

Hobbs School Prepares For One Act Play

"The Winter's Harvest", a drama by M. David Samples, will be presented by the Hobbs High School for their one-act play competition this year. The setting is in Illinois in the early 1900's.

The plot concerns a poor farm family with a beautiful daughter in love with a city boy. The cast is: Mark Anderle, the father, Sam; Lisa Gober, the mother, Em; Deanna Wright, the daughter, Ann; Kirk Tibbels, the city boy, Tom; Max Aucutt, the farm boy, Zeb. The supporting cast is Cindy Clawson, Tammye Trout, and Bertha Miranda.

One-act play competition for District 9-B will be between Hobbs, Jayton, and Hermleigh. Fluvanna in zone 2, Ira, Westbrook, Highland and Lorraine in zone 1. Zone 2 will give their plays in Jayton on March 30 with the first and second place

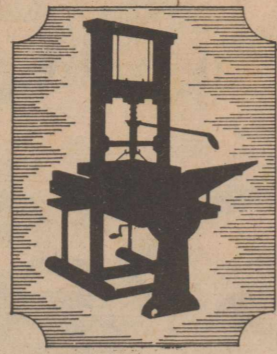
plays competing in District April 1 at Snyder.

Hobbs will present their play as a dress rehearsal Thursday, March 25, at Hobbs High School. The play will be directed by Tom Pierson. Mary Grace Martinez and Kim Ratliff will assist in the directing.

Hobbs Junior High Led By Jim Ratliff

Hobbs 7th and 8th grade beat Hermleigh last week 35-26. Leading scorer for Hobbs was Jim Ratliff with 20 points.

The junior high boys finished the season with a record of 11 wins and 3 losses. This weekend they will be playing in the Jr. High District Tournament at Roby.



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Annual County Food Show February 23rd

The Annual Fisher County 4-H Food Show will be Monday, February 23, in the Community Center in Rotan, according to Mrs. Alice Ballenger, County Extension Agent.

4-H members are to arrive at the Center by 12:30 p.m. to set up their displays. Judging is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

To be eligible to enter the Food Show, the 4-H member must be currently enrolled in a Food and Nutrition Project. Junior contestants must have passed their ninth birthday before January 1 and not passed their 14th birthday before the same date. Senior contestants must have passed their fourteenth birthday and not have passed their nineteenth birthday before January 1, 1976.

Adult Leaders in charge of setting up the display area for the Food Show are Mrs. Richard Posey, Mrs. Bobby Gruben and Rotan 4-H leaders.

Leaders who have conducted Food and Nutrition Projects with Fisher County 4-H members are Mrs. Richard Posey, Mrs. Bobby Gruben, Mrs. B.B. McKinney, Mrs. Glen Posey, Mrs. Alton Smith, Mrs. Glen Holt, Mrs. George Price, Mrs. Jackie Etheredge, Mrs. Gayle Morgeson, Mrs. C.L. Hardwick, Mrs. Fred Kemp, and Mrs. Keifer Cauble.

Junior Leaders conducting Food and Nutrition groups are Cindy Posey, Lois Ann and Revis Cauble, Vanessa Hardwick, Penny Coker, Patricia and Julie Posey.

Discusses Need For New Doctors

Hospital Board Increases Charges, Sets Voting Line

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board began re-adjusting the routine service charges that will take effect when the hospital moves into the new building this summer, at their regular monthly meeting last Monday night.

The routine service charges (room rate) will be increased from the current \$38.00 per day for semi-private accommodations to \$50.00 per day. Charges for a private room will increase from \$40.50 a day to \$55.00 when the hospital is moved to the new facility.

Board members also authorized an overall increase of approximately 20 percent for other services that will be provided at the new facility. Such support services as x-rays, laboratory fees and operating room fees will be increased.

The board also set the fee at \$85.00 a day for the special care facility. Although this special room cannot be classified as an intensive care unit, it is designed to serve a like purpose.

Members of the board met with Jerry Anderson of the Conley Company, certified public accounts in Abilene, to discuss the audit and projected financial structure of the hospital. One suggestion made by Anderson was that it was imperative that the rate structure for services be adjusted upward and that the occupancy rate be increased to help keep the anticipated losses to a minimum.

The board members discussed the need for securing or attracting new doctors to Fisher County and discussed the emergency medical services (ambulance) at length. With respect to the emergency

medical services the board decided to meet with Fisher County Commissioners at their regular March meeting to further discuss the ambulance problem.

The terms of Ralph Ammons, Kermit Terry and Rudolph Martinez expire this year. The hospital board set the election for

April 3, with the filing deadline on March 3. Terry, Ammons and Martinez have all filed for full elective terms.

In final action the board set the election boundaries for the April 3 hospital board election.

Precinct #1 will include all area encompassed by the Roby

Independent School District and that part of the Sweetwater Independent School District lying within Fisher County. The election will be held in the Court House at the same location as the Roby School Board election.

Precinct #2 will include all area encompassed by the Rotan Independent School District which lies in Fisher County. This election will be held at the Rotan Primary School Building in connection with the Rotan School Board election.

Precinct #3 will include all area encompassed by the McCaulley Independent School District which lies in Fisher County and that part of the Hamlin Independent School District lying in Fisher County. This election will be held in the McCaulley School pending approval of the McCaulley School Board of Trustees.

Precinct #4 will include all area encompassed by the Hobbs Independent School District which lies in Fisher County and will be held at the Hobbs School in connection with the Hobbs School Board election.

The only other action by the board was the installation of Rudolph Martinez and oath of office naming him to fill the un-expired term of David Williams.



OATH OF OFFICE: Fisher County Hospital Board president Ralph Ammons, left, congratulates Rudolph Martinez after he took the oath of office to fill the un-expired term of former board member David Williams.

Filing Heavy In County Races

A total of four residents of the Rotan Independent School District have asked that their names appear on the ballot for two school board posts, according to Tom Harkey, Superintendent.

The terms of Charles Thornton and Louie Hayes expire this year and both have indicated that they will not re-file.

The first to file for a seat on the board was Bobby West. He is currently a student at Western Texas College in Snyder. Filing this week was Ernest Ragan, owner of the Hatahoe Drive Inn, Charles Underhill a post office employee and John Ross Hale, owner of the Trail's End Restaurant. The deadline for filing for the Rotan School Board is March 3.

The committee designated to secure interested Roby School District candidates for school board posts has drafted eight people for three vacant seats. Incumbents Mike Terry and Joe DeLosSantos will seek another term. Incumbent Jack McClure indicated that he will not re-file for an additional term. The committee, besides drafting Terry and DeLos Santos, have

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Fairy Drug Hit \$2,000 In Stock Taken

Fairy Drug was burglarized sometime early in the morning of February 16 and approximately \$2,000 in merchandise was taken, according to Rotan Police Chief Glenn Willeford.

Rodney Denton opened the store on Monday, February 16, at about 6:45 a.m. to discover the glass broken in the side door.

According to Willeford, the Rotan Police Department is still investigating the case and does have a lead and possible suspect in the burglary.

Local People Asked To Unite For Changes In School Finance Method

The financing of the public schools of our state is becoming more burdensome to property owners with each passing day. Since Governor Briscoe and the governing body of our state is willing to dedicate only 5 percent of the total budget of the State of Texas to public school education, the local taxpayer is likely to be taxed to the point of bankruptcy.

During the next few days a Certified Tax Assessor, appointed by Governor Briscoe, will be in the Fisher County School Districts to investigate the market values that we have placed upon the personal property in our school district. The value that has been given to the land in our district is not a market value; but a production value based upon what the land is actually capable of producing. If this figure is not accepted by the Governor's Office, and a fair market value figure is given the land in this district many property owners could be taxed into bankruptcy.

The amount of State aid that we received is based upon the wealth of our school district. As the wealth of the district increases, the amount of State financial aid decreases. If a fair market value of \$300.00 per acre

is placed upon some of the land in this district which currently has a production value figure of \$160.00 per acre placed upon it the wealth of this school district could increase tremendously.

Something must be done and I am calling upon the citizens of Fisher County to help in getting some changes made in the financing of our public schools. The property tax is not the answer since it punishes the property owner for improving or taking good care of his property. The homeowner who takes care and improves his home is penalized by higher taxes. The farmer who fertilizes and practices good farming techniques is penalized by higher taxes. The rancher who improves his pastures through brush control is penalized by higher taxes. This must be stopped before it is too late.

The House of Representatives Special Committee on Alternatives to Public School Financing was appointed by House Speaker Bill Clayton to investigate means other than the property tax for funding public education in Texas. A series of public hearings will be scheduled throughout the state to obtain the views of citizens, school

personnel, tax Assessor-Collectors, and other elected city and county officials.

The Committee is charged with determining if there are better methods of financing local school districts' share of educational costs and alternatives to real property valuation as a method of distributing state funds to school districts.

This study will focus on alternative tax sources to supply the necessary educational dollars without increasing the tax burden on owners of real property.

The public hearings will be limited to one each day and a complete schedule was proposed at a February 10 meeting of this committee. Testimony is to be pre-scheduled if at all possible, and a time limit may be imposed if there are large numbers of persons wishing to testify.

This schedule of public hearings will be in the Advance as soon as received. Members of this committee are the following: Rep. Tom C. Massey, San Angelo; Rep. Dan Kubiak, Vice Chairman, Rockdale; Rep. Wilhelm Delco, Austin; Rep.

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Kim's Korner

By Kim Pease

BIG AUCTION: Fisher County Young Farmers will hold their annual farm machinery auction on Saturday, February 21, at the Fisher County Fair Grounds. This progressive organization uses this auction as one of their main fund raising projects. Tex Herring will be the auctioneer and a special section of the sale will see items donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center auctioned off.

