

County Gins Hit 33,537 Bales For The Season

The seven Fisher County gins recorded a total of 6,661 bales last week to give them a col-

lective total of 33,537 bales through the 1973 ginning season.

The gins and bales for the season, in order, are: Rotan Gin, 2155 bales this week for a season total of 10,237; Farmers Union Coop Gin, Roby, 1,284, this week, 7,706 for the season; Hobbs Gin, 1223 this week and 5,300 for the season; Farmers Gin, Rotan, 555 bales for the week and 3,859 for the season; Troy Gruben Gin had a total of 334 bales this week for a season of 2,675; Sylvester Gin, 403, week total and 2,433 for the season; and Longworth Gin, 707 for the week with a season total of 1,327.

County Singing Convention Is December 11th

The next Fisher County Singing Convention will be on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p. m., announced Rev. Thomas Taylor, organization officer. The singing will take place at the First United Methodist Church in McCaulley.

Mickey Counts Named County Deputy Sheriff

Former Rotan City Patrolman Mickey Counts was named by Fisher County Sheriff Bus Rollans as Deputy Sheriff last week. Counts is a veteran of 2-1/2 years on the Rotan Police force and prior to that was serving with the United States Army. Counts started his new job on December 1st and will be re-

siding with his wife Karen in the living quarters beneath the Fisher County Jail in Roby. Rollans was occupying the quarters but recently moved to his farm in southwest Fisher County. Counts has attended several Law Enforcement Schools and is certified by the State of Texas as a peace officer.

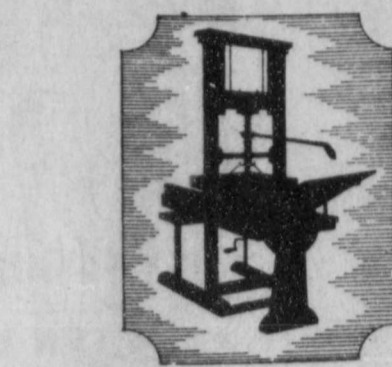


NEW DEPUTY: Former Rotan Patrolman Mickey Counts was named by Bus Rollans as the new deputy sheriff last week.

Santa To Make Visit To Rotan, Thursday Dec 6th

Fire Chief A. B. Parker received word early this week that Santa Claus is scheduled to make his annual visit to Rotan on Thursday night, December 6, at 5:00 p. m. Santa will ride on the Rotan Fire Truck through town and toss candy to the children. After his pass through town, Santa will be at Rotan Community

Center to visit with all the children. A. B. Parker also informed us that old toys that can be reworked are needed by the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. The firemen will re-work the toys and hand them out to needy children on Christmas Eve. Anyone wanting to donate



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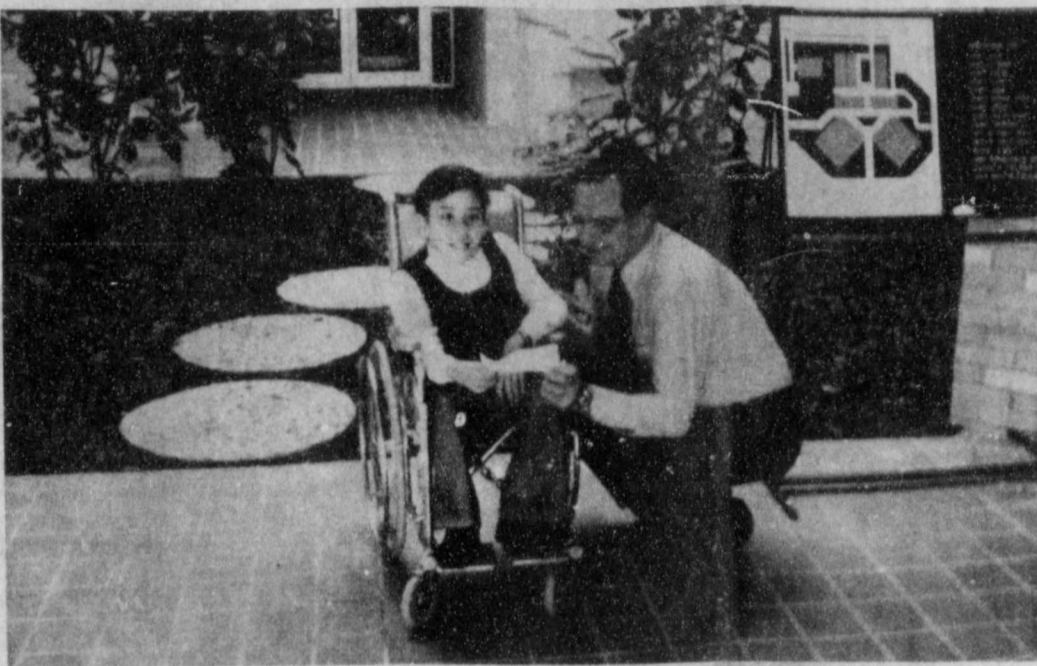
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TWELVE PAGES



THANKSGIVING CHECK: Shannon Rasco is shown presenting a check for over \$526.60 to Mr. James Hallmark for use by the WTRC.

Roby Donates \$526.90 To West Texas Rehab. Center

James Hallmark was in Roby last Friday to receive the Thanksgiving fund check for the Rehab Center in Abilene. Shannon Rasco presented the check for \$526.90 to him, to apply to the building fund for the new wing they are adding. Shannon hopes that the people of Roby will make this an annual affair. Shannon voiced his thanks along with all the other people who worked on this program. He is

especially grateful because he is a regular visitor to the Rehab Center for treatment.

Mrs. Thurman Terry wishes to add her thanks to Shannon's to everyone who gave and to all those willing to help.

Those taking donations were Mrs. Larry Williamson, Mrs. Derwayne Rasco and Mrs. Richard Stuart. The Roby City Market had a jar for donations and collected \$53.40 there. The jar is still there and would love to have your donation. Go by and start filling it up again.

The Rehab Center will help about 4000 people this year, of all ages. As it takes a lot of money to operate a place this size, please don't hesitate to go by at anytime of the year and leave your personal donation.

You know, you could be the next person to need their help. The West Texas Rehab Center is run strictly by donations and if you should need their help

there is no charge.

Shannon would like to help the center more because they have helped him so much. He wants to know if any of you "ole" folks would be interested in playing ball for the center this year. He will take up the money. "Girls are you game?"

Local DAR Will Meet Dec. 13th

Members of Anne Pettus Shelburne Chapter DAR will hold their annual Christmas meeting on December 13, at 7:30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. Ruple Morrow. Mrs. J. L. McCright will be co-hostess.

The program, an American Heritage Bicentennial presentation, will be by Mrs. Bart Strayhorn and the Rotan High School Girls Sextet.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON SHOP AT HOME SEE THE SPECIALS IN THIS PAPER

Governor Briscoe Sets Emergency Energy Plans

Governor Dolph Briscoe this week outlined a 90-day emergency program for energy conservation in both the public and private sectors, and called on all Texans "to save energy to save jobs."

The Governor, who ordered specific energy-saving steps for State government, said that voluntary measures by private citizens and business are absolutely essential in two critical areas: the use of automobiles and energy consumption in homes and buildings.

He asked that all Texans reduce their gasoline consumption by 20 percent and recommended: -- Reduced speed limits to 55 mph for all vehicles. -- Reduction of all unessential automobile trips. -- Use of car pools to work and to school.

Similar fuel reductions can be realized in homes and office buildings:

-- By turning out all unnecessary lights; -- By turning off display lights and advertising signs after midnight;

-- And most important, by setting thermostats at 68 degrees to heat and 78 degrees to cool. The Governor ordered all State agencies to take the following steps:

-- Reduce the use of motor fuel by state agencies by 25 percent, including fuel used by state airplanes. -- Reduce speed limits to 55 mph for all state vehicles except those involved in emergency operations. -- Set thermostats in all state buildings throughout Texas (except schools and hospitals) at 65 degrees for heating and 78 degrees for cooling. In areas of high humidity, the cooling setting will be 76. -- Begin a car-pooling plan for state employees and provide parking incentives for those who participate. -- Readjust cleanup schedule in state offices so that only one floor will be lighted at a time and all offices will dark after midnight. -- Purchase smallest cars possible for state use. -- Reduce the use of fuel by the

National Guard by 25 percent. For Public Schools the Texas Education Agency will coordinate an energy saving program in the 1,133 school districts. The goal is to reduce energy consumption by 15 percent.

Each school district is to file a plan with the TEA which includes the following minimum steps: -- Set all thermostats at 68 degrees during cold weather and at 78 degrees during warm weather, with the 76 degree variation for areas of high humidity; -- Reduce the setting of all thermostats to 65 degrees a half hour prior to the departure of students from a building and reset the thermostats to 68 degrees one hour prior to the arrival of students in the morning; -- Schedule all student activities, including athletic events, in the afternoons during the months of January, February and March; -- Turn off all unnecessary lights; -- Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of buildings not necessary to the instructional program;

-- Where possible, plan maintenance and custodial work to be done during the day rather than at night. -- Prepare a plan that will allow that district, during extreme cold weather, to either close the school during that period or start up the school day at mid-morning.

It is conservatively estimated that the implementation of these plans during January, February and March of 1974 will result in a total saving of over one billion cubic feet of gas within the public school rooms alone--enough gas to heat 20,000 Texas homes for one year. *****



Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe

County Tax Office Will Collect Taxes For New Hospital District

The Fisher County Hospital Board met in regular session last Monday and discussed a variety of subjects dealing with the construction of the new hospital and take-over of the Callan Hospital on January 1, 1974.

