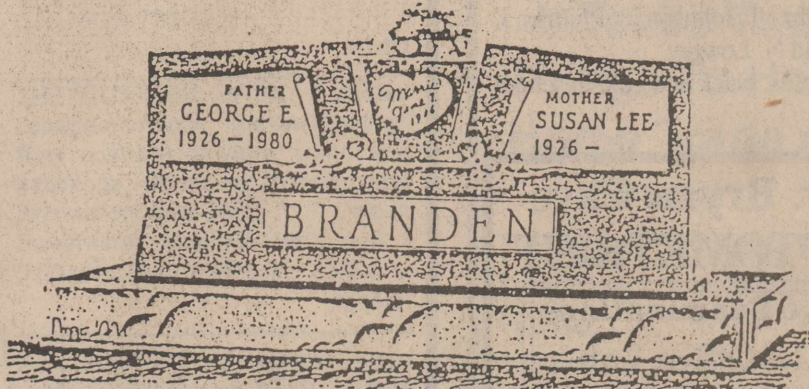
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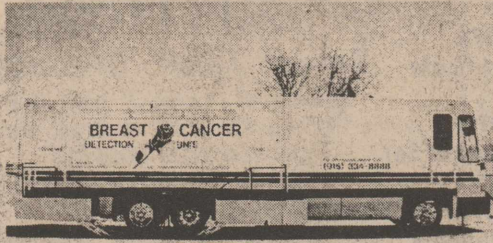
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Football Story

West Texas State University and has been a member of the Memphis coaching staff ever since. "I was elevated to the head coaching position 3 years ago", said Monzingo.

Memphis' squad 12-1 has only lost to Wellington all year. Wellington, Class AA, lost to Albany last Friday night after leading 21-0 at halftime.

With respect to Rotan, Monzingo said he has heard a lot about the Yellowhammers but has never seen them play. "We haven't seen any film on Rotan this year", he said.

Memphis Boys Very Determined
"I would have to describe the Memphis football team as a team of determined individuals with a great attitude", said Monzingo.

Rankin Very Good Team
The Memphis coach indicated that he came through the Rankin game in pretty good physical shape. "It was a tough ball game. Rankin had a very aggressive team, it was a tough win".

Wheeler Biggest Memphis Win
Monzingo described the Wheeler victory as the biggest of the year for the Memphis Cyclones. Memphis posted a 2-7 record in 1990. They were shredded by Wheeler in 1990 by the score of 63-0 then came back in 1991 and beat them for the district title. "I didn't think we played as good as we should have in the Wheeler game, but it had to be termed our best overall performance of the year", commented Monzingo.

Memphis has five assistant coaches. Ted Phillips, T. Johnson, B. Phillips, J. Harris and N. Lowrey.

Memphis, black and gold in school

colors, is located in the cotton capital of the Panhandle. Early in the year they were strong in speed and personnel at the skill positions.

Who Memphis Played
Memphis played Hollis, Oklahoma and White Deer in scrimmages in 1991. Then defeated Canadian, Spearman, Clarendon, Shamrock, Gruver, Claude, Booker, Wheeler, Nazareth for bi-district; Paducah for area; O'Donnell for regional and Rankin in the quarter final round.

Memphis Boys To Watch
The players to watch on the Cyclone squad are Cosme Duran, Jay Runnels, Haydn Maddox, Terry Widener, Finis Barker and Martin Torres.

Ticket Prices
Rotan will play Memphis at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 13th at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students and \$3.00 for senior citizens age 675 and over.

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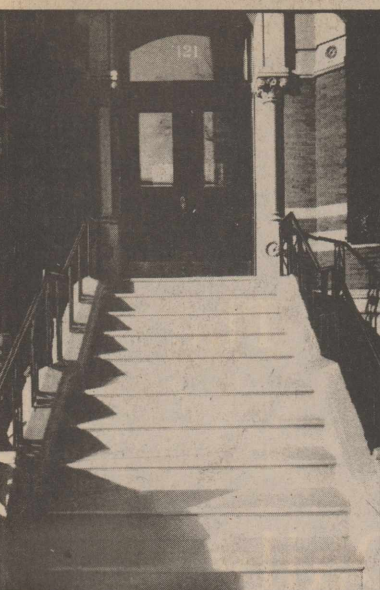
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Lady Lions Chalk Up First Season Victory

by Scott Feagan
Roby vs Woodson Girls

The Lady Lions got the monkey off their back by chalking up their first victory of the young season last Tuesday by defeating Woodson 48-41 behind the 29 point performance of Lorissa Edmondson.

Coach Powers said he was pleased to see his younger girls stepping up and beginning to help out on both ends of the floor. He stated that with continued hard work, we will be where we need to be before District.

The first quarter saw Roby go up on top by the score of 12-8, behind a good defensive effort from the Lady Lions.

The second quarter, Roby went a little cold and Woodson got back within one point of the Lions at halftime. The score at the half was 21-20, Roby's favor.

The second half opened with Roby shooting better and playing tough on defense. The 3rd quarter was the decisive stanza. The Lady Lions out rebounded and out shot Woodson and ran their lead to 9 points at the end of 3 quarters of play, leaving Roby ahead by the score of 39-30.

In the 4th quarter the Lady Lions played conservative, trying to hold on to their lead and didn't score but 9 points, but held on for a 48-41 win. Scoring: Lorissa Edmondson- 29; Tanya McClure- 7, Melanie Faglie- 4, Heidi Mims- 4, Carolyn Atkinson- 2, Margaret Gonzalez- 2, Record: 1-3.

Roby Vs Woodson Boys

The Lions went down in defeat last Tuesday by the score of 63-54 to Woodson.

Coach Osuna said that the lack of shooting when we had the open shot and standing around on defense spelled defeat for his Lions. He said that the addition of Nick Dickson and Brian Osuna this week will help greatly in giving us more depth inside and out. Osuna said it would take a week or two for them to get into playing shape, but they will both be an asset to his squad.

The first two quarters, were mirror image of each other. Both teams exchanging baskets through the first 16 minutes of the game. The first quarter ended 16-16, with the second seeing each team scoring 11 points; leaving the game knotted at 27-29 at the half.

The third quarter was Roby's downfall. Their defense broke down allowing Woodson 21 points. While on the other end of the floor the Lions couldn't buy a basket, only scoring 8 points the entire quarter. Coach Osuna couldn't figure out why they went so flat in the 3rd. "We were just totally out of sync the entire quarter."

The fourth quarter saw the Lions make a run at Woodson, but it came up too little too late as time ran out on the Lions as they outscored Woodson 19-15 in the final quarter. This left the final score in favor of Woodson 63-54. Scoring: Kevin Osuna- 26, Israel Espinoza- 8, Brandon Justiss- 8, Nick Dickson- 6, Albert Barrera- 2, Joe Joplin- 2, Brian Osuna- 2. Record 2-2.

Roby JV vs Woodson JV

Roby's JV team cruised to an easy victory 40-24, with eight different players getting in on the scoring, with Mario Barrera leading all scorers with 13 points, Chad Dannheim- 7, Chris Cortez- 6, Jason Osuna- 5, Mike Counts- 4, Bryce Moore- 2, Jason Gruben- 2, Robert Vahlenkamp- 1. Record 3-1.

Roby Tournaments - Roby vs Bronte Girls

Coach Powers stated that it was the first total team effort that they have had so far. Heidi Mims had her best game of the year offensively and defensively.



Coach Osuna

Also Tanya McClure played a good game on defense.

The first quarter saw Bronte take a 16-8 lead by beating Roby on the boards and getting second shots by out rebounding the Lions.

From the start of the second quarter, you could see that the Lady Lions were into the flow of the game. They started blocking out better and working on offense. At the half the Lions were down by one, 22-21.

The second half saw the Lady Lions continue to out rebound and out-hustle Bronte. The final quarter, Roby outscored Bronte 11-6. Good defense played a big part in the Lions win as they beat Bronte 39-37.

Scoring: Lorissa Edmondson - 17, Heidi Mims- 11, Melanie Faglie- 8; Tanya McClure- 3. Roby 8-12-8-11-39; Bronte: 16-5-10-6-37

Roby vs Klondike

The Lions played Klondike for the second time this season and the results were exactly like the first game. It was

a close ballgame the entire time, and the Lady Lions should have won. It was the free throws that spelled defeat for the Lions, hitting only 17 out of 34 attempts. The Lions lost by the score of 58-54.

Offensive output from 7 different girls kept Roby in the game, but missed free throws down the stretch was just too much for the Lions to overcome. Lorissa Edmondson had another good night offensively leading all scorers with 29 points, Melanie Faglie- 9, Tanya McClure- 8, Monica Pullig- 3, Heidi Mims- 2, Karen Barrera- 2, Carolyn Atkinson- 1. Scores by quarter- Roby 10-14-14-14-54; Klondike: 12-19-15-12-58.

Roby vs Merkel Third Place Game Girls

The Lions let Merkel loose in the first quarter and didn't get them slowed down until the third quarter, but it was too late for the Lady Lions to catch up. The girls lost to Merkel by the score of 56-34.

Scorers: Lorissa Edmondson- 15, Heidi Mims- 10, Melanie Faglie- 7, Karen Barrera- 2. Record 2-5. Roby 6-5-17-6-34; Merkel: 16-15-10-15-56.

Roby Tourn. Boys Roby vs Bronte

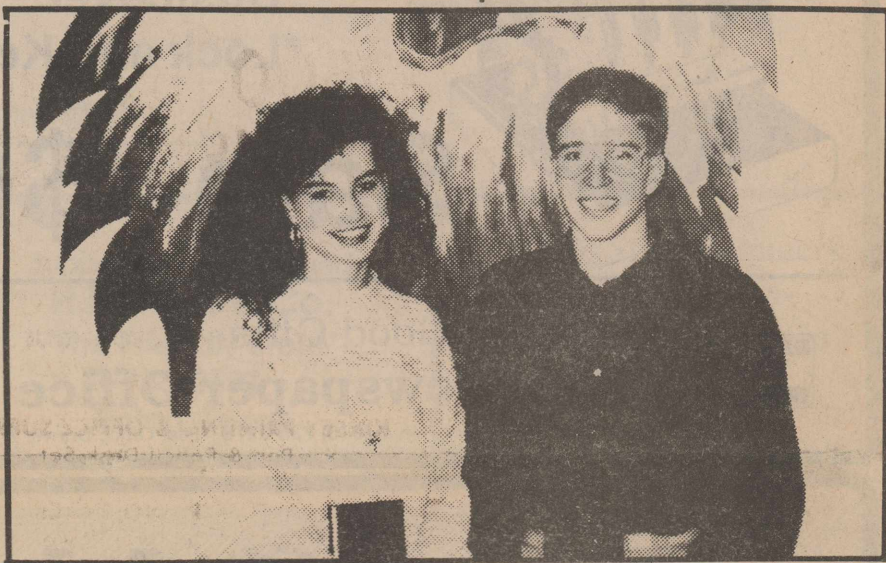
The Roby Lions beat Bronte in the first game of the Roby Tournament 53-45. Brandon Justiss was high point with 14, with eight other Lions getting in on the scoring.