RACES FOR SCHOOL BOARD: Now that the county wide candidate rush is over, the race to get on the ballots for school board posts seems to be picking up steam. This is going to be a most unusual year at the polls for Fisher County residents. For the first time in many, many years residents of our fair county will have a tremendously large selection of candidates to select from in the elections. If filing continues at the current pace it looks as though residents of the school districts throughout the county will also have a large slate to select from. Superintendent Tom Harkey at Rotan reported that four had already filed for two seats. First to file was Bobby West a few weeks ago. In the past week the school has received applications from Ernest Ragan, Charles Underhill and John Ross Hale. The four that have already filed will be seeking two seats being vacated by Charles Thornton and Louie Hayes. At Roby, the committee named to draft a slate of candidates, came up with 8 names after their meeting last week. The 8 include two of the three incumbents-Mike Terry and Joe DeLosSantos will seek re-election. Jack McClure indicated that he will not seek another term on the school board. New names mentioned include: Roy Herron, Gayle Morgeson, Freddie Stuart, Mark Doty, Douglas Browning and Adis Stephens. Both incumbents at Hobbs have filed for an additional term on the Hobbs Independent School Board. Odell Rains and Bishop Gordon will have their names on the ballot for the April 3rd election.

SEARCH FOR NEW DOCTORS: Members of the Fisher County Hospital Board have begun serious discussion on ways to attract new doctors to Fisher County. They also talked of meeting with the members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court in March to talk over the emergency medical service [ambulance] future in Fisher County.

MORE MARIJUANA: For the second time in three weeks the Rotan Police Department has arrested Rotan youths for possession of marijuana. This time two youths were caught for possessing less than two ounces.

SAVE TIME: In order to save time one employer of a large number of people in a mid-western department requested that his employees give excuses by number in order to save time.

1. That's the way we've always done it. 2. I didn't know you were in a hurry for it. 3. That's not in my department. 4. No one told me to go ahead. 5. I'm waiting for an OK. 6. How did I know this was different? 7. That's her job, not mine. 8. Wait until the boss comes back and ask him. 9. I forgot. 10. I didn't think it was very important. 11. I'm so busy I just can't get around to it. 12. I thought I told you. 13. I wasn't hired to do that.

HOSPITAL ROOMS: It has been brought to our attention that there are several civic groups, clubs, and individuals that are planning on furnishing one of the 30 rooms at the new Fisher County Hospital.

James McCallay, Fisher County Hospital Administrator, estimated that it would take approximately \$2,000.00 to pay for the equipment to be placed in each of the rooms.

Those making a contribution would not only be doing a great service to the Fisher County Hospital District, but would perpetuate the memory of a loved one or friend. A small plaque will be installed on each room door indicating an appropriate message concerning the dedication.

If you have not given any thought to participating in this project or if you have given some thought but have not acted in a positive manner--the time is now. In the near future plaques will be ordered for the rooms.

Additional information concerning the furnishing of rooms at the new hospital can be obtained from Jim McCallay.

SYMPATHY: Pearl Underwood Killins, resident of a Dumas Rest Home, died recently in Dumas. She had lived in Rotan many years ago. She was a sister-in-law to Ollie, VOLLIE, and Callie Shipp. Our sympathy to the family.

LIONS CLUB LADIES NIGHT: The Rotan and Roby Lions Clubs will hold their joint annual Ladies Night banquet on Monday, February 23. The banquet will be held at the Rotan School Cafeteria. The program will be provided by the Roby Lions Club.

HEART DRIVE: James Springer is chairman of the Heart Drive and advised that Jack Cadenhead will be spear heading the downtown business drive to be conducted by local Boy Scout members. Springer also advised that the drive is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 26. The High School Choir, with Nell Wright as Heart Sunday Chairman, will canvass Rotan for contributions on Sunday, February 29.

Rotan Lodge Planning Washington Celebration

The members of the Rotan Masonic Lodge #956 are planning their annual Washington's Birthday Celebration and Family Night. The event will be held on Saturday night, February 21, and is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

All Masons, their families, and friends are invited to attend the yearly celebration.

There will be refreshments served and musical entertainment provided, according to Melvin Clements, Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Rotan JV Squad Holds Share Of Dist. Title

The Rotan Junior Varsity basketball team finished the year with a 15-7 record and 11-1 record in district to share the district championship with Wylie.

The junior varsity played a total of 22 games and won the consolation trophy in the Hamlin Tournament.

The total team points scored

amounted to 916 with a team average per game of 42.

Leading the scoring for the season was Robert Morales with 11.1 points per game. He was followed by Buddy Hooper with 10.1 and Paul Hinson with 8.8. Fourth in line for average points per game was Ken Holt with 4.5. Mark Cooper and Fred Acorn were tied at 3.3 points per game each. John Cox had a 2.6 average; Lyndon Heffernan a 2.5 and Blake Hale 2.0. Clay Smith was scoreless.

Roby Mothers March Planned For Feb 23rd

Roby mothers will stage their march on Birth Defects on Monday, February 23.

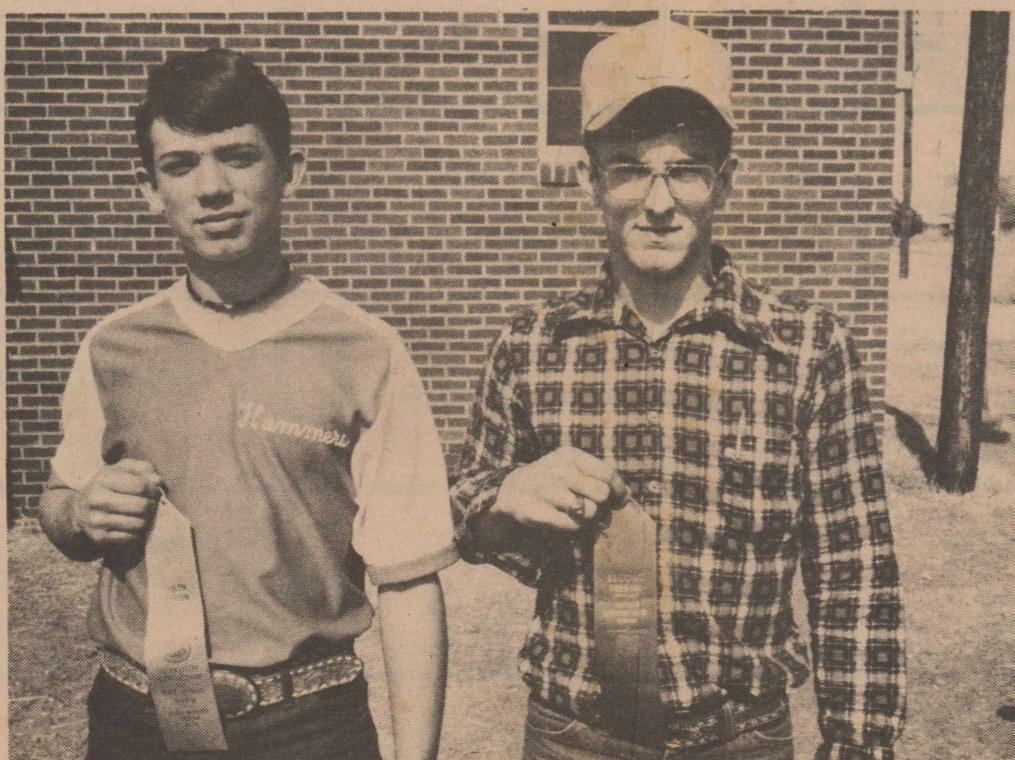
Peggy Zachary and Mary Beauchamp will canvas the businesses in town Monday morning. Mothers will march door-to-door starting at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to help fight birth defects can contact Mary Beauchamp at 776-2354 or meet at the REA Community Room at 5:00 p.m. Monday.

Rotan OES Will Hold Garage Sale Feb 27, 28

The Rotan Chapter #52 is planning a garage sale at the home of Mrs. Obie Gene Kelley, just west of the city limits on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28.

Each member is asked to donate what ever they wish and the public is invited to come and look around.



DUROC WINNERS: John Cox, left, took 10th place in the Duroc class at Ft. Worth. James Goodwin, right, took 2nd place. They represented Rotan FFA.

Father John Hoorman Always A Missionary

Father John Hoorman has been a familiar figure in the area since coming to Rotan as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in July, 1971. He is a member of the local Ministerial Alliance and has earned the respect of residents of all denominations. He ministers to the spiritual needs of his parishioners and is a regular visitor to those who are physically ill and in the hospital.

It took a publication of a national organization, the Catholic Church Extension Society, to bring the work of this dedicated man to public attention. This small magazine, **EXTENSION** in an article dubbed "Seasoned Missionary", devotes seven pages to Fr. Hoorman and his work with St. Joseph's parish and its two missions.

The article, written by George Lundy states, "Fr. Hoorman's first missionary assignment, five years after ordination, had taken him to Chile where he served for 6 1/2 years. After his return to the States, he spent 5 years begging funds for South American missions." He had become so embued with the missionary spirit that his order assigned him to the "mission band" which enabled him to devote full time to his favorite work-missions. Later he was pastor at Hosmer, South Dakota for seven years. From that assignment he came to Rotan.

Quoting Fr. Hoorman, the article states, "St. Joseph's Parish has about 150 families and takes care of parts of two counties. The great majority of our parishioners are Mexican-Americans who are active in parish affairs".

Fr. Hoorman gave much credit to the ladies for their work in the area of religious education and in apostolic work in the community.

He noted, "They work in teams of four to bring back those who become lax in the practice of their faith. Two members of the team visit the person in question while the other two remain in church to pray for the success of the home visitors."

"This great effort is backed up by the men of the Cursillo who do follow-up visiting to reinforce the good done in the earlier ladies' visits."

Fr. Hoorman stated that he was quite proud of the spirit of Christian community in the St. Joseph's parish. He attributes it to both the national heritage of the members and to parish activities. The latter include such things as the monthly Communion breakfast in the parish hall where people gather for breakfast and visiting.

The special Christmas effort by the children, following the last catechism class before the holidays, includes a procession in which they bring gifts of food and toys to be placed around the altar. These are then boxed and given to needy children in the community.

In addition to his work with the people of St. Joseph's Parish, Fr. Hoorman serves a small mission, Sacret Heart at Ranchito, which includes less than a dozen families. His other Parish is in Aspermont and serves the entire Catholic population in Stonewall County. This includes about 35 families scattered throughout the area. With his parishioners scattered Fr. Hoorman serves them best by home visiting and home instruction.

Fr. Hoorman, "Seasoned Missionary", goes quietly about his daily schedule of serving the parishioners in his charge. He is, and will always be, a missionary at heart.



Father John Hoorman

Fisher County Political Calendar



The Roby Star Record-Rotan Advance is authorized to make the following announcements for office in Fisher County, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries in 1976. All political announcements, advertising and printing are cash in advance.

