

Fisher County Sheriff Posse Party Saturday

Fisher County Sheriff Posse Christmas Banquet Party will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotan Community Center.

Wendell Morrow has secured excellent entertainment for the party. Jack Northrup, Director of Community Development in Olney is the featured entertainer. The native New Yorker was a high school dropout who faced and overcame many hardships including amputation of an arm to learn life is a challenge and is not easy.

The Christmas dinner is expected to be one of the best get togethers the Posse has had.

All members are urged to attend and ex-Sheriff Posse members, wives and husbands are issued a special invitation.

The banquet meal will be prepared by Mrs. Abigail
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Roby Firemen Set Bingo For Friday Night

The members of the Roby Fire Department will hold a bingo this Friday night beginning at 7:30, at the Roby Firemen's Hall.

The bingo prizes being offered include frozen turkeys.

Rotan Firemen Need Toys For Needy Kids

For the past 40 years the Rotan Fire Department has been collecting unwanted

toys, which they fixed, and Santa Claus rode over town on a fire truck Christmas Eve night to give the gifts to children that were not expecting anything for Christmas, according to A.B. Paker who retired last year after

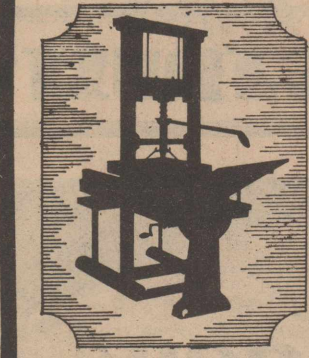
being the Fire Chief for 37 years.

The Department is again having their annual Christmas toy drive. The present Chief, Archie Neeley, is asking anyone that has unwanted toys to bring them to the Police Station so that unfortunate children may be fortunate to have a Merry Christmas.

Roby Cubs Defeat Old Glory 65-15

The Roby Cubs ran their season record to 3 and 1 as they beat Old Glory 65-15 last Monday night. Mark Pope pumped in 19 points for Roby while playing only two

quarters of the ball game. Roby played 10 boys in the game and scoring went as follows: Mark Pope 19, Scott Thomson 10, Mike McGinnis 6, Norbert Castor 9, James



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Rotan Girls Win By 2 Over Roscoe Squad

The Rotan High School girls basketball players edged by the girls from Roscoe last week by a score of 50-48. The Rotan team trailed during the entire contest and in the final seconds pushed ahead for the win.

At the end of the first quarter Rotan was trailing the Roscoe girls by a score of 7-10; they trailed by 23 to 25 at the end of the half.

The leading scorer was Carol Byrd with 24 points. She was followed by Susie McKinney with 12; Blanch Gentry with 6; Donna Smith with 5 and Charee Smith with 3.

Sonya Leverton led all guards with 5 steals, 5 rebounds and 15 ball advances. In the rebound department Blanch Gentry had 9; Ginger Duke had 4; Jill Hill had 4; Melody Walker had 2 and Kim Copeland had 1. Patti Williams did not have any rebounds.

Coach Sonny Barnes said that the bench was responsible for winning the Roscoe game. "We had four people in foul trouble during the final period and scored 24 points, this proves it takes 12 players to win a game and shows how important the total team is to the overall picture", said Barnes.

County Clinic In Roby Monday

The Fisher County TB Control and Multiphasic Clinic will be held in Roby Monday, Dec. 13.

The Clinic will be held at the Fire Hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Hobbs Baptist Christmas Supper Sunday

The Hobbs Baptist Church will have a Christmas Supper on Sunday night, Dec. 19, at 6:00. After the supper there will be a Christmas program, directed by Doshia Cave and Joy Walker.

Following the program there will be a Christmas tree.

Rotan Church Of Christ Youth Banquet

The Rotan Church of Christ is having a banquet, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Trail's End Restaurant for the youth of the Church.

There will be movies and entertainment. Charles Lindley, minister, will be charge of the banquet.

Roby Band Parents Meeting Monday Night

Roby Band parents will have their annual meeting Monday night, at 7:30 in the Roby Band Hall.

All band parents are urged to attend.

THURSDAY FINAL DAY FOR WEEVIL PROGRAM

Signature sheets are going to be picked up at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, according to Stanley Nowlin, Fisher County Chairman of the 1976-77 Diapause Program.

Nowlin indicated that farmers signing the sheets has continued to escalate each week.

He did indicate that he was in hopes that all farmers could get around to signing the sheets prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Nowlin asked that some additional information previously printed in the paper concerning the boll weevil spraying program be included in this week's news article.

Nowlin added some additional information to what has already been publicized concerning the spraying program. The following is of importance to farmers interested in the diapause program.

The money that the farmer invests in the 1977 diapause spraying program in Fisher County will be used exclusively on his farm. This is one of the prime reasons that

we are shooting for no less than 100 percent participation from all Fisher County farmers.

The farmers are eligible to have money refunded if the cotton is either destroyed by natural causes or if harvested early.

If a farmer is prevented from planting cotton because of moisture or any other act of nature, he will be eligible to have his money refunded.

If the farmer is hailed out, he will be eligible for a refund to that point of all funds not used providing he cleans the field of all cotton and stalk residue. This practice will eliminate a boll weevil feeding area, therefore it will not need to be sprayed.

If a person should defoliate his crop, strip and destroy the stalks he will be eligible to receive the remainder of the application money. For example-if this is done after four sprayings, he will receive a refund of two sprayings or approximately \$3.00 per acre.

The signature agreement sheets currently at the seven Fisher County gins are going

to be picked up at 5:00 p.m. December 9th. The committee is shooting for 100 percent participation at that point.

Pledge for diapause boll weevil control program for fisher county and adjoining counties

Each of the undersigned promises to participate in diapause boll weevil program for Fisher and adjoining counties. The projected approximate cost of the program is \$1.50 per ground acre with a maximum of six treatments. Each of the undersigned promises to pay the projected cost of nine dollars (\$9.00) per acre for each tract of land upon which cotton is planted. (Example: 80 acre tract cost will be \$720.00 regardless of whether land is skip row or planted solid in cotton.) ASCS records will be used for determination of actual acreage in each tract of cotton land. Each of the undersigned promises to pay one-third of his or her total cost not later than May 1, 1977 and the balance not later than July 15, 1977. Payments to be made to the

said program's account at either the First National Bank of Rotan, or the Citizens State Bank of Roby. Any funds not used will be refunded to the producers. The estimated starting date for aerial spraying is September 15, 1977.

Kindergarten In Roby Begins January 10th

Roby Elementary School will begin Kindergarten on Monday, January 10, 1977. If you have children living in the Roby Independent School District who were five years of age not later than Sept. 1, 1976, and not already registered, it would help to come to the school and do this within the next few days. Also, needed at time of registration is the child's birth certificate.

BLOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 9th
10:00 to 2:30
FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL

Rotan Basketball Rolls Despite Player Loss

The Rotan Yellowhammer basketball team, without the services of approximately 7 of their players, bravely faced Roscoe in what could have been a run-away were it not for a kind hearted Roscoe coach. The final score was 58-18. The Roscoe coach kept his first team on the bench all but part of the first quarter.

Scoring for Rotan was Clay Smith 2, Blake Hale 6, Donnie Mullins 8, and CleDon Coffman 2. Other players were Mark Henderson, Gary Don Harkney, Jesse Martinez, Anthony Yanez and Allan Houston.

The Yellowhammers took part in the Spur tournament last week and were defeated 55-32 by McAdoo and 49-10

against Patton Springs.

In the McAdoo game, Donnie Mullins had 10 points, Cle Don Coffman had 6, Blake Hale, Gary Don Harkney and Jesse Martinez each had 4 points, while Allan Houston and Clay Smith had 2 points.

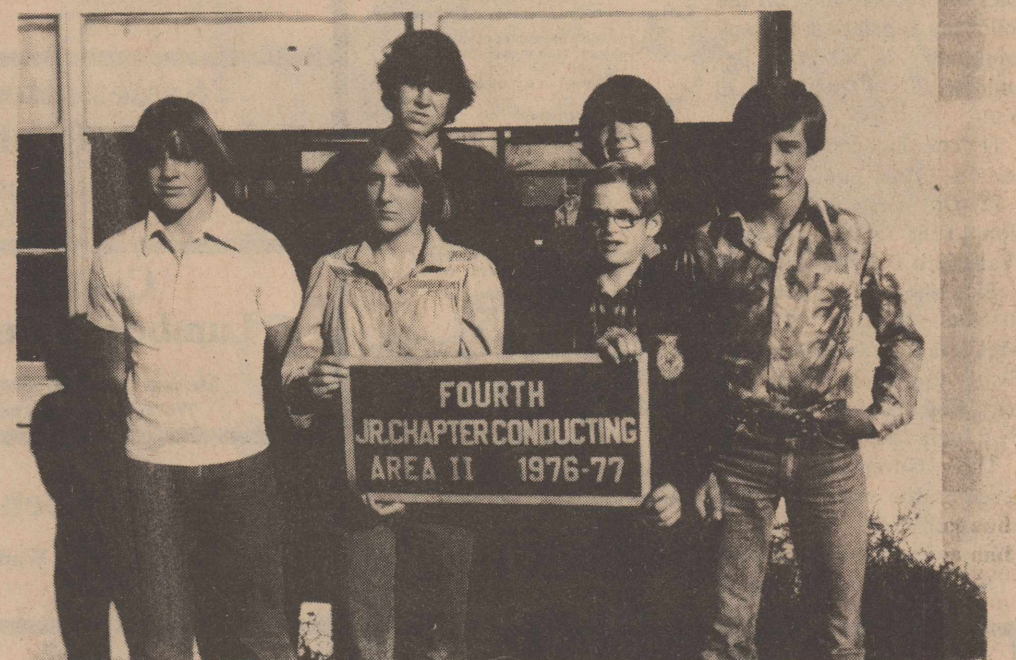
Against Patton Springs Smith had 1, Hale 4, Mullins 4, and Coffman 1.

