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Rotan Advance

Hospital May Lease Land To New Nursing Home, Also Day Care / 'Head Start' Building

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board after tabling action on the discussion and possible approval of the construction of a Home Health Building and approving keeping the Roby Rural Health Clinic in place for another year, quickly went through their agenda in a little over an hour. The regular session of the meeting ended at approximately 7:45 p.m.. At that point the board went into closed session for approximately a half-hour to hold a conference with employees' and listen to reports on quality assurance, discharge planning, utilization review, infection control, safety and risk management.

and possibly attaching it by way of a walk-through to the existing hospital building. Board member Freddie Rasberry indicated that he felt another nursing home was needed and seemed open to studying leasing land owned by the hospital for the construction of a nursing home.

For Progress out of Sweetwater may be interested in leasing land near the hospital for the construction of a Day Care Center. This potential land lease is also to be further investigated and discussed again in December by the board.

year were \$530,478. The net loss from ClearFork Health Center operations in October amounted to \$3,102 and the report reflected a loss for the year of \$29,775.

total revenue of \$5,066 with year to date revenue \$14,324. Total expenses for October were \$2,449 and for the year were \$30,533. The net gain for October at the clinic was \$2,617 while the year to date loss at the clinic has amounted to \$16,209.

The board approved a policy and procedure guideline authorizing the use of paramedics in the emergency room / hospital.

Dr. C.M. Callan, again in November as he did in October, stated "we're losing people (to other areas) by not having enough beds."

A financial report was given the board. The report indicated that a total of \$1,044,839.55 was in ten hospital bank accounts. The sum of \$400,000 was on deposit in certificates of deposit.

The Roby Rural Health Center financial report reflected October

The board approved a 'value management training program'; approved respiratory care policy and procedure manual, arterial blood gas maintenance and analysis and gave their approval to giving Wayne Lewis, Physician's Assistant, hospital privileges and the 'green light' to assist in surgery.

Hospital Board Votes To Keep The Roby Clinic

The Fisher County Hospital financial report reflected October total revenue of \$272,573 with year to date revenue of \$3,171,875. Total expenses for October were \$316,372 and for the year were \$3,169,553. The net loss from hospital operations in October amounted to a \$43,799 loss and for the year the report reflected a \$2,322 gain. After factoring in respiratory outreach revenue and tax revenue the year to date hospital gain figured \$655,029.00

Roby School Board Votes Down The Use Of Air Horns At Events

The final board approval items involved the monthly bill list, and turning over the ClearFork Rural Health bad debt list in the amount of \$19,152.21 and Fisher County Hospital bad debt list in the amount of \$2,389.25 to the hospital collection agency.

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board voted to renew the lease on the Roby Rural Health Clinic for another year, effectively putting their 'stamp of approval' on the clinic operation through 1997.

The ClearFork Health Center financial report reflected October total revenue of \$62,259 with year to date revenue of \$500,703. Total expenses for October were \$65,361 and for the

The Roby School Board met in regular session on Monday night, November 11th, with Steve Terry, Billy Don Atkinson, Lance McWilliams and Manuel Valdez present. Absent were Robert Terry, Greg Meek and Vance Lakey.

George Price, Superintendent, informed the board that a new gym door was needed at the new gym because the doors were cracking and so were the inside hinges. He stated that the whole unit would cost in the area of \$2,500.00. He also reported on a compliance visit at the Lunchroom stating it turned out very well and commended Zelma Mauldin, Lunchroom Supervisor, for her diligent hard work. Price also commended Lanell Etheredge for working with the Migrant program.

"Do you want to consider having a nursing home adjoining us," asked Helms. She indicated that there were those, involved with the local nursing home, who were contemplating constructing another nursing home.

Helms also made the board aware that the possibility exists that People



The board approved the minutes from the previous meeting, the tax report and Policy Reference Update 53 by consent agenda.

Update 52 - Local was approved upon recommendation of Roby C.I.S.D Committee and a bid of \$100.00 was accepted for the old merry-go-rounds that were removed from the playground before the new building was built. Superintendent Price stated the teachers did not want the merry-go-rounds on the new playground because they felt they were unsafe.

Hospital Board Tables Discussion On New Building

The action came during the regular meeting of the Fisher County Hospital Board last Monday night.

Konnett Mays Signs To Attend Rice University

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board were informed last Monday night by Administrator Ella Raye Helms that she wanted to postpone any discussion and possible approval of construction of a Home Health Building pending the outcome of a grant.

Ella Raye Helms mentioned that she felt the clinic had brought in some new patients and expressed her desire to continue operating the Roby Rural Health Clinic because she felt a facility there (in Roby) needed to be run by the Fisher County Hospital and not by a surrounding group.

Konnett Mays, a Roby Senior, has taken the SAT test, visited several colleges and this week accepted a full track scholarship to attend Rice University in Houston.

Rotan School Board Fields '95-96 Annual Financial Audit

Hospital personnel have applied for a Meadows Foundation grant to go toward paying all or a large part of the construction costs of a new Home Health Building.

Kathy Spencer reported to the board concerning the use of the Roby facilities and indicated that October was a very special month.

The scholarship, according to Roby Athletic Director Perry Graves, is worth a minimum of \$25,000 a year.

After much discussion the board disapproved the addition of Fisher County 4-H to the school's extra curricular list and both the Fisher County Extension Agent Ag and County Extension Agent Home Economic to the adjunct staff list. The feeling of the board was that this action, if approved, would take too much time away from students who participated in sports and other extra curricular activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

It was the desire of the Fisher County Hospital Administrator to table any action on the home health building until December until the status of the grant was received from the Meadows Foundation.

Helms told the board members present that, "we're running both clinics within budget."

She scored a 1,000 on her SAT test and credits Roby teachers with preparing her well for college.

A lengthy discussion on the use of air and air electrical horns at school sponsored events ended with Lance McWilliams making the motion to ban all air horn devices at school sponsored events and a second was voiced by Manuel Valdez. The board voted to enact the ban because of concerns expressed to the board by citizens stating they were excessively loud.