Fisher County Sheriff

Mickey A. Counts
Kenneth Hardin
Glenn Willeford
W.D. [Dub] Waldon
L.H. Hicks

Fisher County Commissioner, Precinct # 3

Jay Hendon
Stanley Nowlin
Bill Cade
L.D. McGrew
W. Ervin Hale
Bishop Gordon

Fisher County Commissioner, Precinct # 1

Kyle Moore
A.J. Blackie Ford

Fisher County Tax Assessor-Collector

Robert Buck
Ivin Martin
Bill Smith
Rex Hall
Margie Bigham Hale
Fisher County Attorney

Rudy V. Hamric
32nd District Judge

Weldon Kirk
32nd District Attorney

Frank Ginzel
Texas Legislative District 61

Elmer Martin
U.S. Congressional District 17

Omar Burleson

Attend Services

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rotan, Texas
Bible Study-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Cecil M. Tune, Pastor
Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE
Rotan, Texas
F.W. Rogers, Pastor
Bible Class-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:50 a.m.
Evening Service-7:00 p.m.

SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Robinson, Pastor
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
Bro. Henry Dickson, Hawley
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rotan, Texas
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.

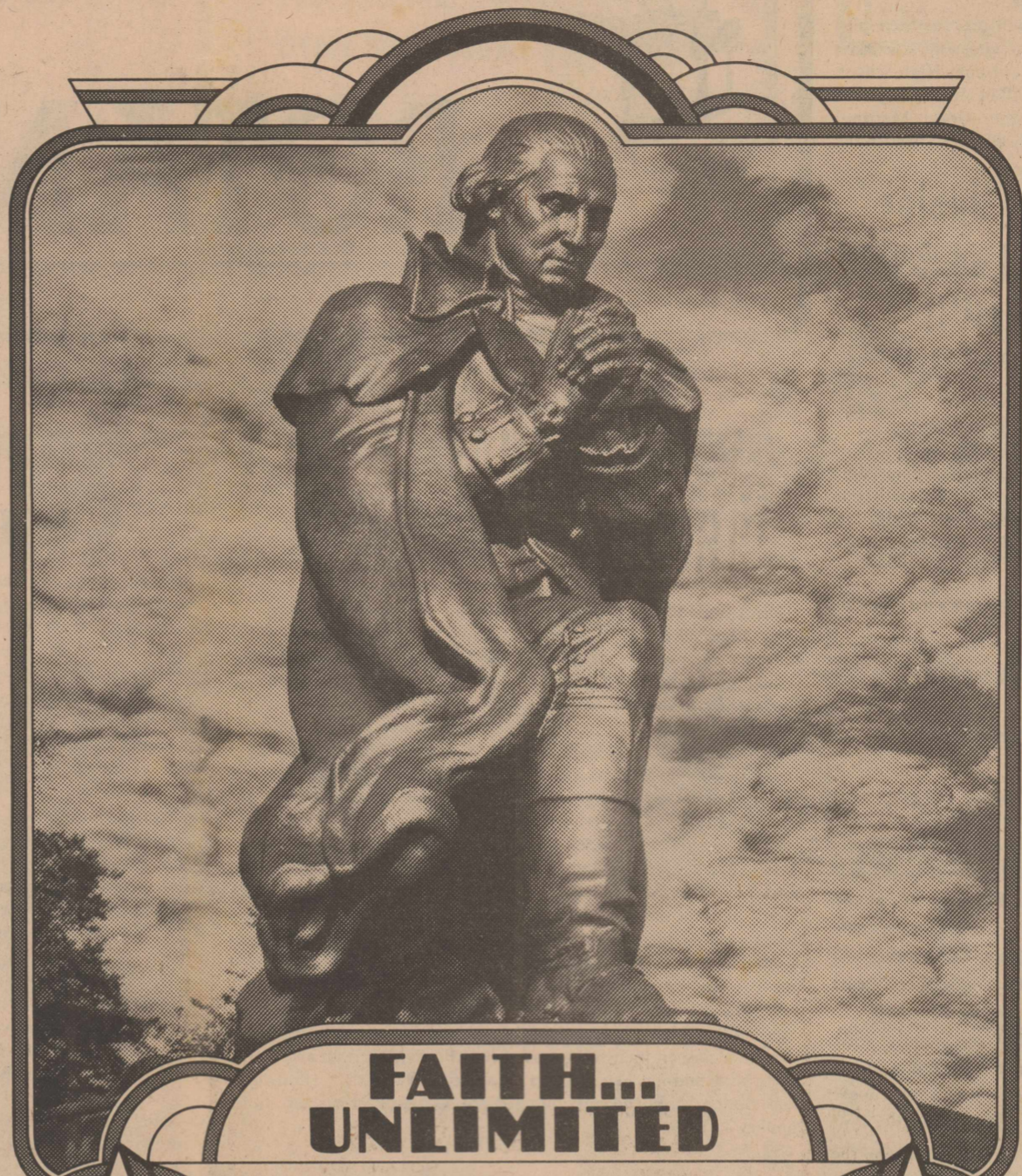
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sylvester, Texas
David Binkley, Minister
Morning Worship-9:45 a.m.
Sunday School-10:30 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rotan, Texas
Steven Sweet, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
Rotan, Texas
John Hoorman, Pastor
Mass-Saturday Eve.-7:30 p.m.
Mass-Sunday-&-:00 a.m.

LITTLE ZION BAPTIST
Rotan, Texas
James Carrington, Pastor
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Roby, Texas
Wardell Halliburton, Minister
Bible Class-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.



FAITH... UNLIMITED



In our nation's infancy, it was George Washington who showed us the power of faith. Faith gave him the courage to fight on while others fell in despair. Faith sustained him through the dark days of Valley Forge. He never doubted that right would ultimately prevail.

In our own troubled times, we too need the same deep, abiding faith.

The Church now—as in Washington's day—is eager to ease our doubts and to sustain our spiritual needs. With God's help, we shall persevere.

Scriptures Selected By
The American Bible Society



Sunday Genesis 9: 5-16	Monday Micah 6: 6-8	Tuesday Jeremiah 3: 12-15	Wednesday Genesis 22: 9-13	Thursday Matthew 4: 5-10	Friday Genesis 3: 1-5	Saturday Psalms 42: 1-11
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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE SUPPORTER

Trail's End Restaurant

Sweetwater Prod. Credit Dwalyn Parker, Manager 776-2311 - Roby, Texas	Trail's End 735-3575 Rotan, Texas	Atwell Cleaners Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atwell Rotan, Texas	Citizens State Bank Roby, Texas Member F.D.I.C.
Central Lumber & Supply Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthies 776-2371 - Roby, Texas	Fisher County Farm Bureau 215 West Snyder Rotan, Texas	Tom Collins Small Engine Repair 735-3232	Weathersbee Funeral Home 735-2255 Rotan, Texas
Crestview Lodge 711 East 5th Rotan, Texas	Roby Insurance Agency 776-2361 Roby, Texas	First National Bank Of Rotan Accounts Insured to \$40,000 735-2224	Fisher County Nursing 735-3291 Rotan, Texas
Martinez Dairy Rudy, Joe B. and Emilio Martinez Hobbs, Texas	Clinic Pharmacy George McDonald, R.PH. 735-2500	Roby Hydro Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ammons Roby, Texas	Hatahoe Drive Inn Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ragan Rotan, Texas
Rockwell Bros. & Co. "LUMBERMEN"	Farmers Union Co-Op Gin Foy Mitchell, Manager Roby, Texas	Rotan Insurance Agency Joe Burk, Agent Rotan, Texas	Rotan Paint & Body Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Burrow Rotan, Texas
Bart Strayhorn 735-2231 Rotan, Texas	H. L. Davis & Co. Bill and Elaine Day Rotan, Texas	Hinds Department Store Gold Bond Stamps Rotan, Texas	Midwest Electric Roby 776-2244 Roby, Texas
Landes Furniture Loys Landes - Larry Landes Rotan, Texas	Home Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson Rotan, Texas	Noles Drug Store Roby, Texas	

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named Roy Herron, Gayle Morgeson, Freddie Stuart, Mark Doty, Douglas Browning and Ardis Stephens as possible candidates.

The three new members, to be elected on April 3, will join Jerry Hoodepnyle, Vernon (Bunny) Terry, Rex Hall and John Matthies to make up the full board.

There have only been two residents of the Hobbs Independent School District to file for seats in that community. Incumbents Odell Rains and Bishop Gordon have both filed for re-election.

Terry Strong In Roby Loss To Loraine Team

Last Friday night the Roby Lion girls lost to the Loraine Bulldogs 59-53 for the district title in the Plowboy gym in Roscoe. Cheryl Terry made 11 of Roby's 13 points to stay within 2 points of the Bulldogs at the end of the first period. The second quarter Terry made 7, Penny Anderson 6, and Rhonda Welch 2, to stay within 4 at the half. The halftime score was 32-28. Terry

scored all 11 points for Roby in the third period but trailed by 12. In the fourth quarter the Lions rallied within 4; Terry had 8, Anderson 6, but Loraine held off Roby in the final minutes to win. The Roby girls played a good game but could not stay up with Loraine's height and hot shooting.

Cheryl Terry led the Lions with 37 points, Penny Anderson 14, and Rhonda Welch 2. The guards were Kim Faight, Tina Horton, Judy Wright, Susan Matthies, and Donna Hataway. Team members Penny Coker, Pam Browning and Cindy Posey did not see action.

Defensively, Judy Wright, Kim Faight, Tina Horton and Susan Matthies all turned in

outstanding performances.

The Lionesses finished the season with 2 23-7 season record and 13-2 in district action.

Hobbs 5th & 6th Grade Wins Hermleigh Tourney

Hobbs won their first game over Roby 33-14. Rudy Garcia had 9 points and Todd Etheredge 8 points to lead Hobbs scoring. In

the second game it was Hobbs 40 and Fluvanna 28. Rudy Garcia again led Hobbs scoring with 14 points and Todd Etheredge again had 8 points.

In the championship game it was Hobbs against Hermleigh. Hobbs won the game 39-23. Hobbs' leading scorers were Rudy Garcia 12 points, Todd Etheredge 10 points, and Benny Medrano 8 points.