Roby was aggressive on defense and was shooting the ball good in the first quarter and ended up with a 5 point lead after one quarter 15-10.

By the end of the 3rd quarter Roby looked to have things under control by building a 19 point lead 49-30. It was a good thing that they had that big a lead because in the 4th quarter the Lions went stone cold and did not score until Justiss hit a 3 pointer with 2:38 left in the game. That and 1 free throw was all the scoring Roby had in the 4th, but it was enough to keep Bronte on the losing end of the stick. Scorers were: Continued to Page 11



Lions Squad



MVP'S: Lorissa Edmondson & Kevin Osuna

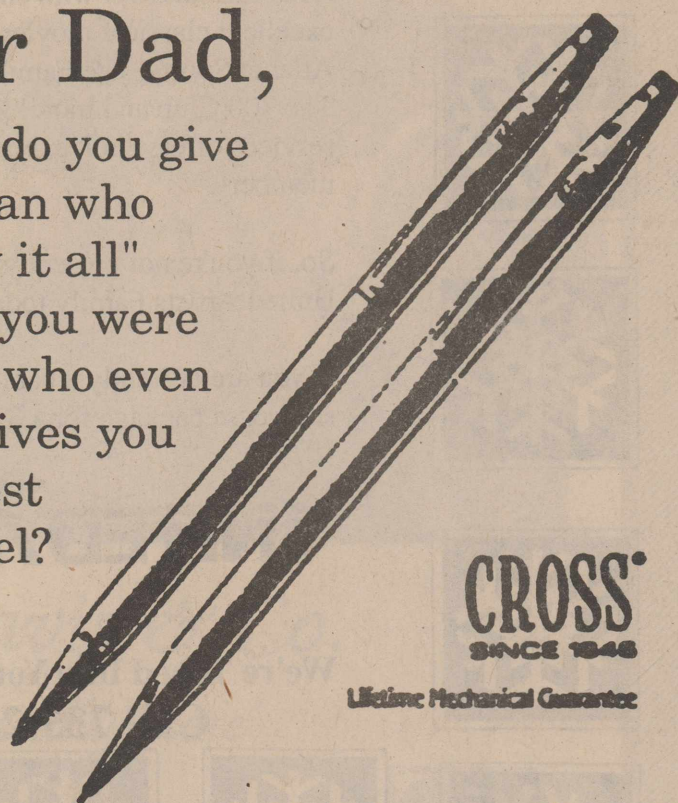
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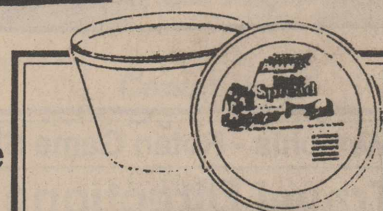
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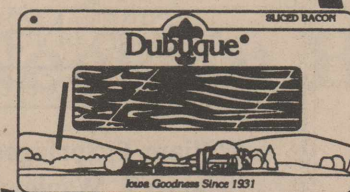
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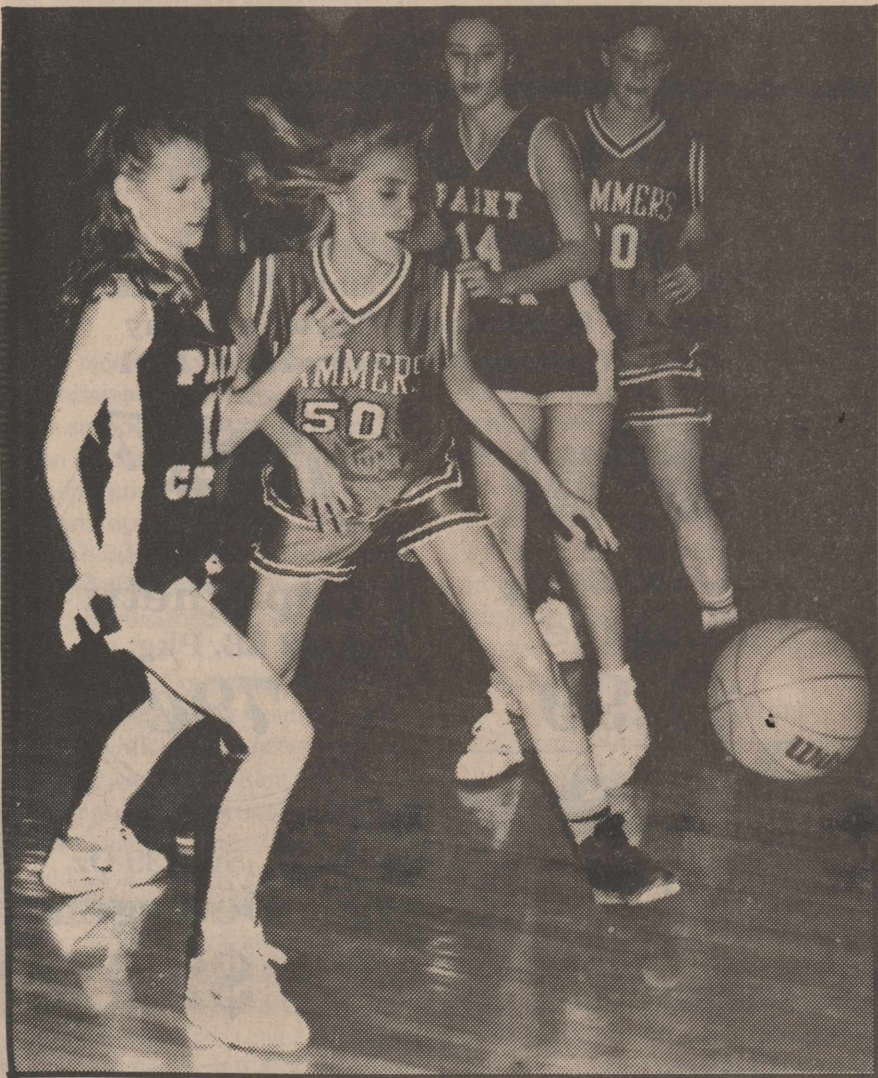
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Roby School Board Talks Of New Elementary Building

The Roby School Board met in regular session last Monday night spending most of the meeting time discussing the possible construction of a new elementary building. No decision was made by the board on a building.

In addition, the board approved the tax report, accepted the delinquent tax report and approved an early release plan for January.

Board members received the Superintendent evaluation report. Board members are to complete the report and return it to Board President David Boyd by January 23rd.

The board heard a report by Jim Bob Haley, Elementary Principal, concerning the IBD Riordan Foundation grant on the "Write To Read" program. No action was taken.

OBITUARIES

Douglas W. Pyburn

Mr. Douglas W. Pyburn, 51, of Merkel, Texas, died at an Abilene Hospital on November 26, 1991.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 1991 at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church-Merkel, with Reverend Richard Petree officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Pyburn was born on November 3, 1940 in Fisher County. He had been a resident of Taylor most of his life. He was a rancher; district administrative supervisor at AMOCO for 21 years from 1965-1987. He had been a member of Beefmaster Breeders Universal & West Texas Beefmaster Marketing Group. He graduated from Roby High School in 1959 and graduated from McMurry College in 1961. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include: Wife: Becky Pyburn, Merkel; 1 son: Steven Pyburn, Merkel; 1 daughter: Lannie Pyburn Hoover of Arlington; mother: Janie Newton Pyburn of Roby; 2 brothers: Dwain T. Pyburn of Abilene, Alton R. Pyburn of Sweetwater; several nieces and nephews.

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Justice of the Peace, Pre. 1, Operates Office On \$43,171

The office of the Fisher County Precinct # 1 - Justice of the Peace, had an approved budget by Fisher County Commissioners for 1990 of \$44,075. Only \$43,171 was sent by the office in 1990.

A total of \$39,964 was spent in the area of salaries and related items in 1990 or 93% of the \$43,171 spent by the office.

Salaries - officer amounted to \$18,695; salary - secretary \$13,442; social security - \$2,459; health insurance - \$3,118 and retirement - \$2,250.

The largest portion of the remaining funds were spent in the area of permanent records binders. A total of \$1,696 was spent for permanent records binders.

The full listing of all category expenditures is below. Next week the office of the District Clerk will be reviewed.

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
-- BUDGET AND ACTUAL -- GENERAL FUND
For The Year Ended December 31, 1990

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Justice of the Peace-Precinct #1			
Salary-Officer	18,695	18,695	-0-
Salary-Secretary	13,442	13,442	(39)
Social Security	2,459	2,455	(4)
Health Insurance	3,118	3,305	187
Retirement	2,250	2,247	(3)
Office Supplies	972	1,500	528
Travel-Out of County	5	200	195
IBM Maintenance Agreement	-0-	135	135
Permanent Records Binders	1,696	1,500	(196)
Telephone	446	500	54
Post Office Box Rent	10	10	-0-
Dues	35	25	(10)
Postage	43	100	57
Total Justice of the Peace-Precinct #1	43,171	44,075	904

Memphis - Rotan Game Site

Travel Directions To Lowery Field, Lubbock, Texas - Semi Final Site

Lowery football field in Lubbock is very visible. It is on the loop going toward South Plains Mall. Getting to the field is a bit tricky because of construction.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce gave the following directions.

From Post, Texas take Highway 84 North, travel north on 84, cross under the loop and continue travelling straight. As you approach a "Y", take the Amarillo, Tahoka leg. Continue travelling straight through two lighted intersections, carrying you past the Kettle Restaurant and Holiday Inn. Continue until you reach the intersection of 66th Street and Avenue 'P'. Turn left to Lowery Field which should be visible.