Under new business, the board approved the 1995-96 financial audit by James Rodgers and Company.

Hospital Board Closes Meeting To Hold Conference With Employees

The board approved the signing of the contract on the lease of the building for another year and to effectively continue providing residents around Roby with the Roby Rural Health Clinic.

"I took the Rice scholarship because of academics mainly. It's hard to find a college with great academics and a great athletic department, but Rice in my opinion has both," she said.

Coach Graves, Athletic Director, reported on the wind up of the football season stating the team had done very well and improved with each game and that the stats were still being totaled to report on later. He stated there were 27 girls out for basketball and 14 boys and both would

They reviewed and approved revising board policy concerning student absences and excuses.

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board went into closed session last Monday night for a 'conference with employees' that covered reviewing reports on quality assurance, discharge planning, utilization review, infection control, safety and risk management.

The board reviewed the October financial report which indicated that the clinic had a net gain of \$2,617 for October leaving the year-to-date loss from operations at \$16,209.

Paper Deadline Is Noon On Monday, Next Week Only

The section of the Texas Open Meeting Law giving the board authority to go into closed session is 551-075 - Conference With Employees. Closed Session. (a.) This chapter does not require a governmental body to confer with one or more employees of a governmental body in an open meeting if the only purpose of the conference is to (1.) receive information from the employees or (2.) question the employees. During the conference, under sub-section (a.) members of the governmental body may not deliberate public business or agency policy that affects public business.

Total revenue for the clinic for 10-months (Jan - Oct) amounted to \$14,324 while total expenses were \$30,533 for the same period.

The news and advertising deadline, for next week's newspaper, is noon on Monday, November 25th.

Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal, reported that they are through their 2nd six weeks with 233 students enrolled, basketball season is gearing up and Elementary and Jr. High UIL is set for March 19 and 20, 1997.

Under Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Hays went over the financial report; discussed the enrollment and reviewed the Rotan ISD Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) school report card for 1995-96.

Rotan School Continues Supt. Search

The closed session items came at the end of the regular meeting. Those present were Fisher County Hospital Board members Robert Posey, Freddie Rasberry, CleDon Coffman and Rodney Tankersley as well as hospital employees Debbie Hull, Ella Raye Helms and Dr. C. M. Callan.

The newspaper staff appreciates the cooperation and understanding of everyone.

Gary Daniel, High School Principal reported 89 enrolled in High School with one student taking the credit by exam test. He also stated that the school would have a compliance visit for recognition status.

Hays reported on the district enrollment projections through the year 2000 and inquired about continuing the district past practice of ordering Christmas brisquets for employees.

The closed session began at 7:45 p.m. and ended at 8:17 p.m. No action was taken on anything that was presented during the closed session.

The members of the Rotan School Board were scheduled to meet in 'special session' last Wednesday night, November 20th, for the purpose of continuing their discussion and search strategy for a new superintendent.

St. Clair's Is Burglarized, Blood At Scene

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Attorney Robie Robinson Fisher County Attorney Finishes F.Y. Under Budget By \$3,974.47

The 1996 fiscal year comprehensive annual financial report, prepared by Charles Thornton, Fisher County Auditor, lists the budget and total expenditures of each Fisher County office.

In the interest of keeping the public informed of the actions of their elected officials, we are presenting a capsuled look at each office and will compare budgeted amounts with their actual expenses for the fiscal year which ending September 30, 1996.

For the fiscal year 1996, Robie Robinson, Fisher County Attorney, finished the year \$3,974.47 under budget.

Office Of Fisher County Attorney - Robie Robinson (Budget - Actual Expenses)		
Description	Budget	Actual
Salary, Elected Official	\$23,192.52	\$23,192.52
Salary, General Payroll	\$16,712.86	\$14,839.86
Salary, Part Time	-0-	\$34.00
Social Security	\$3,012.62	\$2,914.62
Retirement	\$2,756.56	\$2,745.62
Medical Insurance	\$5,640.00	\$4,889.31
Travel	\$500.00	\$231.28
Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$785.78
Communications	\$1,200.00	\$971.85
Bonds	\$200.00	-0-
Notary	\$50.00	71.00
Special Expense	\$1,011.25	\$925.50
TOTALS	\$55,575.81	\$51,601.34
Over/Under Budget For Year - Under budget \$3,974.47		

For the year, Robie Robinson had an approved budget of \$55,575.81 and spent \$51,601.34 which was \$3,974.47 under budget.

The bulk of Fisher County Attorney Robie Robinson's expenditures were in the area of salaries and benefits \$48,615.93 or 94% of all actual expenditures were for salaries and benefits while 6% went for travel, supplies, communications and special expenses.

The largest non-salary - benefit related actual expense was \$971.85 spent for communications.

The 1997 budget for Robinson's office is \$52,957.85 which is 5% under what was budgeted for the office for 1996.

Rick Arnic Is New WTU Area Bus. Manager

Rick Arnic has been named West Texas Utilities Area Business Manager for Hamlin, Aspermont, Jayton, Rotan, Roby and Spur.

"In this new position, Rick will play a key leadership role in community and business development activities for WTU in the area," said WTU President Floyd Nickerson.

"This appointment is part of WTU's stronger focus on economic growth and improved customer service. Rick brings a wealth of experience to these communities. We are in the process of reshaping our business to meet the changing needs of our customers in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Rick will provide the local leadership which will help us build upon our tradition of customer satisfaction while moving in new directions to improve the value we deliver to the customers and communities we serve," Nickerson said.

Arnic has been with WTU for 17 years. During that time he has been a management trainee, an engineering technician and a marketing consultant. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Prairie View A&M University. The Lockhart native sits on the boards of Abilene's Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill Industries and the Abilene Preservation League. He is also a graduate of Leadership Abilene. Arnic has a daughter, Andi 10.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve our customers in this region of west Texas," Arnic said. "WTU has a strong commitment to helping our communities grow and prosper. I'm proud that I can be a part of that effort and I am looking forward to getting to know our customers in the area."