Rotan 8th Grade Wins Game Over Hamlin

Thursday, Dec. 9, in Jayton. The next district game is Monday, Dec. 13, in Aspermont.

The girls need your support.

Other members of the team are Connie Posey, Vickie Moore, Catalina Lopez, Carrie Matthies, Jennie Swafford, Veronica Carrillo and LaRhea Smith.



ROBY FFA TEAM: Roby FFA Jr. Chapter Conducting Team won the Double Mountain District and placed 4th in Area II Contest. Team members are, left to right, Shelby Thompson, Debbie Stuart, Todd McCright, Britt Stuart. Back row, Erick Parks, Terry Owens. Not pictured, Lisa Gruben, president.

Fire Destroys McDonald Rotan Warehouse Site

An early morning fire last Sunday at the McDonald Bros. Cotton Warehouse on the southern outskirts of Rotan completely destroyed the plant, according to Archie Neeley, Rotan Fire Chief.

The alarm was turned in to the Rotan Fire Department at 5:10 a.m., Sunday. Local firemen battled the blaze until approximately 9:00 a.m.

There was not an estimate of loss available at press time.

Rotan FFA Turkey Shoot Sunday, Dec 12 Fowler Ranch Starts 1:00

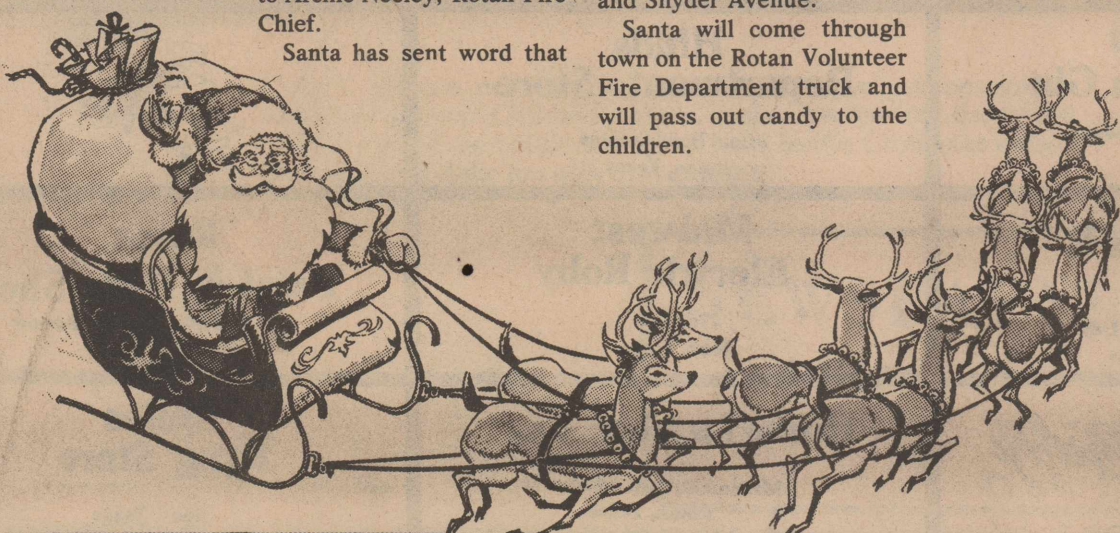
Santa Claus Coming To Rotan On Friday

Santa Claus will be coming to Rotan this Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., according to Archie Neeley, Rotan Fire Chief.

Santa has sent word that

he will visit with children beginning at 5:00 at the intersection of Garfield St. and Snyder Avenue.

Santa will come through town on the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department truck and will pass out candy to the children.



FFA COMPETITION: Rotan FFA Senior Chapter Conducting team placed 1st in the Double Mountain Contest in Hamlin; then placed 3rd in the Big Spring Area Contest. Members are, left to right, Donny Mullins, David Posey, John Cox, Ken Holt, Wes Morrow, Robert Posey and Cle Don Coffman.



ROBY FFA TEAM: Roby FFA Jr. Farm Skills Team won the Double Mountain District and placed 3rd in Area II. Team members are, left to right, Kevin Rivers, Gregg Jennings and Tony Terry.

NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners will accept bids on one 1977, 1 ton pickup. 350-4 barrel engine, step side, power brakes, factory air, tinted glass, radio, power steering, auxiliary gas tank, four-750x16 8 ply tires, one extra wheel, heavy duty radiator-less trade in 1975 1-ton pickup.

Bids will be opened at the meeting of the Fisher County Commissioners Court on Monday, December 13, 1976 at 10:00 a.m.

Bids are to be in writing, and sent to Fisher County Judge, Fisher County Courthouse, Roby, Texas and clearly marked bids.

The Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Sheriff's Notice of Sale

The State of Texas County of Fisher

Whereas by virtue of Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the 32nd District Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 3rd day of December, 1976, in Cause No. 4118, where Bert Leola Coleman was Plaintiff, and Plez C. Coleman was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in Case No. 60939, Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, dated 7/24/75 against Defendant and in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, with no interest, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 7th day of December, 1976, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Fisher County, Texas, as the property of Plez C. Coleman

All of Lots Numbers 7, 8, and 9, in Block Number 31, Town of Roby, Fisher County, Texas and on the 4th day of January, 1977 being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Plez C. Coleman in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of December, 1976.

A.E. Rollans, Sheriff, Fisher County Texas
By Ilene Hale, Deputy 43-3tc

Notice to Bidders
The Governing Board of Fisher County Hospital District will receive bids on the following inhalation therapy equipment on Monday, December 20, 1976, at 6:30 p.m.

(1) one Blood Gas Analyzer (I L 231 or Equal)
(2) One Pulmonary Function Unit with recorder (Vanguard D S 500 or Equal)

Bids should be submitted to the attention of J.N. McCallay, Administrator, Fisher County Hospital District, Roby Highway, Drawer F, Rotan, Texas 79546.

The Governing Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Fisher County Hospital Dist.
Ralph Ammons, Chairman 43-2tc

Stamford Adult Choir To Sing In Rotan Church

The Adult Choir from First Baptist Church, Stamford, will present the Christmas Cantata, "So Great A Gift", Sunday night, Dec. 12, at the First Baptist Church of Rotan.

The services will begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The director of the choir is Douglas Yarbrough.

Bond Sales Fall for 1976

September sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Fisher County were reported recently. Sales for the nine-month totaled \$30,342 for 51 percent of the 1976 sales goal of \$60,000.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,040,995, while sales for the first nine months of 1976 totaled \$189,746,369 with 73 percent of the yearly sales goal of \$227.2 million achieved.

Cotton Bollies Wanted For Mission Work

Belynda and Debra Stuart and Carol and Mary Barrington are interested in donations of cotton bollies from interested persons who would donate the bollies to be picked up for Mission work in Old Mexico.