If it is not visible, you are lost, don't get disgusted and go back to the South Plains Mall, find a Lubbock Policeman and ask directions or wait and follow the 'Orange Wave'.

NEWS BRIEFS

Theatre on the Brazos

Theatre on the Brazos will meet Thursday, December 14th at 7 p.m. at the Lance Theatre Building.

Car Decorations

Anyone wishing to have their car decorated for the game can take it to the High School from 11:45 - 12:50 and Student Congress will do it.

Deadlines For Remaining News Papers In 1991

The following deadlines will be observed for the remaining newspapers published in 1991.

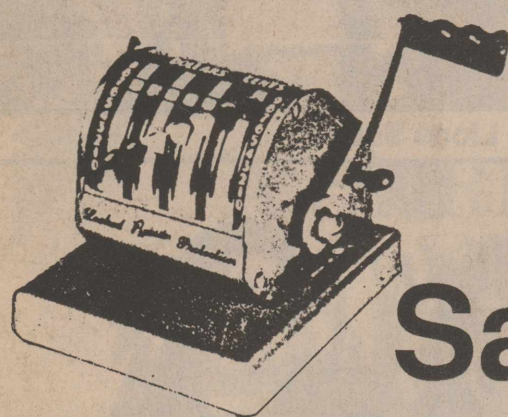
We will observe a normal noon Tuesday deadline for the newspaper of the week of December 19th.

We will move up the deadline on the Christmas week paper, normally published on December 26th, to noon on Monday, December 23rd. That paper will be delivered to Fisher County homes on Tuesday, December 24th and will contain Santa Clause letters and Christmas greeting ads from merchants. The news and ad deadline for the December 26th paper is noon Monday, December 23rd.

The deadline for the New Year Week paper is Monday, December 30th at noon. This paper will be printed to arrive in Fisher County homes on Thursday, January 2nd, 1992.

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\$600 Filing Fee For Republican Office Seekers

Frank Moore, Fisher County Republican Chairman, indicated that the filing fee for all Fisher County Republican offices will be \$600. Anyone interested in additional information on filing for a Republican office can contact Frank Moore, Rt 2, Box 101, Trent, Tx. (915) 235-5169.

Fisher County Political Calendar

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

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

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

The Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record has been authorized to announce the following candidates for public office:

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tration to the City of Rotan.

I offer my services as a Certified Ad Valorem Tax Professional to the Appraisal District and will perform the duties of Chief Appraiser for Fisher County subject to approval by the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

My husband Roy and I have two daughters; Kari, age 24, and Kathi, age 20. Kari is married to David Underhill of Rotan and they now live in Sweetwater with their two children, Joshua, age 5, and Meagan, age 1. Kathi is currently attending college in Abilene. Roy works out at the United States Gypsum Plant in Sweetwater. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Clark reside in southern Fisher County.

My qualifying experience to hold the office of Tax Assessor-Collector for Fisher County includes four (4) years employment by Texaco Oil Company. I worked in the Petroleum Engineering Department and my duties included oil lease research, productivity

level reports and filing railroad commission forms. For two (2) years I was employed in Abilene by the Corporate Law Firm of Hooper & Perry; dealing with large financial and industrial accounts.

My thirteen (13) years of Ad Valorem Tax experience began in 1978 when I became an employee of the Fisher County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office. My duties in the office varied to include motor vehicle registration, voter registration, and the collection of taxes. Some of my specific duties required audit reports of monies collected to the State of Texas and Fisher County, State fee reports, voter registration reports to the State, Title transfer reports to the State and County, State property tax board reports of value and the computation and collection of County and Hospital taxes.

As required by the State of Texas I am registered with the Board of Tax

Professional Examiners and have attained the highest level of certification available for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes. This is the RTA designation or Registered Texas Assessor-Collector. To obtain this designation it is necessary to attend some thirteen (13) courses and pass each examination. Each course comprises some aspect of Tax Law, Appraisal, and / or Collections. One must also have at least five (5) years experience in the Ad Valorem Tax Profession and pass an 8-hour exam given by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners prior to Certification. After the original certification it is also required to complete sixty (60) additional credit hours of study over a five (5) year period to maintain certification. I was recertified effective April of 1991 and am continuing to enhance my certification through further education.

In 1985 the Fisher County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and the Fisher County Appraisal District Office were combined in an effort to create substantial savings by having the two offices operate from one central location. I was transferred into the Appraisal District where I have been employed for the past six (6) years. My present duties include maintaining the \$3 million dollar tax collection records of the Fisher County Appraisal District. I also do monthly tax collection reports for the seven entities for which the district does consolidated collections. These entities are: Fisher County, Fisher County Hospital District, the cities of Roby and Rotan, Roby Consolidated Independent School District, Rotan Water Authority and County Education District # 11. My other duties require accounting for expenditures of the \$150,000.00 budget of the Appraisal District. These include monthly financial reports, monthly expense reports, all operational expenditures, payroll reports, annual collections and operations audits, IRS quarterly reports, W-2 Forms and Board of Directors

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Brandon Justiss- 14, Albert Barrera- 10, Kevin Osuna- 9, Randy Gregg- 6, Brian Osuna- 6, Nick Dickson- 2, Ralph Amador- 2, Lecile Johnson- 2, Israel Espinoza- 2. Quarter scores: Roby - 15-15-19-4-53; Bronte: 10-13-7-15-45.

Roby Tourn. Roby vs Cooper JV
Roby jumped on Cooper in the 1st quarter 22-11, but an old nemesis came back to haunt them the second half. Despite 41 points by Kevin Osuna, the lack of height hurt against a much taller team. The Lions gave it all they had, they just couldn't keep Cooper on the boards. Roby came up short 78-73 in the second game of the Roby Tournament.

The first half Roby stayed in control of the game with a tough defense and the hot shooting of Osuna. At the half Roby was up by 5, 35-30.

The second half Cooper's rebounding and Roby's breakdowns on defense led to a 48 point outburst by Cooper leaving Roby 5 points short 78-73. Scorers: Kevin Osuna- 41, Brian Justiss- 9, Randy Gregg- 7, Brian Osuna- 6, Nick Dickson- 5, Albert Barrera- 2, Lecile Johnson- 2, Ralph Amador- 1. Roby- 22-13-19-19-73; Cooper JV- 11-19-24-24-78.

Roby vs Hamlin Third Place game
If you like fast break basketball you should have been there Saturday. The Lions and Pipers ran for 4 quarters but Hamlin outscored Roby by 19 points in the second quarter, and that was enough to keep Roby from coming back despite Kevin Osuna's 36 points, Roby ended up losing 79-66.

Roby was up by 3 after one quarter, but a cold shooting second quarter and a big let down on defense allowed Hamlin to take the lead at the half by the score of 43-27.

Roby vs Hamlin
Roby tried to make a comeback in the second half, but just couldn't get Hamlin slowed enough on offense to allow themselves to catch up. Final score was 79-66.

Coach Osuna said that when we cut down on the little mistakes and not have so many breakdowns on defense that we will be a better team. He said that he couldn't ask for any more hustle from his young men, but, that they will see the results from all the hustle when they cut down on the mistakes. Scorers: Kevin Osuna- 36, Randy Gregg- 8, Albert Barrera- 5, Brandon Justiss- 4, Brian Osuna- 7, Lecile Johnson- 4, Ralph Amador- 2. Roby- 17-10-19-20-66; Hamlin- 14-29-15-21-79.

Kevin Osuna made the All-Tournament team. He averaged 26.2 points per game during the tournament. Lorissa Edmondson made the All-Tournament for the second time in her four years at Roby. She averaged 20.1 points in 3 games and 12 rebounds per game during the tournament.

Records.

In order to be more effective in my work, I have received mainframe computer training through the IBM guided learning resource center in Midland as well as local in-house training for PC and mainframe based application software programs. The utilization of computer resources is an integral part of the daily appraisal and tax office operation. Computers will become even more important in the tax office during 1992 when the state mandated and state funded computer system will be installed to create a direct link with Austin for motor vehicle registration.

Although the majority of my tasks are associated with the appraisal district, I have remained current in all areas of the motor vehicle registration department and assist the tax office deputy in motor vehicle registration when I am needed.

As a long time resident of Fisher County and as one who has raised her family and established lifelong friendships here, I desire to return a portion of my good fortune to the people of Fisher County through public service as your elected Tax Assessor-Collector. I will faithfully hold your trust in me and personally offer to reconcile any difficulties you may have in dealing with the tax office.

I am interested in your viewpoints and opinions concerning the operation of the tax and appraisal offices and invite your comments as I campaign throughout the county. I am looking forward to meeting and visiting with each and every one of you during the next few months. Your support and vote for me March 3rd will be deeply appreciated.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: SYLVIA MARIE HERNANDEZ

RESPONDENT: Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 32nd Judicial Court DISTRICT of Fisher County at the Courthouse thereof, in ROBY, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of December A.D. 1991, to Petitioners Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of November A.D. 1991, in this cause, numbered #5098 on the docket of said court and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MANUEL HERNANDEZ PETITIONER vs. SYLVIA MARIE HERNANDEZ RESPONDENT,

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: (DIVORCE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MANUEL HERNANDEZ and SYLVIA MARIE HERNANDEZ

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, BETTIE HARGROVE, Clerk of the 32nd DISTRICT Court(s) of FISHER County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at ROBY, Texas, this 10th day of December A.D. 1991.