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

THANK YOU: Mittie Braddock of Post was in the office recently and left the below information thinking some readers would enjoy as much as she has.

Things you just can't do.

- Sow bad habits and reap good character,
- Sow jealousy and hatred and reap love and friendship
- Sow dissipation and reap a healthy body.
- Sow deception and reap confidence.
- Sow cowardice and reap courage.
- Sow neglect of the Bible and reap a well guided life.

POSITIVE COMMENTS: Had a person call wondering why I didn't point out anything positive in the story last week about the Rotan athletic program. In an attempt to be fair and I never want to be guilty of not being fair, it should be pointed out, according to one calm, rational, soft spoken caller, some of the positive things that have come about recently in the athletic program. The caller elected me to do the pointing. A few positive things, which are listed below, were not ignored last week, they were just not specifically mentioned at the meeting. Anyway, first, it was pointed out that there are no large discipline problems in school at the present time. Second, no athlete, that the caller can recollect, failed a high school course for the first six weeks and that I understand is a first and finally the caller indicated that the attitude of the kids seems to be right. Now, having said that, I want to remind readers that we accept letters to the editor. If you have an opinion get out the pad and pencil and express your feelings.

FILING FOR ROTAN CITY COUNCIL: Through Monday of this week, still only three candidates have stepped forward to have their names placed on the January 1997 election ballot. Ward Hays, D.L. Knight and Larry Markham. The election to name two candidates to positions is Saturday, January 18th.

RICHARD SPENCER: He breezed through the office last Monday and I asked him if he was having any 'withdrawal pains' from not working and being retired. "Not a one", he said. He said that for the first time in his life he could do what he wanted and he was enjoying it. Great. Glad to hear he is enjoying retirement.

A MOVE WITHOUT OPINION: I understand that Rotan is probably going to lose the soil conservation service office and farmers home administration office in the near future. It appears as if the replacement offices may be constructed in Roby.

Year-End Open House
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If you want to mail in your renewal mail to: The Newspaper Office, Post Office Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546.

If you want to pay the renewal in person, that can be done at 114 Sammy Baugh Avenue, Rotan, Texas.

First Annual Fisher County Christmas Celebration Kicks Off December 1st

Final planning stages are underway for the First Annual Fisher County Christmas celebration.

A large parade is planned therefore churches, individuals, businesses, organizations and anyone interested is asked to enter a float. To enter a float contact Susie Cogburn at 735-2628.

Spaces for booths are still available but limited to first come first serve basis. Contact Debbie Howard at 735-2207 to reserve a booth for arts and crafts or baked goods. The cost for booth space is \$10.00.

There are still several trees downtown that need to be adopted. Remember, all that is required is to purchase clear lights and hang them on your tree. For information about this contact Laurie Stephens at 735-

3287.

Chamber members and other individuals will meet downtown on Sunday, December 1, at 2:00 p.m. to decorate and hang lights. If anyone would like to help with this, the welcome is extended.

Legal

The City of Rotan will accept bids on a 1980 Ford LTD 4-door. Bids will be accepted until December 1st.

The City of Rotan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For further information contact Rodney Denton at the Rotan City Hall.

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THANK YOU

The Sylvester United Methodist Church annual bazaar this past Saturday was a huge success, thanks to all the many friends who came, and for their generous contributions. We especially thank City Grocery in Roby, Family Dollar, Whites True Value, Main Street Florist, Emma's Fabric Shop, Kim Pease and The Newspaper Office, and Don and Audra Bolton of Roby.

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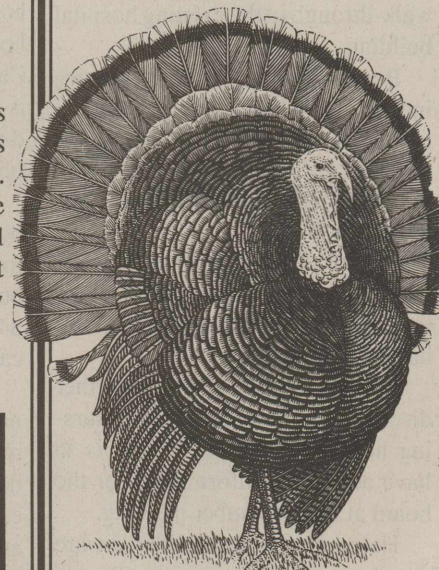
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Fisher County Devotional Page

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Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

A man was being interviewed for a job. I want a careful chauffeur," he was told. "One who doesn't take any chances." "I'm your man," he answered. "May I have my salary in advance?" He practiced what he preached, didn't he. People won't take any chances with their salaries, but they will with their souls. They'll prepare to meet their friends, but not their God.

You may avoid going to church, or reading the Bible, or praying. But you can't avoid God. Some day you'll stand before Him and give an account. So don't take any chances. The Bible says, "Prepare to meet thy God."

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Obituaries

Franklin Smith

Franklin Smith, 91, of Roby died Wednesday morning, November 13, in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, in the First Baptist Church in Roby, with Rev. Mike Jeter officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born February 21, 1905 in Oak Harbor, Washington. He married Vela Moore July 6, 1934 in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Smith has lived in Roby since 1950. He was a Methodist and a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife Vela Smith of Roby; 4 daughters, Mrs. James (Darlene) Carter of Rotan, Mrs. Duane (Janice) Brown of Benbrook, Mrs. Frankie Young of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Sally Murff of Junction; 3 sisters, Sue Friese of Soldotna, Alaska, Dickie Reed of Seattle, Washington and Marquerite Lewis of Poulsbo, Washington; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 7 brothers and 2 sisters.

Pallbearers were nephews; Rocky Moore, Rusty Moore, Andy Moore, Charlie Joe Moore, Bob Moore, and Mike Terry.