Those present for the meeting included: Board President, Ralph Ammons, Wendell Morrow, Kermit Terry and Allan Houston. The board's attorney Norman Arnett, was also present for the meeting.

Ammons informed the board on the status of the contract dealing with the purchase of land for the construction of the new hospital and verbally applauded Congressman Omar Burleson for his work in securing the Certificate of Need for the new hospital. Ammons was most appreciative of the help given the county by Congressman Burleson. After discussing some tar-

get dates with the architectural firm of Hewyett and Royer in Kansas City, Ammons remarked that the architects felt they would be in a position to let a contract on the construction of the new Fisher County Hospital around June 1, 1974. The construction is expected to take approximately one year.

Ammons informed the board members that the next regular meeting of the board would be

on Wednesday, December 19.

Numerous discussion centered around the collection of taxes by the Hospital Board. At their last meeting it was decided to not exercise the option by the board to hire their own tax assessor collector, but rather let the Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector collect the hospital district taxes. According to law the Fisher County Tax Assessor Collector can charge a fee of 1% on taxes levied and 2% on taxes collected by his office. This figure is not to exceed a minimum amount of \$5,000.00. It is estimated that the fee for collecting the Fisher County Hospital District taxes should be in the neighborhood of \$3,800.

Band Parents At Rotan Will Hold Meeting

The Rotan High School Band Parents Club will have a meeting at 7:00 p. m. in the Band Hall on December 10.

All band parents are urged to attend.

Bruce Jones, Garry Wester On First Team

Jerry Gentry, Bub Allen Unanimous All Dist Picks

The Rotan Yellowhammers placed four players on the first team All-District 8-A squad, announced Charlie Russell, head football coach.

Halfback Jerry Gentry, the leading scorer in District 8-A with 100 points for the season, was selected as unanimous

choice for first team offense honors. Another unanimous selection by the coaches in District 8-A was Bub Allen on the first team defensive unit as line-backer.

Bruce Jones was named to the first team offensive squad at

the quarterback post and Garry Wester was named first team defensive lineman.

Joe Murphree was named to the second team offensive squad at guard and Bub Allen to the second team offensive unit at center. Bruce Jones was selected as the defensive secondary

halfback on the second team. Offensive Honorable mention

went to Joey Vann at end, and Garry Wester at tackle on the offensive team. On the Defensive team honorable mentions went to Joe Murphree, Johnny Hardin and Clay Helms.



Bub Allen



Jerry Gentry



Bruce Jones



Garry Wester

Roby High School Basketball Schedule

Dec. 6, 7, 8	Hermleigh Tournament	A Girls-Boys
Dec. 10	Trent	T A&B Girls-Boys 5:00
Dec. 14*	Ira	H Girls Only 7:00
Dec. 18*	Hermleigh	H A Boys-Girls 7:00
Dec. 20*	Loraine	T A Boys-Girls 7:00
Dec. 28, 29, 30	Rotan Tournament	A Boys & Girls
Jan. 4*	Highland	H A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 8*	Hobbs	H A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 11*	Westbrook	T A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 15*	Fluvanna	H A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 18*	Ira	T A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 22*	Hermleigh	T A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 25*	Loraine	H A Boys & Girls 7:00
Jan. 29*	Huguanan	T A Boys & Girls 7:00
Feb. 1*	Hobbs	T A Boys & Girls 7:00
Feb. 5*	Westbrook	H A Boys & Girls 7:00
Feb. 8*	Fluvanna	T A Boys Only 7:00
Feb. 12*	Ira	H A Boys Only 7:00

Con. Burleson Announces Summer Job Exam

Congressman Omar Burleson said today that the Civil Service Commission is now receiving applications for the 1974 competitive examination for summer employment with the United States Government. The examination leads to eligibility for appointment to most temporary summer jobs in the clerical field and as aides in engineering and science occupations.

Those who are interested in the summer jobs covered may apply to take the written test on or before two filing dates-- December 28, 1973, and January 25, 1974.

Representative Burleson stressed that applications for the written test postmarked after January 25, 1974 will not be accepted. If you miss the last test, you can not be considered for jobs filled by this application and for maximum consideration, you should apply as soon as possible.

Unlike its practice in past years, the Commission will not automatically send forms to those who qualified in 1973, but who may wish to remain on the lists for consideration in 1974. Those who qualified for summer employment in 1973 must update their applications by submitting a form enclosed in Announcement No. 414. They are not required to repeat the written test.

The U. S. Postal Service is not participating in the summer employment examination for 1974. Inquiries regarding summer employment with the Postal Service should be directed to the post office where employment is desired.

Any application forms needed to apply for jobs described in Civil Service Announcement No. 414 may be obtained from most college placement offices and U. S. Civil Service Commission Area Offices.

Copies of Announcement No. 414, entitled "Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies", which provides complete information about summer job opportunities in Federal Agencies, are currently available on request through Congressman Burleson's

Washington office, located in Office Building, Washington, D. C., Room 2369 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

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Rotan Splits In Jim Ned Tourney, 2-1 Now

The Rotan Yellowhammers went into the Jim Ned tournament last weekend with one win against no losses and broke even by defeating Highland then losing to Merkel. The Yellowhammers soundly defeated the Highland squad by a score of 64 to 43. Rotan led by 2 points at the end of the first quarter and 17 points at halftime. High point man for Rotan was Kim Gray with 20 points for the evening. Gray was followed by Reid Cave, 14; Tim Allen, 9; Bruce Jones, 8; and Scot McKinney, 6. Others scoring included Mike Cade, 4; Ruben Garza, 2 and Clay Helms, 1. James Goodwin, Donald Bilbo and Larry Hartman saw limited action in the game.

The Rotan squad held Highland to only 3 points in the second quarter. They were 50% on free throws for the night in defeating their second opponent of the year by 19 points.

Rotan drew Merkel in the 2nd round of the Jim Ned tournament. The Rotan squad led 10-8 at the end of the first period but Merkel jumped to a 30 to 22 lead at halftime. The Hammers lost 74 to 46. High point men were Reid Cave with 14; Kim Gray with 9; and Bruce Jones with 8 points. Others scoring included: Tim Allen, 7; Mike Cade, 3; Clay Helms and Jerry Gentry 2 points each; and James Goodwin 1 point.

Larry Hartman, Donald Bilbo, Rubin Garza and Scot McKinney all saw action in the Merkel contest.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST Rotan, Texas Jerry Berry, Minister Bible Study - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 10:30	CROSS ROADS BAPTIST 6 miles SW of Rotan Rev. Ross Anderson, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST Roby, Texas Rev. Steve Harper Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH Hobbs Community J. H. Skiles, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
ROTAN FOURSQUARE CHURCH Eighth and Genevieve Welton Parrish, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	EL PASO BAPTIST CHURCH South of Roby F. E. Healer, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 10:00 a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rotan, Texas Rev. Fred Thomas, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 10:55 a.m.	METHODIST CHURCH Longworth, Texas Newton Daniel, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
CHURCH OF NAZARENE Rotan, Texas Daniel Kennedy, Pastor Bible Class - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m.	SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH Sylvester, Texas Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night - 7:00 p.m.	SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH 9 miles SW of Rotan Rev. Ernest Poindexter Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rotan, Texas Robert Sherman Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Church - 11:00 a.m. Night Services - 7:30 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST Rotan Latin American Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Roby, Texas Rev. Charles Whitlock, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST Sylvester, Texas Morning Worship - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting	EMMAUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rotan, Texas Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

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John C. White, Commissioner

Not True Any More ... Egg Production Up and Down ... Sheep and Lambs on Feed About Steady ... Cattle, Calf Sales Increase.

Time was when the majority of the beef breeding herds in the state were in West Texas, but this is not true any more. Almost 60 per cent of the Texas beef breeding herd is located in the state east of a line running from Fort Worth to San Antonio and then southeast to Kleberg County.

East Texas is now the home of the biggest percentage of beef cows in the state with 21 per cent. The Blacklands are second with 16 per cent followed closely by south central and coastal bend areas with 15 per cent; the Valley and South Texas account for 11 per cent. The West Texas areas, where at one time the big cattle herds roamed, account for barely 30 per cent of the state's beef breeding herd.

EGG production in Texas during October, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes, is two per cent below a year ago but four per cent above last month.

Nationwide, production was up four per cent from September.

Texas layers totaled 11,200,000 (not quite as many as the human population); this is up one per cent from a month earlier. Texas eggs laid daily per 100 hens averaged 58.6 compared with 61.2 on the national level.

The October hatch of egg-type chickens in Texas is up two per cent from a month ago. The hatch of broiler chicks is one per cent less than a month ago.

The turkey poult hatch was seven per cent above a month ago.

Nationwide, egg-type chicks hatched are up seven per cent over the previous month, broiler-type chicks are up one per cent from a month ago, and turkey poults are five per cent higher than a month ago.

ONLY a one per cent decline in the number of sheep and lambs on feed in Texas is noted during November. Texas sheep and lambs on feed as of Nov. 1 totaled 209,000 head.

Sheep and lambs placed on feed during September and October totaled 197,000 head, up nine per cent from a year ago. Marketings of feed sheep during this period totaled 129,000 head, down nine per cent from a year ago.

