HOSPITAL BOARD VIEWS CLINIC DRAWINGS

Fisher County Hospital District Board of Directors met with two representatives of Morgan Buildings last Monday night and reviewed preliminary drawings of a 4,900 sq. foot Fisher County Clinic at an estimated cost of \$158,000.00.

The two representatives the front of the building.

showed hospital board members proposed drawings of the layout of four doctors' offices and a

pharmacy at the new

clinic. The "workable floor plan" showed space for four doctors and included space for a pharmacy at

One area of the building, expected to average \$32.00 a square foot with 1,100 sq. feet for each doctor, that didn't appeal

it is completed.

Morgan Buildings is

currently constructing a

clinic at Comanche that

should be finished in early

February 1979. Hospital

District board members

the proposed wooden flooring. Board member Glenn Copeland made it clear that the wooden floor construction did not appeal to him.

were interested in seeing Board members are the Comanche facility after representative of Wadleigh Construction Company in Snyder in the near future to hear their proposal on constructing the new Fisher County

purchase a \$3,734.00 laproscope for use by the doctors. The machine is used in exploring the ing an additioanl ambuabdominal cavity and will be helpful in performing of the pressure from the scheduled to meet with a other operations at the Fisher County Hospital. Approximately \$1,250.00 from the Fisher County Memorial Fund will be used toward purchasing

the new machine. Tommy Harbin, Fisher

Board members voted to County EMT Paramedic, presented an appeal to board members to give consideration to purchaslance to help relieve some two ambulance units currently operating within the county. Harbin cited that the new Van Ambulance unit currently has 37,000 miles while the Cadillac Ambulance unit, stationed normally in Roby, has in

excess of 70,000 miles. Harbin presented a proposal that the board members consider purchasing a Chevrolet Suburb, a type ambulance at an approximate cost of \$17,500.00.

Board members are to consider the item in January. The board did approve the expenditure of \$480.00 on the Ford Van for new wheels, tires and shocks and an additional \$70.00 for shocks on the

Cadillac unit.

The final action considered last Monday night by the board was approval of preliminary legal action in the collection of delinquent accounts.

The board authorized Administrator Hunsaker to begin working with Justice of the Peace Ernest Roberts and the small claims court to attempt to collect past-due hospital

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Petition Needed For Changing Board Plan

was present at last received by the board. Monday night's County and outlined the procedures that needed to be followed to change the one at-large member.

bers that interested qualilate a petition. This petition must be signed by meeting of the board. at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the structed Hunsaker to corhospital district calling for a special election to settle Smith and advise them of the issue.

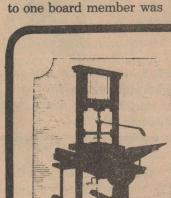
members within 30 days election.

Attorney Norman Arnett after the petition was

The purpose of the Hospital Board meeting special election would be to determine if the majority of the qualified voters of the hospital district wantmethod of electing board ed to continue with the "at members from the current large" selection of board "at large" basis to members or change to four electing one from each board members (one from commissioner precinct and each commissioner precinct) and one at large Arnett told board mem- board representative.

The discussion with fied voters of the Fisher Arnett was requested by County Hospital District-- Administrator Perry Hundesiring to see the at-large saker after Robert Scott board member method and Bobby Smith from the ousted-needed to circu- Sylvester area brought up the issue at the November

The hospital board inrespond with Scott and the procedures that need The election would be to be undertaken in order called by hospital board to call for the special



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5361.23 Given Cystic Fibrosis

LaRue Vann, chairman, and Nell Park, co-chairman, of the Cystic Fibrosis Drive in Rotan report that \$361.23 was collected. They also expressed their thanks to the volunteers that braved the freezing weather and gave of their time, and the people of Rotan that gave to help stop Cystic Fibrosis, the number one genetic killer of children.

Santa Makes Trip To Roby

Santa Claus will make his annual stop in Roby, Saturday, December 23, at 3:00 p.m. Santa will ride on the firetruck to the courthouse square.

With the Roby Volunteer Firemen as helpers, he will talk to the children and hand out bags of fruit, nuts and candy.

Subscriptions Expire On

A large portion of the subscriptions to the Roby Star Record-Rotan Advance will expire on January 1, 1979.

We will be enclosing a subscription renewal envelope in the first paper of 1979 which will reach most homes on January 4.

We are pleased to announce that the 1979 subscriptions have not increased in price-despite ever increasing costs of newsprint, postage, and supplies.

We do anticipate a price increase in 1979, however. As a special money saving offer to current subscribers we will be offering a 3 year renewal price at the 1977 prices.

Subscribers will be receiving more information in the next paper. In keeping with past tradition we will not publish a paper next week between Christmas and New Year. You will receive your next paper on Thursday, January 4th.

The Newspaper Office will be closed from Friday, December 22, until Friday, December 29.



UP FOR REBOUND: Mike McGinnins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Neal McGinnis of Roby, goes up for a rebound during the recent Roby tournament. McGinnis is being guarded by a member of the Abilene High Eagles sophomore class.

Roby Players Grab All District Spots

Herrington, center. Defen-

se, junior Mike McGinnis,

end; senior Brad Wilburn,

linebacker; senior Timmy

Morton, secondary; senior

senior Johnny Rivas, se-

In the recently concluded All District selections in football, Roby grabbed a Lion's share with nine spots on the first team and nine honorable mentions. District champion Jayton headed the list with eleven spots on the first team and six honorable mentions.

Brad Wilburn of Roby was the only unanimous choice on the offensive team and team mate Greg Jennings was the only unanimous choice on the defensive unit. Danny Terry and Greg Jennings were selected as first team on both offense and defense and Johnny Rivas made first team offensive back despite only playing in two district games.

First team, offensive, senior, Jonny Rivas, back; senior Al Gonzalez, back; junior Greg Jennings, end; senior Brad Wilburn, tackle; senior Danny Terry, guard. Defensive, junior Britt Stuart, guard; senior Ricky Kiser, tackle; junior Greg Jennings, end; senior Danny Terry, line backer.

Honorable mention, offense, junior Britt Stuart, back; senior Clay Smith, end; senior Timmy Morton, end; senior Freddy

Take 17.5 Increase Water rates in Rotan effect for billing purposes

will be going up on the average of 17.5 percent after members of the Rotan City Council voted increases in the minimum water rate and in the per thousand gallon charge the City of Snyder.

on December 1. Residents of Rotan will see the increase reflected on their January water billing. The minimum water

charge for 2,000 gallons is being increased from due to an increase from \$4.00 to \$4.50. Excess water used over the The water rate action minimum is billed out at took place at the last Rotan \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons City Council meeting, on instead of the old rate of December 11, and took \$1.10, according to City

Hobbs School Holiday **Program Set Thursday**

sent a Christmas program be presented by the fifth Thursday, December 21, at 12:30. The Kindergarten through High School will participate. The program chairman is Neva will be in charge of the Phillips, third grade teach-

The Kindergarten class will be Santa's Helpers; the Christmas Play will be presented by the first, second, third and fourth grades. Directors of the Al Gonzalez, secondary; play are Miss Anderson and Mrs. Gober. Counting the days'til Christmas wi

Hobbs School will pre- the Advent Calendar will grade; skit by the sixth grade. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Patty Martinez; the senior class decorations and in charge of the program will be Connie Early. Santa will be at the program, everyone is invited, there will not be an admission

Gin Report

The City of Snyder is passing along a 15 percent water rate increase onto

Secretary Kenneth Vann.

Rotan retroactive to October 1, 1978.

In other action the Rotan Council hired John Moon, after hearing a recommendation from Rotan Chief LeFever, as a new Rotan Patrolman. Moon has been previously employed by the Stamford and Big Spring Fire Departments. Councilmen Rodney Tankersley, Rodney Denton, J.A. McClain and Jim Nowlin voted for the hiring of Moon, while Councilman J.D. Burk abstained.