Tiffany Lyn Smith

Tiffany Lyn Smith, 8, died Wednesday, November 13, at Children's Medical Center Hospital in Dallas. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, at Greenwood Baptist Church with Chaplain Doug Lubbers of Dallas and Rev. Wayman Swopes officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

Tiffany was born January 8, 1988 to Ricky and Vikki Wright Smith in Snyder, Texas. The family moved to Midland in October, 1992. Tiffany attended Greenwood Elementary School. She participated in the Greenwood T-Ball program. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Carla Ray Smith, in January, 1993.



She is survived by her parents, Ricky and Vikki Smith of Greenwood; two brothers, Cody Alan Smith and Michael Taylor Smith, both of Greenwood; her grandparents, Bobby J. Smith of Snyder and Buster and Glenda Wright of Rotan; her great-grandparents, Ray C. Smith of Snyder and Carlton and Dorothy Burrow of Rotan; two aunts and two uncles; several great aunts and uncles; and four cousins.

B.C. Drinkard

B.C. Drinkard, a retired banker and resident of Brownwood for 31 years, died November 12, 1996 in Brownwood. He was born July 23, 1912 in Snyder, Texas, was a 1937 graduate of Texas Tech University, and was an active member of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ. He married the former Gladys L. Lewis of Snyder in 1934.

Mr. Drinkard's business career spanned 58 years as follows: 1937-1939, Vocational Ag Instructor for Anton High School; 1939-1942, County Supervisor for Farmers Home Administration; 1942-1946, Master Sergeant, U.S. Army Infantry; 1946-1952, County Supervisor for Farmers Home Administration; 1950-1956, Organizing Director, West Texas State Bank of Snyder; 1955-1959, Director and V.P., First National Bank of Lockney; 1962-1965, Organizing Director and V.P., First National Bank of Stinnett; 1965-1977, Director and President, Citizens National Bank, Brownwood; 1952-1983, President, Citizens State Bank, Roby; 1952-1995, Director Citizens State Bank, Roby; 1974-1981, Organizing Director, Independent Bankers Assn. of Texas; 1958-1982, Organizing Owner, Roby Insurance Agency of Roby.

In addition to his business career, Drinkard's civic involvement included the following: Director and Secretary, Snyder Lions Club; Lions Club District 2T2 Zone Chairman; Lions Club District 2T2 Deputy District Governor; Director and President, Roby Lions Club; Director and President, Downtown Brownwood, Inc.; Director and President, Brownwood Chamber of Commerce; Director and President, Downtown Brownwood Lions Club; Director, Brownwood Industrial Foundation; Chairman, Howard Payne University Sustaining Fund Drive; Director, Pecan Valley Economic Development District; Director and President, Brownwood Knife and Fork Club; Member, Budget and Admission Committee, Brown County United Way; Director, Fisher County Water Authority District, 1955-1972; Director, Cherokee Home for Children, 1979-1993; and Director, Brown County Water Improvement District #1, 1977-1993.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys L. Drinkard of Brownwood; a sister-in-law, Frances McCelvey of Lubbock; a nephew, C.P. McCelvey, Jr. and Wife, Cheryl of Lubbock; and a number of cousins.

Mr. Drinkard was preceded in death by his parents, Joe G. and Annie Cotton Drinkard and by his brother, Victor Drinkard.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 14 in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood with Ted Kell and Rev. Edward Garrett officiating. Graveside services were at 3:30 P.M. Thursday in the Hillside Memorial Garden Cemetery in Snyder. Davis-Morris Funeral Home of Brownwood was in charge of arrangements.

The family requested memorials in the form of donations to the Cherokee Children's Home, Box 295, Cherokee, Texas 76832.

Extension District 7's 4-H Festival Of Foods Show Held On Nov. 16

Extension District 7's 4-H "Festival of Foods" food show was November 16 in St. Ambrose Parish Hall in Wall. Over 200 young chefs from 23 area counties plied their skills in a number of categories ranging from main dish to nutritious snacks and desserts.

Winners were named in senior, intermediate and junior categories.

Fisher County winners were: first place, Jaycee Carey, senior breads; Mindy Mahaffey, third place, senior main dish; and Misty Mahaffey, fifth place, senior nutritious snacks. Other Fisher County participants included Kevin Daniel, junior breads; Kasey King, junior main dish; Beth Hoffman, junior fruits and vegetables; Ricia Gordon, junior snacks; Tara Carey, intermediate snacks; Melissa Griffith, intermediate fruits and vegetables and Dusan McWhirter, senior fruits and vegetables.

Each 4-H member won their division earlier in their home county's food show. The young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principle and the quality of their food entry.

The District 7 Food Show is a culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the District's counties. Trained volunteer adult and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-Hers during the year.

Senior level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup June 2-6, 1997 on the Texas A&M

University campus.

Sponsoring this year's district show was the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Nathan's Jewelers, West Texas Utilities, Morrison Milling Company, Adam's Extract Company, CenTex Cattlewomen Association, and District 7 FCE.

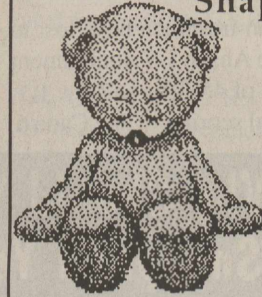
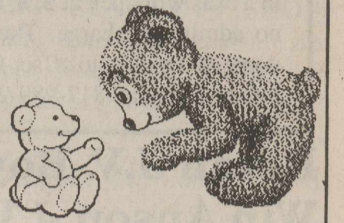
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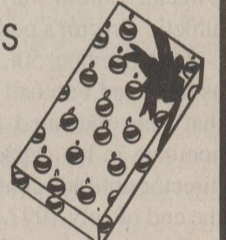
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, of Abilene, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Telena Kay, to Edward Lee Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edward Walker.

The bride-elect graduated from Cooper High School and attended Cisco Junior College. She is employed by West Texas Veterinary Supply in Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Donham of Rotan, and the late Mr. and Mrs. G.I. Parker of Roby.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Nueces Canyon High School and is employed by the Shannon Ranches of Snyder and Big Lake.