SALES of cattle and calves in Texas during October are 26 per cent above a month ago. Sales of sheep are 41 per cent above a month ago and sales of goats are 36 per cent below last month.

Cattle and calves marketed through auctions in the state during October totaled 760,000 head, down six per cent from a year ago, and 26 per cent above a month ago.

Sheep sales totaled 106,000, up four per cent above a year ago and 41 per cent above a month ago.

Goat sales totaled 21,000, or 43 per cent below last year and 36 per cent below last month.

Hogs sold during October at 48,000 head were seven per cent above a year ago and 30 per cent above last month.

DON'T forget. If you are one of 75,000 farmers or ranchers in Texas who have received or will receive shortly a crop and livestock questionnaire from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service be sure to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

You'll be doing your part to make sure that a complete and accurate picture of Texas agriculture is obtained by cooperating in this venture.

Dorothy Faye Menn And Charles G. Ballenger United In Marriage

Dorothy Faye Menn and Charles Glendal Ballenger of Roscoe exchanged marriage vows Friday evening, November 23, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Bush officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Menn of Runge. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ballenger of Roby.

Matron of honor was Mrs. B-

ford Cooper of Austin, sister of the bride. Best man was Donald Ballenger of Roby, brother of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight white street length dress with matching overlaid lace vest. Her bouquet was an arrangement of orange roses centered with green orchids on a white Bible.

Mrs. Charles Bush of Roscoe was pianist and Mike Teer of Abilene was soloist.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Donald Menn of Roscoe, sister-in-law of the bride, Keith Klep-

per of Midland, brother-in-law of the groom seated guests.

The bride is a graduate of Runge High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is employed by the Highland Independent School District. The groom is a graduate of Roby High School and is employed by El Paso Natural Gas Plant.

A wedding supper was served in the Purple Sage Room of the Ranch House in Sweetwater.

Guests attended from Abilene, Roby, Midland, Yorktown, Austin, Sweetwater, Runge, and Roscoe.

The couple will reside at 511 Ash Street in Roscoe.

Busy Bee 4H Enjoys Cheese Fondue Treat

The Busy Bee 4-H Club of Rotan met November 12. Patricia Posey demonstrated how to make Cheese Fondue. At the previous meeting, Pattie Williams made Chili for the club. The club supported National 4-H Week by making posters to be placed in stores.

The Busy Bees planned and held a slumber party for their members. There are two new members in the Club. Melody Walker, Council Delegate, and De'Lane Sparks, Recreation Leader.

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Roby Happenings

BY BUELENE SHIPP

Hi, busy, busy, everyone I see is scurrying around getting ready for the Christmas season.

I noticed several new vehicles around town. One of them is MR. AND MRS. EARL RHOTEN's and another is LOYCE SUTTONS. Guests in the home of HUTCH AND JO CARTER was Jerry Smyth. He is a missionary on leave from north Brazil. He knows the Carter's son who is also a missionary in Brazil.

There are quite a few birthdays this week. Judy Cave had her birthday on November 28 and her daughter, Lorend's was December 2. Hope they were both happy. My better half, Eugene, had a birthday Tuesday, Dec. 4, (which I almost forgot). Hollis Head's was the 5th and L. W. Leach will celebrate his birthday on the 7th. Mildred Brown will have her day on December 12. I hope all these people have very happy birthdays.

Some more birthdays that I missed last week were Mary Jo Pope on November 21; Steve Hilliard and Ricky Morton on the 23rd; Maudie Brown on the 24th and Mrs. Hollis Head on November 28. I'm sorry that I missed all of you, but I still hope that it was a very happy day for all of you.

The Fisher County Roping Club had a party Saturday night at the Fire Hall in "Roby". Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Raygene Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crite, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bilbo and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shipp and Damon and Jackie.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilson were Sunday visitors in the home of MR. AND MRS. MONTY NEIGHBORS. Also there were their three sons, Paul, Perry and Wade.

SHANNON RASCO wants to know if any of us "ole girls" are interested in playing ball for the Rehab Center. Well, I'm game and I think I can make up a team! Do I hear any challengers?

The Fiberglass Mfg. employees have new hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p. m., and 4 days a week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barry Hughey have taken their baby son home after several weeks in the hospital in Lubbock. He's reported as doing fine and they're all happy to be home in Whiteface.

LOYCE SUTTON has had about with the flu virus but is doing much better now and is back to stripping cotton.

PETTY LUNA is home after an extensive stay in the Dallas hospital for burns, she received in the fire that burned their home pretty bad.

Did everyone know that CALVIN AND HELEN ELKINS have moved to the country? I didn't, until they had been out there 3 months. Boy, I really keep on top of things here in Roby! Ha!

BOB AND DOT FOURNIER and Susan and Russell went to San Saba for the weekend. They visited Hub Hubbard and his family and looked for deer. I don't think they saw any tho'. Any way they didn't bring one home.

Well I've gotta run, I'm supposed to go see Santa Claus today and I want an early appointment. See you next week, and please call me for your news at 776-2254.

Pfc. David Deel Will Train In Finance Field

Pfc. David Deel enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1973. He reported for active duty January 22 and received his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. serving as a squad leader. After finishing basic he received the first phase of his specialty training at Fort Ord. He was transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana for his advanced training in Military Finance.

Pfc. Deel was home on leave the first two weeks of July and has been on his present duty assignment in Taegu, Korea since July 17. He expects to return to the states during July 1974.

Deel is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Deel, Levelland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Deel of Roby. He is a graduate of Levelland High School and attended South Plains College, Levelland, before he enlisted in the Army.

Longworth HDC Meets With Six

Longworth HD Club met in the home of Mrs. J. W. Landers November 26 with six members present.

The house was called to order by Mrs. Ray Scherwitz. Handy Andy was won by Mrs. Scherwitz.

Roll was called by Mrs. W. P. Schubert and answered with one thing "I am thankful for".

Following a business report, the Christmas program was planned for December 10 in the

home of Mrs. Henry Guelker. Gifts will be exchanged and the members will visit Roby Golden Haven home.

Due to sickness, Mrs. Bill Lee was unable to give the program on Koscot Cosmetics which will be given at a later date.

Refreshments of sandwiches, soft drinks, cake and jello were served to Mmes. Fairy McGee, Ruby Ballenger, W. P. Schubert, Ray Scherwitz and Henry Guelker by the hostess.

Roby Secret Pal Club Has Monthly Meet

Mrs. O. D. Knox and Mrs. John Palmer were hostesses to the Secret Pal Club Wednesday, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Palmer.

Coffee was served to each one on arriving.

After playing several games there was the presentation of gifts.

Members present were Mmes. Elsie Carter, Joe Morris, Beulah Ballenger, Louis Gleason, William Hughey, E. F. Campbell, Margaret Nichols, Casey King, Joe Ballenger, Earl Rhoton and the hostesses Knox and Palmer.

Guests were Mmes. Mae Green, M. T. Wilson, Ronnie Green and sons Rodney and Lance; also Mrs. Marvin Rhoton of Hamlin, and Kathy Farmer of McCaulley.

Coffee, iced tea, several kinds of cake, Fritos, dips, cookies and other party dainties were served buffet style.

A total of 28.9 million persons received \$4 billion in monthly social security checks in May '73.

crossword puzzle

Answer to Puzzle No. 109

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Swig	1 Footfall
4 Capital of Latvia	2 Othello's nemesis
8 Character from Peanuts	3 Character from Peanuts
12 Total language	4 Risque
13 Rickenbacker and the Red Baron	5 ... Indo-dich
14 Occurs by chance (arch.)	6 Kind of counter
15 Drama: Joe ...	7 Pallid
16 Dog	8 Character from Peanuts
18 Flanders	9 Gridiron cheer
20 Used with shift and box	10 Movie: The World of ...
21 Comparative suffix	11 Youth organization (abbr.)
22 Bog	17 University of Arizona (abbr.)
23 Shade of green	18 Abbreviation used in advertising
27 Finished first	19 Affricated
29 Jolt	24 The doctor is ...
30 Character from Peanuts	
31 Article	
32 Range of knowledge	
33 Catcher in the ...	
34 Steamship (abbr.)	
35 Fragrance	
37 View	
38 River in Scotland	
39 Soccer hero	
40 Insect	
41 Symbol: helium	
42 Used with dome and nautical	
44 Kind of hemp	
47 Character from Peanuts	
51 Australian bird	
52 Sea eagle	
53 Saber's cousin	
54 Fabulous bird of prey	
55 Exploit	
56 Auld lang ...	
57 Attempt	

Hobbs Independent School District Statement Of 1972-73 Assets and Liabilities

HOBBS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROUTE 2, ROTAN, TEXAS 79546

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
(EXCLUSIVE OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS)
AUGUST 31, 1972