Bettie Hargrove Clerk,
32nd District Court
Fisher County, Texas
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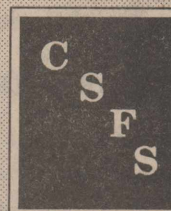
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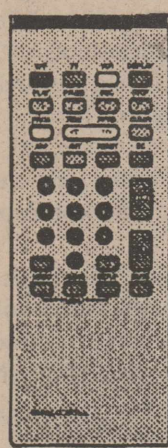
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3rd day of December, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. MARY RAMIREZ**; Cause #4001 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 1992 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 10 in Block 292 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more fully described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 273, Page 371 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of December, 1991 as the property of **MARY RAMIREZ**, 1004 N. McKinley, Rotan, Texas 79546; **CATHERINE RAMIREZ**, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,326.02 with interest from the 8th day of December, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
THIS 4th day of December, 1991.
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

45:3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3rd day of December, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. YSABEL ALMANZA**; Cause # 4397 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 1992 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain .000525 Royalty Interest in the Rotan Townsite Unit No. 21 Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 2730, out of Section 125, Block 2, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 425, Page 74 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain Lot 5 in Block 202 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 425, Page 74 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of December, 1991 as the property of **YSABEL ALMANZA**, 404 East Sherman, Rotan, Texas 79546; **ROSA M. ALMANZA**, 404 East Sherman, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$584.68 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
THIS 4th day of December, 1991.
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3rd day of December, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. TOMMY FRIERSON**; Cause #4289 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of JANUARY, 1992 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all those certain Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 21 of the

Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 362, Page 233 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain East 50 Feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12 in Block 21 of the Original Town of Roby, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 475, Page 3 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of December, 1991 as the property of **TOMMY FRIERSON**, P. O. Box 337, Roscoe, Texas 79545-0337; **BECCA FRIERSON A/K/A REBECCA FRIERSON**, P. O. Box 337, Roscoe, Texas 79545-0337; **EUGENE SHIPP**, Route 2, Box 18, Roby, Texas 79543; **BUELENE SHIPP**, Route 2, Box 18, Roby, Texas 79543; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,732.10 with interest from the 3rd day of October, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of **ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
THIS 4th day of December, 1991
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

45:3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 3rd day of December, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. BENNY MORALES, ET AL**; Cause #4149 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of January, 1992 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 2 in Block 77 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 489, Page 344 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of December, 1991 as the property of **BENNY MORALES, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A CASA MORALES**, 122 W. Snyder, Rotan, Texas 79546; **TRENA MORALES, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A CASA MORALES**, 122 W. Snyder, Rotan, Texas 79546; **ALICE MORALES, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A CASA MORALES**, 122 W. Snyder, Rotan, Texas 79546; **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROTAN (IN REM ONLY)**, by serving an officer thereof, 118 N. Garfield, Rotan, Texas 79546; **STATE OF TEXAS (IN REM ONLY)**, by virtue of that State Tax Lien filed of record in Volume 2, Page 126 of the State Tax Lien Records of Fisher County, Texas, said **STATE OF TEXAS** may be served by delivering a copy of the citation and petition to Bob Bullock as Comptroller of Public Accounts, Capitol Building, Austin, Texas; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,449.26 with interest from the 17th day of May, 1990 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of **ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
THIS 4th day of DECEMBER, 1991
Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF/FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Roby will accept sealed bids on the purchase of (1) one lot. It being Lot 9 in Block 45 O.T. of Roby. Bids will be accepted at Roby City Hall until 4:00 p.m. on the 7th day of January, 1992, at which time bids will be opened and considered. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Jimmy C. Price
City of Roby
45:2tc

Fisher County PUBLIC RECORDS

From The Public Records In The Fisher County Court House

WARRANTY DEEDS & ASSUMPTIONS

Michael D Vinson to Johnny & Odessa Cassidy; Lorene & Tomas Flores to Rhonda Langis & Preston M Martin; Phyllis A Polk to James W Hanson; John H Gregory to James W Hanson; Ruth F Martin to John & Rhonda Smallwood; Ernest & Lottie Carey to Loyd & Annie Carey; Leroy & Ruby Graham to Geneva & John Bostick; Thelma Byrne, J T Stanford Estate & Lettie Stanford Trust to Penny & Steven Mahaffey; Bob & Patricia Kyzar to Mary A Marshall; John Sharp to William B Hardin; Mildred J Freeze to Bryan Justiss.

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AmWest Savings Assoc. to Charles & Melba McCall; Farmers Home Adm. to L C Hutchingson; First National Bk-Rotan to Mary & Williams Underwood; IRS to Don L Dearman; First National Bk-Rotan to Lorene & Tomas Flores; Rural Electrification Ad. to Cap Rock Electric Coop.; Farm Credit Bk of Tx to Clarence & Cynthia Fryar Jr.; Resolution Trust Corp. to Robert & Ruth Martin; Farmers Home Admin. to LeRoy & Ruby Graham; Farmers Home Admin. to Robert & Vera Headrick; S B A to Herbert & Mary L Williams.

Reeves And Threatt On National Dean's List

A total of 2 students from this area are among the 110,000 students included in the 14th Annual Edition of THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST just published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans or registrars and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's Dean's List, or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for

\$25,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students.

Local students selected include:
Douglas Reeves- Abilene Christian Univ.;
Diana Threatt- Hardin Simmons Univ.

Search For Academically Gifted Seventh Graders

Each year a national search is conducted to identify students in the seventh grade who are academically gifted. In order to be eligible for this program, a student must have scored in the upper three percent of the nation on his/her spring standardized achievement test. Results in math, reading, and/or a combination of math and verbal skills are considered. The following Roby seventh graders have qualified: Damon Dickson, Philip Goodwin, Makala Herron, Kennette Mays, Robert Onofre, and Jacob Whitaker.

These recommended students may now take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in either December or January, or the ACT Assessment in either De-

cember or February in competition with high school juniors and seniors. Those that score exceptionally high will be invited to Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, for the spring Grand Presentation Ceremony. Those scoring a bit lower, but still above the average college freshman, will be invited to the State Recognition Ceremony in Austin.

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Proceeds from the 1991-92 Texas Golf Card fund ongoing American Cancer Society projects and research in communities throughout Texas.

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The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education and service.

Jessica Mobley Roby Author Of The Week

Roby author of the week for December 2-6 was Jessica Mobley. She is a 3rd grade student. Artist of the week was Karmine Castor. Congratulations to these fine students!

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker.....

Well we had a good week last week, and the farmers sure got lots of stripping done, but now Monday it is cold, dull and wet, so the cotton stripping is out for several days until it dries up anyway. I think some folks got more moisture than others, but here at the house, we only got a light sprinkle.

We had fellowship at church on Sunday; it was a combination Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner and although some were gone, we had so much good food and enjoyed the fellowship. Our Christmas program will be next Sunday evening after Church.

Diana Threatt sang a special for us Sunday morning and we really enjoyed her beautiful singing.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Nolan Kinsey, Grant and Zach at church with us Sunday morning.

Carl and Lila Guinn attended the 50th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7th, 1941; it was held on the Western Texas College campus in the Fine Arts Theatre.

James and Dianne Radliff and Harold and Carol Roberts took Addie and Billy Green out to dinner on Sunday. It was

Addie's 91st birthday, so happy birthday to her. James and Dianne also attended the Bill Graham's open house Sunday evening. They said it was beautiful.

Mrs. Berta Babin from Plaquemine, Louisiana, is staying with her mother, Louise Martinez, for another week. She was here all last week, as was Rosemary Gay and Sara Warren from Fort Worth and Gloria Martinez from New York. They spent all last week with their mother, and returned home Sunday.

I attended the funeral for Rudy Martinez on Monday and it was so cold that day, but many people braved the cooler temperatures to attend Rudy's funeral.

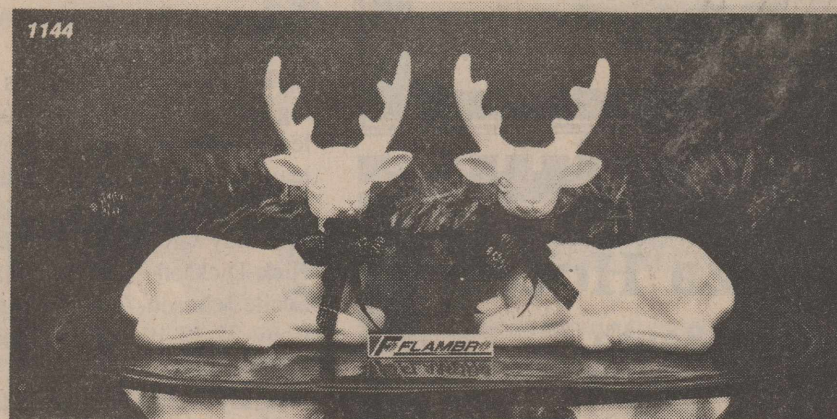
It was sure cold Sunday night and we had just a little sleet and light snow that night. I went to Abilene on Thursday with Mrs. Jan Price and we attended a Region 14 Library Aides workshop. That night I attended a Region 14 Library Aides workshop. That night I attended the Theatre on the Brazos dinner and play with all the Newspaper staff, and really enjoyed it. The play was really good, and I know there were lots of folks who spent hours and hours of their time preparing for the play. The food was delicious and it was prepared by the Fisher County 4-H'ers.

If you haven't seen the lights in Rotan you are missing a real treat; some of the houses look so pretty and Main Street with all of the stores decorated and lit up, really looks beautiful. Everyone is to be congratulated on a job well done. It's even better this year than it was last year.

Sheila and Carye Gruben saw and talked to Brad Maule in Lubbock on Saturday; Brad was here for a day or two and was in Lubbock signing autographs. He visited with Andrew and Louise Williams Friday night. Louise is feeling lots better and we hope that she will soon begin to feel like her old self.

Well not too much news this week; some folks were gone, busy with Christmas shopping etc., so I will catch you next week.

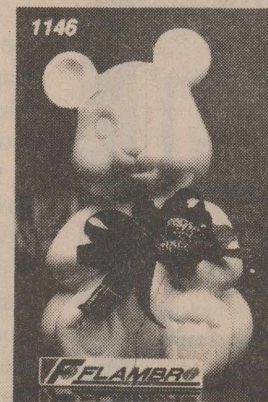
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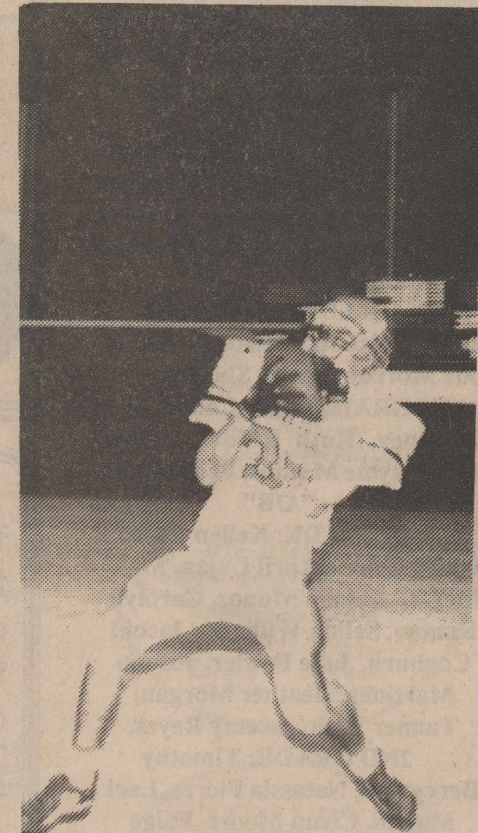
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The Rotan Yellowhammers Take On Second Place Memphis On Friday

The members of the Rotan School Board received a report on football playoff money, sold a stock trailer and listened to Superintendent Dr. Nolan Kinsey present a report on the 1990-91 Academic Excellence Indicator system being implemented at their meeting last Monday night.