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Bible Class-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:50 a.m.
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Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
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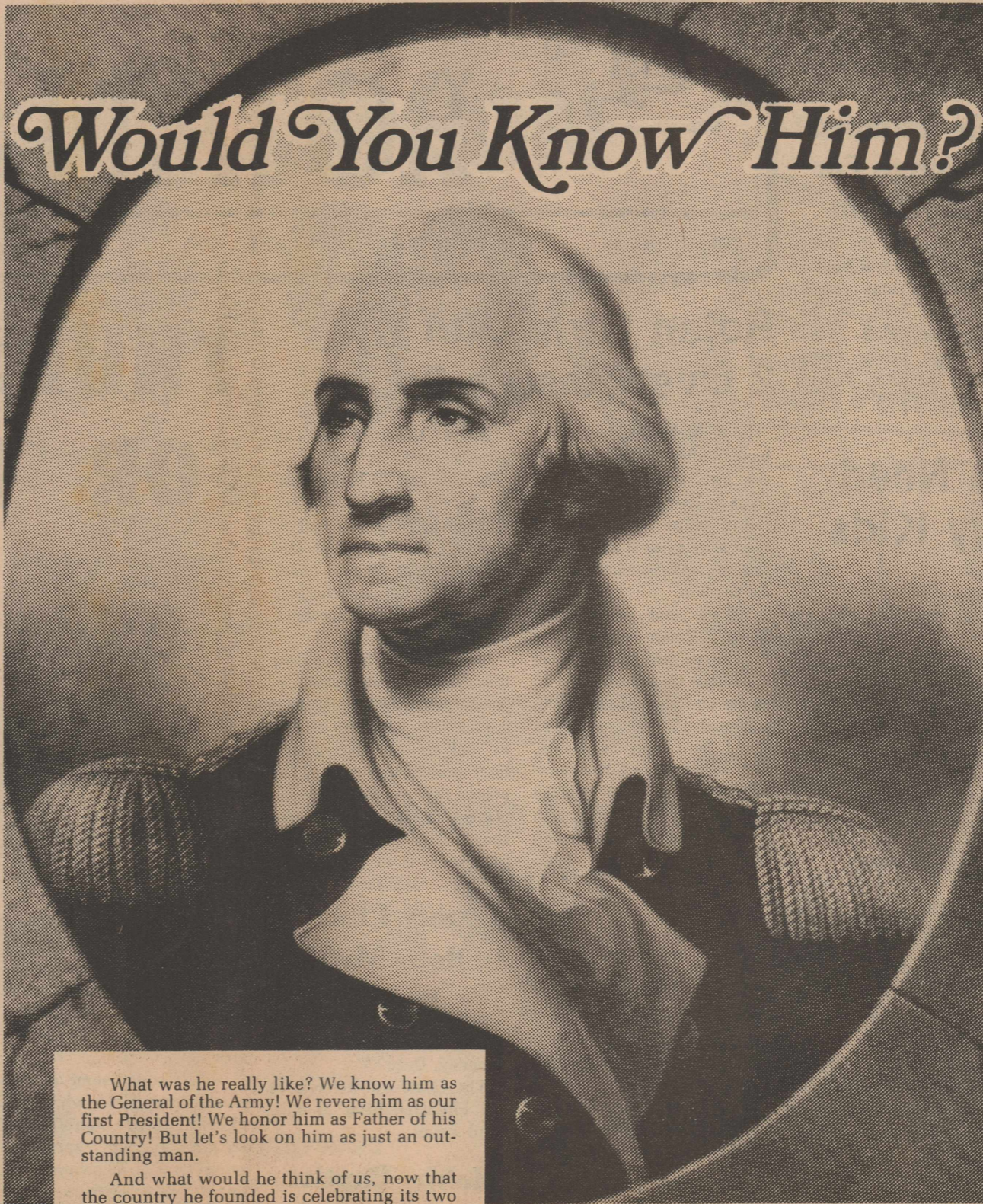
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Buddy Payne, Minister
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Sunday School-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night-7:30 p.m.

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Rotan, Texas
David N. Vickers, Pastor
Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Worship-11:00 a.m.

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Rotan, Texas
John Hoorman, Pastor
Mass-Saturday Eve.-7:30 p.m.
Mass-Sunday-9:00 a.m.

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

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



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It would be interesting to find out, fascinating to have known George Washington. And, had we lived when he did, there would have been one place where we surely would have met him.

In church.

Sunday Psalms 118:1-29	Monday Isaiah 25:1-9	Tuesday 1 Peter 1:1-9	Wednesday Psalms 90:1-17
Thursday Psalms 111:1-10	Friday Proverbs 2:1-9	Saturday Proverbs 8:1-11	

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Inside The Lion's Den

BY PAUL MITCHELL

Last week we beat Bronte High School twice, by the scores of 42-30 and 64-40. The first win was at Bronte and the second win came in the Roscoe tourney. After beating Bronte in our first tourney game we met Hawley in a simifinal game and came out on top 59-56. We met Jayton in the championship game and lost 25-29. Our record stands at 6 wins against 2 defeats for the season. We entertained Loraine on Tuesday in our district opener and travel to Ackerly Thursday and Friday to participate in the Sands tournament. We play the Big Spring junior varsity in the first round.

Ricky King produced 16 points in our first win over Bronte last week. Brad Wilburn and Monty Pope followed Rick with 11 and 18 points respectively. We trailed briefly but rallied with a big second quarter to take command of the game. Ricky Morton and Steve Evers led us on the boards. Ricky Morton pumped in 21 points against Bronte in the Roscoe tourney opening round as we handled them fairly easy. Steve Evers and Ricky King tallied 14 and 11 points respectively. Monty Pope and Brad Stuart added 10 and 6 points also. Brad Stuart was playing in his first game of the year since recovering from a football injury. Bronte pressed us most of the game and I'm proud of the composure the boys displayed in beating their press for quick baskets.

We moved into the semi-final against Hawley on Friday and won despite their 70 percent shooting. Monty Pope led us in the scoring column with 15 points. Others scoring were Brad Stuart 13, Steve Evers 12, Ricky King 12, Ricky Morton 4, and Brad Wilburn 3. Morton fouled out early in the fourth quarter and bid Brad Wilburn came on tough in the clutch for us. Monty Pope had his best game ever against Hawley as he scored and handled the point on offense very well. Steve Evers led us on the boards against Hawley. Brad Stuart and Monty Pope had 6 steals between them.

Against Hawley we shot 50 percent for the game. Hawley shot 45 percent. Both teams came out burning the nets with Hawley hitting on 70 percent and Roby 65 percent in the first half. We both cooled off in the second half and we prevailed in beathing Nig Womack's ball club. In the championship game we sat on the ball in the first half and went to the dressing room behind 6-10. We stalled the ball so we wouldn't have to play

defense and get in foul trouble. They were big and it was hard to stop their big 6 ft. 5 in. boy without fouling. We began the second half in good shape and ran with Jayton. We were on top at the end of three quarters by four points, but Ricky King and Steve Evers sat out the last four minutes with five fouls. They would have gone much earlier if we had played with them all night. The officials blew the whistle 21 times on us, compared to 10 on Jayton. We threw the ball away 6 times in the last quarter enabling Jayton to beat us. The score was 26-25 with a second to go and Jayton made a layup and we were called for fouling, giving them a four point championship win. I'm proud of our ball club and their performance in the tournament. Ricky Morton made the All-Tournament team for our ball club.

Thanks for the support last week.

All District Players Named For Rotan Football Team

After playing through a long and hard season that ended in a record of 0-10, two members of the varsity Rotan Yellowhammer team were named to the second team all district squad.

Donnie Mullins, junior, end, was named to the 2nd team all district team as was John Cox. Cox received all district team honors for his

performance in the defensive backfield.

Receiving offensive honorable mentions were running back Jerry Carr, and guard Robert Posev.

Defensively, it was Ray Weathersbee at the linebacker position and Paul Hinson at the down lineman position.

Sharon Murdoch Gets First In Music Contest

Sharon Murdoch won first place in a talent contest held Saturday, November 27 in Hobbs, New Mexico high school auditorium.

The contest was Sounds of Nashville International Country Gospel Music Festival.

Among the groups were Wally Fowler, Mr. S. Music, The Fowlers Florida, The Singing Christians, Jeanette Lunsford, The Hanks Family, The Gardners and special guest was Wanda Jackson.

Catholic Youth Names Carmen Carreon Pres.

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of St. Joseph's Catholic Church met on Wednesday, December 1, for the first meeting of the 1976-77 year.

New officers were elected as follows: Carmen Carreon, President; Stella Carrillo, Vice President; Connie Rameriz, Secretary; Carolyn DeLeon, Treasurer; and Anita Yanez, Reporter.

Plans for the Christmas choir were also discussed. Rosemary Carrillo will direct the choir this year.

County Farm Product Sales Are Increased

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 743 farms in Fisher County in 1974 amounted to \$12,520,000, according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. Production expenses on these farms totaled \$11,852,000 in 1974.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition first used for the 1957 Census of Agriculture: A farm includes all agricultural operations conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management, provided that sales of agricultural products amounted to, or normally would amount to, at least \$250 for places of less than 10 acres or \$50 for

places of 10 acres or more. Figures for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more are shown for 1974 and 1969. These farms accounted for \$12,347,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$8,641,000 in 1969.

There were 594 of these farms in 1974 compared with 702 in 1969. The average size increased from 702 to 841 acres during the five years. The value per acre increased from \$143 to \$195 raising the average value per farm from \$100,643 to \$163,812.

The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,400 or more of sales was \$7,062,000 in 1974; poultry and their products, \$1,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$5,283,000.

Farms reporting less than

\$1,000 in sales numbered 13 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$2,000.

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Farm Bureau Gives Counties Recognition

The Texas Farm Bureau recognized a number of county Farm Bureaus for accomplishments in 1976 in the fields of membership acquisition, safety, and public information during its convention at Fort Worth.

The TFB gained 15,101 members in 1976 to reach a new all-time high of 195,571 with all of the 210 county FBs gaining in members for the fourth consecutive year.

Harris County received the award for the largest county Farm Bureau with 3,101 members. This is the first a county FB in Texas has exceeded 3,000 members.

Harris County also received the award for the largest number of new members with its enrollment of 680 new members.

Winners of the two other perpetual membership awards were Lampasas County FB which has had the longest continuous gain (29 years) and Wharton County FB which had the largest gain—305.

Knox County Farm Bureau received the TFB Safety Award for having done the most during the year to promote safety precautions on the farm or ranch.

Six counties received awards for their efforts to promote the organization and agriculture through public and organization communication media. First and second place winners were named for each of three membership categories.

First place winner in the low membership category was Dawson County with Wichita County placing second.

In the middle membership group, Bexar County was first with Colorado County coming in second.