	General Operating Fund	Designated Purpose Fund	Interest & Bonded Debt Fund	Total
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBTS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash in Bank	\$ 27,488	\$ 1,010	\$ 7,070	\$ 35,568
OTHER DEBTS:				
Interfund Receivables	\$ 1,010			\$ 1,010
Amounts to be provided for Payment:				
of Bond Principle			\$ 175,000	175,000
of Bond Interest - Future Years			61,178	61,178
of Deferred Loans Payable	6,250			6,250
TOTAL OTHER DEBTS	\$ 7,260	\$ -0-	\$ 236,178	\$ 243,438
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBTS	\$ 34,748	\$ 1,010	\$ 243,248	\$ 279,006
LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCES & OTHER CREDITS				
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Loans Payable	\$ 6,250			\$ 6,250
Bonds Payable - Current			\$ 8,000	8,000
Bond Interest Payable - Current			6,688	6,688
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 6,250	\$ -0-	\$ 14,688	\$ 20,938
BONDED DEBT: (Payable after 8-31-73)				
Bonds Payable			\$ 167,000	\$ 167,000
Bond Interest Payable - Future Years			54,490	54,490
TOTAL BONDED DEBTS	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 221,490	\$ 221,490
OTHER CREDITS:				
Interfund Payables	\$ -0-	\$ 1,010	\$ -0-	\$ 1,010
FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES				
FUND BALANCES				
Invested Reserves:	\$ 22,248	\$ -0-	\$(229,108)	\$(206,860)
Reserve for Retirement of Bonded Indebtedness			\$ 236,178	\$ 236,178
Reserve for Retirement for Deferred Loans Payable	6,250			6,250
TOTAL INVESTED RESERVES	\$ 6,250	\$ -0-	\$ 236,178	\$ 242,428
TOTAL FUND BALANCES & RESERVES	\$ 27,498	\$ -0-	\$ 7,070	\$ 35,568
TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCES, RESERVES & OTHER CREDITS	\$ 34,748	\$ 1,010	\$ 243,248	\$ 279,006

Analysis Of Reserve Balance

HOBBS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROUTE 2, ROTAN, TEXAS 79546

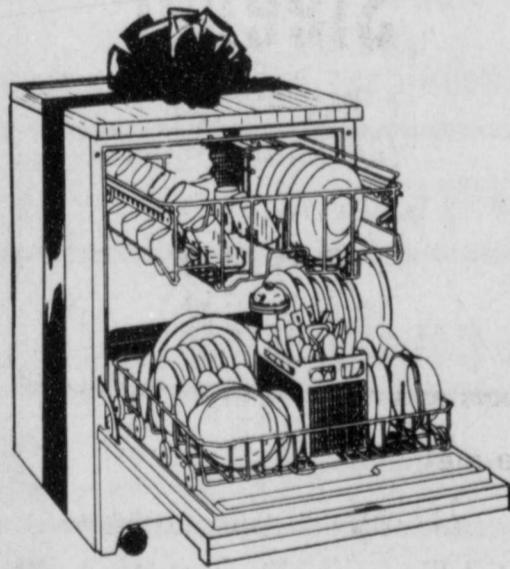
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES
(EXCLUSIVE OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1973

	General Operating Fund	Designated Purpose Fund	Interest & Bonded Debt Fund	Total
Balance - September 1, 1972	\$ 23,498	\$ -0-	\$ 7,070	\$ 35,568
INCREASES				
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	11,418	1,708	4,696	17,822
DECREASES				
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue				-0-
Balance - August 31, 1973	\$ 39,916	\$ 1,708	\$ 11,766	\$ 53,390



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Meditations

Rotan Ministerial Alliance

--by Fred Thomas

Pastor, First Baptist Church Rotan

One day the Bible, the Book of Books, disappeared. Not only was the book itself gone, but everything which it has influenced was not to be found. There was no record left to show that it had existed--none at all.

A strange thing became apparent at once. At the art galleries most of the golden frames were empty for the great artists had been inspired by the Book. At the libraries all writings of noble inspiration were gone. Books of poetry, drama, and all literature were almost unintelligible since all references inscribed and contained in the Book had vanished.

All documents, statements of human rights and liberty, were unreadable. Even some law

books were denuded of meaning. When people tried to express themselves they stuttered and became dumb.

The schools, hospitals, and institutions of mercy were closed. Churches and Missions no longer existed.

Human conscience knew no restraint, and life became cheap. But this is only a dream which might become a reality, if you and I should forget to read our Bibles, and if writers, artists, and national leaders should pass aside the principles taught in the Book of Books, this could happen here.

The ideals of living enshrined in the Bible lie buried unless they are lived again in each generation.

Congressman Burleson Is High On Cotton Program

Congressman Omar Burleson called attention today to a U. S. Department of Agriculture announcement that detailed specifications applicable to bagging and bale ties used in packaging cotton tendered to the Commodity Credit Corporation under its Cotton Loan Pro-

gram will be continued for the 1974 crop of cotton.

This will provide for the same specifications that were in effect for the 1973 crop and withdraws the action to discontinue these specification requirements as announced September 13, 1973.



WORLD WAR II QUILTING BEE: These Rotan ladies include left to right, Mrs. Nancy White, Mrs. J. W. Price, Mrs. G. W. Joplin, Sr., Mrs. Boyd Denton, Mrs. J. M. Huckaby, Mrs. Sam Rogers, and Mrs. Quilla Duress.

Blue Jay 4H Club Meets

The Blue Jays 4H Club met in the Midwest Electric Building on Monday, November 26.

The following officers were elected to serve during the year: President, Leslie Carey; Vice President, Mary Barrington; Secretary-Jill Wright; Reporter, Lisa Henry; Council Delegate, Darlene Herron; and Recreation Leader, Sue Toole.

ENERGY TALKS

By Warren B. Davis
Director, Energy Economics
Gulf Oil Corporation



"The oil industry has reported near record profits in sales for the first six months of 1973. Why then is there a need to raise prices to increase oil supplies?"

"It is misleading to compare profits without considering investments. For example, a man that has \$10,000 invested in his business wouldn't be happy with the same profit he was making at the time he had \$1,000 invested in his business. The proper comparison is rate of return. This is the ratio of profit to investment. On this count we find that a hundred oil companies had a decline in rate of return from 1968 to 1972 of 17 percent. The high profits of 1973 appear to be a partial recovery in this rate of return. In the future refiners are going to have to pay higher prices for their raw materials. Furthermore, they're going to have to invest huge sums in their refineries if we're going to have adequate fuel in the future. Petroleum prices, and among them gasoline and home heating oil will have to be high enough so that these refiners can recover these higher costs and make a rate of return adequate to attract new capital."

* Mr. Davis was principal author of the National Petroleum Council's "U.S. Energy Outlook" prepared for the U.S. Interior Department.

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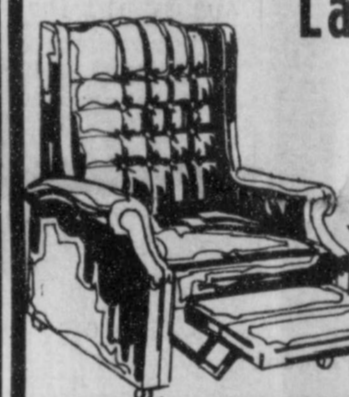
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Concert

Rotan High School Band will hold a concert December 17, in the Rotan High School Auditorium. The band will play some Christmas music, but there will be other music played, also. Time and other details will be printed at a later date.

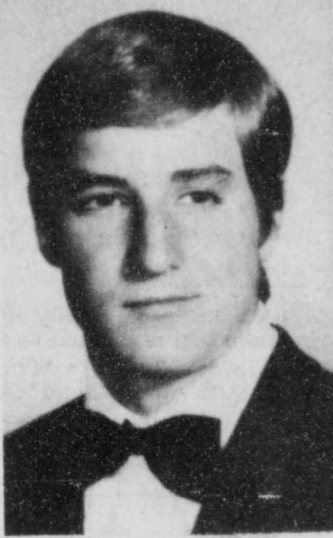
Banquet

The annual football-band banquet was held at the Rotan School Cafeteria, November 17. Various honors were presented to members of the band and football team.

Mr. Jim Cockburn, band director, presented a plaque to Roxie Cleveland, recognizing her as the Outstanding Marching Yellowhammer of 1973. The Outstanding Marching Yellowhammer is selected by Mr. Cockburn. Band Sweetheart is chosen from the senior girls in the band by all the band members. This year's Band Sweetheart, Suzanna Hunsaker, was presented by Garry Wester, senior representative of the band council.

The Team Hustler, a player that was not a starter and attended all practices, was chosen by Coach Russell. This year's Team Hustler was senior Garry Kidd.

Jerry Gentry was voted Outstanding Yellowhammer by the members of the football team. Football Sweetheart is also voted on by the football team. The boys elected Elaine Reid, Football Hero was elected by the band members and the cheerleaders. This honor went to Garry Wester.



Know Your Senior

Birthdate, May 8, 1956
 Birthplace, Rotan Schools, Rotan
 Color of eyes, Blue
 Color of hair, Brown
 Height 5' 10"
 Favorite Food, Strawberry Short Cake
 Favorite Artist, Mel Tillis, Sly Hobby, Women
 Sports, Football, basketball, tennis and track
 College Preference, San Angelo
 Chosen Vocation, Some type of agriculture
 Favorite Colors, Blue, Tan
 Name, Clay Helms

Diplomas

The senior class has signed order blanks giving the name wanted on their diploma. The diplomas are now in the process of being printed.



CHEERLEADERS: The cheerleaders for the 1973-74 school year were announced at the football-band banquet. They are, left to right: Barbara Surratt, Risa Roberts, Kathy Nowlin-head, Teresa Cook, and Terri Cade. They were elected by the student body.



The Flicker

By Rotan High School Students

FLICKER STAFF: Jayne Neice Hendon, Kelley Tidwell, Catherine Weems, Gayle Posey, Regenia Harris, Elaine Reid, Brenda Wallace, Roxie Cleveland, Renee Berry.