Councilmen present approved the hiring of James Rodgers of Hamlin, Certified Public Accountant, to audit the Rotan City books for the 1977-78 fiscal year. His fee for the auditing was approved at \$1,500.

The council approved a total of \$680.00 in Christmas bonuses for City of Rotan employees. The Christmas bonus program is a carbon copy of that given in December of

ms so much, brings wish you the ing a paper between Christmas and New Years for the past 9 years.

BLOCKING SHOT: Jill Posey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Posey, and member of the Rotan 8th grade team tries to block a shot against a Colorado City player.

We have skipped publish-

In keeping with tradition, we will not publish a paper next week. We take this opportunity to wish each of our subscribers and advertisers a Merry

Christmas and a Happy

holiday season to count our blessings and with God's help, we'll be back in your homes on Thursday, January 4, with another edition of your local paper.

The Newspaper Office will be closed from Friday, December 22, until Friday, December 29.

By Kim Pease Smith Saga

I can't resist passing on an amusing story to my readers... even if it happens to involve a friend. There are no sacred cows or skeletons in the newspaper closet. I normally leave the house about 7:00 a.m. each

Wednesday morning and carry the newspaper to our central printing plant in Anson. A few weeks ago as I was driving east, just out of the city limits, I came upon 40 cows wandering along the side of the road. As I glanced toward an open field, just west of Bobby Smith's house, I saw a cow crawl under an electric fence

and join other friends. The herd was walking toward I knew that I didn't have any business trying to round-up those cows by myself...but someone needed to know they were running loose, so I quickly pulled into

Bobby Smith's and asked his help. Bobby was just walking out of his back door as I pulled up. "Hey, there's about 40 cows walking down the

highway in front of your house", I said. "Oh goodness, wonder where they came from," said

"I don't know," I said, "I saw one crawl out from under a fence on the south side, over that way", I

"I guess they're Glen Strickland's ... I'll go call him and give him the sad news".

Good neighbor Bobby Smith called Strickland, but no answer. So he called his wife at school and told her. She couldn't get hold of Glenn either, so she called several other neighbors and in 10 or 15 minutes there were about 6 people out there rounding up Strickland's cows.

After Bobby got off the phone and saw all the men out in front of his house he figured everything was under control...so he went about his business.

The men rounded up the cows, put them back in

Glenn's pasture and just as they were closing the gate on the last one, up drove Glenn Strickland. "Hey, what are you guys doing...taking up cow ...those cows aren't mine-they're Bobby

Smith's. When I told Bobby that I saw one crawl out from under the pasture fence on the south side...he assumed they

all came from that pasture. After the cows were finally separated, it turned out that 39 of the 40 belonged to Bobby Smith and one, the one I saw crawl from under the fence, belonged to Glenn Strickland.

Now my friend Bobby Smith is no dummy . . . anytime you can get your neighbor and his friends to round up 39 stray cows-you deserve to get you name in big bold headlines.

Rotan Water Rates To

Stronger Prices Due **On 1979 Cotton Market**

With the cotton market poised between a supplyand-demand situation favorable to stronger prices, and the prospect of an economic recession next year which would depress prices. American cotton producers are faced with some crucial decisions, say economists at Cotton Incorporated.

In view of the present uncertainty, producers who have not sold their 1978-79 crop, or are thinking about selling some of the 1979-80 crop in the next few months, should consider selling a portion soon if they can obtain profitable prices, the economists add.

A detailed look at various factors that could affect cotton price movement is contained in the December issue of the "Cotton Summary", mon-

thly publication of Cotton Incorporated's Economic Research and Development Division. Cotton Incorporated is the fiber company that conducts research and marketing for all American cotton products through their per-bale assessments.

"At this time, there is recession next year. still the possibility that sales (of cotton) during the early months of 1979 will bring higher prices, but the risk of lower prices due to recession is increasing" said David Cox, vice president for economic research and development. "If cotton prices in early 1979 are at today's level or higher, an in crease in wold cotton acreage use. Lower fiber prices can be expected.

"U.S. cotton producers", he adds, "are the economic outlook and accordingly.

the present good business. in the textile industry, according to Daniel Troxler, associate director for demand economics.

"Of particular importance to the cotton industry," he notes, "an improvement in the demin market is taking place. New orders have risen sharply in the past two months, and inventories have been cut more than 25 per cent since June. Corduroy producers are also new enjoying an unexpected surge in demand for their product."

Troxler reports that producers of sheets, to-

wels, industrial fabrics, lightweight woven fabrics and spun yarns for knits are also operating at a

relatively strong pace. However, he says, many mill executives are concerned about business prospects after the first of the year because of the current record high inventories at department stores, a factor which could cause a sharp cutback in orders if a slowdown in retail business develops.

Some retailers, Troxler says, already have reduced their purchasing of textile products and further downward adjustment may develop after the first of the year.

'The extent of the cutback in ordering by retailers hinges on consumer spending in the next few months," add Troxler. "The outlook is not bright at this time."

The Cotton Incorporated analyst points out that more economists, in the wake of the government's actions to stem inflation at home and bolster the dollar abroad, now expect at least a mild and brief

"If the economy slides into a recession," he explains, "consumer spending for discretionary items characteristic of textile prducts would noticeably weaken. Sharp cutbacks in retailer ordering would occur, and the textile industry would be forced to reduce production schedules and fiber would be almost certain."

A more encouraging economic outlook is seen advised to carefully assess for major foreign countries, where business acplant and price cotton tivity is expected to pick up in the months ahead. One of the factors on the The Cotton Incorporated plus side of the ledger is economists now estimate foreign cotton consumption in 1978-79 of 55.3 million bales, an increase of 600,000 bales over last year's use. This, they point out, should enhance the export picture for U.S.

> In the first quarter of the current cotton marketing (August through October) export shipments U.S. cotton were running at the highest level of this decade, says Troxler. This is because carryover stocks in importing nations were at a very low level when the cotton marketing year began last August, he explains, while

The Hammers traveled Servici to Baird for four games on Tuesday, December 10, for the second district game. The JV girls played

at 4:00. This weekend beginning on Thursday, the Ham-

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Dirst United Methodist Church

U.S. carryover was at a high level.

The smaller U.S. crop this year combined with expected domestic and foreign consumption of American cotton should pull the U.S. carryover down by 1.5 million bales by next August 1, says Troxler. This situation normally would lead to a strenghtening, of cotton prices, he adds.

However, he warns, "in recent weeks the odds have increased that the U.S. economy will slide into a recession before mid-year 1979. If this happens, textile activity will slow and U.S. carryover will be reduces less than 1.5 million bales. Even more importantly, a recession would almost certainly pull prices down as negative psychology spreads throughout the



FIRST BAPTIST: Recently named the Youth and Music Director at the Rotan First Baptist Church is Charles Downey.



All great good wishes for the best of the season!

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Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Eaton

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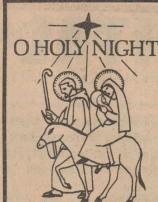
WANTED TV Viewers Sunday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Channel 2 First Baptist Church

THE VOICE OF FISHER COUNT THE ROBY STAR-RECORD THE ROTAN ADVANCE



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: Members of the Rotan girls basketball team that won the Lone Wolf Tournament in Colorado City were, left to right, front row, Kathy Lopez, Charee Smith, Blanche Gentry and Ramona Pearson. Back row, Tina McCombs, Ann Gentry, Cheryl Jones, Ginger Duke, Regina Pearson and Jennie Swafford.