Roby 6th Grade Wins Hermleigh Tournament

The Roby 6th grade girls won the Hermleigh Pee Wee Tournament last Saturday by defeating Hermleigh 17-7. In first round action, Roby defeated Hobbs by the score of 27-16. Offensively, Roby was led by Paula Terry, Tana Mauldin, Mary Nell Clayton and Diedra Faight.

Defensively Roby was led by Jana Jennings, Lisa Hoodenpyle, and Diane Carreon.

In second round action Roby edged by Fluvanna 16-15. Offensively, Roby was led by Paula Terry, Mary Nell Clayton, Diedra Faight and Tana Mauldin. Defensively, Roby was led by Lisa Hoodenpyle, Diane Carreon, and Jana Jennings.

These girls hustled every game and did a fine job to defeat these teams. Those parents who attended were very proud of their daughters in their fine victories.

Fisher County Hospital News

Patients admitted to Fisher County Hospital February 10 thru February 16, 1976.

Local Patients: A.H. Hudnall, Betty Strickland, Phronia Taggart, S.L. Etheredge, Eugenio B. Cantu, Lizzie Owens, Benjamin H. Shipp, Tommy Joe Paske, Don G. Williams, Olga Sepeda.

Out of town patients: Mrs. M.L. Haught, Hamlin; Ellen Hataway, Letha Meeks, W.W. Butler, Viola Faight, Roby; Eula Sears, Abilene; Bessie Martin, Sulphur Bluff; Alice Wishert, Snyder.

Hustlin' Round Hobbs

By Mrs Jimmy Walker
Hobbs, Texas 735-2840

We are still having this warm, sunny weather and no rain. Maybe it will rain soon, sure hope so.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave went to Odessa Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chism and Stanley. They also got to see their twin nephews, Chad and Clay Chism, who were there with their parents visiting from Denver, Colo. The babies now weigh over 6 lbs. each.

Visiting with Mrs. Lester Hardin, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Hardin from Rotan, also Mr. and Mrs. Danny Baker and family from Lawton, Okla. Morris Hardin from Lubbock visited with his mother Saturday and spent the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hardin from Strawn visited Sunday and Monday, also Doc Hardin from Victoria and Ralph and Jimmy Hardin, both from Corpus Christi. Bro. and Mrs. J.H. Skiles of Stamford visited in the Hardin home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren and family at Snyder on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge and boys attended the Hermleigh Pee Wee basketball tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Hobbs boys won first place in this tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn from Roby visited with the J.W. Etheredges for a while on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker attended the Rotan-Jim Ned basketball game in Sweetwater on Tuesday night. Friday night we went to Roscoe and saw the Roby-Loraine girls basketball play off. Saturday we attended a barrel race, the first one in a long time, which was held in Snyder, but it was a miserable day as the wind and sand were blowing. Thought for a while there it was going to cloud up and rain, but that strong wind soon blew all the clouds away. Bro. and Mrs. Skiles ate Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Rotan spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid. Also visiting with them that afternoon were Mrs. Les McCombs of Hobbs community and Mrs. Lisbon Letz from Old Glory.

Well that's about all for this week. See you next Thursday after the rain, we hope.

Inside The Lion's Den

By Paul Mitchell

Our season is over. We finished the year with 22 victories against 4 losses. We lost twice to Westbrook, and once to Hawley and Aspermont. It's a shame to have a season like we did and not win district, but I guess ole Westbrook was better than us, and we wish them all the luck in representing our district.

We will be tough to beat next year with four starters returning, but the loss of Jay Jennings will really hurt. Jay wound up his career with 60 wins and 16 losses in the three years he started on the varsity. He was selected to five All Tournament teams, made all district last year and should again this year. He was a captain two years. Jay scored 1,100 points, pulled down 600 rebounds, had 90 steals, shot 48 percent from the field, and missed only two practices in four years. He has been super to coach and I will personally miss Jay on the basketball court in more ways than basketball ability. I've watched him grow up from his skinny little body as a freshman to what he is today. Good luck Jay, and thanks for what you did for our school and basketball program.

Mark Daniel played in every ball game and did a credible job. He was our best hustler when he was on the court. I used him for defensive purposes mainly. He did a great job in his only year of high school ball.

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Other players who played were Mike Terry, David Posey, Timmy Morton, Brad Wilburn, Mike Wilburn, John Rivas, Cam Campbell, Danny Terry. I would like to thank everyone who supported our team, especially the player's parents.

Steve Evers is another junior who feeds the ball well. He led the team in assists and had the third best shooting percent. He began the first six games by shooting a low 32 percent, but improved his shooting to 48 percent at the season's end. Steve was a captain and will be looked upon next year for leadership. Steve is a solid player with inside and outside ability as he played post and point much of the year. Steve is also a competitor and winner.

Brad Stuart is a sophomore and started 25 games. He

averaged 15 points a game and led the team in steals. With two years left, Brad will make his mark in our area and possibly in the state as he is the best shooter, for his age, I've ever coached. I had him shot the ball 40 percent of the time this year and he responded with a 49 percent field goal average. He is a winner and very determined.

Ricky King is another sophomore who came through as a starter for us. He became a starter when Jessie Castor left the team. Ricky is just beginning to handle himself, and I look for big things out of him next year. He could become an outstanding ball player in his last two years. He has good touch and may grow another inch or two. At any rate, he really did a great job for our ball club.

Monty Pope saw action in 22 ball games and has a lot of ability. He played very well and will probably fill a starters role next year. Monty is not the aggressive type player, but does shoot well. He could be a lot of help next year. Monty is a lot of fun to be around and keeps the humor on the team.

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Hobbs Girls Beat Highland In Finals

Hobbs High School girls ended their basketball season Tuesday night with a 63-55 win over Highland. Their overall season record is 14-13, district record is 8-6.

The last game was an outstanding team effort with fifteen of the sixteen girls getting to play and thirteen of the fifteen getting in on the scoring. Scoring

for Hobbs was Tammy Gober 15, Cindy Clawson 13, Lisa Gober 9, Sandra Clawson 7, Debra Teel 2, Cathy Hull 3, Judy Medrano 2, Mary Grace Martinez 1, Kim Ratliff 2, Tammye Trout 2, Tonya Porter 3, Bertha Miranda 2, Irma Alaniz 2, Rosa Covey and Deanna Wright played but didn't get the chance to score. Patty Martinez didn't play because of a sore leg.

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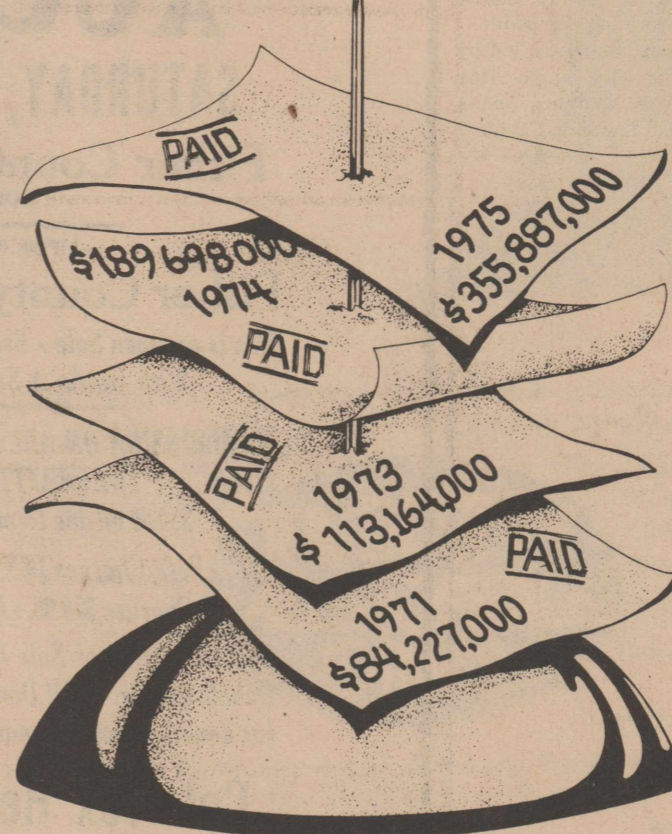
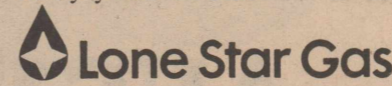
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KING AND QUEEN: Emmett Cave and Nancy White were named King and Queen at the Leisure Lodge Valentine Party last Friday.

Emmett Cave, Nancy White Named To Honor

The Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Rotan held a special Valentine Day observance for all patients last Friday afternoon and named Emmett Cave and Nancy White as the Valentine

King and Queen. Emmett Cave was born March 6, 1893. He married the former Callie Moulton who is now deceased. Mr. Cave has been a resident of Leisure Lodge since October, 1970. His children are Mrs. Nelson Smith of Rotan, Mrs. O.B. Cave of Stanton, and Mrs. Harold Cheek of Dallas. He has been a resident of Fisher County all his life.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank the doctors and nurses who were so kind to me while I was in the hospital, and for all my many friends who visited me. For all the prayers said in my behalf, all the beautiful flowers, gifts, and cards. They all mean so much to me, and thanks for seeing after my mother in the Rest Home. We have the nicest people in Fisher County than anywhere. May God Bless each of you.
Doris Owens



BIRTHDAY PARTY: Five generations were present at the birthday party honoring Mrs. Mamie Crow. Left to right, Mrs. Crow, mother; Lois Teague, daughter; Frances West, granddaughter, holding Czrena West, great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Crow and Bob West, great-grandson of Mrs. Crow and father of Czrena West.

Mamie Crow Honored With Birthday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crow of Sweetwater honored Mrs. Mamie Crow, of Rotan, with a surprise birthday party on her 75th birthday, at the Holiday Inn, in Sweetwater, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. The party was attended by Mrs. Crow's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild.

Leon West, Helen, Deb, Lorrie and Alva, Mr. and Mrs. Bob West and Czrena, and Mrs. Zimmerman all of Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Crow and Jack of Euless, Jesse Crow and Garland of Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wiley, Susie, Betsy, Rhonda, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fleming, Sarah and Tom of Odessa; Mrs. Donnie Teel, Donna, Dolores, Debbie, Delinda, Darlene and Randell of Claytonville; Mr. and Mrs. James Trout, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enisminger of Roscoe.