Films

The date for the Fireboy annual Christmas Film to be shown to the student body has been set for December 18 in the High School Auditorium. The Walt Disney Production "So Dear To My Heart" was chosen to be shown. It is a full length show approximately 82 minutes in length.

In case this film is not available, two other films were chosen as alternates: "Tonka" and "Savage Sam", all produced by Walt Disney.

The student admission to this show is a toy, can of food, or fruit which will be used by the fireboys in their Christmas boxes given each year to the needy.

Holiday Food Program

Kathryn Cawley, Consumer Information Specialist of Lone Star Gas Co., will present the annual Christmas demonstration "Holiday Food and Christmas Packaging", in the Rotan High School Auditorium Wednesday, December 12, at 8:30 p. m.

The program is sponsored by the Rotan and Hobbs F. H. A. The general public is invited to enjoy this holiday treat.

Thank You

The "A" and "B" team bench warmers want to thank who ever it was that fixed their bench.

Pop Machine

The Dr. Pepper Company of Abilene put in a new soda pop machine in the high school hall. They are canned pops with a choice of five flavors. Any flavor may be changed by the company if the sales do not merit.

Caps And Gowns

On Monday, November 19, Mrs. Strayhorn measured seniors for caps and gowns. Their height, weight, and head sizes were taken. The cap and gowns are being ordered from McDowell of Oklahoma City.

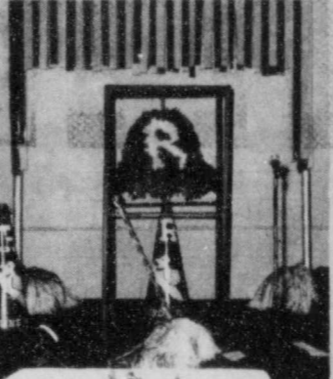


Know Your Senior

Birthdate, March 29, 1953
 Birthplace, Rotan Schools, Rotan
 Color of eyes, Dark Brown
 Color of hair, Black
 Height, 5' 3"
 Favorite Food, Mexican Food
 Favorite Artist, Al Green
 Hobby, Tennis
 Sports, Basketball
 College Preference, El Paso Community College
 Chosen Vocation, P. E. Teacher or Bookkeeping Accountant
 Favorite Colors, Blue and Red
 Name, Beatrice Yanez

Goodies To Eat

The Rotan FFA boys are in charge of the concession stand at the home basketball games. They have all kinds of goodies to eat, such as cokes, candies, sandwiches, and frito pies.



VICTORY BELL: The victory bell was the center of the stage at the Football-Band Banquet.

Honor Roll

The honor roll list for the 2nd six weeks of the 1973-74 school year has been released.

These students had 90 or above in all subjects for the second six weeks: Freshmen, Cle Don Coffman, John Cox, Sonya Leverson, Susie McKinney, Pat Preece, Cindy Springer, Dee Ann Weatherbee, and Patri Weatherbee. Sophomores: Bryan Cave, Brad Hale, Brent Jones, Burt Weatherbee, and Marsilina Yanez. Juniors: Sharon Blakeley, Reid Cave, Brenda Hinson, Kathy McCombs, and Kathy Nowlin. Seniors: Roxie Cleveland, Melanie Cox, Jaye Neice Hendon, Suzanna Hunsaker, Bruce Jones and Santana Yanez.

Calendar

Rotan is really on the ball with basketball this year. The games scheduled for the first half of December are Jim Ned on the 4th; Haskell on the 7th, and Baird on the 11th. All three games will be played at the opponents town.

Then on the 13, 14, 15 the "B" girls and "B" boys are in tournament at Merkel.

The Rotan Band will give a concert in the auditorium on December 17. A little more basketball; on the 18th when Rotan plays Merkel here, and Wylie here the 20.

Test days are the 20th and the 21st. These are not just six weeks tests either, they are MID TERM! Wow, Vacation time is during the 24th through Jan. 2. Then we will come back to school and begin again.

Finals

Mid-term finals are scheduled to be taken December 20 and 21. The class periods will be an hour and a half long.

There will be two tests Thursday afternoon, two tests Friday morning, and one test Friday afternoon. School will be dismissed for Christmas holidays the 21st.

Trips

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, many RHS students took trips. Here are just a very few of them:

Freshman Teresa Stevens went to Royston, Texas to visit her grandmother. Teresa said she really had a good time.

Senior Susie Garcia took her holiday trip to Ft. Worth to visit her sister. All of Susie's family was there and she said she really had fun.

Elaine Reid, senior, journeyed to Austin to visit her sister and grandmother. She left Wednesday and came back Friday.

Renee Berry, who is also a senior, took a Thanksgiving trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her sister and family live there.

Thank You

The band deeply appreciates the hard work and effort of the band parents for the Football-Band Banquet.

Birthdate

Birthdate greetings are in order for the following students of Rotan High School: Tim Macias, Celia Adams, John Ortiz, Janie Sepeda and Dennis Armstrong. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



YELLOWHAMMER: Roxie Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleveland, was selected by Mr. Cockburn as the Outstanding Marching Yellowhammer of 1973-74.

Basketball

The varsity high girls played their first district basketball game here, Tuesday, 27th, with Roscoe. They were defeated 64 to 19. The B girls played against Roscoe's B girls the same night with a victory; Rotan 34, Roscoe 20.

Monday night the Yellowhammers Basketball teams played the Fluvanna Buffaloes. The first game was with the "B" teams and the score was 37 to 24 in favor of the Hammers.

Then the A teams played and the score was 55 to 23 with the Hammers winning.

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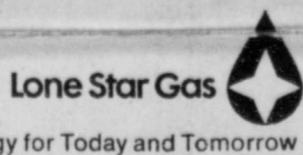
Answer: **Yes!**

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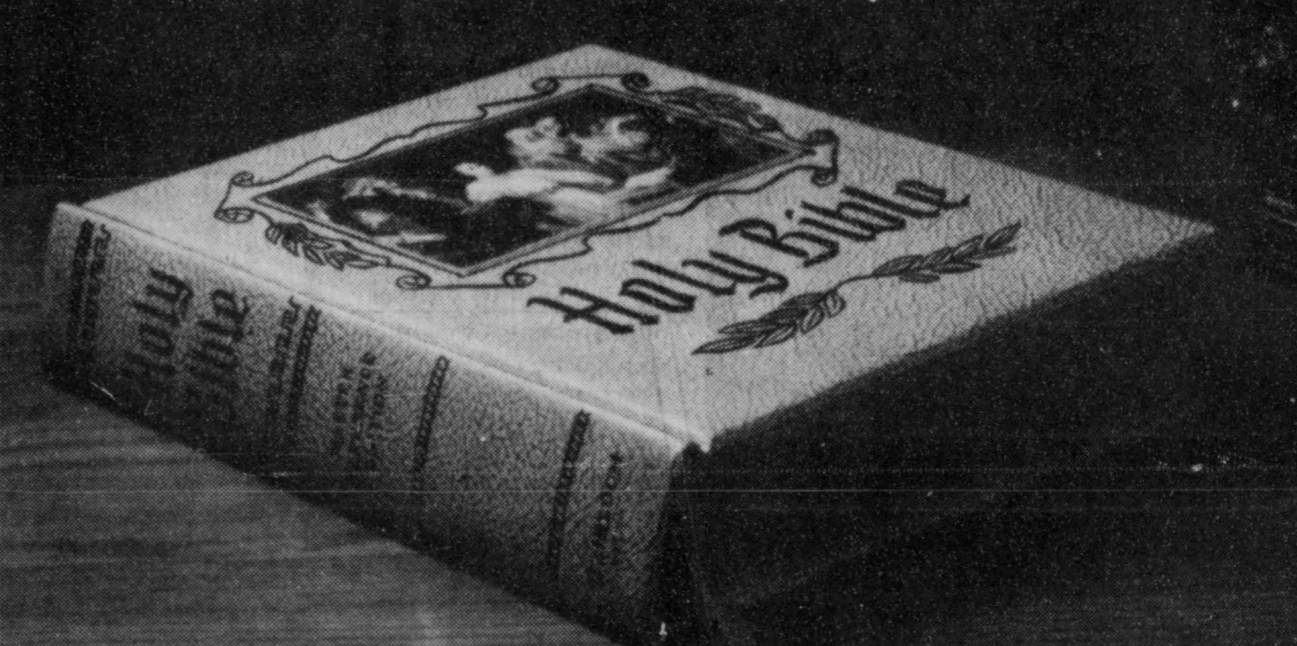
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Well its been another good week, weather wise, and we finally got that freeze we had been waiting for. Are sure busy now with the cotton stripping and hope that the weather doesn't change, although it looks more like rain this morning-- Monday.

Have some late news from Thanksgiving. Mrs. NEVA MOFFETT of Camp Springs had six of her ten children home for Thanksgiving. They were Linda and Chris Wilsey, Tommy and Tracy from Tucson, Arizona. Linda and Chris plan on moving back to Texas which makes Mrs. Moffett very happy. Also visiting were Wanda and Frederick Lief and 3 children, Gwen, Dirk and Toby, all from Abilene. Also, Zelma and Ernest and daughter Cheryl from Abilene, and Mrs. Bett McClain and children, Gregg and twins Lanna and Landon from Odessa, Mrs. Evelyn Sumrell and family. Kay and Gina from Snyder and Leland Moffett and girls Connie and Renae. Mrs. Moffett reports having a wonderful time with so much to be thankful for.