Regular Season Football Money
Dr. Kinsey informed the board that a total of \$10,589.75 was realized by Rotan ISD from gate receipts from the first 10 season football games after paying football officials.

Playoff Game Football Money
The first playoff game with Menard at Shotwell Stadium, resulted in Rotan receiving \$1,399.65, their part, after expenses. The total gate at that game was \$4,928.

\$2,469 From Crawford Game
An additional \$2,469.45 was realized from a total gate of \$7,174 by Rotan ISD from the Crawford game at

Brownwood.

\$4,477 From Valley Mills Game
Last week's game with Valley Mills resulted in a check to Rotan of \$4,477.35 from total gate of \$11,782 after expenses.

Dr. Kinsey indicated that the \$8,346 realized from the three playoff games does not take into consideration the cost of meals, equipment or chartered busses. A chartered bus for players costs \$715.

Board Sells Stock Trailer
The board received three bids on the sale of the 'Hale' stock trailer. The bid accepted for the trailer was \$785.50 submitted by Keith Clements of Snyder, Texas. Other bids came from Charles Bowen of Lorraine and Koen D. McKinney of Rotan.

TAAS Scores Reviewed
Dr. Kinsey reviewed the TAAS test scores with board members. He pointed

Rotan's part of the Valley Mills game, after officials paid, after fee for stadium use deducted, was \$4,477.00. A total of \$11,782 was paid at Brownwood by fans.

out areas needing improvement, informed the board that "we're going to work on these areas" and pointed out areas where Rotan ISD was above state and group scores. Specific scores will be in a future edition of the paper.

Dr. Kinsey indicated that the new Academic Excellence Indicator System was a blueprint, "for us to look at ourselves in order to do better".

School Bus Renovation OK'd
The board agreed to authorize the renovation of two small school busses, but did not indicated any interest in purchasing any of the lots offered last month by Myla Black Real Estate on

behalf of clients.

Textbook Committee Named
The textbook committee made up of Connie Early, Laurie Pittard, Tony McGowan, Ricky Williams, Evelyn Nowlin, Peggy Williams Deanna Kinsey, Ted Posey, Bobbie Thompson, Ellen Dunaway, Jeff McClure, Milton Jensen, Eugene Threatt, David Hargrove and Dr. Nolan Kinsey was ap-

Roscoe Boys Defeat 7th & 8th Rotan Boys

The Rotan 8th grade boys were trounced by Roscoe 72-12 last Monday with Clinton Williams taking high point honors for Rotan with 8 points.

Others scoring were Tony Soliz 2 and Shon Fudge 2.

The 7th grade boys lost a 1 point squeaker 25-26 to Roscoe.

Kris Rogers scored 10 for high point honors. Rusty Goodwin scored 6, Mikeal Harrison 5, Jayben Alls 2 and Zack Morris 2.

Rotan plays Ira at Rotan on Monday, December 16th.

proved by the board.

Executive Session On Discipline
In final action the board went into

executive session under authority of V.A.T.S., Article 6251-17, Section 2H dealing with discipline of a child.

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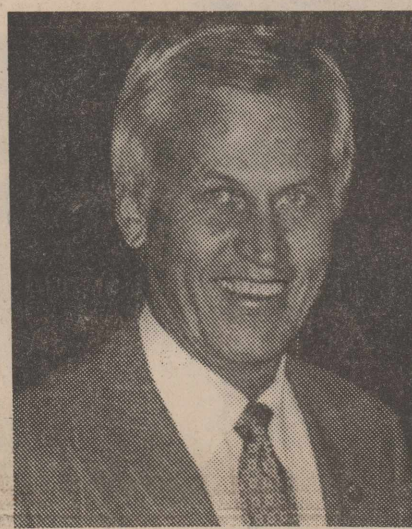
Congressman Charles Stenholm Announces For Additional Term

Congressman Charles Stenholm traveled through the 17th Congressional District last week making formal announcement of his plans to seek an eighth term as representative.

Beginning in Stamford, local supporters met with him for public appearances in Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, Brownwood, Stephenville, Granbury, and Mineral Wells. With numerous stops in between these visits, he covered most of the vast 32 county district which has been recognized by the Justice Department as making up the 17th District following the recent redistricting.

"Naturally, I would have been pleased to leave the 17th District as it was," Stenholm said. "Since this was

not possible, I am thankful the district remains with common interests and similar opportunities."



Stenholm has been present for over 96 percent of all recorded votes during his years in office. He serves as Chairman of the Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture and is a member of the Budget Committee.

Charlie and Cindy have two sons, Chris and Cary, and a daughter Courtney Ann.

During his trip last week, Stenholm said often: "I take the responsibility of being a representative of the people very seriously and shall continue to work for our area to the best of my ability."

Tentative schedule for Congressman Charles Stenholm..... Tuesday, December 17th - Rotan - Lions Club Building - 8:45-9:30

Tuesday, December 17th - Roby Courthouse - 9:45-10:30.

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ROTAN ELEMENTARY SECOND SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL "All A"

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2ND GRADE: Jennifer Clawson, Michele Dunaway, Heather Martinez, Krista Reyes, Rebecca Duke, Zachary Kinsey, Laci Parker, Seth Summers.

3RD GRADE: Ashley Garza, Latisha Nichols, Zachary Yanez, Rode Morrow, Sarah Shelley.

4TH GRADE: Lacy Callan, Scott McKinney, Ruth Riddel, Crystal Early, Dayne Mullins, Becky Velez. "A/B"

1ST GRADE: Kellen Cave, Ashley Flores, April Lujan, Mark McCall, Emilia Munoz, Carolyn Ramon, Selina Williams, Jacobi Cogburn, Julie Fowler, Joshua Martinez, Heather Morgan, Tanner Park, Jeremy Reyes.

2ND GRADE: Timothy Berryman, Natassia Flores, Laci Martin, Cizun Moore, Paige Nowlin, Cristi Simmons, Terry Branch, Brandi Hoyle, Christopher Miranda, Dane Mullins, Kayla Posey, Amanda Soliz.

3RD GRADE: Haley Helms, Delilah Reyes, Cory Rains, Natasha Thompson.

4TH GRADE: Jennifer Fowler, Crystal Hoyle, Tara Nowlin, Jacob Price, Nikki Rowland, Theresa Soliz, Javier Garcia, Byron Kennedy, Ryan Posey, Carolyn Rocha, Jason Soliz, Jennifer Yanez. *****

First Baptist Church of Rotan would like to invite everyone to the production of "The Real Story of the Night Before Christmas."

This musical is being presented by the children's choir along with the adult choir, youth choir, and handbells of First Baptist. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. this Sunday evening, December 15th. Hope to see you there.!

THANK YOU

The family of Rudolph Martinez would like to thank all the wonderful people of Rotan and other cities for your prayers, donations, flowers, food and words of comfort shown us in the loss of Rudy, Husband and Father.

Thanks to Father Austin Kitteridge, Father Bill Castigan from Snyder, Father John Hoorman from Winters, Dr. Callan, Hospital Staff, Doug and Mac Weathersbee. May God Bless each and everyone for your friendship to Rudy.

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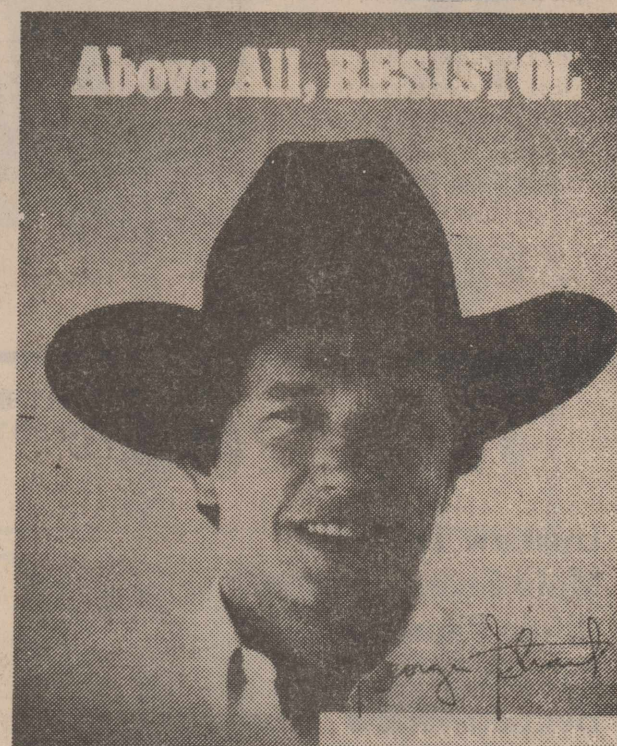
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District has filed an application with the Texas Water Commission for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized hereinbelow.

2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather modification license. The initial license was issued on December 18, 1974, and was renewed in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall to affect water resources. The period of the permit is March 1 through November 30 during the years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area described as being the area between an outer boundary which is defined by a line that encompasses the block of counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin and Dawson, and an inner boundary which is that of the target area.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, Texas, and running along Highway 87 in a north-westerly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, east to the Nolan-Taylor County border; thence, south along the eastern Nolan County line to the Runnels County border; thence, east along the northern Runnels County line; thence, south along the eastern Runnels County line; thence, west along the southern Runnels County line; thence, north along the western Runnels County line to a point where the southern Coke County line meets Runnels County; thence, west along the southern Coke County line to a point 13 miles south of Robert Lee in Coke County; thence, north to Robert Lee; thence, west to Highway 87 at a point approximately 13 miles northwest of Sterling City; thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliiform clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, observations, and pilot reports to direct an aircraft equipped to dispense the seeding particles, silver iodide crystals, into the updraft air at cloud base.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or the Weather & Climate Section of the Commission.