Bake Sale Is Set At Roby

Johnny and Danny have high authority to announce that the Freshman class of Roby High School will have bake sale. The bake sale will be Saturday, Feb. 21, at the gym during the Junior High District Tournament. There will be cakes, cookies, pies and doughnuts.

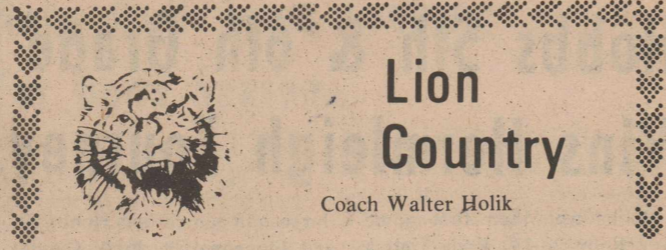
The sale will start at 10:00 a.m. and last all afternoon. Everyone is asked to go down and support the Freshman Class.

Roby Girls Win Westbrook Game

The Roby High School girls posted their 23rd win of the season last Tuesday with a 62-30 romp over Westbrook.

Leading the scoring for Roby was Cheryl Terry with 35 points, followed by Rhonda Welch with 16, Penny Anderson 10 points, and Pam Browning one point.

Defensively, Roby was led by Judy Wright, Kim Faught, Tina Horton, Susan Matthies, Donna Hataway and Lois Ann Cauble.



Lion Country

Coach Walter Holik

The Roby High Schools girls have finished another fine season. The girls finished this year with a 23-7 record overall and 13-2 in district action. These girls have really improved since losing the first 3 ballgames of the season.

Offensively, we have ended the season averaging 55 points per ball game. The team has scored 1,582 points and averaged 45 percent from the field. Cheryl Terry led all scoring with 544 total points. She also led in shooting percent with a 53 percent average. Cheryl is an outstanding player and person. She has worked hard and shown a lot of improvement this season and I am very proud of her. Cheryl is just a junior and next year she will be talked about throughout the area. Penny Anderson led our offense in free throws made, free throw percentage, most offensive rebounds and most offensive steals. Penny is a very outstanding athlete and she has always come through with poise and character when I needed it. She is a leader and the team will surely miss her next year. Penny has proven to everyone that she is a championship player and she can do the job when it's needed. Cindy King is another junior whom you will hear a lot of next year. Cindy missed the last 3 ball games due to illness and she will be a central figure in the Roby girls basketball team next year.

Defensively, Roby held its opponents to only 35 points per game. Judy Wright, the only senior on the defensive end, was an outstanding performer for Roby this year. Judy ended the season with over 130 rebounds and 70 steals. Judy is one of those girls who plays basketball with all the zeal and enthusiasm that we enjoy watching on the court. Judy is overwhelming with spirit and a winners attitude. She is always smiling and working hard toward a goal. The team will miss her enthusiastic competitiveness and never lose attitude. Kim Faught is another junior guard who has really improved this season. Kim pulled down over 135 rebounds and had 81 steals. Kim is strong and has done an outstanding job at blocking out the tall girls on offense. I am expecting great things from Kim next year. Kim has a lot of speed and quickness and she is very deceptive. Tina Horton is our quickest guard and she is also a junior. Tina is an outstanding player and she can handle the best of ball handlers outside. She has really been instrumental in many of the Lionesses wins this year and I am expecting a lot from her next year. Tina led the team in the least amount of turnovers and she had a lot of steals this year. Rhonda Welch has had a lot of pressure to play under since being changed back to a forward. Before this year Rhonda had never played on the guard end and just when she was getting to know the situation, we changed her back to forward. Rhonda is the type person every coach would like to have on his team. Rhonda is a competitor and she has that never quit attitude. She works hard and her 159 rebounds and 95 steals (both tops on the

team) proves that she is a great competitor. Rhonda is a junior and next year will be a great year for her I am certain.

Other girls who will be instrumental next year for the Lionesses are forwards, Cindy Posey, Penny Coker and Pam Browning. Defensively, Susan Matthies, Donna Hataway and Lois Ann Cauble will be very strong.

I would like to thank all the Roby basketball girls for their hard work and winning enthusiasm. These girls have done outstanding jobs and I am very proud of them.

I would also like to thank the Roby fans and parents for their continued support of the Lionesses. I would also like to thank Mr. Welch and Mr. Townsend for their continued cooperation and backing and I would also like to thank the Roby teachers for their enthusiasm and support.

I have really enjoyed coaching these girls and I am looking forward to coaching them next year.

Barbara Ann Surratt, Steve Teichelman To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Surratt, Sr., of Abilene announce the forth coming marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Steve Carl Teichelman of Hamlin, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teichelman of Hamlin. The wedding will be April 3 in Abilene.

Ashtons On Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Ashton, and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Ashton, left Jan. 15 to Phoenix, Arizona. They spent the first night in Conutillo, Tex. with a daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Buckingham.

Next day they traveled to Sahuarita, Ariz. and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Dearl Ashton. Next day onto Phoenix, Ariz., arrived at W.C. Ashton's on Sat., Jan. 17, really had a nice weekend visit. W.C.'s two sons are home on leave from the service.

On Tuesday, Mrs. W.R. Ashton took sick and was taken to emergency with a severe heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. O.C. and W.R. Ashton spent a few days with the O.C.'s daughter Mrs. Harrell Settle and family and other relatives and friends. Mr.

W.R. Ashton stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Settle as Mrs. W.R. Ashton was improving, the O.C.'s Ashtons came back home. Returning they spent a few days with their son Dearl and family, from there to their daughter's, Mrs. Buck Buckingham, also while there made a short visit with their grandchildren, Billy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Tallmon and son Ronny Jr. and with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tallmon and children. From there back to Sweetwater spent the night with Mrs. O.C. Ashton's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spain. Really had a nice vacation although it wasn't so good for a while, all were so worried about Mrs. W.R. Ashton. She is out of the hospital but waiting for the doctor to give his O.K. for them to fly home. Since, Mrs. Ashton has recovered nicely and the doctor released her. She and Mr. Ashton few into Midland Saturday, their son Gene met them there. They are visiting him and family. Gene will bring them on home some time this week from Denver City where he lives.

Cotton Market Report Given

The cotton market was moderate in the active ginning areas during the week ending February 12, according to B.B. Manly, Jr., of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene. Prices were steady through the week.

Grade 42, staple 30, mike range 2.7-2.9 sold for 42 to 43 cents per pound, or 16 to 17 cents above the Government loan rate. Cotton quality continued mixed with most grades falling in Light Spots, Spots and Tinges. Light Spots and Spots were equal, with 42 percent in each category, and 10 percent were Tinged. Grade 42 was predominant at 23 percent, followed by

Grades 33 and 43, with 19 percent each. Fifty-three percent was reduced in grade due to Bark.

Fiber lengths fell in a wide range, with 10 percent 29 staple, 48 percent 30 staple, 31 percent 31 staple, and 10 percent 32 and longer.

Micronaire readings were: 16 percent in the 3.5-4.9 range, 12 percent in the 3.3-3.4 range, 30 percent each in the 3.0-3.2 and 2.7-2.9 ranges, and 13 percent 2.6 and below.

About 14,000 samples were classed during the week ending February 12. The season total is now 410,000, compared to 194,000 a year ago.

Card Of Thanks

Please accept this short note of thanks as sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and love shown us during the recent illness and death of Mrs. E.C. McWhirter.

For those that sent flowers, and cards, brought food and offered prayers in our behalf we are forever thankful. We shall never forget our many friends and neighbors that have been so understanding and helpful. May God bless each of you.

The families of Mrs. E.C. McWhirter



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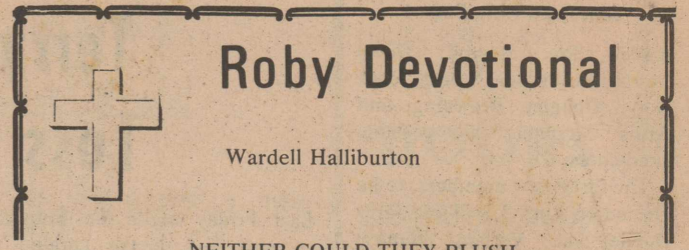
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Judah had been indifferent to the correction of God; had rejected Divine law; had wallowed in the mire of immorality; and had revelled in infidelity and unbelief. As a further indictment, "the people loved to have it so" (Jeremiah 5). But all this had not gone unnoticed by God and now her doom was impending.

The result of Judah's repeated and continual defiance was that she now had no sense of shame, "neither could she blush" (Jeremiah 6:15). How tragic these words should need be spoken of a people who had been so privileged and blessed. Truly it could be said of her "Thou hast

destroyed thyself" (Hosea 13:9).

Can this be analogous to our society? We believe so! Sin is excused, divorce is raging, and adultery has become a way of life. Drunkenness and revelling are accepted and the perverted mind of the homosexual screams from the house-tops for recognition. The bedroom scene cannot be so called anymore. Unethical conduct in business flaunts itself. All restraint would be removed, and the people seemingly "love to have it so."

The accusing conscience is painful but vital to the health of man and the society in which he lives. Yet our society is replete with persons who have seared their conscience (1 Tim. 4:2) to the point that no remorse or shame is felt over the grossest crimes; "neither can they blush."

There has always been, to some degree, wickedness among men, but when there is no pang of conscience with it, doom is inevitable. When the sense of shame is gone, then our moral governor is gone and there is nothing to put the brakes on immorality and wickedness and self-destruction.

But let's remember this: "A society corrupts only as the individuals that make it up corrupt" and it is here that responsibility begins. To every man is issued a call to repentance and a challenge to righteousness.

Lot Bids Get Rejected By McCaulley

The McCaulley I.S.D. School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 10, the land sale bids for lots 11 and 12 in block 24 of the original town site of Sylvestre were rejected.

The School Board Trustees, Marion Reed and Cecil Williams terms will expire this April. There will be an election of trustees on April 3, in the High School Cafeteria.

Hobbs Girls Win Trophy In Hermleigh

Hobbs 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls played in the Hermleigh Pee Wee tournament last weekend. They ran into some pretty stiff competition and lost two games. The first loss was to Roby 17-28 and the second loss was to Fluvanna 12-35. But even in losing, they came out winners. The girls won the sportsmanship trophy.