Taking top honors in the high membership category was Ellis County. Tom Green County was second-place winner.

District II was named Honor District for having the largest membership gain of the 13 TFB districts—a total gain of 2,048. Donald Hebert of Waller is director for the district. Counties in District II—each of which received an award—are Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

Recognized as being the ten largest county FBs in membership strength were Harris, McLennan, Fort Bend, Wharton, Ellis, Van Zandt, Fayette, Nacogdoches, Bell and Hidalgo.

The ten county FBs with the largest membership gain are Wharton, Harris, Brazoria, Nacogdoches, Houston, Coryell, Limestone, McLennan, Kaufman, Austin, and Hidalgo. The last two tied for tenth place.

Continuous gain trophies

were presented county FBs who have had continuous gains for periods of five, ten, 15, 20 and 25 years. Five year continuous gain counties are Carson, Collingsworth, Hutchinson, Potter, Dickens, Haskell, Knox, Throckmorton, Coke, Concho, Fisher, Gaines, Martin, Reeves, Tom Green, Comanche, Jones, Mills, Runnels, Williamson, Tyler, Live Oak, Maverick, Webb, Goliad, Hidalgo and Willacy.

Baptist WMU Holds Meeting

The WMU of the First Baptist Church of Roby met Tuesday, November 30, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Joy to the World". They were led in singing by Mrs. William Hughey, Mrs. Baines Upshaw was pianist.

The call to prayer was brought by Mrs. Hughey, after which plans were made for the approaching "Week of Prayer".

Members present were Mmes. Ivin Martin, Tom Miller, Arthur Penaluna, William Hughey, Hollis Henry, Joe Morgan, Baines Upshaw, Allan Cartrite, J.B. Hughey, Carl Martin.

Cotton Panel To Discuss Research On TV

A panel of leading cotton growers from the area will discuss the upcoming cotton research and promotion referendum on a TV special December 9.

Moderators of the program to be broadcast on KRBC-TV, Channel 9, at 9 p.m. are Ed Wokes and Bob Etheredge, Lubbock broadcasters.

Wilkes and Etheredge said the farmers will outline the issues cotton producers will decide in the referendum vote. Ballots to cotton growers will be mailed by county offices of the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The referendum will give cotton producers an opportunity to vote on an additional assessment to supplement the current \$1 per bale which finances cotton research and promotion programs conducted by Cotton Incorporated.

Panelists are Herman Propst, Anson; Bill Whorton, Roscoe; and Cliff Hoelscher, Garden City. Also appearing on the program will be Bob Boslet, administrative vice president of Cotton Incorporated, New York.



Cheryl Terry Named Roby FFA Sweetheart

Cheryl Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Terry, a senior at Roby High School was recently elected FFA Sweetheart.

She is enrolled in Ag-Mech and serves as secretary of the club. Cheryl will represent the chapter at the District FFA Banquet.

Cotton Report

There was little change in a slow cotton market during the week ending December 2, according to B.B. Manly, Jr. of the Abilene, USDA Cotton Classing Office. Prices paid to growers ranged from 30 to 34.50 cents per pound over Government loan rates.

Demand was good, particularly for white and light spotted grades, with staple length 32 or longer, micronaire 3.5 to 4.9. Most cotton is selling in mixed grade and staple lots and bring 66 to 70 cents per pound, depending on quality. Grade 42, staple 31 (4231), with micronaire 3.5 to 4.9, brought from 63.50 to 69.20 cents per pound.

Cotton quality was slightly lower than the previous week. The predominant grades were 42 with 35 percent, grade 52 was 22 percent, grade 32 was 13 percent, and grade 51 was 11 percent. Thirty-eight percent was reduced in grade on account of bark or grass. Staple length was probably the longest average for this area with 51 percent 32 or longer. Staple 31 was 41 percent; 32 was 38 percent; 33 was 10 percent. Staples 30 and 34 accounted for 8 and 3 percent respectively. Micro-

naire readings showed little change with 82 percent 3.5 to 4.9, 7 percent 5.0 and above, 3 percent in each the 3.3 and 3.0 category, and 1 percent below 3.0.

A total of 54,000 samples were classed at the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene during the week ending December 2. This brought the season total to 150,000 compared to 100,000 at this time a year ago.

Methodists Will Present Cantata At Rotan Church

The Senior Choir of Rotan First United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Cantata. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, directed by Betty Strayhorn and Mary Ann Marshall. The public is invited and a nursery will be provided.

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 19, for the regular Worship hour there will be a Christmas program and Christmas tree for the students of the Sunday School classes and teachers. Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor, issued an invitation to everyone to attend the services.

Child's Problems In Speech Many

Most 4 and 5-year-old children have mastered the sounds of English. no longer to they look at a "Wobin flitting from tree to tree and ask excitedly, "Do you thee it, too?"

The hardest sounds commonly to get the hand of are "s, r, l and th"... but by the time a child reaches kindergarten age even these are usually falling into place. Most parents take this acquisition of intelligible speech by their offspring as a matter of course.

It isn't, say Texas Christian University speech pathologists Marylee Norris, Dr. Joyce Harden and Dr. Dorothy Bell. They're conducting research to find out why not.

"Of course, there are a number of identifiable reasons why some children can't speak normally," Dr. Harden says, referring to those who have a hearing loss or structural malformations, those who are mentally retarded or have severe emotional disturbances and those suffering from maternal deprivation. But the researchers aren't talking about cases like that.

They're concerned about children who are essentially normal, who demonstrate effective hearing mechanisms, who have nothing in their histories to indicate other problems... "children normal in every respect except that they do not have the speech sounds one would expect at their ages, in this case 4-and 5-year-olds," Dr. Harden adds.

The study is being conducted in a new building specially constructed for the TCU Speech and Hearing Clinic and for classes and research in speech/hearing problems. TCU offers master's programs in speech pathology and speech communication, as well as baccalaureate degrees.

Although research into articulation problems of otherwise normal children has also been conducted by others, Ms. Norris and Drs. Harden and Bell have selected a different approach in that, rather than picking single words for the child to repeat, they chose instead a group of common phrases which, together, represent the sound system of English and which contain words that would be familiar to small children. For example, the words "white teeth" represent the initial "wh" sound, the initial "t" and the final "th". Other phrases included "go to the zoo" or "turn the page."

"Naturally, these children can't read yet, so we had to keep the phrases short and

simple so they could be easily remembered," Ms. Norris says. "The purpose of the study is to see if we could find features of the various sounds that appeared to be more important for intelligibility than others--and also if the children we say demonstrated certain clusters of misarticulations, which you would not catch by the use of four and five who had articulation problems and where being seen at the TCU clinic, along with a group of 50 other children with no speech problems, who would be used as a comparison or "control" group.

The researchers started by saying single words and then phrases to the children, allowing the child to repeat the same words and phrases after them, and taping these responses.

Next, tapes of each child's words were studied by six graduate students in speech therapy, who noted the errors and analyzed them by their "missing" or "Different" features. The tapes were also played for eight listeners who had no speech therapy training and who were asked to identify what they thought each child was saying.

Results of these interpretations are still being analyzed in the TCU Computer Center—a large task when one realizes that each child represents over 600 computer cards.

The types of articulation errors made by the children with speech problems fall into four broad categories--they may omit a sound completely, substitute one sound for another (thee for see), distort a sound so that it is completely unintelligible or, in a few cases, add a sound that is not there.

Although all the data are not yet interpreted, the researchers have already noted that proper intonation of a phrase makes for greater intelligibility.

"Some of the children would give us back the intonation of a phrase precisely as we said it to them—even though the sounds themselves were not always correct," Ms. Norris notes, "but we found, in these cases, that the listeners tended to more easily understand what the child was trying to say simply because he gave the words the correct intonation."

"A number of the children in the clinic population gave back the phrases with intonations that are simply not compatible with English," Dr. Harden adds, "placing an additional burden on the listener."

Parents shouldn't panic if their pre-kindergarten children don't speak to perfection, the researchers are quick to point out. A great number of misarticulations plus the level of frustration of the child in not being able to make himself understood may indicate a problem, however.

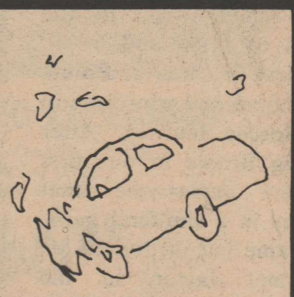
There are many programs available in Fort Worth to help correct these misarticulations, according to Ms. Norris, who mentioned that the Fort Worth public schools had a testing program, along with the Easter Seal Society here and, of course, the TCU Speech and Hearing Clinic.

"If a parent is worried about a child, the child should be evaluated by a speech pathologist," Ms. Norris says. "It will relieve the parent's anxiety and the child's as well. There is a trend today toward early identification and correction of speech problems."

"We hope that the results of our research will give us more information about the patterns of articulation errors in both articulatory-defective children and the speech production of normal children."

The study is sponsored by the TCU Research Founda-

tion, the University-related corporation that supports many of TCU's educational/research programs.