> WATCH SERVICES FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Channel 2



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There's a word we usually associate with worship. It applies also to our appreciation of life's exciting moments when we see these as evidences of God's love for mankind. Some say the measure of our souls is the reverence which life itself inspires in us.

This Christmas remember WHY we celebrate . . . WHAT it was that happened in Bethlehem . . . WHO gave the Gift . . . and to WHOM. Then bring your reverence—and your family—to church.

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Who's New

Heather DeLane War-

ner is proud to announce

the arrival of her new baby

sister. Amber Denise. She

arrived Nov. 19, 1978 and

weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs., was

201/2 inches long. Their

parents are Jackie and

Rita Warner of Snyder.

Paternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Jethel

Warner of Hamlin, and

maternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin

Kersh. The great-grand-

parents are Mrs. J.E.

Warner of Anson, Mrs.

Romie Kersh of Rotan and

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Burk of

Roby.

Hospital Making Turn **Toward Showing Profit**

Fisher County Hospital Administrator, Perry Hunsaker, reported to the board last Monday night some good news with respect to the financial condition of the hospital operation.

Board members were given several encouraging figures that point out that the district is making the swing toward turning from operating in the red to the

1977 for \$60,407 while from operation.

expenses for the same period in 1978 amounted to \$60,901. "The important thing to note here is that while taking in approximately \$12,000 more in revenues, we only expended a little over \$500.00 more, over the 1977 figures", said Hunsaker.

The administrator told board members that the district showed a \$53,816.-00 loss, exclusive of interest and depreciation, According to figures in November of 1977. The released by Hunsaker last loss figures through No-Monday, the total operat- vember 1978 show that ing revenues received by amount to have been the district in November reduced to \$25,415.00, 1977 amounted to \$45,023 which, according to Hunwhile the same period in saker figures a 53 percent 1978 yielded \$57,000. decrease in the amount of Expenses for November money lost by the district

The administrator, as well as the board, feel that the rate of occupancy is the controlling factor in the amount of money lost by the district.

The percent of occupancy for November 1978 amounted to 47.53 while the average through November was 49.23 percent.

Hunsaker said that although the expenses of the

Ronald Smith Rites Held

Word has been received in Roby of the death of Ronald Conrad Smith of Dallas. Smith was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Smith, past residents of Roby. He was a graduate of Roby High School and later taught in the Roby School system.

Funeral services were held Wednesday.

hospital are up for the total operation of the hospital district, approximately 14 percent--revenue is up over 22 percent. "We have been able to save money in several areas-for instance \$10,000 in our utilities through November, plus the increased occupancy rate and the influx of patients due to Dr. Carandang", said Hun-

Bake Sale December 3

There is a bake sale set for December 23 to be held by the Order of the Eastern Star. The sale will start at 9:00 a.m.

The baked goods will be for sale at Thriftway and Village Flower Shop in Rotan.

brought in a total of \$3,954.40. The McCaulley tournament was run off at Hobbs due to the sad bus accident in hopes of raising money for the families involved. The Hobbs and Hermleigh schools were in charge of the tournament



and the concession stand.

The amount of \$3,297.70

The McCaulley basket-

ball tournament at Hobbs

DECEMBER BOY: Mike Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porter, was elected the Hobbs High School boy of the month for December.



DECEMBER GIRL: Traci Eldredge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cherry Eldredge, was elected the Hobbs High School girl of the month for December

Appreciation goes out to sion stand, gate and all those involved in this private donations; \$307.00 tournament and fund raiswas brought in by Weinert; \$269.38 by Sweetwaof those families in ter schools, \$65.00 from sadness will surely be Hobbs 4-H and \$15.32 in donations at the Hobbs

touched as each of us at Hobbs have been touched by the love and compassion of the communities surrounding Mc-Caulley.

A special appreciation goes to the Sweetwater officials that donated their time to officiate the games and actually do the work involved in putting on a tournament.

Once Again we extend a hearty thank you to the individuals that have made this fund raising activity possible.

The money has been turned over to the McCaullev Community Fund to be distributed to the families.

To the McCaulley community our hearts and

prayers go out to you and we hope the guidance of the Lord will comfort your ing endeavor. The hearts pain. Our donations simply show our love and concern for our friends. MS





SNOWMAN: Darrin Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ragan, was the snowman at the Rotan Primary play last week. The suit was made by Charlotte Ragan.

He No Good

I enjoyed reading the following essay by some anonymous "Indian" a few days ago. I thought you might like it, too:

Christmas, he come soon now. Holly and mistletoe all over. White man make big medicine. Advertise in newspaper and TV. Spend much wampum. Squaw, she go buy every place. Wrap in bright color. Tie with red string. Go next day buy more. Papoose all time talk Santa Claus come down chimney. Talk North Pole. Talk reindeer. Go hang up stocking. Brave, he fuss! Say, "Spend too much wampum!" Say, "What good Christmas, when wampum all gone?" "How pay tax if got no wampum left?" Say, "How pay bill without wam-

Squaw, she no listen! Buy more! Buy for papa, buy for other squaw. Buy more all time! Squaw think wampum grow on tree! Papoose no listen, either. Talk more Santa Claus! Talk more chimney! Talk more North Pole. Can't go sleep! Drive brave nuts! Ask how Santa Claus get down chimney. Brave fuss more. Tell squaw she headed for poor house. Squaw bring home more package. Wrap half night. Package under bed, package in closet. Package all over. Can't walk for package! Papoose play Santa. Get stuck in chimney. Squaw have fit! Brave have fit! Everybody have fit! Christmas, he no good

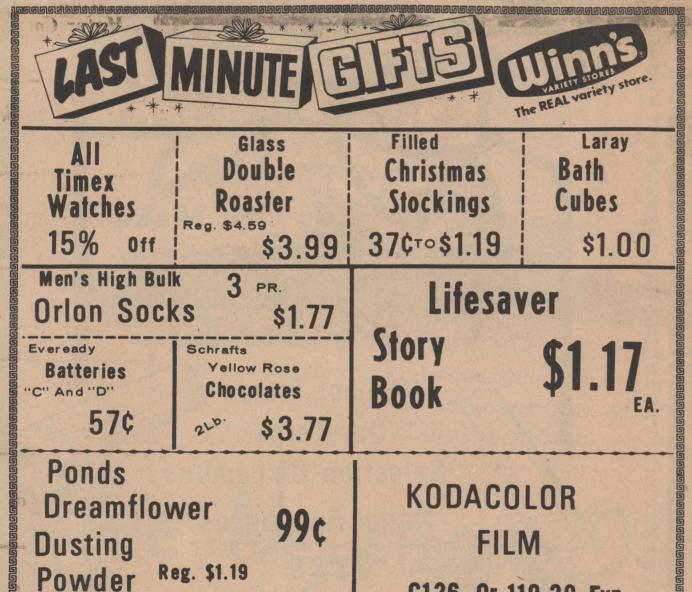


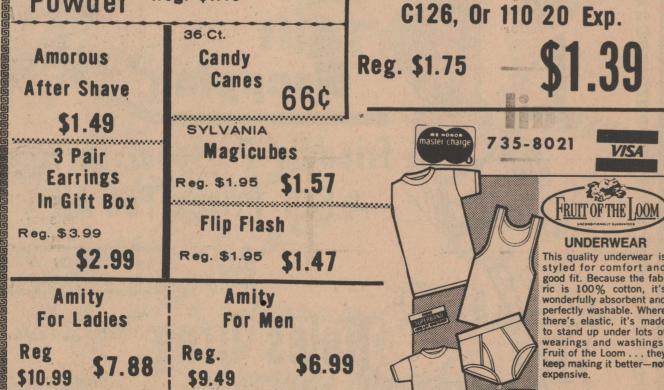
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HOISTS NEW FLAG: Ricky Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gordon of Hobbs, raised the flag recently on the new flag pole purchased by funds raised by the Hobbs Stuent Council. The pole was constructed by the FFA Class under instructor Gary Finley.