9. If at least 25 eligible persons make a written request for a hearing, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on this application. Those eligible to request a hearing are all persons at least 18 years of age who reside or own property within the boundaries of the proposed weather modification operational area. A request for hearing must contain (1) the signature, full name, address, and phone number of each person requesting a hearing; (2) a statement that each person requesting a hearing is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property within the proposed operational area; and (3) a brief description of each requester's

interest and how that interest would be adversely affected by the granting of this application.

10. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days after the first publication of this notice. All requests for hearing should be mailed to the Executive Director, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Further information concerning the hearing on this application may be obtained from Claire Arenson, Chief Hearings Examiner, Office of Hearings Examiners, at the same address or by calling (512) 463-7875.

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Roscoe Defeats 7th & 8th Grade Girls Teams

Shamika Ford paced the 8th grade Rotan girls basketball team in the individual point scoring department last week against Roscoe.

Rotan scored 4 points in the first quarter, 2 in the second, 7 in the third period and 6 in the final period. They came up short 19-21 in the game. Others scoring were: Danna Parr 4; Amanda Clawson 4; Cassidy Early 2 and Jennifer Rains 2.

The 7th grade girls lost to Roscoe 31-21 with Katy Kennedy scoring 12 points.

Rotan scored 9 points in the final period.

Others scoring were Laura Blackwelder 4, Leanne Landes 4 and Deon Duke 1.

The next game for the 7th and 8th grade girls will be Monday, December 16th hosting Ira.

Counts Waiting On 9-1-1 System To Be Installed

Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts is patiently waiting for the installers of the 9-1-1 equipment to make an appointment to begin work in Fisher County.

"I don't know when the equipment will be installed. I just know we have to be on line and operational by February 1st, 1992 and there is still a lot of work to do," said Counts.

Thirty-one Students Included In Who's Who

A total of 31 students from this area have been included in the 25th Silver Anniversary Edition of "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 1990-91."

WHO'S WHO, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of WHO'S WHO students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college bound.

The 25th edition of WHO'S WHO, published in 15 regional volumes, features nearly 700,000 students or just over 5 percent of the nation's 12,000,000 high school students. They represent 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

WHO'S WHO students also compete for over \$75,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected for this year's

Roby Methodist Pageant, Song Program Sunday

The members of the First United Methodist Church at Roby will be involved in a special program on Sunday night, December 15th, according to Rev. Larry Crumpton, pastor.

Melanie Pilgrim has written and will direct a Christmas pageant to be performed by the children and youth of the church.

This pageant will be followed by a musical program by the chime choir and adult choir.

A Christmas Party will be held in the fellowship hall with refreshments. Youth will bring gifts for the children in Methodist Home in Waco.

volumes are:

Roby: Carolyn Atkinson, Sally Casas, Jennifer Elkins, Linneah Funk, Tommy Hull, Brandon Justiss, Ruben Moreno, Becky Terry, Adanelica Valdez, Moses Campa, Joanna Chavira, Melanie Faglie, Sybille Gonzales, Joe Joplin, Audra Lewis, Kashaun Morris, Brooks Taylor, Jeremy Terry, Dolores Zapata, Jessica Moore, Jerami St. Clair, Anita Floyd.

Rotan: Richard Almanza, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Vanessa Peek, Czrena West, Stephanie Long, Sharilyn Murdoch, Michelle Romero, Valeska Weems.



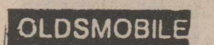
Fisher County Hospital Is Back In The Good Graces Of Medicare.....

The Fisher County Hospital, after a few weeks of sensitive nerves, passed the re-inspection and keeps its Medicare certification, according to Ronnie Ammons, Fisher County Hospital Administrator.

The inspection team of five inspectors were at the local medical facility last Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. "They found two tiny discrepancies, correctable instantly, and verbally informed us we were in good shape."

The official work came down last Monday. "We passed with flying colors and the inspectors were surprised that we had gotten everything corrected in the designated time frame," said Ammons.

Ammons expressed his appreciation to everyone who had a part in pulling together to get the re-inspection and correct the original discrepancies.

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WISHING THE HAMMERS SUCCESS: The Rotan Cheerleaders, Majorettes and Drum Major, join loyal Yellowhammer fans in wishing them success against Memphis on Friday night.

Rotan Methodist Cantata Set For Sunday Morning

The First United Methodist Church of Rotan will present a cantata, "Carol of Christmas", at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 15th, according to Rev. Ron Dunaway, Pastor.

The cantata will be directed by Mary Ann Marshall, Methodist Choir Director.

The public is invited to the cantata. O Come, All Ye Faithful, Carol of Christmas, Joy To The World, O Little Town Of Bethlehem, Away In A Manger, Silent Night, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night, Angels We Have Heard On High, Down The Trail And Onward, We Three Kings Of Orient Are and O Holy Night will be presented by the choir.

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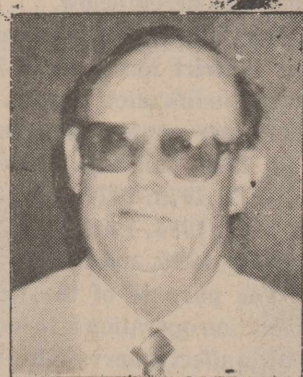
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Congress Approves \$1.75 Billion Disaster Assistance Bill, Thereby Providing Payments For Texas Farmers

Congress has approved a \$1.75 billion disaster assistance bill that will provide payments for farmers from across Texas who suffered losses in 1990 or 1991, says U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"More than 125,000 Texas agricultural producers suffered losses from flooding, freezes and drought," Gramm noted. "They will be able to file for claims under this legislation, which will be administered at the local level by the Texas ASCS."

Gramm noted that Texas cotton farmers were among the hardest hit by the weather-borne agricultural disasters of 1990 and 1991.

"Nearly 40,000 cotton producers are estimated to have incurred damage valued at \$326 million in 1991 alone,"

County Sheriff TABS Raid Three Rotan Locations

Several members of the Fisher County Sheriff's Department and Texas Alcohol Beverage Control executed search warrants last Friday night resulting in raids on three Rotan locations, according to Sheriff Mickey Counts.

The raids resulted in three arrests for the illegal sale of alcohol.

Arrested were Robert Patlen, age 27, at the Lino Yanez residence in Rotan for the "possession and sale of alcoholic beverage".

Also, Molly Jimenez, age 46, at the residence of Canuto Jimenez in Rotan for the sale of alcoholic beverages. She was brought to jail and remained there until Sunday when she posted two \$ 1,000 bonds.

Finally, E.L. "Speedy" Sepeda, of Rotan arrested and released on personal bond for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Sheriff Mickey Counts and Kirk Williamson participated in the raid from the Fisher County Sheriff's Department.

Gramm said.

In addition, producers of wheat, grain sorghum, corn and hay had extensive losses.

The senator noted that part of the funding, \$995 million, will be available for payments on either of the two years, at the producer's option. An additional \$755 million is also available, subject to a budget request by the

President.

Some of the incidents which produced widespread agricultural losses were the 1990 flooding along the Red and Trinity rivers, scattered droughts afflicting the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley and freezes which caused widespread damage to winter wheat production in the Panhandle, North Texas and Blackland Prairie areas.

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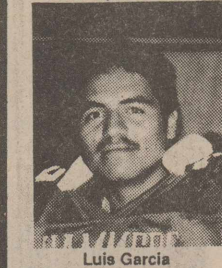
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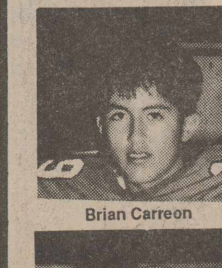
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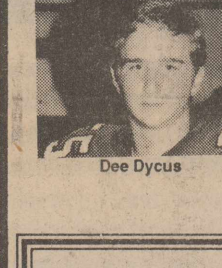
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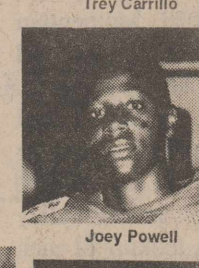
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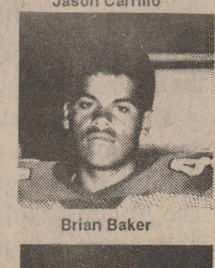
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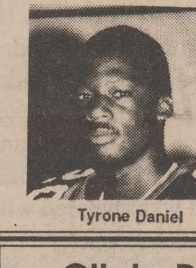
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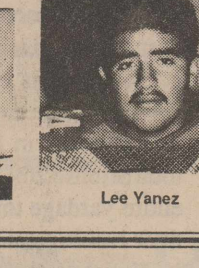
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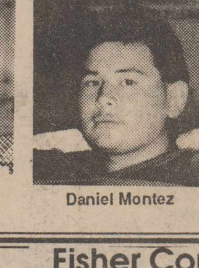
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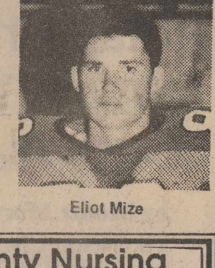
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Rotan School Board Gets Report On Football Playoff Dollars Generated

by Jim Gruben

Rotan Yellowhammers (13-0) topped the No. 1 state ranked Valley Mills Eagles Friday night by a score of 33-8. Rotan will advance into the semi-final round of the State 1-A Playoffs against Memphis.

Boone Daniel (40 carries - 269 yards - 6.72 yards per carry - 4 TD's) and QB Eric Smith (12 carries - 111 yards - 9.25 yards per carry - 1 TD) led the high flying Yellowhammers to their 13th victory in as many outings. Rotan showcased their playoffs caliber style of offense and defense. Yellowhammers proved critics wrong by displaying a ball control rushing game that proved a disaster to a speedy Valley Mills team.

Yellowhammers first possession got within the 14 yards of the endzone before a QB sack at the 33 forced Rotan to relinquish possession. Hopes of getting the quick upper-hand on Valley Mills was derailed for the time being.