Playing for Hobbs were Lisa Martinez, Nattie McFall, Mary Cave, Sylvia Alaniz, Dianna Alaniz, Teresa Cantu, Teresa Ratliff, Kristi Price, Billie Martin, and Teresa Garcia.

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Roby WMU Has Taste Meeting

The WMU of the First Baptist Church, Roby, observed "WMU Focus Week" Tuesday, February 10. A special program was held. Topic of the program was "A Taste of WMU and a Taste of Something to Eat".

The members fixed a favorite dish and took to the meeting. A fellowship hour was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Allan Cartrite attended the meeting. After the fellowship hour Mrs. W.A. Hughey led the group in singing a song. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ivin Martin at the piano. Rev. Cartrite offered the closing prayer.

Golden Haven Home News

Everyone here is still very sick, we're sorry to report.

The singing for this Tuesday night has been cancelled, due to sickness of the residents. We will be looking forward to next month's singing.

Opal Neeley and Letha Meeks are still in the hospital. Hope they will be home with us soon.

Mr. Robert, Iredell Birdsong celebrated his 78th birthday Sunday. Mr. Birdson was born February 15, 1898 in Hunt County, Texas. He worked for the R.R. Express Company as a car loader. He is a member of the Methodist Church and came to our home on August 7, 1974. Mr. Birdson enjoys walking, visiting, and being a "fix-it" man.

There weren't too many visitors this week from out of town. Mabel Ogden's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Leach from Rotan and also her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Ogden from Rotan, visited her during the week. There were many visitors locally visiting throughout the home, which we enjoy.

This week's news is ended on a sad note. Mrs. Eula Sears passed away Saturday morning, Feb. 14. She was born September 4, 1895 and was 100 years old at time of death. She came to our home May 16, 1975 and was a member of the Methodist Church. Our sincere sympathies are extended to family and friends of Mrs. Sears. That's all the news this week. Remember, everyone is welcome to visit our home, so please do. See you next week with more news.

Hobbs Boys End Season On Winning Note

Hobbs High School boys team finished their season the past week by winning one game and losing one. They beat Hermleigh 48-44 and lost to Westbrook 51-82.

In the Hermleigh game Willis Ogden had 16 points, Randy Etheredge had 10 and Charles Wright had 9 points to lead the scoring.

Against Westbrook the leading scorers were Randy Etheredge with 15 points, Charles Wright 12 points, and Willis Ogden 12 points.

Card Of Thanks

With humble hearts we offer thanks to the many friends who stood by us during the illness and death of our loved one, Sadie Meeks. A special thank you to Dr. C.M. Callan and the nursing staff of the hospital. Also a very special thank you to the staff of the Fisher County Nursing Home, for all the loving care they gave our mother and grandmother. We would also like to thank all our friends for the food, flowers and their prayers.

Bro. Marshall Stewart and Bro. Doyle Adams who were so faithfully by our side, may God richly bless you.

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Mr. and Mrs. I.T. McArthur announce the marriage of their daughter, Hope Renee, to Mr. Robert Callan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Callan. The wedding was held at the Rotan Church of Christ February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Joe Barina, minister of the Church of Christ of Luling, Texas, officiated.

The bride was given away by her father. She wore a long

gown of white caricame crepe. The fitted bodice had a deep yoke outlined with a self pleated ruffle. The full bias skirt was enhanced with a deep pleated flounce. Her Camelot cap of lace held her tiered veil of English illusion that was floor length.

Junior Leaders Of 4H Given Breath Program

The Fisher County Jr. Leader 4-H Club met in Roby Feb. 16 at the Pink Building on the Fair Grounds.

Cindy Posey presided at the meeting. Patricia Posey led the Pledge and Motto. Mr. Gayle Morgeson from Midwest Electric Co-op presented the program. He showed a film on "Safety" and demonstrated mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Officers for the club this year are: President, Cindy Posey; vice president, Brad Stuart; secretary-treasurer, Lois Ann Cauble; reporter, Revis Cauble; council delegate, Teresa James; refreshment chairman, Patricia Posey. Adult leaders are Dr. Charles Church and Mrs. Richard Spenter.

Lois Ann Cauble furnished the refreshments and Cindy Posey was in charge of the program.

Gwelda Neeper's Party Line

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Mrs. Cecil Tune returned Feb. 11 from Kingwood, Tex. where she had been helping her sister, Mrs. Fern Hatcher, recuperate from a broken shoulder. Mrs. Hatcher received the injury from a fall taken while working. Rev. Tune travelled to Kingwood to bring Mrs. Tune home and on the trip back they visited with their son, Buddy, in Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Tune also visited another son, Billy, who is band director in Thrall. Rev. Tune was visited recently by his daughters and grand-daughters, Miss Ava Tune of Irving and Mrs. Don Madewell, Wendy and Tammy of Midland.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Cecil Tune started a three week mission study. Christian presence in Southeast Asia, the study will be held each Wednesday morning in the parlor in the Methodist Church, 401 N. McKinley. Everyone is cordially invited. Junior Sunday School class of the Methodist Church would like to thank everyone who so generously brought their baked goods. The money will be used to help pay for tickets to Six Flags Over Texas, the class plans to make the trip during spring break. Heart Sunday will be Feb. 22 in the Methodist Church. Rev. Tune will bring a message of support for the United Heart Fund.

Calvary Baptist pastor, Steve Sweet, reports 58 in Sunday School, 80 in Worship Service. Family of the week at Calvary are Allen and Callie Barnes. Allen Barnes is chairman of the deacons. Callie is a Sunday School teacher. Both were beginning workers when the church was started 25 years ago. They are described as being concerned and faithful workers. The church family and pastor appreciates them, loves and respects, this wonderful Christina family. Sunday, Feb. 22, will be Day of Emphasis for WMU, the wife of Associational Missionary, Mrs. T.O. Upshaw, will be a guest in the morning service. Everyone is invited. On Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m. pastor Steven Sweet will begin a WMU book review entitled "Tomorrow Starts Today" by Arthur B. Rutledge. Lunch will be served, area WMU ladies are cordially invited. You may contact Marie Cashen at 735-2566 or Steve Sweet at 735-3464, in order for the number of lunches to be planned. Rev. Sweet says attendance is ever increasing, and he is proud to say he is pastor of the men who participated in Layman Day. The men were all willing to share their faith, publicly and honestly.

Young Adult Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church would like to invite all young married couples to attend their class each Sunday morning at 9:45. The teacher is Mr. Loys Landes, Devotional leader is Bart Strayhorn. Couples are invited to come and learn, and share in christian activity. Coffee, hot chocolate, and rolls are provided during classtime.

Anyone having local news is asked to call 735-2058.



Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Copeland

M.L. Copelands Given 60th Anniversary Day

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Copeland of Butler, Mo., were honored by their children on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The reception was held at the couple's home Sunday, February 8.

The Copelands were married Feb. 6, 1916, at Melbourne, Ark. For a number of years they were engaged in farming, and moved to Butler 20 years ago.

Six of their eight children were present for the celebration, including Mrs. J.H. (Marie) McDonnell, Drexel; Mrs. Jack (Elsie) Lay; Drexel; Mrs. John (Nadine) Semsch, Freeman; Mrs. Howard (Fern) Coffel, Harrisonville; Mr. Allen Copeland and wife, Gayle, Archie, and Glenn Copeland and wife, Janice, Rotan. The other two children are Lester Copeland, Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Ralph (Ruby) Bagby, Corpus Christi, Tex.

The Copelands have 32

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W.S. (Bill) Heatly, Paducah; Rep. Ruben Torres, Brownsville; Rep. Frank Hartung, Houston; Rep. Roy Blake, Nacogdoches; Rep. Fred Agnich, Dallas; and Rep. Camm Lary, Jr., Burnet.

Every member of this committee should receive written

comments from citizens of Fisher County. Many say that this is just another of Governor Briscoe's "do nothing" committees appointed by him to take some of the "heat off". If this is so we in rural farming and ranching communities are in real trouble. Governor Briscoe declares that he will not raise taxes during his administration. He speaks only of state taxes. The real burden of his programs and policies is on the local property owner since our only means of support for the schools, cities, and the county is the property tax. Governor Briscoe is, as you can plainly see, very "two-faced" about his no new taxes policy.

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Roby Garden Club Meet

The Roby Garden Club met Thursday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the Midwest Electric Coop. Hostesses were Mrs. Thurman Terry and Mrs. Tom Parker.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Richard Ray. After a short business session a very interesting program was presented by Mrs. L.L. Stuart who showed slides on Cacti and Succulents.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served from an appointed table that held an attractive arrangement of flowers.

Members present were Mmes. Max Carriker, Jess Goforth, Roland Ray, Sr., Dwalyn Parker, W.A. Hughey, Richard Ray, L.L. Stuart, W.W. Morton, Johnnie Ammons, Coy Carriker, and the hostesses Mmes. Thurman Terry and Tom Parker.

Meditations

Rotan Ministerial Alliance

F.W. Rogers, pastor
Church of Nazarene

"But such as I have give thee" Acts. 3-6. The Lord has left with His church the responsibility of building His kingdom through human instrumentality and the grace and power of God given to His people to serve. We can not give what we do not have, but He does expect us to give such as we have in the talent and possessions He has blessed us with.

The story is told of a certain king who commanded every dairyman in the land on a certain night to bring a quart of milk and pour it into a vat. To his surprise the next morning the vat was filled with water. He summoned the men and ask each one the reason for his conduct. They all made the same answer, "I thought the others would bring milk, and it would never be known that I brought water".

The lesson of this story applies almost everywhere. The father in the family thinks the mother will bring the children up in the native and admonition of the Lord; the mother thinks the

father will take the lead in the family's religion, so they both live carelessly. Church members think the other will go to church on Sunday morning so they all go visiting on the Lord's day. So "they all bring water".

But this water bringing is just the opposite of the true christian's way to do it. The faithful christian, each thinks the other may not be able to bring rich milk, so he brings cream to help make up for the want in others. It does not worry the true follower of Christ to think that some others may be able to get by with less than is required for him. For he does not think of the service of Christ as something to be dreaded or shunned, but as something for which to be glad. He follows the example of the Apostle Peter "Such as I have give I Thee".