Rotan Jr. High Boys **Defeated Hamlin**

The Rotan 7th grade boys won over Hamlin 7th grade team on Dec. 18, by a score of 39-16. Sammy Turner was high point boy with 13. Randy Martinez had 8, Joseph Cabrera 8, Greg Gruben 6, Endgate Adkins and Hernandez 2 each.

defeated Hamlin 30-14.

The 8th grade boys also

Scoring for Rotan were Eli Huitt 10, Richard Mendoza, Alan Kiker, Larry Ramirez 4 each, Dennis Warren, Roger Hooper, Spencer Houston and Richie Medrano 2 each.

Holt High In The **Hammers Win**

The Rotan 7th grade girls outscored Hamlin 7th grade 25-4 on Dec. 18. High point for Rotan was Kirsti Holt with 15. Others scoring were: Robin Harris and Dana Nowlin 4 each; Joyce Harkey 2. and Debbie Soliz 2.

The 8th grade girls won over Hamlin 23-3. Scoring for Rotan were: Pat Martinez with 7, Donna Martinez, Kellie Pease, and Jana Smith 4 each and

Pallet And Brush Members Luncheon

The Pallet and Brush Club members attended a Christmas luncheon in the Willie Wirehand Room at the Midwest Electric Building in Roby Monday afternoon, Dec. 18.

Enjoying the lunch and visiting were Eltha Ragan, June Anderson, Connie Tutt, Sis Killingsworth

The club will meet again

Helen Warner, Marie and Rhonda Henry, and Judy Haves. JoAnn Terry was unable to attend but provided the table decora-

for a regular art class the third Monday in January.

Hobbs

By Cherry Eldridge

Coach Cherry Eldredge

The Hobbs High School girls won 2nd place in the McCaulley-Hobbs Tournament last weekend by defeating Weinert in overtime play 35-28, with the help of two reserves Sylvia Alaniz and Traci Eldredge, who gave fine performances. In the second game Hobbs defeated Paint Creek 33-16. An outstanding defensive game was played by Tonya Porter and Judy Martinez.

In the championship game, Hobbs was defeated by Guthrie 43-38 in a hard fought game. Debra Teel and Tonya Porter made All Tournament. Kathy Hull did an outstanding job rebounding and passing.

Fire Dept. **Needs Toys** And Food

The Rotan Fire Department is asking for donations of new or used toys and food, such as canned goods. Call Perry Thomson at 735-2459, or any fireman, and the items will be picked up, or they may be left at the Police Station. Firemen will be accepting donations of food through Thursday as the food will be delivered Friday afternoon.

Toy will be accepted through Saturday and will be delivered over the weekend.

Everyone is asked to help make this a Merry Christmas for the less fortunate.

Mickey Early

I was pleased with our performance this weekend at the McCaulley tournament which was run off here at Hobbs. Both boys and girls won 2nd place and we played well. Our boys beat Weinert and Divide by 20 points, but came up short against Hermleigh by 20 points. Our only problem with Hermleigh was our own fault. We took to the court scared to death and we were down 19-3 in the first quarter. We later came back to make the score 35-28 but could not hold

We shot about 15 percent and missed 20 points inside 3 feet of the bucket. When your hot your hot and when your not, your not.

Making All-Tournament for the Hobbs Panthers were Mike Porter a freshman, Walter Cave a sophomore, and Paferio Molano a junior.

We are proud of our progress and if we can put things together we can win a lot of district games.

Students **Viewed Movie** At School

Rotan students viewed the movie "Lt. Robinson Cruiso", at school Tuesday afternoon. The film was courtesy of the Rotan Fire Department.

Admission to the movie was a can of food, which will be added to the baskets that will be delivered to some of the families in Rotan.





In this holy season of love and good will..

Sybil & Hattie Belle Howard







Roby Texas

Diane Swaffar

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Dan Swaffar

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Warm wishes to everyone.

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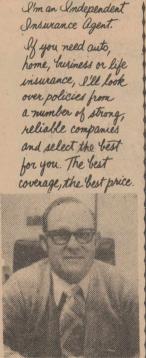
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Leisure Lodge Report

Happy holidays from Leisure Lodge. We want to thank the GA's and RA's from Cross Roads Baptist Church who came last Wednesday night, sang Christmas Carols and brought the ladies lovely corsages and the men boutonnieres they had made. They are beautiful and we all appreciate them so much for taking time to do this for our residents.

We want also to thank Mrs. Don Mullins and her group from Jr. High who came Monday and brought our residents such lovely Christmas cards they had made. They also sang Christmas carols. We really appreciate them for doing this for us.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party on Thursday at 3 p.m. We will be looking for all our friends and relatives to be here. We also look for Santa to arrive about 3:30 p.m.

We want to give a special thank you to the ladies of the First United Methodist Church for the beautiful chandelier they gave us and had installed. It is beautiful and it really improves our lobby. We thank you so much.

Visiting Mary Lee Barker was her daughter Mrs. W.Y. Burns of Midland, Mrs. Edna Eaton and Mildred Stinnett, both of Hamlin.

Visiting Nancy White were Mrs. Oma Hodo, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Stinnett of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wall of Snyder visited the G.A. Hudnalls.

Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Stinnett also visited Emily Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bob Crawford and Kim and Bobby, all of Odessa, visited Bud Craw-

was her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McCormick of Amarillo and Bill Aaron of Snyder.

Visiting the Tom Simmonses were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Simmons and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Etheredge of

We extend all our sympathy to the Simmons family in the death of their grandson, Mike Webb of Marshall, Texas.

Miss Ruby Gilbert of Clairmont visited Bertha Lois Deel celebrated

Christmas with her family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Murphree on Sunday. Present were two of her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Woddie Crawford of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Youngblood of Amarillo, Her son, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Deel of Milsap, Mrs. Deel's wo sisters Mary Bigham, Hattie Warnell, both of Hamlin. Other visitors were grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Crawford of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Deel and baby of Milsap and Sue Warnell of Hamlin. They all reported a wonderful time.

We of Leisure Lodge wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Genealogical Research **Course Set**

Josie Baird of Rotan, a Certified American Lineage Specialist, will teach a genealogical research course for the Community Services department of Western Texas College

starting Jan. 23. Miss Baird has been involved in genealogy since about 1962 and is active in numerous genealogical and historical organizations.

Persons who would like to reserve space in the class, designed primarily Visiting Jimmie Brewer for persons just beginning their genealogical research, are to call the Community Services office at WTC, 573-8511, extension 240. The class is scheduled to meet six times, with two-hour ses-





Hargrove

Lindley



NURSING HOME: The members of the Rotan Junior High recently went to the Fisher County Nursing Home and Leisure Lodge inRotan and presented residents with Christmas cards. Above, left to right, Mrs. Lulline Blount, Jodie Lawlis, Jill Posey and Dana Nowlin.

Rotan JV Outscored Albany Lions 46-26

The Rotan High School JV girls outscored Albany 46-26 on Dec. 12. High point for Rotan was Kathy Ramirez with 16.

Debra Cabrera had 8,

Rocky Garza and Martha Hargrove had 6 each, Nina Carrillo 4, Naomi Counts, Beverly McKinney and Debbie Mann 2 each.

McCombs, Cheryl Jones

The varsity girls also

defeated Lueders-Avoca

74-29 on Dec. 15. Scoring

for Rotan were Ann Gentry

14, Blanche Gentry 12,

Charee Smith 8, Reginal

Pearson 7, Ginger Duke,

Cheryl Jones and Kay

Lopez 6 each, Tina

McCombs, Jamie Strick-

land and Cindy Weathrs-

bee 4 each. Jennie Swaf-

ford 2, and Debra Cabrera

ALLSUP'S HAS A LAST MINUTE

SUPPLY OF GIFT ITEMS!

and Ann Gentry 2 each.