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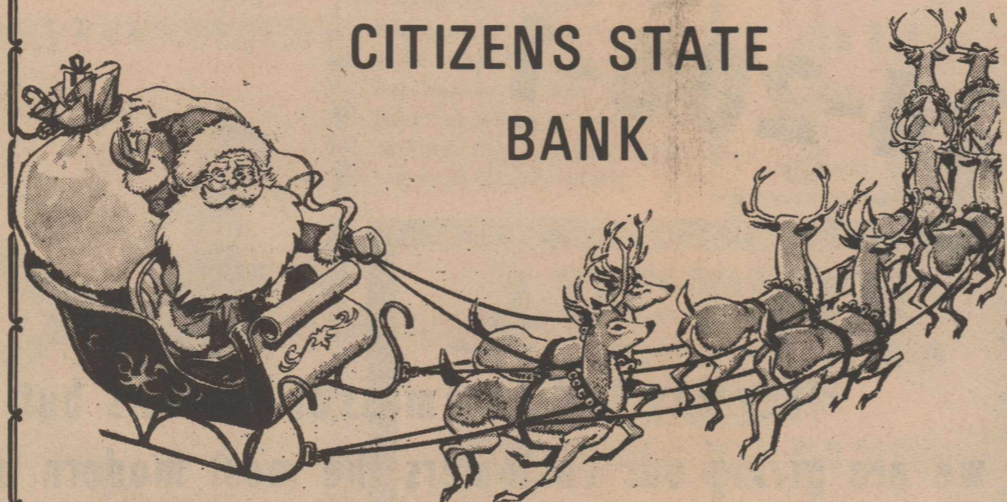
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Mickey Daniel, Capt. D.L. Gill Are United

Mickey Dean Daniel and Capt. Dennis Lawrence Gill of Shrewsbury, Mass., were married November 21 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Abilene, by the Rev. Jerry M. Potect.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hue Moore of Roby and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Gertrude I. Gill of Shrewsbury, Mass., and the late Walter Gill.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Larry Randolph of Roby, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, Mrs. Phil Sissel served as bridesmaid. Leslie Daniel was the flower girl.

Dennis Lordan of Shrewsbury, Mass., served as best

man. E. William Neal of Phoenix, Ariz., was groomsmen.

Bob Maese and Mark Danile, both of Abilene, seated guests.

The bride is a graduate of Sweetwater High School and attended Hardin-Simmons. She is employed by Dr. Charles Taylor in Abilene.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Shrewsbury high School and has a BS in math from the Air Force Academy. Capt. Gill is stationed at Kadena AFB, Okinawa.

The reception was hosted by the parents of the bride at the Westwood Club.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will be living in Okinawa.

Fisher County Nursing Home

The Calvary Baptist Church held church services last Sunday. The Cross Roads Baptist Church will come Sunday, Dec. 12.

Those attending Bible Study this week are Beulah Moffett, Sadie Cross, Lulline Blount, Tish Hayes, Sam Shaw, and Rector Brown. Teaching Bible Study this week was Bro. Rogers and Narcissa Clegg.

The Fisher County Singing Group will come Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Children from the First Baptist Church, Rotan, came Sunday, Dec. 4., to sing Christmas Carols and to bring candy canes which they had made for our patients. We really enjoyed the program.

We would like to invite friends and relatives to our annual Christmas party for our patients to be held Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Mae Gruben and Bill House families in their time of sorrow.

That's the news this week, come see us.

7th Grade Rotan Girls Suffer Loss

The Rotan 7th grade girls played Hamlin 7th grade Monday, Dec. 6. Rotan came out on the bottom in scoring.

The girls just couldn't get started on scoring. They lost several passes and the guards were very weak on defense. The team was weak on rebounds also.

Debbie Mann was top scorer for Rotan with 6 points. Debra Cabrera had 2, Kathy Ramirez 2, and Beverly McKinney 1.

The other members of the team are Laura Gruben, Pam Weathersbee, Naomi Counts, Teresa Glenn, Virginia Almanza, Rocky Garza, Martha Hargrove, and Ronda Underwood.

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T.L. Roa, Jr., And Kay Nelson Are Engaged

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The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Southwest High School and is an Airman First Class in the Air Force as Lady Operator for air craft.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1970 graduate of Rotan High School and is also an Airman First Class with the Air Force as Telephone Equipment and Installation Department.



The couple will be married Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in a ceremony in the Philippines.

Improvements In Homes On The Increase

Although prices of new houses are increasing faster than incomes in Texas, housing starts have been on the rise for more than a year. By midyear, they were running nearly 40 percent higher than a year ago.

Most of the increase can be attributed to continued migration into the state. Population in Texas has been increasing for several years. But with sudden world concern for energy supplies in late 1973, the inflow stepped up sharply. It is now probably running well over 200,000 a year.

Coming mainly with companies moving to Texas for the oil and gas produced here or for the expertise in petroleum and management clustered here, this fresh wave of immigrants was quickly strengthened by arrivals coming in support of the general economy.

Usually well paid, these new arrivals have come into housing markets on a firm footing. And having sold houses that had appreciated in other states, where housing costs were often higher than in Texas, they tend to bid up prices of houses here.

Meanwhile, another movement is under way in Texas housing. Watching apartments fill up, forcing a rise in rents, some builders have turned to selling less expensive tract houses. These houses, which can be bought at prices that compare favorably with rent, are being sold about as fast as they are built.

Only in the great middle ground do possible buyers seem to be resisting price increases. Those already in their homes are not trading up as they once did during recoveries. In some ways, this may be the most fundamental change of all.

Incomes for most homeowners have not kept up with the prices of houses. Overall, incomes in Texas increased close to 50 percent during the first half of the 1970's. But the average price of new houses increased 90 percent.

Protected somewhat from the rising costs of housing, including taxes and utilities, by mortgages made when house prices and interest rates were lower, many homeowners that might have traded are simply sitting out this cycle, watching their homes appreciate.

Leisure Lodge News

We would like to welcome two new residents. So glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons. The Simmonses moved here from Oklahoma. They are former Roby residents and have many friends and relatives in our area.

We would like to thank the group of Christmas Carolers who came last Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Also appreciated the WMU from First Baptist Church for the program last Wednesday.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Carmen Bartley.

Our residents' Christmas Party will be Dec. 23 at 2:30 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to come.

We've had several out of town visitors the past week. Lula May Crawford of Hamlin and Luna Kolb of Sweetwater visited Emily Garrett.

Lloyd Crawford of Arlington visited the Bud Crawfords this week.

Mrs. Cleve Bostick of Abilene visited Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Bostick is a daughter.

Mrs. Geneva Maberry of McCaulley visited the Tom Simmons and Mrs. Cyphers. Ruthie, Dennis and Kevin Moize brought Miss Maudie Moize home from a visit in Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hicks of McCaulley and Mrs. Steve Baker of Arlington, Mr. Roland House of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Holloway of Roswell, N.M., Mrs. Bob Terry and Kenneth of Roby visited the Geo. McBeths during the week. Come to see us.

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Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 1976
Margaret Neep, G.I. Parker, Louise Mahaffey, O.E. Hanna, Alma Smyrl, Emma Faye Terry, Roby; Carrie Valdez, Clarice Kelley, Modell Hill, Francis Flores, Maudie Reeves, Meloda Anderson, Rotan; B.L. Carriker, Jimmie Brewer, Jayton; L.Z. Webb, McCaulley; Peggy Campbell, Sweetwater.

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Registration For Spring Semester W.T.C.

Registration is slated Jan. 10-14 for spring semester classes at the Western Texas College extension center of Sul Ross State University. Classes will begin Jan. 17 and continue through May 12. All classes are held on the WTC campus and meet from 6:30-9:30 one night per week. Courses tentatively scheduled for the spring semester are Education 5307, Education 5313, Education 6307, Education 6308, Education 7309, History 5310 and Sociology 5303. Persons wishing further information may contact Mrs. Mary Pinkston, Sul Ross coordinator, in the WTC Administration Building or call her at 573-0012.

Rotan Area College Classes Register Soon

Registration for spring semester classes at Western Texas College extension centers has been set for Jan. 11 and 13. Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services and Registrar, has announced. The schedule is as follows: Colorado City, Jan. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., Colorado Middle School. Post, Jan. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., High School Learning Center. Haskell, Jan. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., High School Library. Rotan, Jan. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., High School Library. Sweetwater, Jan. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., High School cafeteria. Persons wishing additional information about extension center classes may contact the coordinator in each of the above named towns or the office of the registrar at WTC.

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stronger job on defense. Our offense is finally perking up and we expect our scoring to improve. I have a lot of confidence and pride in these girls and I know they can take the district title. The Jr. High girls are now 5-1 on the season and really getting tough. The Jr. High begins district on Monday, Dec. 13, against Loraine. Members of the Roby Jr. High girls team are Jill Wright, Darlene Herron, Leslie Carey, Connie Williamson, Tammy Stephens, Mary Barrington, Sue Toole, Tana Mauldin, Paula Terry, Jana Jennings, Lisa Hoodenpyle, Mary Nell Clayton, Diane Carreon, Nerissa Hardwick and Mary Des Rosiers.