A January 11, 1997 wedding is planned at Bible Chapel in Abilene.



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Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and Sunday from noon to 5 P.M. There is no admission charge.

Old Glory Musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held November 23 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The Best Little Concession Stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6:00. There is no admission charge. The proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information call 817-989-2925.

Obituaries

Eva McKimney

Eva McKimney, 80, of Rotan, died Saturday afternoon, November 16, in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 18, in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Sims and Ross Anderson officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. McKimney was born December 24, 1915 in Mills County and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O. Koen.

She married Raymond McKimney December 29, 1950 in Goldthwaite and moved to Rotan after her marriage. Mrs. McKimney was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. McKimney passed away October 17, 1993. She was also preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Eugene and Koen Dee, both of Rotan; one brother, W.C. Koen of Stanton; and one granddaughter Christy Willett of Rotan.

Thank You
The family of Tiffany Lyn Smith would like to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to all of you for your many prayers, cards, flowers, and donations. Words cannot express the way we feel about the many concerns and well wishes our family has received.

*Ricky, Vikki, Cody, and Michael Smith
Buster and Glenda Wright
Carlton and Dorothy Burrow*

Rotan J.V. Boys Win Anson J.V. Tournament

The Rotan junior varsity boys defeated the Roby J.V. boys by the score of 63-48 last weekend to capture the Anson Junior Varsity Tournament championship.

Robert Briggs scored a total of 21 points for Rotan. Others scoring were Joey Lujan 20, Jake Baker 17, Brandon Carreon 4 and Guy Duke 1.

In an earlier game, Rotan defeated Anson by the score of 61-58. High point individual scorer was Robert Briggs with 17 points. Others scoring were: Brandon Carreon 12, Jake Baker 10, Joey Lujan 9, Brady Murphy 9 and Adan Garza 4.

Other team members are: Toby Starr.

Mayo Resigns AD Post, Early New Interim AD

At approximately 11:15 a.m., last Thursday, November 14th, Athletic Director Harold Mayo resigned his athletic director's position.

On November 5th, Mayo resigned as the Head Football Coach, but at that time indicated that he would continue in his capacity of athletic director until his contract expired at the end of July 1997.

Superintendent Wes Hays in announcing the resignation also announced the appointment of Junior High Principal Mickey Early as interim athletic director.

Rotan Freshmen Boys Suffer Tourney Losses

The Rotan freshmen boys lost to Anson in the Anson J.V. tournament by the score of 45-33.

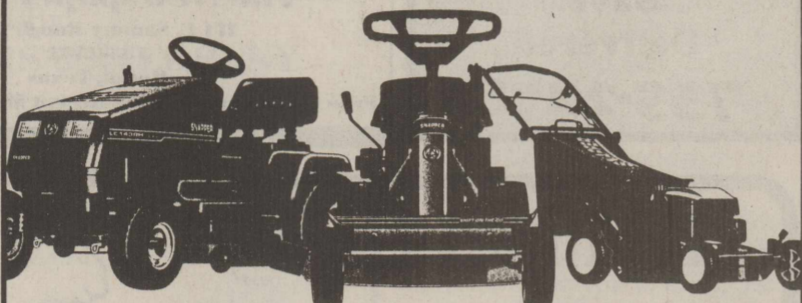
Individual scoring - Clay Cade 6,

Byron Kennedy 6, Ryan Posey 6, Jason Soliz 1, Scott Price 1 and Dustin Hargrove 13.

In an overtime contest, Rotan lost

to Roby 59-54. Dustin Hargrove pumped in 27 points for the Yellowhammers. Others scoring were Clay Cade 5, Byron Kennedy 4, Gareth Pipes 10 and Ryan Posey 8.

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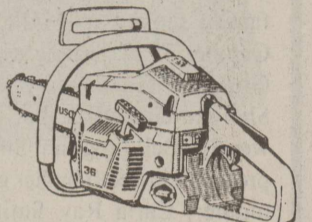
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Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TRUST FUND	TOTALS
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Revenue Fund	600-699 Special Projects Fund	800-809 Capital Noncooperative Expendable	98 AUGUST 31, 1996	
REVENUES:						
5700	\$1,025,429	\$34,835	\$0	\$7,764	\$1,068,028	
5800	2,195,773	20,125	325,508	0	2,541,406	
5900	0	207,072	0	0	207,072	
Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14						
	\$3,221,202	\$262,032	\$325,508	\$7,764	\$3,816,506	
0014	0	0	0	0	0	
5030	\$3,221,202	\$262,032	\$325,508	\$7,764	\$3,816,506	
EXPENDITURES:						
0011	\$1,517,700	\$147,035	\$0	\$0	\$1,664,735	
0015	0	0	0	0	0	
0016	0	0	0	0	0	
0017	0	0	0	0	0	
0021	0	0	0	0	0	
0022	100,644	0	0	0	100,644	
0023	182,532	0	0	0	182,532	
0025	5,229	0	0	0	5,229	
0026	0	0	0	0	0	
0031	45,728	650	0	0	46,378	
0032	0	0	0	0	0	
0033	6,970	0	0	0	6,970	
0034	121,288	0	0	0	121,288	
0036	164,699	0	0	0	164,699	
0037	0	143,480	0	0	143,480	
0041	165,382	0	0	7,764	173,146	
0042	42,948	0	0	0	42,948	
0051	369,471	0	0	0	369,471	
0052	69,975	5,014	618,609	0	693,598	
0075	55,620	0	0	0	55,620	
0081	0	0	0	0	0	
Expenditures Excluding Function 14						
	\$2,848,186	\$296,179	\$618,609	\$7,764	\$3,770,738	
0014	0	0	0	0	0	
6050	\$2,848,186	\$296,179	\$618,609	\$7,764	\$3,770,738	
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues						
1100	\$373,016	(\$34,147)	(\$293,101)	\$0	\$45,768	
7990	61,586	34,455	293,101	0	389,142	
8990	(408,117)	0	0	0	(408,117)	
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses						
	\$26,485	\$308	\$0	\$0	\$26,793	
0100	1,846,684	0	0	0	1,846,684	
1300	(1,768)	692	0	0	(1,076)	
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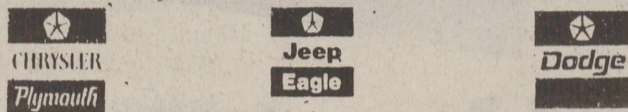
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Also thanks to the businesses of Fisher County for supporting the band's community calendar project. A huge thanks to booster parents, Diana Ortega and Sue Griffith, for their work in selling advertising for the calendar.