Charee Smith High In Albany Defeat Ramona Pearson 6, Tina

The Rotan Varsity girls basketball team defeated Albany 61-42 on December 12. Scoring for Rotan were Charee Smith, 18; Blanche Gentry 13, Ginger Duke 11, Jamie Strickland 7,

Roby F.H.A. Celebrated Christmas

The Roby FHA had a Christmas party Monday, Dec. 18, at the Roby Home Economics department. There was the exchange of gifts and refreshments were served.

After the party, the

group went carolling. The FHA cooked and served a Christmas dinner for the teachers on Wednesday, Dec. 20, in the home economics department.

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Rotan F.F.A. **Greenhand Awards** Were Presented

A regular meeting of the Rotan FFA chapter was held Thursday night, Dec. 14. The meeting was called to order by the president Robert Posev. The government trapper, Bob Barrington, gave a program on trapping. He showed a film and gave an interesting demonstration on setting the trap.

After the program was concluded, chapter business was discussed and the Chapter Greenhand

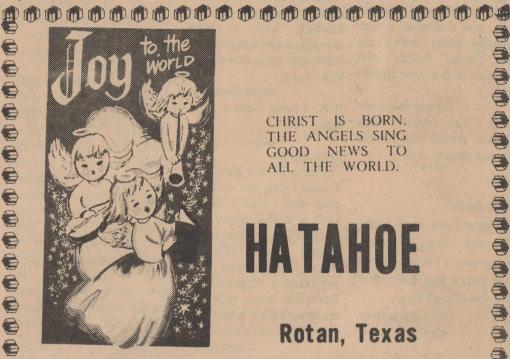


MAKING SPEECH: Bob Barrington, government trapper, gave a talk at the Rotan FFA meeting ceremony took place. Those receiving the Greenhand award for 1978 were: Shannon Strickland. Jeff Posev, Moses Gonzales, Marcus Conner, Dar rell Carter. Keith Copeland, Naomi Counts, Conrad Hamric, Wes Hardin, Mark Harris. Weldon Hayes, Kip Pease, LaRhea Smith and Breck Wea-

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 n.m



PIN PRESENTATION: Parker Wetsel, left, manager of the Midwest Electric Cooperative presented Luna Marie Bruton with a 25 year service pin at the recent Cooperative Christmas Party.



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Jill Wright P.S. Please bring Mike Putnam a Starsky and Hutch game.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a rub-a-dub dolly, some clothes for her, a bed for her, and a stroller. I also war Holly Hobby tea set, some Barbie doll clothes and a new Barbie in it. Love, doll.

P.S. My friend Mary Helen would like a my friend mandy doll.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a bicycle, a record player and dancerella doll. How are you doing? Love,

Julie Doty

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a trampoline some Christmas books and a race car. I have Been A good boy. I love you,

> Leslie Burk ****

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please bring me a B.B. gun, a 5 speed bike and some roller skates. I have been good. I love you.

Jerry Stuart

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I want a doll. Thank you.

Annie Hambrick

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a trampoline some leggos a maxi van some boots. Love,

Rodney Matthies

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a whoopsy doll and real cat

go snowsking my brother wants a car my sister wants some perfume my brother wants some BBs I want a whoopsy doll. Love,

McCaulley Memorial Written by 4-H'ers

Dear Stanta Claus, For Christmas I would like a choo-choo train, a stretch armstrong, a nerf truck, a mickey mouse toothbrush for my braces and a stuffed teddy bear. I will leave some cookies and milk on the table for you. Love.

Mark Pope P.S. Please bring my friend Joe Don a Battlestar Gallctia game.

Dear Santa,

I want a racerack with some cars, a star wars game, a puppy, a nerf football, and a luke skywalker and fighter with R202 and Luke Skywalker

Scott Thomson Tammy Stephens P.W. I have been a good

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Snuggles doll, Lub-A-Bubble Doll, a Barbie Super Star Stage Show, a Super Star Barbie Vann, Playdoh Fuzzy Pumper, and Hungry Hungry Hippos. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love, Candi Hayes

The McCaulley school Two of his cousins-James and Darren Jeffrey were bus carried the majority of also on the team along their High School stu-

with Britt Stuart of Roby.

dents. Those students

made up about one-half of

the McCaulley 4-H Club. I

have known most of these

4-Hers since they were

from 3 to 5 years old and

have visited their homes at

least once a month during

our 11 years as Fisher

come to love and appreci-

ate each one of them.

"The McCaulley Bunch"

as well as other Fisher

County 4-H members are

some of the finest examp-

les of youth in America.

Two of those fatally

injured were 4-H mem-

bers, Britt Jeffrey and Rita

Wilkerson. Both were

outstanding 4-H members

being involved in project

work and 4-H activities.

Rita presented a demon-

stration at the County

Eliminations Contest last

year. She was active in

Foods Projects. Britt car-

ried Beef Cattle as his

main 4-H project. He was

on the Livestock Judging

Team that won District

and placed 7th at State.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. Joe all their life.

Roby and have lived here are invited to attend.

Rotan, Texas

Morgan of Roby will

celebrate their golden

wedding anniversary Sat-

urday, December 23, from

3 to 6 p.m. in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Zanna

December 22, 1928 in

The couple was married

ed and likable.

The 4-H prayer states, "Lord, Help the world to be a little better because Thou dids't make me". The world is truly a better place Britt and Rita lived. All the Extension Agents, 4-H leaders, Members and Parents send out their County Agent. I have sorrow and prayers to the McCaulley families. Only God can heal their hearts; but our love as a family will always be with them. Our hearts are heavy as we try to carry on the things They are all well manner- that must go on-especially the stock show season. 4-H activities are a time when 4-H'ers from all parts of the country join together (Rotan, Roby, Hobbs and McCaulley). 4-H'ers are like one big family whether at County-wide activi-

Letter To Editor

ties or on the road.

Dear Editor,

For all of those who cared and shared--in times like these, times of grief, sorrow, worry and pain, words are so inadequate in expressing our deepest and most sincere appreciation for all of the "help" we've received since our tragedy. You have given prayers, money, food, flowers, cards, your homes and your time. You have shown your love and concern, and you have shared our pain. You have prayed with us and cried with us. You have been by our sides, hand in hand, arm in arm. We want to give you all our very warmest and most sincere "Thank You"

May God bless you. The McCaulley Community and School

Dr. Macon Sumerlin, a across the nation. Roby High graduate, has

McCAULLEY 2nd GRADE: Class officers in the

McCaulley 2nd grade are, left to right, Robert

Washington, president; Bradley Reed, secretary; Marcia

Stevenson, vice president; Chris Kelly, parliamentarian;

and Carol Kirby, reporter. Not pictured, Renee Austin,

Dr. Macon Sumerlin

Head At McMurry

the McMurry College Division of Fine Arts by Dr. Thomas K. Kim, McMurry president. The fine arts division includes McMurry's departments of music, speech-theater and art. Dr. Sumerlin, who is also

been named chairman of

music department head last May. The composer will continue as music department chairman along with his divisional duties, said Dr.

McMurry composer in

residence, was named

Dr. Sumerlin did his graduate study in music at Eastman School of Music and the University of Texas. The Texas Guild of Composers awarded him a

doctorate. Over his long career Dr. Sumerlin has composed symphonies, sonatas, musical comedies, a movie score, a ballet and many other types of music. In recent years he has worked a great deal with electronic music.