Rotan defense came ready to play and with a look in the eyes, that they meant business. Eagles first drive started at their own 35 before ending up back at the 19. Jessie Garcia smashed through the Eagles interior line with his sights set on the Valley Mills quarterback. The ball was loose on the ground for a moment before Valley Mills narrowly escaped disaster by recovering their own fumble. Eagles faced 4th down and 26 before long forced to punt.

Rotan then drove 43 yards capped by an 8 yard touchdown run by Boone Daniel with 5:12 remaining in the 1st quarter. Tyronne Daniel kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead. Momentum had shifted to the Yellowhammers and the Eagles knew they were in for a war. Kicking specialist Tyronne Daniel drew a roar from the huge crowd by splitting the uprights on the kickoff. The 70 yard kickoff left the two Valley Mills return men just looking at each

Rotan Christmas Parade Great Success

by Monte Morrow

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Committee would like to express our appreciation to everyone and every organization who had a part in making this year's Christmas parade and celebration a great success. Many thanks go to the people who gave away items to the needy program. They were all well received and also truly needed. Thank you merchants of Rotan who donated items for the drawing. Those who won were:

Bobby Hayes- \$25.00 gift cert. from Farm Tractor & Service - Rotan; Earl Kiker- \$50.00 gift cert. - Hargrove Crop Ins.; Lane Cleveland- \$25.00 gift cert. - Thriftway Grocery; Chris Rackley- gift basket- Newspaper Office; Leticia Reyes- gift basket- Newspaper Office; June Martin- \$15.00 coupons- Dairy Queen; Lisa Nowlin- Accent Lamp- Winn's; Relna Long- Lamp- Landes Furniture; Marty Gallagher- Belt buckle- John Price Boot Shop; Teresa Harrison- Oil & Filter Change- R & D Automotive; Becky Burk- \$15.00 coupons- Dairy Queen; Beverly Landes- 4 plastic glasses- Summers Pharmacy; Janie Rains- cooler- Nowlin Farm Supply; Carol Posey- Anti-freeze- Allsup's; Bruce Reeves- \$25.00 gift cert. - Casa Morales; Francis Zambrano- \$15.00 gift cert. - H.L. Davis; Pat Cadenhead- \$20.00 gift cert. - Main Street Flower Shop; Myla Black- 1/4 sheet birthday cake- Main Street Bakery; Teresa Cave- Microwave Veg. Steamer- W.T.U.; Roy Robertson- \$20.00 gift cert. - Landes Furniture; Seth Summers- \$15.00 gift cert. - Southern Styling.

Winners of ribbons in the parade were: Farm Tractor & Service- blue ribbon for Best Over All; Upper Clear Fork Soil Conservation- blue - for Best Southwestern Theme; Fire Department with Santa - Blue- Most Popular; City-Blue- for Most Unusual; Sheriff's Posse- Blue- Adult division; Jr. Sheriff's Posse- Blue- Children's division largest riding club; Ladies Aux.- blue- Children's group; Hargrove Crop. Ins.- Red - for largest ball of cotton; Rotan Motel- Red- for smallest ride in parade; H.L. Davis- Red- for Christmas; WTU- Red for Christmas; J.C.- Red for Christmas; FFA-FAA- Red for Christmas.

We would also like to say thanks and congratulations to all who took part in the parade. All of the entries were outstanding. We look forward to next year.

other in disbelief.

Valley Mills possessed more team speed than the Yellowhammers had faced to date. Rotan was successful in containing RB Donnie Sadler and QB Manuel Ariste. Eagle drive stalled at their own 45 before punting back to the Yellowhammers. Rotan's next possession stalled at their own 30 and used a 38 yard punt to force the Eagles back to their own 32.

Valley Mills powered 68 yards as Donnie Sadler covered the final 6 yards for a touchdown with 6:36 remaining in the 2nd quarter. Eagles set up in the swinging gate formation and used their speed to convert a 2 point extra point attempt. Yellowhammers trailed for only the second time in 13 games, not since the 7-6 deficit at Garden City.

Yellowhammers started walking toward the sidelines that soon turned into a trot being quickly reminded it was Hammer Time.

Rotan started back at their own 12 after a penalty. QB Eric Smith showed Valley Mills what speed looked like by dashing to the Rotan 29. Boone Daniel, one of the best running backs in Texas shot through openings made by center Boo Sheehan and the Yellowhammer offensive line. Yellowhammer offensive line was outweighed but scramble blocked their opponents just long enough to get Boone Daniel some running room. Rotan patiently drove downfield as halftime quickly approached, Eric Smith covered the final 6 yards on a QB keeper with only 1 minute remaining until intermission. The try for two pass sailed incomplete but the Yellowhammers had regained a 13-8 advantage.

Valley Mills was again forced to punt with :37 seconds in the half after Ben Alaniz and Jessie Garcia tackled the Eagle ball carrier for a loss.

Rotan mounted a drive from their own 20 with only :21 seconds left. Yellowhammers advanced to the Eagle 40 with :04 seconds on the clock. A desperation pass into the endzone ended up in the arms of a Valley Mills defender as time expired.

Rotan led in first downs 14-8 and total offense 209 - 91. Yellowhammers entire yardage total was amassed with their rushing game.

Vocal Yellowhammer fans turned out in record numbers from all across the country to support their team Friday night. As one Valley Mills cheerleader commented about Rotan - "Your fans are awesome!" The roar of the Yellowhammer crowd had to be a bit intimidating to some degree.

Valley Mills came back the second half ready to regain the lead. Rotan defense played their aggressive style with key plays by J.P. Martinez, Luis Garcia, Grant Kinsey, and Herman Zavala. Eagles were stopped again and forced to punt.

Rotan achieved good field position at the Valley Mills 49. QB Eric Smith scrambled for 12 yards to the 37. Boone Daniel left and Boone right seemed to keep the Eagles off balance. Power formation with Jessie Garcia and Herman Zavala blocking in the backfield is not the most desirable sight that an opposing defensive line looks forward to stopping. The only way to describe it is like a shotgun going off at impact. Boone Daniel streaked in from the 5 yard line for a touchdown with 7:06 remaining in the 3rd quarter. Extra point kick failed but the Yellowhammers increased their lead to 19-8.

A second consecutive punt by Valley Mills just added to their frustration of their less than effective offense. A team with a (12-0) record and a state ranking had not experienced such domination all season.

Yellowhammers committed a second turnover and could have proven to be the most critical of the game. The complexion of the contest changed in the blink of an eye. A mishandled punt was recovered by Valley Mills at the Rotan 20. Down by 11, Valley Mills needed a touchdown to get back in the game and here was the break they needed to accomplish just that. Eagles drove to the 7 yard line with 4th down staring them in the face. It was a handoff to RB Sadler but he was crushed at the line of scrimmage, coming up 6 inches short of a touchdown. It was one of the most critical plays of the game. Momentum shifted back to the Yellowhammers, as Valley Mills was denied the end zone. A personal penalty against Valley Mills moved the ball out to the 17. Yellowhammers were faced with as long a drive as you can have - 99

1/2 yards - if they were to extend the lead. QB Smith broke loose for 22 yards and 7 yards, followed by an 11 yard gain by Boone Daniel. Rotan moved closer and closer as the 3rd quarter expired. Rotan faced a crucial 3rd down and 1 at the 9. The run plus penalty yardage placed the ball at the 1. Shaking my head, the Yellowhammers were going to do it. A 99 1/2 yard - "Take That Valley Mills" - type TD drive. QB Eric Smith rolled out and scored on my favorite football play - power sweep play. A play the 1962 State team worked to perfection. The scoreboard flashed 25-8 with 10:59 remaining in the 4th quarter. A successful try for 2-conversion play by Boone Daniel increased the lead to 27-8. This drive broke the spirit of Valley Mills, who just minutes earlier had come within 6 inches of possibly closing the deficit to 19-16.

Valley Mills next drive stalled at their own 36 after an unsuccessful 4th down try.

Rotan punted on their next possession after being struck with 30 yards of penalty yardage. Eagles fumbled on the first play of their possession and recovered by Luis Garcia at the Valley

ROTAN JR. HIGH SECOND SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

"All A"

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7TH GRADE: Deon Duke, Katie Kennedy, Leigh Ann Landes, Adriana Velez.

8TH GRADE: Cassidy Early.

"A/B"

5TH GRADE: Shelley Burk, Kelley Burnett, Brandon Carreon, Andrea Carrillo, Guy Duke, Carissa Martin, Wade Messick, Andrea Miranda, Guy Duke, Carissa Martin, Wade Messick, Andrea Miranda, Ryan Parr, Keri Robertson, Lori Tandy.

6TH GRADE: Jeremy Alls, Jake Baker, Katy Cade, Cheryl Dodd, Monica Gaspar, Kaleb Goodwin, Renee Helms, Tracy Posey.

7TH GRADE: Laura Blackwelder, Mandy Dycus, Zack Morris, Erlinda Natividad.

8TH GRADE: Shelley Baker, Zack Burnes, Melissa Carrillo, Brandi Murphree, Yvonne Reeves, Jennifer Underhill.

ROTAN LUNCH MENU

December 16 - 20, 1991

MONDAY: Chicken Fried Steaks & Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Pears, Milk.

TUESDAY: Beef Vegetable Soup, Cheese Toast, Mixed Fruit, Red Velvet Cake, Crackers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chalupas, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Jello, Milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburgers, Hamburger Salad, Pork & Beans, Potato Chips, Cookies, Milk.

Christmas Holidays: December 23, 1991 through January 3, 1992. Back to School January 6, 1992.

ROTAN HIGH SCHOOL CYCLE 2- SEMESTER 1 HONOR ROLL

"A"

9TH GRADE: Amy Blackwelder, Brandon Thomason.

10TH GRADE: Matt Mercer.

11TH GRADE: Jason Moffett.

12TH GRADE: Elizabeth Gonzalez, Misty Gruben, J. P. Martinez, Jodie McClain, Christi Parr, Kathy Sepeda, Sharilyn Speck.

"A/B"

9TH GRADE: Misty Bowen, Brian Carreon, Marianne Gilbert, David Nowlin.

10TH GRADE: Karen Dickson, Mark Marshall, Elishia White.