The boosters would like to thank Roby Band Director Shane Faucett for all his hard work with the band.



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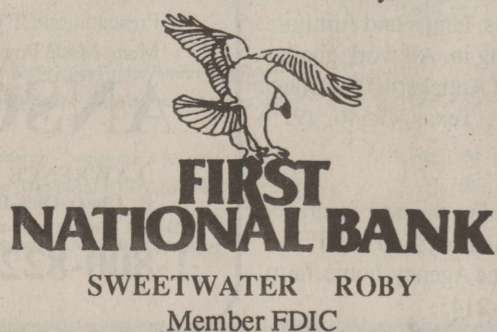
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Lady Lions Fall To Roscoe, Defeat Hermleigh

By Makala Herron

Tuesday night, at home the Varsity Lady Lions lost their first game of the season to the Roscoe Plowgirls 29-57. The Lady Lions trailed 5-12 after a low scoring first quarter. Roby was down 13-24 at halftime. The Lady Lions came alive in the third quarter, scoring 10 points and coming within 13. The Plowgirls' strong defensive effort halted Roby's scoring drive in the fourth quarter. The final score was Roby 29, Roscoe 57.

Shella Graves led the Lady Lions with 9 points, 2 offensive rebounds and a steal; Konnet Mays followed with 8 points, 2 offensive rebounds and 4 steals; Mandy Taylor had five points; Wendy Harwell hit a three pointer; Amber Kelly put in two free throws.

In Junior varsity play the Lady Lions were defeated 9-32 by the Roscoe Junior Varsity. Suffering from transitional problems, Roby was down 5-20 at the half. The Lady Lion defense fought hard in the third quarter, allowing the Plowgirls 2 points. A determined Plowgirl team scored 10 points to Roby's 4 in the fourth quarter. The Lady Lions lost 9-32. Nikki Reed was high point for Roby with four; Stacy Barrera scored a 3 pointer and Ashley Douglass had two points.

In the first game of the Anson round-robin tournament, Thursday, the Junior Varsity girls were defeated 30-33 in overtime by the Rotan Junior Varsity girls. Cassandra Griffith was high point for Roby with 12 points; Nikki Reed had 6 points; Denise Caswell and Julie Terry scored 5 points each; Alicia Ortega hit a 3 pointer; Autumn Daniel put in 2 free throws.

Friday night, at home, the Varsity girls defeated the Hermleigh Lady

Cardinals 70-69 in overtime. The Lady Lions were up by one at the end of the first quarter. Roby led 28-26 at the end of second quarter play. In the third quarter, Hermleigh cut the Lady Lions' lead back down to one. A Lady Cardinal three pointer sent the game into overtime 66-66. The Lady Lions capitalized on free throws in overtime, winning 70-69. Shella Graves was high point and leading rebounder with 24 points and 10 rebounds; Wendy Harwell had 17 points, 8 rebounds and 1 steal; Many Taylor

contributed 11 points and pulled down 8 rebounds; Christy Bond scored 6 points; Amber Kelly had 5 points; Chasity Valenzuela put in 4 points; Misty Taylor had 2 points; Karen

Carrierer made 1 free throw.

On Saturday, the Junior Varsity Lady Lions lost their remaining two games in the Anson Tournament to Anson and Stamford Junior Varsity.

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By Beth Dannheim

Terrific Turkey Tips

Thanksgiving is on the way and turkey lovers can look forward to mounds of gravy, mashed potatoes, and of course, the featured attraction. Following a few simple turkey tips will ensure a succulent turkey for the holiday.

In order to make this a less traumatic event, there are some steps to follow. First, decide how many people will be served—this will help determine what size bird is needed.

One pound of meat should be ample for one person unless you want leftovers. Then, estimate one and a half pounds per person. Knowing how much to buy alleviates some anxiety for hurried shoppers facing cases crammed with frozen turkeys.

There is no doubt that the freezer section in local grocery stores will be overflowing with turkeys for Thanksgiving. Turkey lovers can watch for reduced prices as the holiday approaches.

Tenderness? Dismiss the myth that hen

turkeys provide the most tender meat. It doesn't matter, tom or hen, tenderness is all the same.

For those who are going to battle frozen food section looking for the perfect gobbler, make sure that the turkey is purchased no less than three days before Thanksgiving. This should leave enough time for thawing.

It will take a 12 to 15 pound frozen turkey two and a half to three days to defrost. Estimate 24 hours to defrost five pounds of turkey. All defrosting should be done in the refrigerator, never at room temperature.

If frozen turkey does not cause a mouth-watering sensation, try a fresh turkey. Fresh turkey should be purchased one or two days before Thanksgiving. As insurance for a savory bird, place an order with a butcher in advance.

Another option is the self-basting turkey. This option is less time consuming since the bird is already spiced, set with oils and ready for the oven.

An unbasted bird requires the watchful

eye of the chef, constantly checking to see if the uncovered turkey has shriveled to a crisp.

In order to avoid dryness, cook the turkey uncovered while basting with natural juices continually. When 15 minutes of cooking time remain, cover the bird with either the pan lid or a tin foil tent. These tips will help it remain tasty and tender.

Once the bird is selected, cooks should make sure they remove the neck and giblets from both neck and body cavities, then thoroughly rinse the inside and outside.