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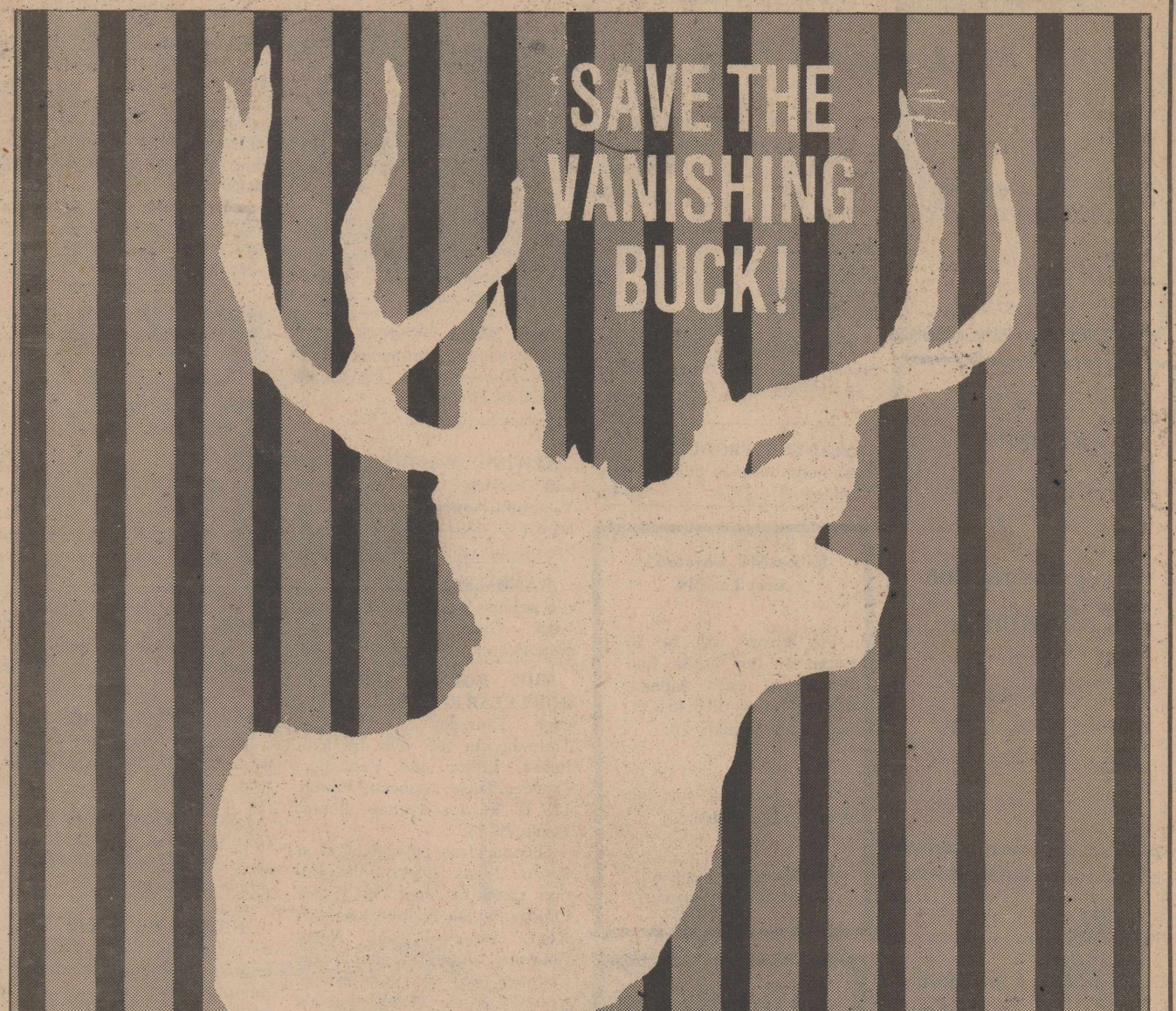
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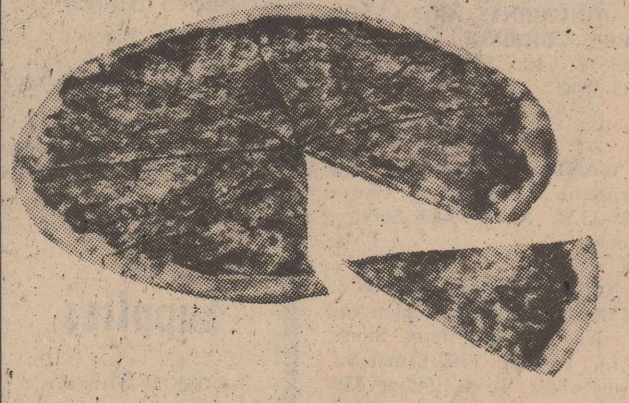
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Sharon May And Bucky Sherley Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. May announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharon, to Bucky Sherley of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sherley of Lawn.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Hamlin High School, attended Tarleton State University and is presently employed at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Jim Ned High

School, attended Tarleton State University and is employed by West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The couple will be married April 16 in the First United Methodist Church in Hamlin.



Sharon May

Leisure Lodge

News By Ima Berry

Happy to welcome two new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams have come to stay while Mrs. Williams is recuperating from illness. Happy to have them with us.

Had a beautiful Valentine party last Friday. Crowned our King and Queen of Hearts. They were Mr. Emmett Cave and Mrs. Nancy White. The party was enjoyed by all.

Some of our out of town visitors were Mrs. J.B. Patterson of Peacock visiting Helen Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Favor of Jayton visited the Harmon Meadors. Also visiting with the Meadors was a nephew, Glen Rose, of Dickens County.

Enjoyed a group of children from Baptist Church on Thursday of last week singing for us. Everyone really enjoys it.

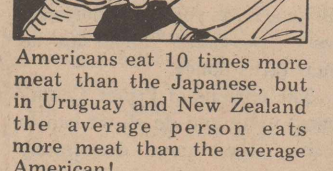
Roby Golf Team Looking For Good Season

Roby High will be out to win their third consecutive golf title this year as 12 hopeful players turned out. The Lions finished second to Bronte in the State Meet at Austin last year, falling four strokes short of the state title.

Ricky Faught and Randy King were the top two medalist in the state last year and their loss will be felt. Two players back from the state team are Monty Pope and Ricky King. Pope and King will be expected to shoot in the low 80's this year.

Mitch Welch, Dwain Rivers, and Brad Etheredge are expected to make the first team this year as they scored consistently in the low 90's and high 80's last year. Other hopeful players are Jay Hilliard, Jay Jennings, Rod Whitfill, Cam Campbell, Don Campbell, Robert Terry, and Roger Upshaw.

The first team will be determined by scores taken on Tuesday and Thursday. The first team will come from the lowest average over a five week period. Highland High School could pose a problem for the Lion golfers as they returned their entire team from a year ago. Roby's golf teams have gained considerable publicity in the last few years and this season's team will probably continue that trend. The golf coach is Paul Mitchell.



Americans eat 10 times more meat than the Japanese, but in Uruguay and New Zealand the average person eats more meat than the average American!

Legal Notice

INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Directors of the Fisher County Hospital District will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the following: 1. Office furniture; 2. Waiting-room furniture; 3. Dining-room furniture.

Bids should be submitted to Mr. James N. McCallay, Administrator, Fisher County Hospital, 402 East Snyder, Rotan, Texas, 79546, no later than 6:30 o'clock p.m. March 15th, at which time such bids will be opened. Detailed specifications should be obtained from Mr. McCallay or Ms. Reva Hull at the address given above. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Ralph Ammons, Pres.
Board of Directors
Fisher County Hospital Dist.
52-2tc

Sandra Clawson, Randy Gordon Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Clawson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra, to Randy Gordon, son of Mr. Bishop Gordon.

Sandra is a student of Hobbs High School.

Randy is a graduate of Hobbs High School and has attended Texas Tech University. He is now engaged in farming.

The couple plan a June wedding.



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Rotan HDC Has Monthly Meet

The February 5th meeting of the Rotan Home Demonstration Club was held in the home of Mrs. Hazel Aldridge. Fourteen members were present.

Recreation was brought by Mrs. Obed Hughes. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J.O. Hudnall. Reading the minutes, roll call and treasurer's report was by Mrs. V.B. Murphree. Mrs. Barney Bigham gave the council report.

The program on quick bread with master mix and other foods to round out meals and meet energy needs was presented by Mrs. Hazel Aldridge, assisted by Mrs. Jeb Long. Cereal and flour furnish amounts of protein, iron and B-vitamins and food energy.

The February 19th meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Barney Bigham.

Hobbs 4H Girls Attend Cooking School Feb 12th

The Hobbs 4-H Club girls attended Progressive Farmers Southern Kitchen cooking school February 12. They learned different and interesting ways of cooking.

Those attending were Rhoda Jones, parent, Lanelle Ftheredge, leader, Doris Harvey, leader, Janet Price, leader; and members, Kathy Hull, Tonya Porter, Debra Teel, Donna Teel, Kim Ratliff, Kayla Tibbels, Toni Nobles, Kristi Price, Natalie McFaul, Penny Price, and Darlene Teel.

Door prizes and free cook books were given. Rhoda Jones won a sack of groceries and Lanelle Etheredge won a turkey.

County Schools Lunch Menu



Roby lunch menu Feb. 24-27, 1976.

Monday: Teachers Work Day, No School.

Tuesday: Hot dogs, Cream Potatoes, Vegetable Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday: Beef & Vegetable Stew, Cheese Curls, Cherry Cobbler, Milk, Crackers.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Green Beans, Tomato & Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Milk, Hot Rolls, Butter.

Friday: Hamburger, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Brownie Milk.

Rotan lunch menu February 24-27, 1976.

Monday: Holiday

Tuesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Red Velvet Cake, Milk.

Wednesday: Vegetable Beef Soup with Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk.

Thursday: Pig in Blanket, Blackeye Peas, Potato Salad, Corn Bread, Butter, Fudge Cake, Milk.

Friday: Rolled Turkey with Gravy, Buttered English Pease, Macaroni with Tomatoes, Orange Juice, Hot Rolls, Butter, Coconut Pudding, Milk.