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Fri. 3		69	33
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Sun 5	Tr	48	26
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November.....55
1975.....24.14
1976.....20.82
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We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends for the love and concern during my illness. For your many deeds of kindness, words of comfort, cards, and flowers, we are forever grateful. To those who planted our grain crop, tended our cattle, replaced broken appliances, kept transportation in shape to make the trips to the V.A. Hospital, thank you from the heart. Hoping someday to show it as big as yours has been.

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Grandparents' Corner



Larry Jason Gruben, age 9 months, is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Bennett of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Gordon of Hobbs community. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gruben of Roby.

Billie Gay Helms And Joe Seaton Are United

Billie Gay Helms and Joe Seaton, Jr. exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Church of The Nazarene, Rotan. Rev. F.W. Rogers, pastor, officiated the ceremony. Floyd Garcia Jr. was pianist and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wray Helms of Rotan. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seaton, Sr. of Jayton.

Mary Ann Martinez was maid of honor. Don Wayne Jones of Jayton was best man.

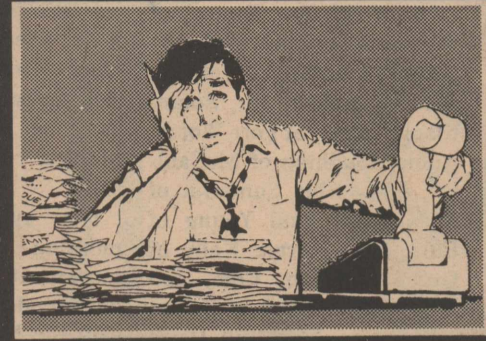
Ushers were Tim Seaton,

brother of the bridegroom, of Jayton and Gary Don Helms, of the U.S. Marines, brother of the bride.

The reception was held in the church Annex. Nora Sue Helms, sister of the bride, served punch and Connie Hyer, cousin of the bridegroom, served the wedding cake.

The bride is a graduate of Bridge City High School and is employed by Cade Grocery. The bridegroom is a graduate of Jayton High School and is employed by Donald Wray Helms. The couple is making their home in Rotan.

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Next Week's Basketball Schedule

Rotan				
Dec. 14	Haskell	There	5:00	A&B, B&G
Dec. 16-18	Knox City Jr. Varsity Tournament			
Dec. 17	Roscoe	There	5:00	A&B, B&G
JR. HIGH				
Dec. 9	Jayton	There	4:00	B & G
Dec. 14th	Aspermont	There	4:00	B&G
Roby				
Dec. 13	Hawley	There	6:00	A, B&G, B girls
Dec. 14	*Westbrook	There	7:00	A, B&G
Dec. 16-18	McCaulley Tournament			B, B&G
ROBY JR. HIGH				
*Dec. 13	Loraine	6:30	Here	A, B&G
Dec. 16	Blackwell	6:00	Here	A, B&G
Hobbs				
Dec. 14	*Hermleigh	There	7:00	G&B
JUNIOR HIGH				
Dec. 13	Highland	Here	6:30	G&B
Dec. 16	Snyder	There	5:30	8th & 9th boys

Roby Junior High Girls Beat Old Glory

The Roby Jr. High girls traveled to Old Glory last Monday night and defeated the Pirates by the score of 38-22. Leading the scoring for Roby was Darlene Herron with 24 points, followed by Jill Wright with 8 points and Leslie Carey with 6 points. Strong defensive performances were turned in by Connie Williamson, Mary Barrington, Tammy Stephens and Paula Terry.

The United States has a higher infant rate than 16 other nations, partly because we have a higher proportion of low birthweight babies, according to the March of Dimes. Half of our infant deaths are attributed to low birth weight, and is a much more frequent cause of infant mortality than any other condition.

These girls are now 5-1 on the season and they begin district play next Monday night at Roby against Loraine. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Small babies are much more common among women who have not had early prenatal care, reports the National Foundation-March of Dimes. Low birthweight is most common among newborns whose mothers either began their medical care after the first trimester or had no prenatal care (27 percent) and least common among those whose mothers' prenatal care began in the first three months (6.6 percent).

Rotan JV Girls Defeat Roscoe And Snyder

The Rotan JV girls team defeated Roscoe by a score of 64-18 in what Coach Barnes determined as a "very fine defensive effort".

The leading Rotan scorer was Jamie Strickland with 24 points. She was followed by Cindy Weathersbee and Cheryl Jones with 18 points. Cindy Williams had 4 points.

Defensively, Monika Stuki, Regina Pearson, Renee Underwood, Tina McCombs and R. Pearson turned in outstanding performances.

In the junior varsity game with Snyder, Jamie Strickland led all scorers with 26 points. She was followed by Cindy Williams with 17 points, Cheryl Jones with 16 points and Cindy Weathersbee with 15 points.

Defensively, Ramona Pearson, Tina McCombs, Renee Underwood, Regina Pearson and Monika Stucki turned in good performances in limiting the Snyder JV team to 46 points. Rotan scored a total of 74 points in the win.

Bedford HARRIS 50th Anniversary Dec. 19th

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Harris are being honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception to be hosted by their children. The reception will be held December 19, at the First Methodist Church in Portales, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Harris is the former Violet Dunn) are former Fisher County residents. They now live at 204 Colorado Dr., Portales, New Mexico.

Roby Girls Play In Roscoe Tournament

The Roby High School girls entered the Roscoe tournament last weekend and came home with one victory and two defeats. In first round action Roby defeated Highland 45-35. Leading the scoring for Roby was Cheryl Terry with 31 points, followed by Cindy King with 8 points, Penny Coker with 4 points, and Shelley Boyd with 2 points. Strong defensive performances were turned in by Kim Faight, Rhonda Welch, Tina Horton and Susan Matthies.

In second round action Roby was defeated by Hawley by the score of 63-34. Leading the scoring for Roby were Cheryl Terry and Cindy King with 16 points each and Penny Coker had 2 points.

Roby played Roscoe for 3rd place in the tournament and Roscoe defeated Roby by the score of 49-44. Leading the scoring for Roby was

Cheryl Terry with 20 points, followed by Cindy King with 18 points and Penny Coker with 6 points.

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Pritchard, Home Ec teacher, and her class members of Roby.

Advance tickets may be secured from Mrs. Dwight Lovett, Mrs. Billie Jo McCombs, Mrs. Charles Duncan or Mrs. Glenn Upshaw.

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Funeral Service

Mrs. Will Gruben

Mrs. Will (Mae) Gruben, 87, longtime Fisher County resident died at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Fisher County Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Mike Hicks, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Roby Cemetery.

Born Sept. 24, 1889, in Comanche County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Williams. She moved to the Royston Community in Fisher County in the early 1900s. She married Will Gruben in 1919 in Royston. He died July 16, 1954.

Survivors include six sons,

Ross and Dick, both of McCauley, Paul of Iran, Carl of Rotan, Ernest of Kermit and Troy of Roby; seven daughters, Johnnie Mae Maschek of Rotan, Clara Doggett of Fort Worth, Annie Houghton of McCauley, Mrs. Ellis Sumerlin of Roby, Mrs. Paul Young of Eula, Mrs. Vernie Kelly of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mrs. Claude Clark of Rotan; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Davis of Comanche, Okla., and Mrs. Jess Jones of Turner, Ore.; a brother, T.B. Williams of Duncan, Okla.; 26 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Victor, who was killed in 1953, during the Korean War.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

O. W. Field

O. W. (Shorty) Field, 56, of Roby died at 5:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Roby Church of Christ.

Wardell Halliburton, minister, officiated. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

born Dec. 24, 1919, in Coleman County, he moved to Fisher County in the early 1930s from Brown County. He married Glenda Palmer in 1945 at Anson. He was a veteran of World War II and

a member of the Roby Fire Dept. Mr. Field was a Baptist and a member of the V.F.W. He was employed by the Farmer's Union Coop Gin at Roby.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Larry of Roby; three sisters, Mrs. Rollin Henry and Mrs. Foy Mitchell, both of Roby and Mrs. Bobby Reed of Sweetwater; three brothers, Cecil of San Angelo, Pat of Brownwood and Lowell of Abilene; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J.B. Hughey, Austin McKinney, Billy D. Park, Jimmy Price, P.O. Rasco and Jack Morton.

Bill House

W.C. (Bill) House, 72, of Rotan died at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in Fisher County Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Born March 7, 1904, in Rotan, he had lived in Fisher County most of his life. He married Bessie Jo Mills July 31, 1955, in Durant, Okla. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a

World War II veteran. Survivors include his wife; a stepson, C.W. Bookout of Dallas; four brothers, Tom or Toan, R.L. and C.G., both of San Antonio, and J.W. of Weatherford; three sisters, Mrs. Gordon King of Abilene, Mrs. Tom J. Brown of Cayucos, Calif., and Mary Lou Martin of Haskell; a step-grandson, Dr. David M. Bookout of Dallas; and two stepgrandsons.

Pallbearers were C.A. Taggart, Kaufman Florida, Dillard Smith, Joe Little, Clark Taggart and Dono Darden.

Maurice Palmer

Maurice Palmer, 72, died Dec. 4, in Dallas at home of an apparent heart attack. He was the son of the late J.J. Palmer, one of the first settlers of Rotan.