The oven should be preheated at 32 degrees F. for an unstuffed or stuffed turkey.

Cooking time for an 8 to 12 pound unstuffed turkey is about two and three-quarters of an hour to three hours.

A stuffed turkey of the same size will take approximately three to three and one-half hours. Time may vary depending on the oven.

A meat thermometer should be used in addition to the pop-up thermometer found on

the turkey. This adds to the margin of safety

and will determine the temperature at two points on the bird.

The turkey is done when the inner thigh reaches 185 degrees Fahrenheit, juices run clear, and the joints on the bird move freely.

A tip to keep the bird savory is to allow it to "rest" 15 to 20 minutes. This will prevent the juices from escaping and allow them to settle into the meat.

The turkey has been cooked, carved, and served. Now the chore of what to do with leftovers awaits.

After dinner, leftovers must be refrigerated promptly. By food safety guidelines, you have about two hours to serve and refrigerate the turkey.

Leftovers can provide satisfying snacks, but be sure to reheat the turkey to 165 F. Gravies should be brought to boiling when reheated.

Fisher County Entomology Report

By Louis D. Chedester

Grasshopper Legacy

Grasshoppers, six legged critters, with strong chewing mouthparts, have been the plague of mankind since biblical times. In many parts of the world, the word "locust" designates grasshoppers that migrate in swarms. The same kind or species may be called a grasshopper during its period of small

insignificant numbers, and a locust when it become extremely abundant. The periodical cicada and its relatives are known as locusts, but they are entirely different from grasshoppers in appearance and habits.

Each year, grasshoppers or straight winged insects develop heavy populations in many areas such as fence rows, bar ditches, in range-

land, on weedy areas, and in various croplands. Weather conditions play a major role in determining the development of large populations which usually lead to widespread damage. Heavy grasshopper infestations are usually preceded by several years of gradual population buildup associated with mild spring weather and low incidence of diseases, para-

sites, and predators. These conditions, along with late summer rains that provide food for egg-laying females, are most likely to result in the development of damaging populations. Most grasshoppers have only one generation of the egg, nymph or immature, and the adult is governed by temperature, moisture and food quality.

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Lions Open Season With Wins Over Eula And Hermleigh

By Makala Herron

Roby Varsity boys opened their season with a 72-57 win over the Eula Pirates. The Lions took control early, leading 28-19 at the end of the first quarter. Roby was up by 13 at halftime. Eula fought back in the third quarter pulling within 11. Lions dominated the fourth quarter offensively and defensively capturing a 72-57 victory. Every member of the Lion team scored. Shea Feagan led the Lions with 24 points, 2 offensive rebounds, and 4 steals. Robert Onofre had 14 points and 2 steals; Donnie Barrera and Jacob Whitaker scored 9 points each; Ty West put in 7 points and led rebounding for Roby with 3 defensive and 5 offensive rebounds; Billy Floyd had 6 points Tommy Lands contributed 3 points.

The Junior Varsity boys lost 29-70 to the Eula Junior Varsity. In first quarter play the Pirates' full court press kept Roby down 6-25, the Lions trailed 9-43 at the half. The Pirates increased their lead to 40 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter Roby scored 11 points to Eula's 12. The final score was Roby 29, Eula 70. Josh Griffith was high point with 9, Wes Pullig scored 8 points, J.D. Hearn contributed 5 points, Ermando Barrera had 4 points, and Jessie Loeza hit a 3 pointer.

Thursday, the Junior Varsity boys

lost 48-59 to the Rotan Junior Varsity in the first game of the Anson Round-robin Tournament. Ermando Barrera was high point with 16 points. Josh Griffith and Robert Pippin put in 10 points each, Wes Pullig had 5 points, Jessie Loeza scored 4 points and J.D. Hearn hit a 3 pointer.

The Roby Varsity boys defeated the Hermleigh Cardinals 79-54. The Lions moved ahead early leading 23-5 at the end of the first quarter. At halftime Roby led 47-10. The Lions continued to widen the score gap in the third quarter leading 68-18. In fourth quarter play, Roby dominated the offense and defense, defeating

the Cardinals 79-54.

Shea Feagan was high point with 31 points; Robert Onofre had 24 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 steals; Ty West contributed 14 points, pulled

down 8 rebounds and stole the ball 9 times; Jacob Whitaker had 5 points; Donnie Barrera scored 4 points; Tommy Lands contributed 1 free throw.

On Saturday the Lions Junior Varsity defeated Rotan's freshmen team and lost to the Anson Junior Varsity in the Anson Tournament.

Sheriff's Dept. Investigates Sat. Burglary

Fisher County Sheriff's Department deputies investigated a burglary of Mahaffey Construction Company, north side of Sweetwater on FM-419, last Saturday night.

The business is located in the very south portion of Fisher County.

Sheriff Gene pack indicated that the burglar removed some money from the building. "He or she passed over guns and tools and other valuable items and just removed some change that I suspect was from the vending machine," said Pack.

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The Pastor's Column

By Gene Pevo
Rotan, Texas



God Works Through Grace

The grace of God is his unmerited favor. It is the favor of God toward us which we do not merit--we do not deserve. God expresses His grace through Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote that, "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Through Jesus Christ God, in His Grace, is reaching down to us. He seeks to meet us where we are and lift us up to where He wants us to be. And He says, "My grace is sufficient" (2 Corinthians 12:9). His grace is sufficient for all our needs. God has worked in my life, and He continues to work through His grace. Prayer: "Dear God, I pray that You will continue to work in all our lives through Your grace and help us today with whatever needs we have. In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen."

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The proposed effective date of the change is November 29, 1996. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$24.2 million or 4.8 percent (4.8%). The customers affected are the 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas served by Lone Star Gas Company under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in the municipalities and the Railroad Commission in the environs areas.

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Fisher County Round-Up

By Joy Walker

We have been having some changeable weather, but several days have really been nice with lots of sunshine and just about right temperature wise. Two days last week, Friday and Saturday, were not very nice though, as the wind blew all day, all night and all day the next day.