Sunday evening MR. AND MRS. J. W. ETHEREDGE and boys and MR. AND MRS. SAM ETHEREDGE went to Snyder to eat supper with Mr. and Mrs. Windell Barrett and family. Today, Monday, is RANDY ETHEREDGE'S 14th Birthday. Happy Birthday, Randy.

Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Skiles from Stamford eat Sunday dinner with Mrs. Neva Moffett, and then went on to Snyder for the funeral of Donald Aucutt of Hermleish.

Visiting with MR. AND MRS. JOSH PHILLIPS Saturday were Mrs. Hawthorne and her daughter and grand-daughter, all from Roanoke, Texas.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD HULL have moved from the Hobbs community to Rotan. We are sure going to miss Donald and Shirley.

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Irene Brown and S. L. Etheridge who were married Saturday, 24th November. Lots of good wishes to the happy couple.

Visiting with MR. AND MRS. JIMMY WALKER Monday were Evette, Donnie Carl and Carye Gruben, so it was a pretty noisy day. If this news is a little confusing, that's the reason.

Visiting with MR. AND MRS. RUDOLPH MARTINEZ for the week end was Gloria Martinez from Fort Worth. She was accompanied by Belle Martinez, daughter of MR. AND MRS. EMILIO MARTINEZ. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Durham, from Fort Worth also, visited with the Martinez families this week-end. Mrs. Durham is the former Anna Martinez.

Well I missed some folks this week, guess they were all Christmas shopping, or out helping their husbands, but I'll get you next week, and we will have to double up. See you next Thursday.

Rotan Junior High Basketball Schedule

December 3	Merkel	5:30	There
December 6	Roby	5:30	Here
December 10	Merkel	5:30	Here
January 3-5	Merkel tournament		There
January 7	Hamlin	5:30	Here
January 14	Stamford	5:30	There
January 17-19	Aspermont tournament		There
January 21	Haskell	5:30	Here
January 28	Haskell	5:00	There
February 4	Stamford	5:30	Here
February 6	Haskell	5:00	There

Rotan Lunch Menu

Rotan School Lunch menu
December 10-14, 1973.

MONDAY
Barbecued Weiners, Whipped Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Iced Cake Squares, Milk.

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie, Buttered Corn, Stuffed Celery, Congealed Fruit Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, peanutbutter Cookies.

WEDNESDAY
Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Cucumber, Butter, Milk.

THURSDAY
Sloppy Joes, Pork & Beans, cabbage Slaw w/ Dill Pickles, Orange Juice, Pink Cookie, Milk.

FRIDAY
Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce, Buttered English Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Palmer, Steve Cheryl and Scott of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Park, Sr. in Roby during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Card Of Thanks

I want to say "thank you" to my friends and neighbors who sent me flowers, cards and who helped Valley and Don while I was in the hospital. The people in Rotan are wonderful. Sincerely, J. P. Sexton

Jewell McSpadden would like for her Rotan friends to know she has been released from C. C. U. and is doing fairly good. But, will be in W. T. M. C. for another 3 to 4 weeks. Her room number is 230.

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COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Richard Spencer



The USDA, Abilene Cotton Classing Office, reports that approximately 52,000 cotton samples were graded at that office during the week ending November 24. Samples representing 230,000 bales of cotton have been graded to date this season.

The quality of the samples graded during the past week was comparable to that of the previous week. Sixty-one percent of the samples graded white, and 37 percent fell into light-spotted grades. Staple lengths were 47 percent staple 31, 23 percent staple 30, and 22 percent staple 32. Micronaire readings were about the same as during the previous week also; with 92 percent within the desirable 3.5 to 4.9 range, 3 percent low mike, and 5 percent in high micronaire ranges. Specific grade distributions were little changed. Grade 41 comprised 36 percent of the total samples classed and remained the predominant grade. Eighteen percent was grade 42, 15 percent was grade 51, 12 percent was grade 32, and 8 percent was grade 31. Sixteen percent of the samples were reduced in grade because of bark. The grade and micronaire is of higher quality than samples graded during the same week last season, but staple-length is shorter.

Cotton prices reported to the Agricultural Marketing Service were from 3250 to 3550 points above government loan prices. Thus, a premium micronaire, grade 4131 ranged in price from about 49.85 to 52.85 cents per pound. Most farmers received from 90 to 100 dollars per ton for cottonseed.

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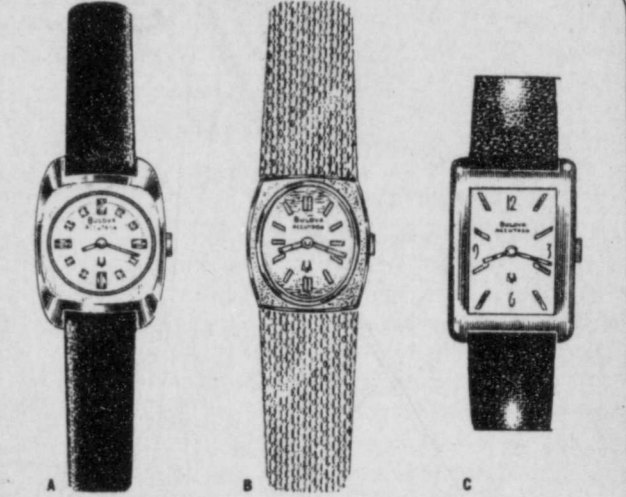
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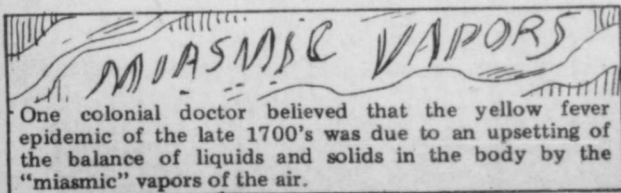


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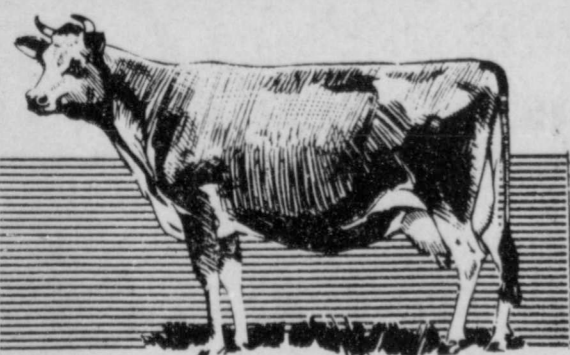
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Lions Club Exchange Students Tell Story Of Journey To Brazil

—by Della Baird

It was an exciting day for Betty Landes, Roxie Cleveland, and Sharon Blakeley as they met with other Lions Club exchange students in Dallas on their journey to Brazil. There was a brief layover in Panama. Arriving in Rio de Janeiro they went through the routine Customs and were met by personnel from the Exchange Department. From there they went to their assigned homes and families. For the next five weeks the city of Belo Horizonte just north of Rio was home.

Although staying in the same city, the Rotan students were in different homes. Each speaks affectionately of her adopted parents and sisters. All were upper class homes with young people of varying ages. They agree, "The people were nice-- they were very affectionate and insisted on waiting on us".

Becoming accustomed to food and eating habits in a strange country is always an interesting experience. Roxie's description of the meals for a typical day is similar for each family. She says, "We had four meals each day and a snack. Hamburgers and hot dogs are considered snacks. We had rice and beans every day at two meals. There was always all kinds of fresh breads, ham and hot chocolate. The next day it was butter. Milk was bought in plastic bags. Fried bananas were a speciality and fresh fruits were always served." Of all the foods served the three young women enjoyed the fresh fruit--especially the pineapple and strawberries with whipped cream. Betty adds, "They make the dishes real attractive. My family used silver platters every day".

For entertainment the girls were taken by Night Clubs and Country Clubs. When asked what they enjoyed most, Sharon voiced the opinion of the group, "The American music". She continued, "We went up into the mountains on a picnic. The scenery was so beautiful and there was a whole view of the city. Most of all I think I enjoyed the beach at Rio. I stayed there in an apartment for two weeks. My 'father' was an engineer and taught at the college. We went by car from Belo Horizonte to Rio and it took nine hours for the drive. Although it was winter there--they said the coldest they had ever had--everything was green near Rio. It was warm in the mornings and we went swimming. It was really cold at nights".

Betty and Roxie visited the capital city, Brasilia. They agree "The new city is a showcase of modern architecture. It didn't really seem like a city at all but more like a scene from a movie. It was very beautiful and modern--almost too perfect. It is far away from everywhere. The country around Brasilia is flat and the sand blew. There are modern apartment houses and schools to serve the six hundred sixty thousand residents. The population is made up of many different races--Japanese, German, and a mixture from

the different states of Brazil. The people there say it is too integrated. It is a good place to visit, but not to live".

In recalling surprises, the Rotan students agreed that time seemed to be of no importance. The people were never in a hurry except when in their cars. Then it was a different story! Every where they went, day or night, all of their friends went also. Their philosophy was that one cannot be two persons, but must be happy all the time. If one is quite, she is unhappy; if one doesn't eat, something is wrong.

Our girls found the young people of Belo Horizonte to be about the same as here. They enjoy movies and going to the Clubs. However, they are not permitted to go one-and-one on a

date, but can go in a group. One girl got married while the Exchange Students were there. She took her American sister with her on the honeymoon.

Betty, Roxie and Sharon agree: "We are glad we went, but five weeks was long enough. It was a good program because this is the best way to learn about other countries and people. We also learned to do many things for ourselves away from the protection of our parents. Our sponsors were of less help than we had expected so it was good for us to learn to push and get things done".