Sumerlin's work has been published by Carl Fischer, Belwin, Western International and Pro-Art. His work has been performed by individual musicians and orchestras This fall he has devoted

a good deal of time to making musical arrangements for the new Mc-Murry male double quartet, the Melody Men, including a Christmas medley arrangement and such old favorites as "Tumbling Tumbleweeds", "Green Leaves of Summer'', and "Dry Bones"

A new Sumerlin symphony on philosophic themes for choir and band will be premiered at McMurry in

Secret Pals Hold Holiday Luncheon

The annual Christmas luncheon of the Secret Pal Club was held Thursday, Dec. 14, in the home of Mrs. Joe Morris in Roby. Mrs. Morris was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Mrs. James Lay of Snyder.

Christmas decorations were throughout the home including a large Christmas tree, giving it a festive appearance.

After lunch everyone gathered around the tree for the presentation of gifts. A most enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Midwest Electric Has **Annual Holiday Party**

Dec. 15, at the Roby fire hall with over 60 in attendance. There was entertained by a singing group consisting of Robert Allen, his sister LaTricia. Dawn Gardner, and Connie Carreon.

A Christmas dinner with all the trimmings preceded the highlights of the evening as Manager Parker Wetsel presented a gold, engraved watch to Luna Maude Bruton in recognition of her 25 years service to Midwest Electric Cooperative. Mrs. Bruton has been the area office clerk in the Snyder home office since January

Other employees receiving service awards were: Juanita Terry, 20 years; Calvin Elkins, 10 years: Rex Hall, 10 years; Gayle

Hospital

News

Admissions to Fisher

Leopoldo Lopez, Ray

Hill, Jim W. Helms,

Sylvestre Ramon, Dianne

Martin, Santos Garcia,

Charles Lindley, Rosa

Hale, Russell Ahrlett,

Rotan; Luther K. Maber-

County Hospital Dec.

12-19, 1978.

The employees of Mid- Morgeson, 5 years; James west Electric Cooperative Streety, 3 years; Danny held their annual Christ- Jones, 3 years; Rodger mas Party Friday night, Potts, 3 years; and Laddie McMillan, 3 years.



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Rotan Primary Play--Nativity Scene

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Lane Hicks

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bike and a doll. I have been very good. Is is cold there? I love you.

Iste Cuerra



IN PRESENTATION: Parker Wetsel, left, manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative presented Luna Marie ton with a 25 year service pin at the recent perative Christmas Party.

To old friends and new, a happy holiday season.

> Vera's Gift Shop

Rotan, Texas



WORLD

Christmas happiness to you and your family! Jessie & Juston Morrow

Delta Kappa Gamma **Has Christmas Party**

Thirty-four Gamma Tau chapter members and initiates of Delta Kappa Gamma attended the annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Rudy Hamric in Rotan Saturday evening, December 9, at

7:00 p.m. December is Fellowship Month, and all chapter members made a voluntary contribution to the Fellowship Fund. Mallie Lee Melton, World Fellowship Chairman, urged all members to read the article on scholarships in the current issue of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Louise Bollinger, president led the group in a short business meeting preceding the program and social hour.

A formal initiation ritual was held with six new members being added to the club roster. These new members are: Pat Ellis, Elaine Kerley, Harriet Monde, Joyce Robinson, Pat Smith and Martha Sue Stromen. Joyce Smith., chairman of the Ceremonials, was in charge of this beautiful ceremony. She was assisted by Frances

Mary Ann Marshall.

The program was presented by the music committee and directed by Louise Callan. The Christmas theme was carried out. Next, there was an exchange of gifts. The hostesses carried out the Christmas motif in table decorations and refreshments. The Hamric home was beautifully decorated for the holidays. The hostesses were Pat Hamric, Kathleen Hale, Louise

LeBleu, Ruth Wiman, and Callan, Mallie Lee Melton, Betty Strayhorn, and Ruth Witherspoon.

Club members, in addition to the above named, attending were: Joyce Hill, Janie Phillips, Lura Lee Davis, Earline Kelley, Kathy Landru, Chrystelle Hawkins, Nora Leon, Wilma Ruth Waller, Zelma Hulse, Josie Baird, Joe Clark, Florine D. Young, Delila Baird, Leslie Richabaugh, Joann Menn, Ruth Knapp, and Dixie Hag-

unglazed ceramic mosaic,

National Gypsum

National Gypsum Company has announced that it types of tile; glazed, plans an expansion of its American Olean Tile Company subsidiary through a \$28 million investment in the construction of a new quarry tile plant and expansion of a glazed tile

The quarry plant will be built at Fayette, Alabama, and is expected to be in operation in 1980, and will increase total quarry tile production capacity about 45 percent. With this additional production capacity, American Olean will provide improved service to the rapidly quarry market.

American Olean Tile operates four quarry tile plants in Lewisport and Cloverport, Ky.; Quakertown, Pa.; and Roseville,

American Olean Tile will also expand its Jackson, Tenn., glazed tile plant, also expected to be completed in early 1980, and will increase its total glazed tile capacity about 20 percent. The expansion will add 111,000 square feet to the 280,000 square

American Olean Tile Company, the leading U.S. ceramic tile manufacturer, is the only domestic producer of all three basic

Expansion Announced

foot facility.

Funeral Services LiLLie Terrell

Lillie Terrell, 92, of Rotan died at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, after a long illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel

The Rev. Loren Gardner, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Roby, officiated. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Born Nov. 16, 1886, in Rome, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Aaron. She moved to Fisher County in 1898 from Georgia. She married C.C. Terrell Dec. 10, 1910, in Fisher County. He preceded her in death Dec.

1, 1966. She was a Baptist. Survivors include two grandchildren, Don Terrell Gwin Carney of Dallas; and six great-grandchil-

of San Antonio, and Mrs.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rush, June 7. 1952; three brothers; and a sister.

Pallbearers were Richard Ray, Horace Carter, Billy Frank Hardy, Glen Gruben, Dwight Nowlin and Clarence Anderson.



and time to wish a Merry Christmas to all of our friends.

Richard, Kathy. Ricky & Reggy

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GOOD NEWS TO

Rotan, Texas

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ALL TOURNAMENT: Rotan boys and girls varsity players recently named as All Tournament include Ginger Duke, All Tournament; Fred Acorn, All Tournament; and Blanche Gentry, Most Valuable Player. Each hold trophies won in recent tournaments.

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Tammy Stephens P.S. My friend Mary Helen would like a my friend mandy doll.

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Leslie Burk ale ale ale ale

Dear Santa,

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Jerry Stuart ****

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third of December 18, with classes beginning Jan. 19. ****

Buck Ashe has returned home from Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Fisher County Hospital and is doing fine.



Dear Stanta Claus,

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Scott Thomson P.W. I have been a good

We're not saying that pay increases are not needed and are not past due in some instances--but we do agree with Mr. Terry on two points--"Runaway inflation has got to stop somewhere", and his comment on getting the hospital on a paying basis.

It is unfortunate that the request for pay adjustments hits the agenda less than 60 days after Fisher County Hospital District tax payers received tax notices substantially boosting their tax outlay.

Fisher County hospital district board members will no doubt receive several comments before their January board meeting on the "salary increase" issue.

Editorial Comment Roby Baptist Plans

You never have to wonder where Kermit Terry stands on an issue--because he doesn't pull any punches, hedge, beat around the bush or sit back and wonder how to say what he means. He just lets his feelings be known and doesn't particularly care who agrees with him.

The fellow members of the Fisher County Hospital Board don't always agree with the often outspoke Kermit Terry, but there aren't many that interrupt him.

Last Monday night, as he has on many issues in the past three years or so, Kermit Terry made his feelings Cantata "Come To The known, right from the start, on an item scheduled to be brought up at the January regular board meeting.