We are pleased to hear that Louise Martinez got to come home from the hospital in Lubbock after her by pass surgery; she came home Saturday evening and is doing just fine. All of Louise's kids were at the hospital in Lubbock with their mother, and Sarah Hester is staying the week with her mother this week while she is taking things easy.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge went to Snyder Sunday after church and helped Randi Marie Etheredge celebrate her 7th birthday. Mrs. Vicki Etheredge and Cody also accompanied them. Jackie Wayne and LaNelle visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge Sunday evening.

Sheila and Donnie Gruben went to Lamesa Sunday after Sunday School and visited with Julie and Donnie Carl Gruben. Julie is doing fine and is still teaching; they are expecting twins, both boys, in February, so they are going to be really busy after the Christmas holidays.

The Methodist Ladies are having a stew meal and bake sale on Friday, Nov. 22, at the Courthouse Annex, so make plans to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake McAnally of Roby honored the Knox twins with a birthday dinner at their home last week. The twins are Mrs. Garland (Glenna Gene) Moore of Roby, and Mrs. Ed (Willa Dene) Kafer of Bronte. They were 73 years old, so Happy Birthday to them. Mr. and Mrs. (Ollene) McAnally were formerly from Kermit before they moved back to Roby.

Franklin Smith of Roby passed away Wednesday in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were held Friday in Roby First Baptist Church with burial in the Roby Cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, four daughters, one of which is Darlene Carter of Rotan, and to the remainder of his family.

Tiffany Lyn Smith passed away in a Dallas hospital on Wednesday. Tiffany was the 8-year old daughter of Ricky and Vikki (Wright) Smith of Greenwood. Our condolences go out to Tiffany's parents, her two brothers, her grandparents Buster and Glenda Wright of Rotan, her great grandparents, Carlton and Dorothy

Burrow, also of Rotan, and to the remainder of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price and Ben, Kristi and Zach Givens of San Angelo, all went to Lubbock last week. They went to choose the Givens new house which is going to be moved to Fort Davis where Ben is working.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Eva McKimmey of Rotan. She passed away Saturday and funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Rotan with burial in the Rotan cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her two sons, Eugene and Koen Dee and to the remainder of the family.

All of our sick folks seem to be doing much better this week and that is good news.

Carol and Wilber Gruben went to Crane on Thursday to stay with the girls, Tess and Tatum and little Clancey, and Greg while Shawna was in Lubbock at a Nurse's Convention. They came home Saturday. Crane played Alpine for bi-district football Friday and Crane won. So they will now advance.

The Thanksgiving holiday is right around the corner, and it can be meaningful to everyone, regardless of their ages or circumstances. An attitude of grateful mind and spirit enables each one of us to appreciate fully the heri-

tage and abundance of our country. Thanksgiving is a well-loved American holiday, and it is not a day for being thankful only for the present. It is also a time for looking backward on yesterday and thinking forward to tomorrow. It is a day which serves as a bridge from a happy past to a hopeful future. This special day we set aside to count our blessings must include the happiness we hold in memory and the joys we anticipate. The greatest blessing, humankind has is life, and we should love so that every day is an individual day of thanksgiving.

See you next week.

Girl Scout Troop 58 Elects Officers, Kera Martin To Serve As President

Girl Scout Troop 58 met November 11, in the Primary music room with troop leader, Pat Boone, to elect officers for the 1996-97 school year. This year's president is Kera Martin, vice-president is Shawna Hooser, and secretary is Ashley Howard.

It was decided that both Jr. Girl Scout Troop 58 and Brownie Troop 94 would have combined meetings this year. The meeting day was changed to every other Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the Primary music room with the next meeting scheduled for

Hale Letter to Editor

I'm sure that many of your missed the letter to the Editor of the Abilene Reporter News-August 26, 1996. "Service Reduces Cost of Local Calls". It was gratifying to see that dozens of communities are taking advantage of the legislation passed by former State Senator, Fisher County's own, Sen. Steve Carriker.

Carriker was certain in 1993 that his S.B. 632, once enacted, would stimulate rural economies, hook up schools to Internet, and save rural residents untold thousand of dollars in long distance calls.

S.B. 632 was one of the 168 pieces of legislation Carriker passed during his six-year tenure in the Texas Sen-

ate. Write and thank our own Steve Carriker, Box 517, Roby, Texas 79543-0052, for getting all of us extended area calling for the needs of his neighbors. We know it makes a real difference in the lives of Fisher County folk and the lives of rural Texans.

Thank you Steve.

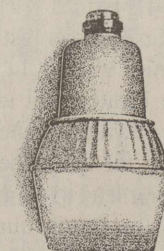
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Times are Changing

Midwest Electric Cooperative, Inc. Provides rural electric service in all or part of the following counties: Fisher, Scurry, Garza, Kent, Jones, Borden, Mitchell, Nolan and Stonewall. Since 1938 the mission of Midwest Electric has been to provide the best electric service possible at the lowest cost possible. Other services have been provided when the situation warranted assistance from the Cooperative, such as past programs for electric appliances and satellite television. Now current services include cellular telephones and Internet service. As an Internet provider to the "information highway" the Cooperative service package will instruct each subscriber how to use this service and explain what the Internet can do for you. It will be possible to access the Internet and get questions answered regarding electric utilities issues and its' effect on, the consumer. What you can investigate through the Internet is mind boggling; literally anything form a to z. This service is available to everyone, not just Midwest members. Let us help you ease into the age of information. Don't be left behind because of a mental block about computers.

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Thank You

I want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone in the Rotan area for their support over the years of Glen's Thriftway.

I have sold my interest in the store to my son Ken Holt. He officially takes over on December 1, 1996.

Rotan has and always will be very special. I have appreciated my customers, appreciated my employees and ask that you continue to support Ken as he continues to serve your needs.

Friends are special. Please remember always that I appreciate the friendships I have made over the years with Rotan area people.
Glen Holt