11TH GRADE: Taronna Dunaway, Vicky Freeman, Traci Hull, Jessica Kennedy, Billy Kenner, Chris Markham, Scott Nowlin, Rudy Ramon.

12TH GRADE: Robert Almanza, David Daniel, Luis Garcia, Grant Kinsey, Leticia Martinez, Irene Reese, Brandon Sheehan, Czrena West, Herman Zavala.

Mills 27. A 27 yard scoring drive capped by a 20 yard TD run, the 99th TD of the season, by Boone Daniel with 4:05 remaining in the game. Extra point kick sailed wide of the mark but the lead had increased to 33-8.

Valley Mills fumbled away the ball to Stephen Warren on their second consecutive drive.

It was over, Yellowhammers intentionally ran out the game clock to seal the victory.

Quarter-Final Championship trophy was presented to the Yellowhammer team in front of the excited Rotan fans.

Rotan led in first downs 28-14 and total offensive yardage 398-177. Not only were the Eagles held under 200 yards of total offense but the defensive secondary of Chris Markham, Trey Carrillo, Poose Alls, and Tyronne Daniel dominated the Valley Mills passing game by allowing only 3 completions of 12 attempts for a meager 29 yards and no TD's. Credit must also go to the defensive line pass rush that sent the Eagle QB face down in the grass on several occasions. Daniel Montez, Stephen Warren, Ben Alaniz, and James Carrillo also turned in good performances.

United Artists Cable Merger Completed

Wayne Jamar, system manager, of United Artists Cable, announced today that the merger between United Artists Cable's parent company, United Artists Entertainment, Inc. (UAE), and Telecommunications Inc. (TCI), was completed December 2, 1991.

Denver-based TCI, the nation's largest cable operator, was formed in 1968 and has held a majority interest in UAE since 1989. The company is known as an industry leader and supporter of technological research and development efforts in the area of advanced video communications.

"We are pleased that the merger is complete, and we look forward to continuing our service in Rotan as a TCI company," said Jamar. "TCI is an innovative company, helping to shape the future of television."

ROBY LUNCH MENU

December 16 - 20, 1991

MONDAY: Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Buttered Peas, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Peanut Cluster, Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog, Cream Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Cake W/Icing, Bread, Milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Brownie, Bread, Milk.

FRIDAY: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.

Fisher County Hospital Long Term Care Unit by Alice Dodd Activity Director

We want to thank the 5th and 6th grade junior high students that colored the pictures of Santa for us to hang on the door. You did an excellent job, we really enjoy looking at them. Thanks a lot.

Our Christmas party will be December 23 at 3:30 p.m. Santa will be here to pass out presents to the residents.

Rotan Nursing Center News by Alice Dodd Activity Director

We had to rearrange our calendar and the band came to our home Monday night. We thank everyone from town who came and joined in on the fun and good country music. Bonnie Workman's Band always brightens up our residents' lives when they come.

The decorating is finally finished and we are all waiting for Santa to arrive. Santa is due to arrive on December 23 at 1:30 p.m.

If any group does Christmas caroling we would like them to come to our home and sing for us. You can call me at 735-2233 and let us know the date and time. We'll be ready.

Our birthday party for December will be held on the 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Rotan will face Memphis in the Semi-Final game on Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Rotan will be the home team. The winner will advance to the State Finals and play the winner of Oakwood vs. Runge.

Memphis (12-1) lost only to a 2-A Wellington team that was recently defeated by Albany in a Quarter - Final game. Memphis fields the best QB Rotan has faced this season, plus additional speedsters from a State qualifying sprint relay team.

Defensive strategy of the Yellowhammers will be to contain the option and avoid the speedsters from getting wide on sweep plays.

No easy games remain on the road to the State Championship. Memphis is rated on the same level as Valley Mills, due to their break away speed threat.

Rotan must continue to play their gang-tackling style of pursuit defense to counter the quick speed of Memphis rushers and hopefully force costly turnovers.



MISS LANNING ELECTED: Miss Julie Lanning (seated, right) has been elected vice president of the seventh grade class at San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Lanning, Roby, and Mrs. Jewell Edwards, Rotan. Her parents are LTC and Mrs. James Lanning.

Fisher County Nursing Home News

by Kim Martin, Activity Director

The Fisher County Nursing Home would like to thank the ladies from Cross Roads Baptist Church for bringing pies Thanksgiving Day.

Fisher County Nursing Home will be having their Christmas party December 21 at 2:00 p.m. We hope that all family members can make the party. Residents would love to have you with them.

Christmas Day all family members are invited to come have lunch with

their family member and if you would like, bring a salad dish. Ladies from First Baptist Church will be furnishing pies for lunch.

Birthdays this month are: Demetria Yanez- December 23- 95 yrs; Joe Ella Bennett- December 23- 94 yrs; Roy Eaton- December 26- 78 yrs.

We would like to thank the First Baptist Church ladies who give a birthday party for the residents each month.

Staff would like to thank the school kids for the good work they do at the nursing home Monday through Friday.

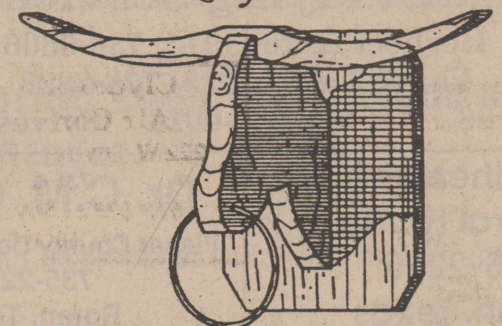
Son Born To Brownwood Couple

Randy and Melinda Ethridge of Brownwood would like to announce the birth of a baby boy born Thursday, December 5, 1991, named him "Warren Randall", weighed 6 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Jim and Gayla Ethridge are the parental grandparents. Tommy and Darlene Warren of Granbury are the maternal grandparents; Mable Warren of Rotan and Ollie Ogden of Sweetwater are the great grandmothers.

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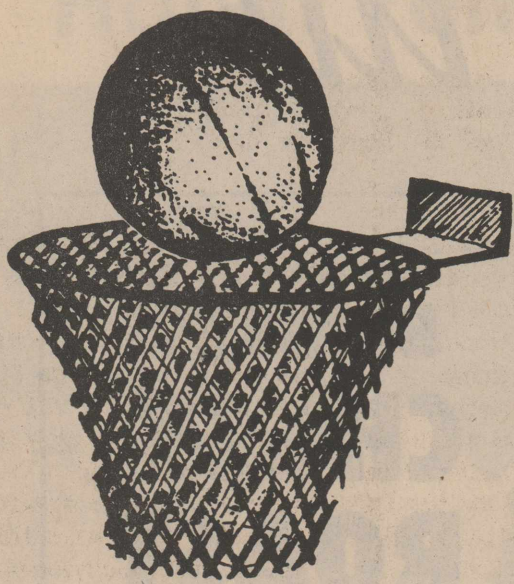


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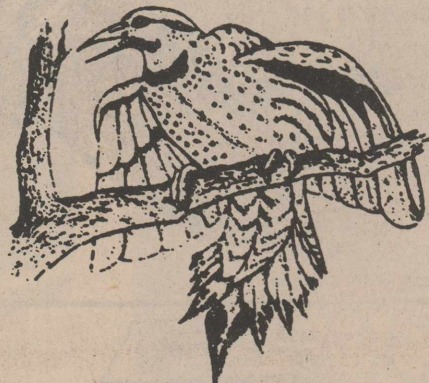
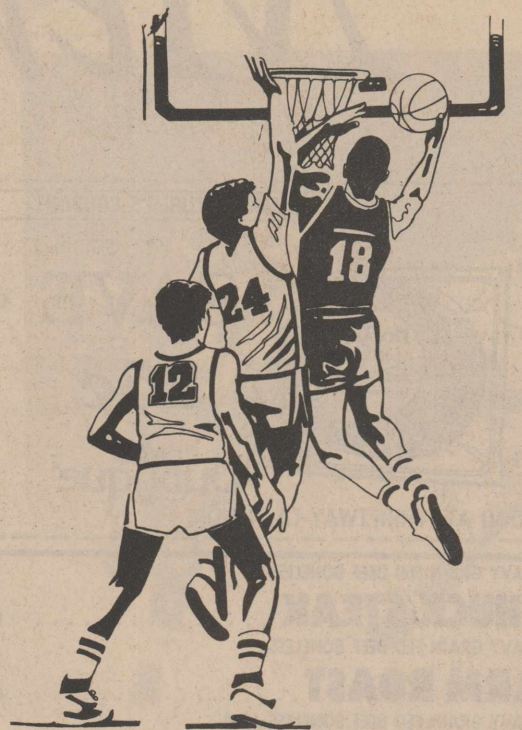
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11/23/91	Hamlin	There	6:30
11/26/91	Munday	There	4:00
12/3/91	Paint Creek	Here	6:30
12/5-7/91	Aspermont Tourn.	There	TBA
12/10/91	Highland	There	5:00
12/12-14/91	Roscoe Tourn.	There	TBA
12/17/91	Munday	Here	4:00
*12/20/91	Highland	Here	5:00
1/2-4/92	Ira Tourn.	There	TBA
1/7/92	Open		
1/10/92	*Roby	Here	4:00
1/14/92	Open		
1/17/92	*Roscoe	Here	4:00
1/21/92	*Ira	There	4:00
1/24/92	*Aspermont	Here	4:00
1/28/92	*Roby	There	4:00
1/31/92	Open		
2/4/92	*Roscoe	There	4:00
2/7/92	*Ira	Here	4:00
2/11/92	*Aspermont	There	4:00

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ROBY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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11/19/91	Anson	Here	5:00
11/22/91	Open		
11/26/91	Guthrie	Here	6:30
12/3/91	Woodson	There	6:30
12/5-7/91	Roby Tourn.	Here	
12/10/91	Hamlin	Here	5:00
12/12-14/91	Robert Lee Tr	There	
12/17/91	Rule	Here	5:00
12/20/91	Guthrie	There	6:30
12/27-30/91	Eula Tourn.	There	
1/3/92	Colorado City	Here	5:00
1/10/92	*Rotan	There	5:00
1/14/92	*Roscoe	Here	5:00
1/17/92	*Ira	There	6:30
1/21/92	*Aspermont	There	5:00
1/24/92	*Munday	There	5:00
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