Survivors are his wife and son of the home; three brothers, Merle Palmer and

James Palmer both of Dallas and Esteele Palmer of Ft. Worth; three sisters; Mrs. Valerie (Polly) Chord of Tahoka, Thelma Palmer of Farmington, New Mexico and Mary Palmer of O'Donnell; and one uncle, M.E. (Gene) Wallace of Rotan.

Arthritis Drugs Need Doctor's Supervision

Rheumatoid arthritis affects more than five million people in the U.S. It is one of the most serious of the 10 varieties of arthritis because it can affect the lungs, skin, blood vessels, heart, muscles, spleen and eyes as well as bone joints, the Texas Medical Association has said.

The symptoms include morning stiffness, painful movement and more than one tender, swollen joint, said the November issue of Texas Medicine, the TMA journal. The Arthritis Foundation said a tingling sensation in the fingers, hands and feet and unexplained weight loss, fever or tiredness also can be symptoms. A doctor should diagnose any complaint to determine the cause and prescribe treatment.

One of the most popular treatments is aspirin. However, even this simple drug should be given under a doctor's guidance because aspirin side effects can be very serious in some people. People who are "free bleeders" generally should avoid aspirin because it can increase bleeding in these people, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) reported. Too much aspirin causes upset stomach in about 5 percent of the people on aspirin therapy, said Don Smiley, M.D., of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. He also quoted a study which said aspirin is not a significant cause of peptic ulcers but may make them worse.

Other side effects can include ringing or other noises in the ears; inflamed, scaly skin or other problems. Often careful regulation of aspirin dosage by a doctor can control bad reactions. It is impossible for a patient alone to tell how aspirin dosage should be handled because of possible hidden internal problems.

The TMA journal said a doctor may prescribe rest, heat, certain exercises or other drugs to help control rheumatoid arthritis. If a patient attempts self-treatment, valuable therapy may be overlooked that could prevent crippling and deformity.

Patients unable to take aspirin may be able to take certain prescription drugs although they may not be as effective as aspirin in some cases, the November issue of Texas Pharmacy, the Texas Pharmacy Association journal said.

One of those drugs, Naprosyn, currently is involved in a controversy over its safety. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has threatened to order the drug off the market because of faulty test data. Syntex, the

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Hustlin' Round Hobbs

By Mrs Jimmy Walker
Hobbs, Texas 735-2840

Delayed from Dec. 2nd.

Did everyone have a good Thanksgiving? Sure do hope so and the weather wasn't too bad, so some folks spent the day stripping cotton. Can't miss any of those pretty days now, as they are few and far between.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter and boys from Brownwood spent the Thanksgiving week end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Carter in Roby and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Williams from Lubbock spent Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid were still in Lubbock on Thanksgiving Day but they got to come home last Wednesday, and am glad to be able to report that J.D. is doing fine. Our sincere sympathy goes out to J.D. and Lucy on the death of J.D.'s sister, Mrs. Troy Rogers of Rotan, who was buried at Rotan Sunday.

Spending Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez were Mrs. Veronica White from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren and family from Snyder, and Mrs. Gil Warren and family also from Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy M. Martinez and family from Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave had a houseful of company over the holidays with 30 eating Thanksgiving dinner with them. They were from Hamlin, Hobbs, N.M., Lubbock, Odessa, Alvin and Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chism and Stanley from Odessa stayed with them until Monday.

Bro. James Putnam from Roby was the Lay preacher at Hobbs last Sunday and we really enjoyed hearing him.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and Melody had Thanksgiving Day supper instead of dinner, as some of our folks were stripping cotton till almost dark. Those visiting with us that night were Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gruben and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gruben and family and Reid Cave, all from Rotan.

All of the Phillips families met at Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Phillips for Thanksgiving Day. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephens from Arlington visited during the holidays, also Mrs. Lullene Blount from Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge and family went to Mr. and Mrs. Lealon Wilburns in Roby for Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Jim Wilburn and family were also there, also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn and Travis from Anson and Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrill and family from Sweetwater.

Well this is about all for this time, know that I missed some folks who were visiting but had to do this a week later on account of Jim's brother, Dee Walker, passing away Sunday night.

Dec. 9th

Well it snowed again, but not very much this time, thank goodness, but it was sure cold Monday.

Talked to Mrs. J.D. Kincaid said that J.D. is doing real well and has had lots of company which helps pass the time when you are confined to the house. They have really been enjoying their visitors, so she said. Mrs. Meloda Anderson of Rotan, Lucy's sister, is very sick in the Fisher County Hospital and we hope to hear that she will soon begin to feel better.

Spending this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Williams from Lubbock and Randy Williams from Tyler. Mrs. Randy Williams went to see her mother in St. Jo as she has been very sick and in the hospital. Louise has been talking with her folks in Dalhart but her brother is still very sick, and is not able to do anything at all. They still have him at home though, and he enjoys having his folks with him.

We have had a lot of company this past week as Sunday night Jim's brother, Dee Walker of Camp Springs passed away at Snyder. He had two heart attacks and seemed to be improving but got much worse Sunday

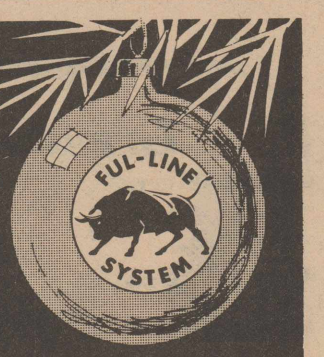
Visiting with us Monday and Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Suther from Houston. They came for the funeral and returned home Wednesday, then Wednesday night and Thursday Jim's two sisters from California visited with us. They are Ms. Gordon Clay from Angelus Oaks, and Mrs. Harold Caraway from Downey. Friday we took them to Abilene to visit another sister, Mrs. Fannie Griffin, who is still very sick. Then Saturday we took them to Midland to catch their plane back to California. We were accompanied both times by Mrs. Dee Myers, another sister, from Snyder. So we have had a busy week, and now things are beginning to get back to normal.

The Phillips families met Sunday for cake and ice cream to celebrate Mrs. Josh Phillips' birthday. Happy Birthday to Opal.

This is all for this week, see you next thursday.

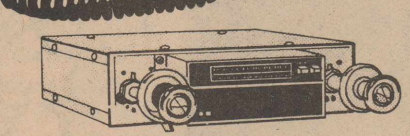
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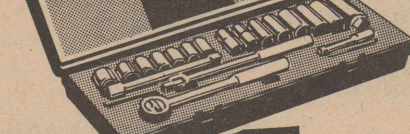
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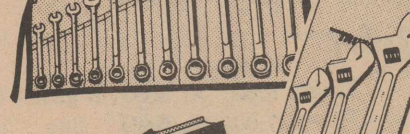
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The term "unusual" means "excessive". It does not describe the nature of the medical condition but rather the amount expended for medical treatment in relationship to the claimant's resources available for sustaining a reasonable mode of life.

Medical expenditures not reimbursed from other sources which exceed 5 percent of the claimant's reported annual income will be considered unusual. Health, accident, sickness, and hospitalization insurance premiums will be included as medical expenses in determining whether the claimant's unreimbursed medical expenses meet the criterion for

"Unusual". For those claimants in receipt of Social Security benefits who have a deduction for medicare each month, that deduction can be considered as a health insurance premium and included as a medical expense.

There are other expenses such as doctor bills, lab fees, X-rays, medications, etc. that may be included as unusual medical expenses. If a claimant has any doubt about what may be included as any expense, they should contact Ed Deaton, Fisher County Veterans Service Officer, Roby, Texas.

A claimant's statement as to amounts expended for medical expenses ordinarily will be accepted unless the circumstances create doubt as to its credibility.

Normally, these expenses are reported on the annual income questionnaire card provided those in receipt of pension near the end of each year. However, form No. 21-8416a may be obtained from the Veterans Service Officer for use by those claimants who do not receive income questionnaire cards and have medical expenses to report.

Rotan Varsity Girls Stand 6-2 For Season

The Rotan Varsity defeated the Snyder Varsity girls for their 6th win of the season against 2 defeats. The girls began district play last Tuesday night against Hamlin.

Susie McKinney was high point individual with 20 points in the 58-28 victory. She was followed by Carol Byrd with 12 points, Charee Smith with 10, Blanch Gentry with 8, Donna Smith with 6, and Ginger Duke with 2.

Charee Smith led all rebounders with 4, Gentry, Donna Smith and McKinney each had 3 while Carol Byrd had 1.

Defensively Ginger Duke led all categories with 3 steals, 13 ball advances and 5 rebounds. She was followed by Jill Hill with 12 advances, 4 rebounds and 5 steals, and Kim Copeland with 10 advances, 1 rebound and 3 steals.

Melody Walker had 4 advances, 4 rebounds and 3

steals; Sonya Leverton had 8 advances, 4 steals and 3 rebounds; and Cindy Williams had 2 steals and 2 advances.

Coach Barnes expressed concern over the amount of turnovers in the contest. He tallied 33 turnovers for the 11 players that took part in the game.

Girl Scout Coffee Is Set

Mrs. Jim Sturrock, West Texas Girl Scout Executive Director, extends an open invitation to all leaders, volunteers, board and committee members for a Christmas coffee to be held Tuesday, Dec. 14. The coffee will be held during the hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Girl Scout Service Center, 3165 S. 27th, Abilene. Guests should feel free to drop by anytime, to visit with the staff and volunteers.