That issue is salary increases for hospital personnel. Perry Hunsaker, after receiving a request from several of the hospital personnel, requested that the board consider discussing salary increases at the January

Terry said, "Right from the beginning, I want it known that I am not in favor of salary increases". Terry said that the people of Fisher County are having a hard time paying their taxes, crops are not good and concluded his little speech by saying, "We've got to get this on a

Terry contends that the Fisher County Hospital personnel often times forget that their benefits include Church will have two paid hospitalization and retirement plans that other area hospital personnel don't receive.

The whole discussion was spurred by the mandatory first service will be at minimum wage increase to \$2.90 on January 1, 1979, 11:00 a.m.; the regular I have been a good girl. even though the Fisher County Hospital District is Please bring me a Snug- exempt from paying minimum wage.

gles doll, Lub-A-Bubble The increase of basic pay at the low end of the scale Doll, a Barbie Super Star almost always has a domino effect--boosting not only the Stage Show, a Super Star low end of the totem pole but rippling all the way to the Barbie Vann, Playdoh highest paid hospital district employee.

Fuzzy Pumper, and Hun- The same domino effect ripples throughout the Big gry Hungry Hippos. I will Country--Hamlin, Stamford, Snyder, Sweetwater leave you some milk and hospital personnel are quick to point out that their pay cookies. Don't forget the schedule is out-dated by waving a copy of the Fisher other boys and girls. Love, County scale--their pay is adjusted--and the vicious Candi Hayes circle boomerangs back home.

The Roby First Baptist one song each. Narrator will be Donna Hataway.

Church will have a special service Sunday morning, December 24, at the regular morning worship time. The combined Youth and Adult Choirs will present the Christmas Manger" by Joe E. Parks. The choirs, directed by

Special Services

W.L. Knox, will sing eight numbers. Solos will be sung by Christy Stuart and Bro. Don Jeffrey. The men and women will present

The Sunday evening service will be cancelled and a special program will begin at 5:00 p.m. The program is entitled "Student Day at Christmas" and is to be presented by the students coming home for Christmas. Ellen Hataway will be the director.

The event is informal and everyone is invited to

Merry pristmas To all our dear friends,

best wishes of the season.

Karen, Stephen & D'lane Dooley Rhonda & Rick

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Vernie Coan

Bennett Brian & Teresa

Harrison Mrs. Bert Rushing

Two Services Set For **Rotan Baptist Sunday**

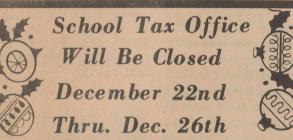
The Rotan First Baptist special services on Sunday, December 24. The Sunday evening services will be canceled and the special program will be presented at 6:00 p.m.

The church will also observe Watch Night Services, December 31. The regular evening worship will be at 7:00. A covered dish supper will follow the services. Next on the agenda is a talent show. games and fellowship. The

midnight prayer and praise, and welcoming of the new year will be held in the auditorium. Bro. David Bugg, pastor of the church, extends everyone an invitation.

Rotan JV Is Winner at Albany, 48-41

The Rotan JV boys won over Albany 48-41 on Dec. 12. High point boy for Rotan was Kip Pease with 21. Cecil Turner had 16, Ruben Cabrera 9, and Jeff Posey 2.





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FOR SALE: John Deere tandem 11 ft., \$800, James Nettleton, 735-2887 45-tfc

WANTED: Bus drivers, to drive Rotan School buses. Call Neil Wright at Rotan High School for more information. 44-tfc

NOTICE: The Prime of Life Club meets Thursday. December 21 at the Rotan Community Center, all senior citizens welcome. 45-1tc

FOR SALE: Good clean T.O. 20 Ferguson tractor, has new engine overhaul. Call Farmers Gin, 735-39-tfc

NOTICE: Try our hot lunches 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dairy Queen.

NOTICE: Apartments to rent, 2 and 3 bedroom. Contact Jim Nowlin at Nowlin Farm Supply, 735-2371 or 735-2020.

NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES: Electrolux cleaners, repair all makes. H.B. Stevens, 1101 James Street, Sweetwater. 235-27-tfc

NOTICE: Young Farmer wants to expand, will make good offer for good productive land for rent. Have money available. You will have the right man if you call 735-3492, Rotan. .29-tfc

MONUMENTS AND CEMETERY CURBING: J.B. Smith, 308 E. 4th St., Rotan, Texas, call 735-3290. 22tfc

PICKUP FOR SALE: 1972 Ford half-ton, automatic, good condition, 44-2tc 735-2848

NOTICE: Anhydrous Ammonia now available in Fisher County. See or call W.J. Coffman, phone 735-2066. 38-8tp

CALICO COTTAGE: Custom sewing, fabrics. notions, patterns, also buttonholes and alterations. 2005 26th Street, Snyder, Texas. Open 9:00 to 5:30, except Sunday.

NOTICE: Drug abuse and alcoholism education and information consultation and referral agency. Tri-County Council on Alcoholism, Scurry, Mitchell and Fisher Counties. 118 E. Hwy., 573-3233, Snyder, Texas. 24 hour service.

CAMP SPRINGS WELD-ING: Portable welding, at shop or in the field. Service 24 hours. Call 573-0078. 17tfc

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Older 8 room home 3 bedroom, 2 baths large yard, water well good condition Cash price \$19,500.00

3-BR 2 bath, den, fireplace and water well. Big fenced back yard. Office Phone 776-2131

three 4 yr. olds. 735-3576, Gary Baker. 44-2tc FOR SALE: One 283 stripper with a #70 basket. Farm Tractor & Service.

FOR SALE: 3 hereford

range bulls, 1 Angus bull,

735-2462. HEINZ 57 Puppies free, Ready to go. Roy Noles, 776-2146. 45-1tp

NOTICE: I will not be responsible for any debts other than those incurred by me. Bishop Gordon, 45-3tp Rotan.

FOR SALE: Brown velvet loveseat and fire wood mesquite, call 236-6228, call collect, will deliver.

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1½ baths, downstairs; 2 rooms up, conventiently located. Call 735-3176 days or 735-2531 evenings. 40-tfc

FOR SALE: Like new, Kirby Classic III vacuum cleaner and attachments. Also, home size humidifier, brown walnut finish, call James Nettleton, 735-



GIVE a family Bible for Christmas. Call Mrs. E.H. Turnbow, 735-2313. 45-1tc

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom house, 6 room house for sale. 302 Snyder. 45-1tp FOR SALE: Alfalfa hay, call Landes Furniture

NEED GOOD HOME: For ½ Border collie puppies. Call Lucille Pur-

44-tfc

735-3171.

ger and lose weight with New Shape Diet Plan and Hydrex Water Pills. At Summers' Drug. 44-4tp

NOTICE: Control hun-

FOR SALE: Triticale seed. Guy Kemp, 776-2423 Roby.

HEALTH FOOD CEN-TER: 206 Crane, Sweetwater, Texas. Different brands of natural vitamins, minerals, proteins, and natural foods. Across the street East from Village Market. 915-235-

PAY \$560.00 and assume payment of \$96.00 on two bedroom, 1 bath mobile home. Quality Mobile Home Sales, 5111 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas, phone 915-573-3230. 42-tfc



Rotan Junior Livestock Show Set For December 30

The Rotan Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, December 30, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the George Poe Warehouse, reports Ag teacher Ronnie

Teichelman. Duane Gilly, Ag teacher at Haskell will be the judge.

Bret Clements, president of the Rotan Young Farmers has been named

superintendent will be Ed Wilfong; swine, Bruce Cox; sheep, Kennith Har-

The judging will start prepared by Wendell Mor-

show announcer. Beef with the lambs, with the judging of the gilts to follow. There will be a lunch break at 11:00 a.m. The lunch will be chili

row, with the meat will be judged, followed by donated by several Rotan residents. The proceeds of the lunch will benefit the Junior Livestock Show.