What is the most valuable result of the Exchange Program? Our girls answer to that question is, "You learn to appreciate America--you really do!"



EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Betty Landes, Sharon Blakeley and Roxie Cleveland reminisce. To them, thanks to Rotan Lions Club Brazil is no longer only a spot on the map.

Tom Schuller Named Asst Cty Att.

Wichita County Atty. Tim Eysen Thursday announced the appointment, effective Dec. 1, of 25-year old Wichitan Tom Schuller as an assistant county attorney.

Schuller, said Eysen, "will be assigned to the district attorney's office to assist in the prosecution of felony cases". The young attorney, who recently was named under district court judicial order as special prosecutor or district attorney pro tem in several felony cases now pending in the county, received his law degree last May from Texas Tech School of Law and was admitted to practice in September.

He is a 1966 graduate of Rider High School and a 1970 graduate of North Texas State Uni-

versity. Schuller is married to the former Paula Heathington of Rotan.

Flash Bits

Fisher County Nursing Home

Hi again friends. Everyone here is really beginning to get the Christmas spirit. Our decorations are getting up and our plans are all set for Santa to visit us Dec. 20th at 2:00 P.M.

We said so long this week to Mrs. Daugherty and Mrs. Weekly who returned to Denver City to their home.

Also, a welcome to Mr. Charlie Early from Sylvester who has come to make his home with us. So very glad to have him. Mrs. Saide Meeks celebrated her 75th birthday Saturday. A delicious birthday cake was served the patients and staff in her honor. Mrs. Myrtle Edwards celebrated her 81st birthday on Tuesday. We wish these two many happy returns of the day.

Among visitors were Mrs. Dacia McCain to see Neda Kiser; Mrs. R. M. Babb visited Mrs. Edwards; several of Mrs. Meek's children visited her.

Visiting Mrs. Abbie Silver over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wood of Stephenville and Mrs. Arlene Perdue of Gorman. Had a very enjoyable evening last Tuesday, when the Fisher County Singing group met with us. We are very happy to welcome Bro. Steve Wallace from Calvary Baptist to Rotan. Enjoyed having him with us for our Sunday afternoon service. See you next week.

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WMU In Roby Has Bible Talk

The WMU of the Roby First Baptist Church met Tuesday, November 27, at the church.

The meeting opened with the group singing a hymn. Mrs. William Hughey led the singing and Mrs. Bains Upshaw was at the piano.

The call to prayer was by Mrs. Charlie Smallwood, after which the Bible was taught by Mrs. Bains Upshaw.

Mrs. Hutch Carter brought the closing prayer.

Roby LLL Club To Hold Meeting

The Roby LLL Club will hold its Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 12, at the First Baptist Church.

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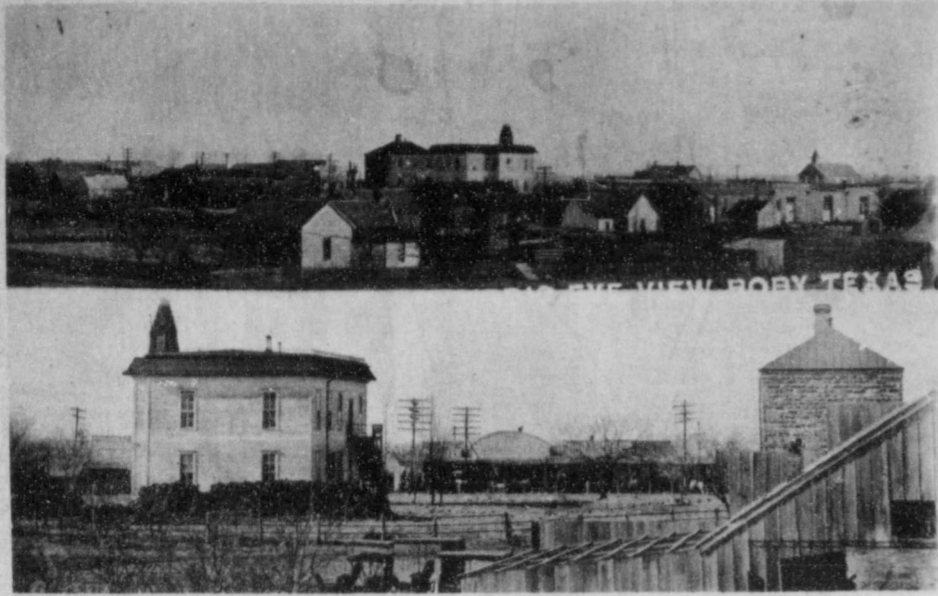
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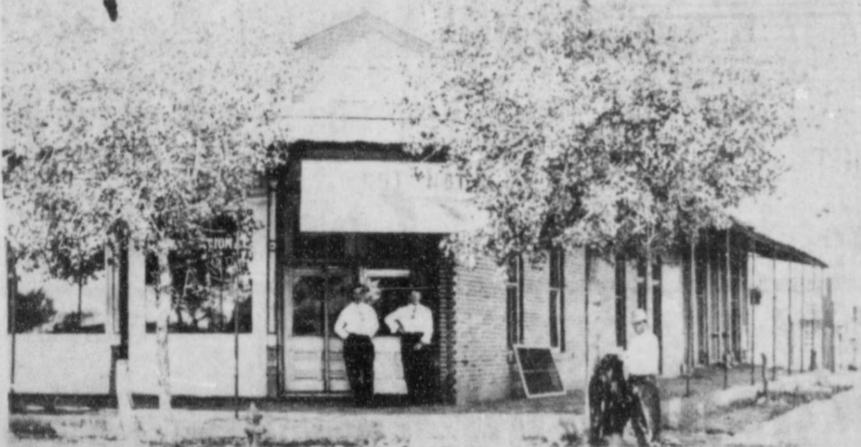
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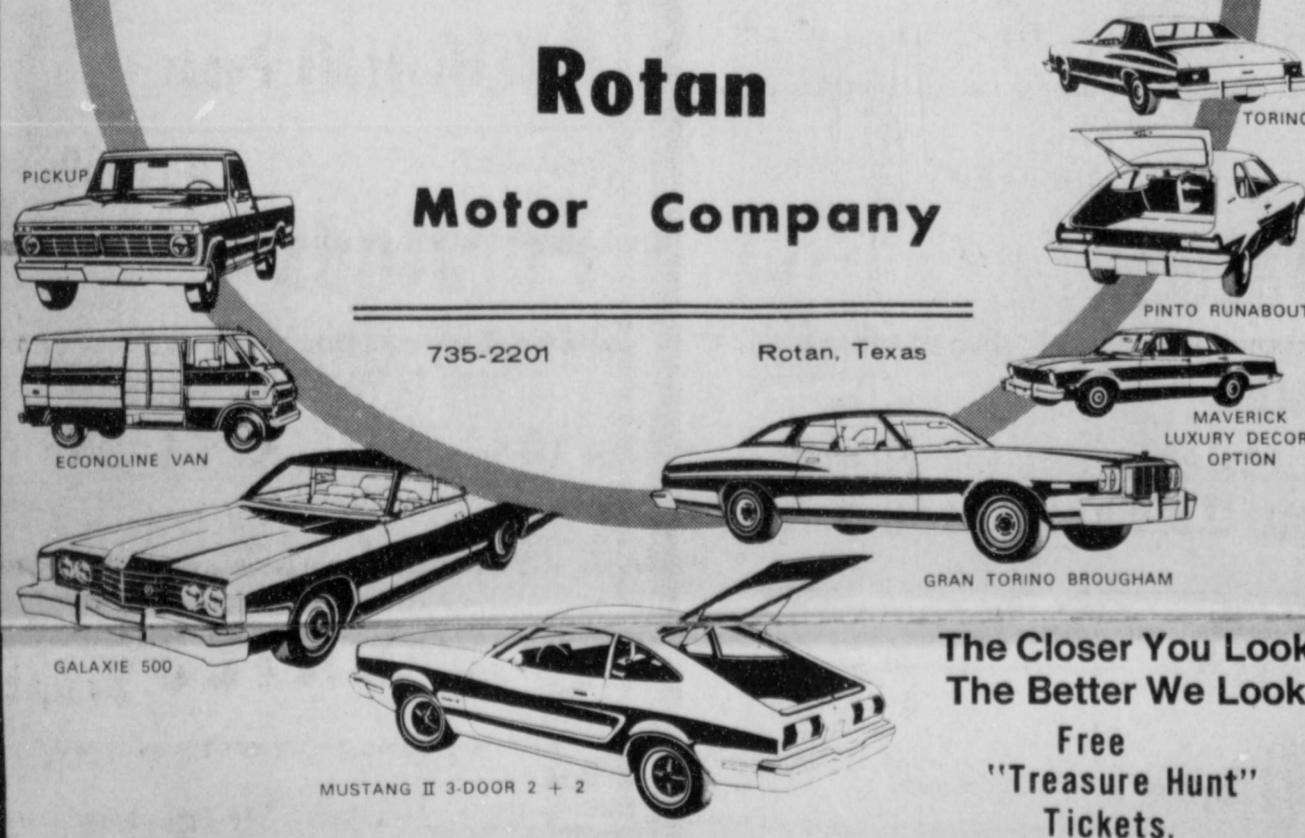
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Elmer Gladson

Elmer Gladson, 92, of Snyder died at 11:20 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in Snyder Nursing Home. Funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Belle-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Feb. 27, 1881, in Van Zandt County, he had lived in Snyder most of his life. Survivors are a son, Eugene of Rotan; a sister, Mrs. Will Shaw of Artesia, N.M.; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Flores McBeth

Local services for F. M. (Flores) McBeth, 69, retired Rotan building contractor who died Saturday, December 1, in Cal-Ian Hospital after a long illness, were held at 2:00 P. M. Monday in the Rotan First Baptist Church.