Hobbs lunch menu Feb. 23-27, 1976.

Monday: Barbecued Wieners, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Hot Rolls, Coconut Cookies, Milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Lettuce and Carrot Salad, Buttered Corn, Whole Wheat Rolls, Peanut Butter Spread, Milk.

Wednesday: Burritos, Whole Potatoes in Sauce, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Jello, Milk.

Thursday: Spanish Rice with ground beef, Green Vegetable, Pineapple and Cheese Salad, Hot Rolls, Orange Cake, Milk.

Friday: Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Peaches, Milk.

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THIRD PLACE: Mark Yates won 3rd place with his Hamp at the Fort Worth Show. He represented Rotan FFA.

Roby Track Season Looking Promising

The Roby Lions' track season is fast approaching, and a lot of excitement is beginning to exist. Fifteen boys are beginning to work and the district title is their goal. Heading the list include Carlos Jones, senior, who will run on the 440 relay along with throwing the shot and discus. Carlos is working on returning to reg. in the shot again this season as well as in the discus. Mark Daniels will also give strength to the team expecting to make one of the relay teams and the pole vault.

Junior boys are James Putnam, Ricky Morton, Steven Evers, and Joe Green. James injured a muscle in the middle of the season last year, and was unable to run in the district meet. He did win a first in the 220 "B" division at Anson last year, so he should add plenty of strength to the 440 relay. Ricky Morton wasn't able to run until late last season and came on strong. Steven Evers is one of the team's weight men and should place high at the district meet. Green entered only one

Hobbs HDC Has Valentine Meet

The Hobbs Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. James Lay February 12. Mrs. Turner Houghton, president, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. James Lay led the group in recreation. Mrs. Clarence Anderson called the roll and asked each to answer with how we observe Valentine. She also read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Dale Cave gave the council report. The group nominated Mrs. Bill Hardy to the District meeting in Quannah to represent the club.

Mrs. Tutt presented the program on quick bread with master mix. Family size or just for two, to make biscuits, griddle cakes, or waffles, corn bread, nut bread, drop cookies, chocolate cake and many others, which has protein, a good body builder. The mix will keep at least six weeks without refrigeration, and is a great saving rather than ready mix.

Refreshments were served from a table with the Valentine motif. Chocolate cake, nut bread, and cookies made from the master mix, and other goodies, were served with punch and coffee.

Two visitors were Mrs. Tommy Lay and Juli. Members were Mmes. Fred Martinez, Clarence Anderson, Turner Houghton, Connie Tutt, Dale Cave, James Nettleton, J.P. Phillips and the hostess, Mrs. Lay.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Fred Martinez the 26th of February, at 2:30 p.m.; club's choice, program. Mrs. Tommy Lay will teach macrame plant hangers.

meet last year, district, placing 4th in the mile run and giving the team some points.

Sophomores are headed by high point district product last season, Brad Stuart. As a freshman, Brad won three firsts, a second, and a sixth at the district meet. Brad went to the regional meet in four events. This was quite an accomplishment for a freshman. Brad should show up strong this year in both hurdles, the relays, 880 run, pole vault, and probably broad jump. Ricky King came on strong at the end of the season last year in the 440 and finished 3rd in the broad jump at district. Brad Boyd should improve this year and add valuable strength to the relays. Jay Hilliard will be a hard worker expecting to get points for the team at the district meet in either 440 or 880 run. New comer, David Kiser should make one of the relays and place well in the open 440.

Freshmen are Al Gonzales, who shows lots of speed and should help both relays, adding strength in the 100 yd. dash, and broad jump. Timmy Morton has the most determination of the freshmen and as the season gets underway, could place high in 440 or 880. David Posey will be working in the pole vault, and hurdles with hope of placing in the district meet.

The boys are all looking forward to a good season and work is already underway for our track meet in Roby, April 3. It takes a lot of people to put on a track meet so parents could be called on to help.

Dates of Roby track meets are: March 6, Sweetwater; March 13, Spur; March 19, Borden County; March 27, Jayton; April 3, Roby Relays; April 10, Open; April 14, District Meet Snyder; April 23-24, Reg. Meet, Levelland.

Fisher County Nursing Home

This week we had several visitors. Mrs. Edward's daughter, Mrs. Babb, and Mrs. Whitten from Hamlin, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Tucker visited her; Eula and Earl Holcomb visited his mother, Mrs. Stephens, and also visiting her were Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb and daughter from Ft. Worth; Dave Snapp's son, Benny Snapp, and family from Odessa visited him; Mrs. Taylor's sister, Pearl Sharp, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Wilkins, visited; and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hoover from Nocona visited Mrs. Mary Finch Saturday.

We're glad to say that Mrs. Phronia Taggart returned to our home from the hospital Monday, Feb. 16. We're glad to have her back with us.

Everyone enjoyed our Valentine's Party held last Thursday, February 12.

Well, that's all the news this week. "ya'll come see us."

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to the Rotan Fire Department for their quick action in coming out so quickly and putting out the grass fire. We really appreciate it.

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Funeral Service Mrs E.C. McWhirter

Mrs. E.C. McWhirter, 80, of Pearland died at 12:10 p.m. Saturday in Methodist Hospital in Houston. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Frist Baptist Church in Roby.

The Rev. Allan Cartrite, pastor, officiated, assisted by George McBeth, a Baptist layman from Rotan. Burial was in Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral home.

Born Mary Alice Turnbull Oct. 4, 1895, in Tishamingo, Indian Territory, she moved to Fisher County in 1906 with her family.

She married E.C. McWhirter in 1920 in Roby. The couple lived in Roby until the 1940s, when they moved to Lubbock and then Akansas. After her husband died in 1967, she moved to Pearland.

She was a Baptist. Survivors include a son, Vernie of pearland; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Houston of Lamesa, Mrs. W.E. Edwards of Roby and Mrs. Lula Hanes of Tahoka; two brothers, Jimmy Turnbull of San Angelo and Archie Turnbull of Alamogordo, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Honor Aaron

Homer Aaron, 81, of Rotan died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Fisher County Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in First United Methodist Church in Rotan.

The Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor, officiated, assisted by George McBeth Baptist layman from Rotan. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Born Sept. 19, 1894, in Rome, Ga., he came to Fisher County in 1900 from Georgia. He married Avis Howell Nov. 5, 1919, in

Rotan. She died July 15, 1975. He was a Baptist and a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Frank (Marjorie) Mitchell of Roby; a son, James H. of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Lillie Terrell of Rotan; four grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were L.D. McGrew, Bruce Cox, Dr. Robert Hargrove, Dwight Nowlin, Stanley Nowlin and Ab Aaron.

Orange Streaks

The Rotan JV basketball teams ended a very successful season Feb. 6 with a consolation win in the Hamlin Tournament. The Yellowhammers defeated Aspermont in overtime by a score of 54-49.

The Yellowhammers' goal this year was to become a winner, and the Junior Varsity accomplished that very aptly by tying with Wylie for the district title. The season record shows 15 wins and 7 losses. Eleven wins were district wins and the Hammers suffered one district defeat.

This season was particularly gratifying for me as the boys showed great determination and hard work as they strived to meet their goals.

The team effort and community support were also important in

this winning season. With continuing progress and the self determination this JV team has, they should taste more victories next season. It has truly been a rewarding experience for me as their coach.

Coach Harbison

Card Of Thanks

We want to thank the Citizens State Bank, Roby Lions Club, Roby Volunteer Fire Department and the Roby Lions Booster Club for furnishing us with the beautiful new score board. We appreciate your interest in our basketball program and school.

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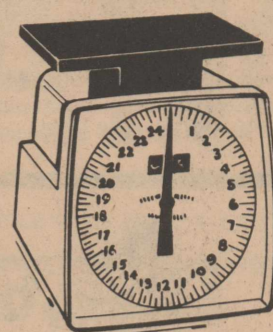
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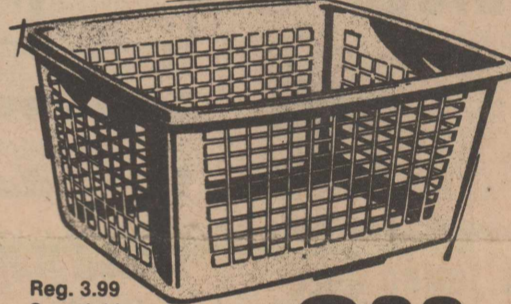
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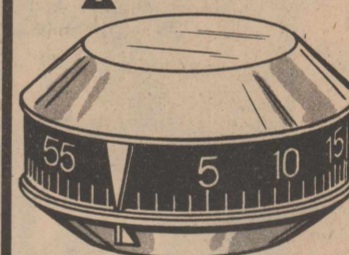


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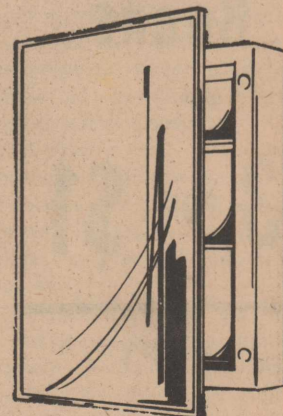
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Mrs. Harold Roberts and Mrs. Donald Gruben led committees that presented a program based on America's Bicentennial Celebration. The program included Cross Road's pastor, Bro. Mike

Hicks, presenting Mrs. Bertha McCombs as Banquet Sweetheart, followed by a musical presentation by Randy and Joe Murphree that included a refreshing mixture of humor, patriotism and spiritual emphasis. Wilber Gruben followed with an American's Salute to his Nation, a presentation Mr. Gruben had written. Mr. Norville Kennedy served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Bro. Hicks and the member-

ship of Cross Roads wishes to thank all who helped make this banquet a memorable occasion, including all who attended and the various merchants who provided needed items in such a helpful manner.

Bro. Hicks also invites interested persons to a study of the Old Testament book of Hosea that will begin this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. and will continue at 7:30 Monday thru Wednesday evenings.

Weather

From the Record of
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Rotan Weather Observer

Feb. '76	Prec.	Hi.	Lo.
Wed.11		63	48
Thur.12		76	42
Fri.13		81	48
Sat.14		75	53
Sun.15		70	51
Mon.16		72	46
Tues.17		73	46
Total precipitation to date:			
1975.....		1.99	
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