Belynda's Pen And Pad Roby, Texas 776-2684

Hi, I hope everyone has had a good week, outside of the cold weather.

Last week I received a letter I would like to share with you. The letter was from George (Shorty) and Thelma Stuart of Honey Grove. They had been reading in the Roby-Rotan paper about all the luck deer hunters from around here were having, so they wanted to share their experience with us. It seems there were about eleven people, including Shorty, Rabon Stuart, Bobby Stuart, Joe Stuart, Paul and Louise Merritt, all went to Mason deer hunting and killed 21 deer. They reported the weather was bad with lots of snow on the ground, but all had a good time. Tony and Betty Stephens and Chad spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Shorty and Thelma, and little Teresa Merritt stayed for a longer visit with Grandma and Grandpa.

Lois and Doris Brooks and John Sneed of Ft. Worth and Mrs. H.H. Leonard of Roscoe spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Chandler.

Bill and Natalie Gribbins of Houston, Mike Roberts of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. James Lay, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lay, Angie and Julie, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holiday, Tommy Wayne and Tonya, all of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Arnett of Rotan spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Joe Morris.

Jack and Pam Wilson of Pampa spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Palmer.

Gene Shipp celebrated his birthday with a party at the Melody Ranch in Abilene Saturday, Dec. 4. Those attending were Buelene and Gene Shipp, Vicky, Jackie and Damon; Monty and Sharon Neighbors of Sweetwater; Tommie and Becky Frierson; Donn and Joey Hull and a friend Doug. They were met at Abilene by four other couples. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Terry visited last Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Cox of Sweetwater.

"Conceit is a rotten disease. It makes everyone sick except the one who has it."

Happy Birthday wishes go to Bobby Holcomb Dec. 7, David Sharrock Dec. 9, Steve Evers Dec. 10, Susan Fournier, Jackie Terry, Jane Branson, Dan Shipp Dec. 11, Mildren Brown, John Morgeson, Terry Gruben, Sherry Cooper Dec. 12.

The Shipp family had their Thanksgiving get together at the home of Kelly Shipp. All eight children and their families attended and had a good time.

The families of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stuart had their annual Christmas get together last weekend at the home of Eva Nell Dennis. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Stuart of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Margie McCustion of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Collier of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Rabon Stuart of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Carter, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Stuart. Shorty and Thelma of Honey Grove were unable to be here but they were greatly missed. Everyone had a great time.

The John Kikers has a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their children plus some out of town guests, Benny Wayne and Mildred Kiker, Janet and Monica of Odessa; Rozelle Caraway and granddaughter Rebecca Scitner of Gorman. Our deepest sympathy to the family of O.W. (Shorty) Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pursley, Lena and Bill Comeaus, Dwaine Rivers and Mrs. R.H. Headstream visited the Ralph Headstream family in Lafayette, La. recently. Bonnie Bryan and children of Ft. Worth met them there for the holiday.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mae Gruben. Monty and Sharon Neighbors traveled to Lubbock recently to visit his sister and family, John and Dorothy Starr.

The Roby varsity basketball teams participated in the Roscoe tournament during the weekend and will attend the Sands tournament this week end. Good luck!

The Roby Band Parents will have their meeting in the Roby Band Hall Monday night, Dec. 13, at 7:30.

Its time to be doing your Christmas shopping. It won't be long before it will be here.

"Money may furnish a house, but only love furnishes a home."

God Bless you, see you next week.

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

Attracting new industry to strengthen the local economy is a major concern in many Texas cities and counties.

The first step to economic development is to determine if growth is really wanted, what type of industry may be attracted, and the impacts of these industries. Many Texas communities have passed this stage while others are just starting to answer these questions.

What other issues must be considered before attempting to interest specific business or industrial concerns in locating in your community?

First, local interests must be identified to determine community support.

The types of growth which are beneficial to the particular community should also be identified.

A third issue should be to identify local resources to convince industries that the community is their best choice.

The economic effects of growth upon the community should also receive close consideration, such as the fiscal effects of growth and effects on the public sector, the local tax structure, and the community's facilities and services.

Adjustments are often necessary in the school system, water and sewer systems, highways, streets, transportation facilities, and fire and police services. If new public facilities or services are required by new development, the community should investigate whether increased tax revenues will be sufficient to offset increased costs.

To seek additional economic development is a local decision, but several agencies stand ready to assist, both before and after the decision is made.

These agencies include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System, Texas Industrial Commission, Texas Department of Community Affairs, Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other federal, state and regional organizations.

Various publications and workshop materials are available through the Extension Service to provide local leaders with information on economic development.

Community leaders should contact their local county Extension agent for assistance in organizing for economic development and for information regarding assistance from the various agencies and organization.

Sgt. M. Coate New Air Force Recruiter

SSgt. Michael Coate has recently assumed duties as an Air Force Recruiting representative for the Rotan area. Sergeant Coate is a recent graduate of the USAF Recruiter Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., and is well qualified to present the facts about Air Force career opportunities to young men and women.

A veteran of five years Air Force service as an aircraft maintenance specialist, Sgt. Coate has had assignments in Texas, Maine and Illinois. He comes to West Texas from Chanute AFB, Ill., where he was an aircraft maintenance instructor at an Air Force technical school.

Sergeant Coate is a native of Ponca City, Okla. He is married and has one son and one daughter.

Sergeant Coate's office is located at 165 Pine St. in Abilene. Persons interested in Air Force career opportunities or information are invited to call him collect at 672-8949.

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company that makes the drug, has said Naprosyn is safe and effective. A FDA

Golden Haven Home News

We would like to thank the First Baptist Church for having our monthly church service. This week, Dec. 12, the First Methodist Church will hold services.

Tuesday, the First Baptist Church will have our monthly birthday party honoring Eula Williamson, born Dec. 29, who is our only resident who has a birthday in Dec. Also, Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. the Fisher County Singing Group will come.

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 the annual Christmas party for our patients will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.

Monday, Dec. 6, the GAS came to help us decorate for Christmas, from the First Baptist Church in Roby. Those helping were Valerie Goodrum, Shellene Deen, Kari Mize, Bobbie Hazelwood, Susan Fournier, Kathy Martin, Melissa Howard, Brenda Hazelwood, Shelley Deen; and our thanks to Linda Deen and Dena Cartrite. We look forward to their return to sing Christmas Carols.

Visitors this week are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leach, Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. John Leach, Rotan, visiting Maebell Ogden; Mattie Lou Davis, Sweetwater, visited her mother, Eula Williamson.

Mrs. Meek's daughter and great-granddaughter from Sweetwater, Judy Justice and Missy, visited with her.

Saturday, Mrs. Annie Bettis traveled to Ft. Worth with her daughter, Mrs. Weems of Crosbyton, Mrs. J.H. and R.E. Williamson of Roscoe, to visit her brother, Calude Williamson and to help him celebrate his 70th birthday.

Well, that's the news this week, come see us.

County Schools Lunch Menu



December 13-17, 1976
Rotan

Monday: Tacos with Meat and Cheese, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Green Salad, Orange Wedges, Corn Bread, Butter Fruit Bars, Milk.

Tuesday: Beef Stew with Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Cheese wedges, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Spiced Cake Squares, Milk.

Wednesday: Pigs in a Blanket, Buttered Potatoes, Cole Slaw with Carrots, Pears, Milk.

Thursday: Hamburger with Cheese, Pork and Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Banana Pudding, Milk.

Friday: Pinto Beans, Tamales, French Fries, Onion and Cucumber Rings, Corn Bread, Butter, Cake Squares and Milk.

Roby

Monday: Meat Loaf, Spaghetti w/Tomatoes, Green Peas, Salad, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk.

Tuesday: Frito Pie, Cream Potatoes, Tomato & Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday: Pinto Beans, French Fries, Onion, Pickle, Cabbage Slaw, Cookie, Corn Bread, Milk.

Thursday: Fish Sticks, Tarter Sauce, Cream Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Banana Pudding, Milk, Bread.

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

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SHURFRESH
Pork Sausage 1 LB. ROLL **79¢**
BETTAWAY BREADED CHICKEN FRIED
Beef Patties 12 OZ. PKG. **79¢**

THRIFTY HOLIDAY NEEDS

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Rosy Red Punch
2 46 OZ. CANS **\$1.00**

SHURFINE WHOLE
Green Beans 3 303 CANS **\$1.00**
DEL MONTE
Fruit Cocktail 2 303 CANS **79¢**
HUNT'S
Tomato Sauce 6 8 OZ. CANS **\$1.00**
HUNT'S
Tomato Paste 12 OZ. CAN **59¢**
THE EASY CREAMER
Coffee-Mate 22 OZ. JAR **\$1.39**
ANGEL FLAKE
Baker's Coconut 7 OZ. BAG **59¢**

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PORK CHOPS
9-11 CHOPS LB. **99¢**

LEAN CENTER CUT RIB
PORK CHOPS
LB. **\$1.39**

LEAN CENTER CUT LOIN
PORK CHOPS
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WILSON CERTIFIED-REG. OR ALL
BEEF FRANKS
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