Mr. McBeth returned to Rotan following the death of his wife Jan. 2, 1969. He married the former Audie Thomas at Rotan in May 1969. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Officiated was the Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor, and the Rev. Ross Anderson, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church. A second service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hubard Mortuary at Chula Vista, Calif., with burial to follow in Glen Abby Cemetery there.

Survivors are his wife, Audie, of Rotan; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Pittman of El Cajon, California, and Mrs. Flo Etta Coppedge of Springville, Ariz.; a son, Alfred of San Diego, California; three step-daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Jamison of Kress, Mrs. Barbara McGinnis of Lubbock and Mrs. Betty Cliver of Gran Saline; two stepsons, Elvis Thomas of Arlington and Donald Thomas of Chicago; twelve grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren.

Buzz Bug News

Buzz Bugs Club met November 28 in the Community Center. Games of 42 and refreshments were enjoyed by: Lella Nash, Thomas H. Taylor, Pauline Helms, R. E. Curlee, Date Murphree, Clarence and Mance Huchaby, Mamie Crow, and H. G. Rogers. Visitors are always welcome.

Lunch Menu

Hobbs school lunch menu December 6-7, 1973.
THURSDAY
 Stuffed Weiners with Potatoes and Cheese, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Green Vegetable, Whole Wheat Rolls, Peanut Butter spread Milk.
FRIDAY
 Beef-A-Roni, Lettuce & Carrot Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Orange Juice, Sliced Bread, Doughnuts, Milk.

Card Of Thanks

To the Band Parents, we wish to thank all of the people who helped in the concession stands, those who brought food, those who rode the buses to the games with the band, those who rode the buses to contest, those who came to help with the banquet, in particular the ladies who prepared the food, and the tables and decorations, and invitations, and those who helped to clean up afterwards. Your help was most appreciated, especially as many of you really didn't have the time to devote to such a project. It took a great effort on the part of everybody, but we believe it was worth it. Thank you so very much. Officers of the Band Parents Club: Mrs. Norman Arnett, Mrs. Forest Hunsaker, Mrs. Billie Joe McCombs.

Card Of Thanks

I'd like to thank Dr. Maurice and the nurses for the care given to me while in the hospital. And for the prayers, friends who sent cards and flowers and who visited.



SURPRISE IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST



Surprise Breakfast Puffs and GrapeNog.

GRAPENOG

1 can (6 ounces) frozen concentrated Concord-grape juice, thawed and undiluted
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 4 eggs
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 Generous dash ground cinnamon
 Combine all ingredients in blender. Blend several seconds until mixture is smooth and well blended. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

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1/2 cup shortening
 1 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1 1/2 cups unsifted flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup chopped English walnuts
 1/4 cup Concordgrape jam
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

Combine shortening, 1/2 cup sugar and egg; blend thoroughly. Stir in flour, baking powder, salt and walnuts alternately with milk. Fill greased muffin cups 1/2 full; drop about 1 teaspoon Concordgrape jam into each muffin cup. Add batter to fill cups 3/4 full. Bake at 350°F. 20 to 25 minutes. Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Immediately after baking, roll puffs in melted butter, then in cinnamon-sugar mixture. Serve hot. Makes 15 muffins.

Christmas morning is the favorite of almost everyone. It's a family time for young and old - and often spent at Grandmother's. The youngsters are alive with anticipation, the oldsters filled with happy memories.

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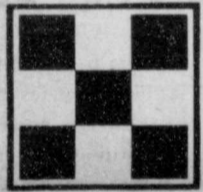
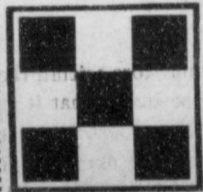
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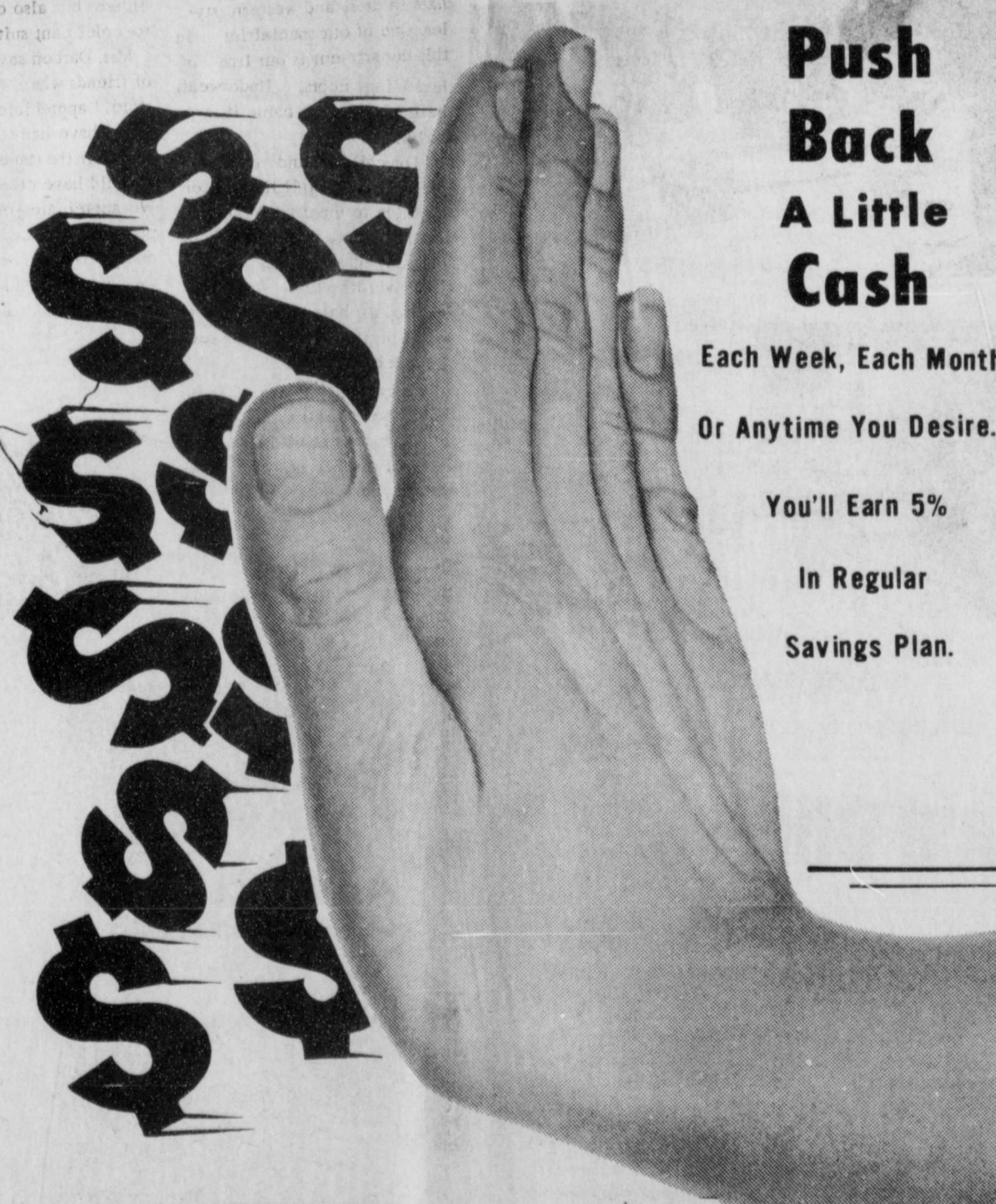
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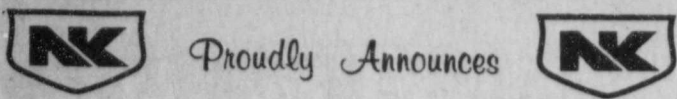
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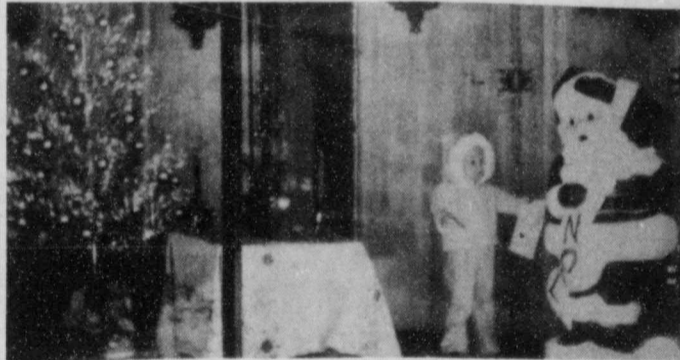
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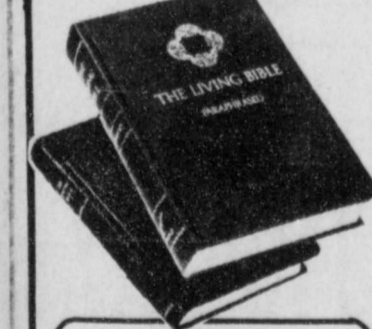
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