After lunch the barrows

heifers and steers.

Ribbons will be awarded and showmanship trophies will be awarded in each division.

Fisher County Stock Show Will Cover 2 Days

The Fisher County Junior Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday. Fair Grounds in Roby, according to Richard Spencer, county agent.

Swine are to be in place at 9:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and the swine show will January 5 and 6, at the be held at 1:00 Friday afternoon; sheep are to arrive by 5:00 p.m. Friday to be shown at 9 a.m.

Saturday: cattle will be shown at 10 a.m. Saturday. The buyers lunch will be held at noon Saturday. Jan. 6, with the premium sale to be held at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6. The

show judge is Bob Doty, Big Spring ag teacher, and auctioneer is Bill Ennis of

The premium sale will be the first ever for Fisher County. Each exhibitor

will be allowed to sell one animal. The grand and reserve champion market hog, the grand and reserve champion steer and the 4 breed champion lambs must sell and other

animals that sell will be at the option of the exhibitor. Market hogs must weigh 200 pounds to be eligible for the premium sale.

Support of the sale is badly needed from the

county businesses and individuals. Most all counties that surround Fisher County have good county sales and this is a great benefit to the exhibitors.

Businesses and individuals will be contacted in the near future for prize money and support of the

The youth of the county need your support to make the show and sale a

Earnings Are Changed For Social Sec.

Are you receiving a social security check and still working? If so, you may be interested in some recent changes in what you can earn and still draw Social Security.

What you can earn now depends on your age. If you are under 65 years old you may earn as much as \$3,240.00 in a year and draw all of your Social Security. If you earn over that amount, one dollar of Social Security will be withheld for each two dollars you earn. For 1979 the annual amount you may earn will be raised to \$3,480.00.

If you are 65 or older in any part of a year and not yet 72, you may earn up to \$4,000.00, one dollar of Social Security will be withheld for each two dollars you earn. In 1979 you may earn \$4,500.00 and still receive all of your checks if you are age 65 or older. Of course, you may earn all you want beginning with the month you are 72 years old and still draw all of your Social Security.

Before this year, many school teachers, farmers, students, and others received Social Security checks for some months regardless of what their total earnings were for the year. They did this because in some months their earnings were less than a small monthly amount or they did little or no work in their business.

Beginning in 1979, these people can draw Social Security checks because of low monthly earnings in one and only one year. After that one year, the amount they can draw will depend entirely on the amount of their annual earnings--just like everyone else.

You should consult your local Social Security office to find out how these new rules apply to you. Of course, none of these rules apply to people drawing disability checks. If a disabled person goes to work he should report it immediately to Social Security.

Roby Methodists To Have Cantata Dec. 24

The Choir of the First Methodist Church, Roby, will present a special Christmas Cantata during the regular morning service Sunday, Dec. 24. Rev. Loren Gardener will present the Christmas Story. There will be no church services Sunday evening Dec. 24.

Sunday, December 31,

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the church will hold regular mouning and evening services with games and fellowship after the evening services. Every one will gather in the auditorium at 11:30 p.m for prayer and singing and the Holy Communion will be observed at 12:00 midnight.

Santa Letter

Dear Santa.

My name is Stephanee, I am 5 years old. I want a trampoline, a baby doll and gaucho boots. Buster is 31/2, he is by brother and he wants a gun, stretch armstrong and a jack-up truck. We will leave milk and cookies for you. Love,

Stephanee Frierson

Card of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful people who have done so much for Jim during the past months. The prayers, cards and flowers meant so much during the long stay in the hospital. We wish we could say a personal thank you to each of you, because we so sincerely and humbly appreciate everthing that is and has been done for him. We have a long road ahead of us, but with dear friends and God's help, Jim will be well again. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you all.

James, Dianne, Jim, Kim and Teresa

Card of Thanks

means to us. To all remembered us, the these trying times. flowers, and above all your prayers and you. thoughtfullness during the illness and death of our sister. Laura White. We

Dear friends, with appreciate and thank grateful hearts we Bro. David Bugg for want to express our the visit and sweet thanks to you, though prayer, God bless words seem so little each one. Also, we do trying to say what it pray for the families at McCaulley and who called, came and Sylvester through

Humbly, we thank

Mrs. L.G. Goodman and families Mrs. C.D. carter and families

Card of Thanks

is any way I can hope to repay the kindness shown to us by all the wonderful people all over the Big Country. There are so many warm spot in my me-I know there is no each of you. way I can even begin to thank them all.

I feel much better

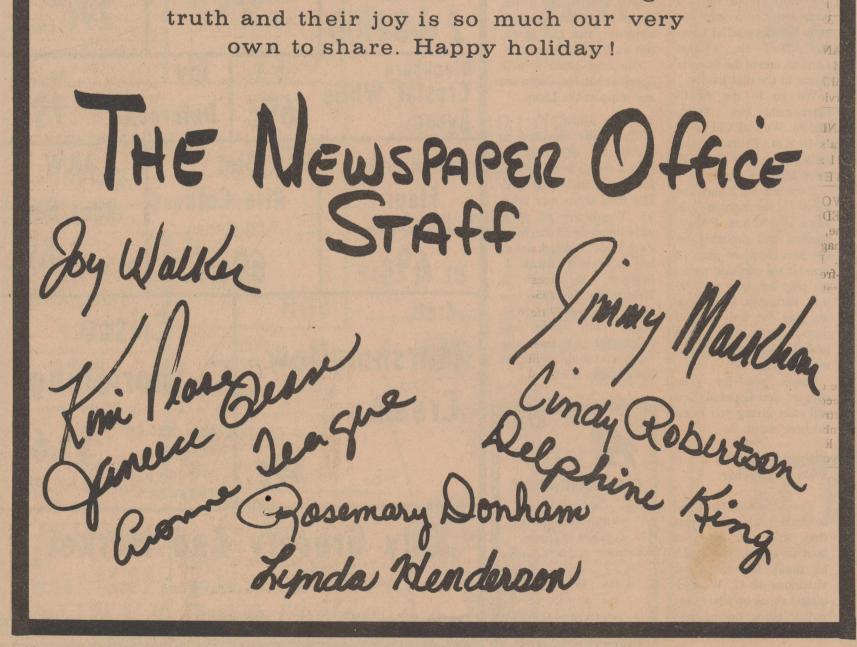
I don't think there about facing the hard times ahead, knowing that I have friends like you. I don't feel like I am by myself. Each of you will always hold a people so special to heart. May God bless

Mr. and Mrs. **Edd Farmer**

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Christmas is for children, but not alone,

for their faith reminds us all of the great



HOBBS TACKY DAY: Taking part in Tacky Day at Hobbs, left to right, Todd White, Johnny Medrano, Everett Simmons and Dennis Wright.



We wish you all good things this holiday.

FISHER COUNTY PARAMEDIC Tommy Harbin, Virginia, Wayne, Dean & Deanne



THE HAMRICS Rudy, Patsy & Conrad

OLD TIME SHOTS OF ROTAN BACK IN 1907

New Fence Installed At Roby Primary

The Roby Primary students are very proud of a section of fence recently added to their playground area. Their pride stems from the fact that they were instrumental in earning the funds to purchase it. Last spring the present 2nd and 3rd grades presented an operetta; "Cinderella" and the present first and second grades game a Halloween program this fall to earn the necessary funds.

The fence separates the bus parking lot and the

playground area which will protect the children as well as the buses. It will confine baseballs, footballs, soccer balls, etc. to the play area and keep the students from going into

the street to retrieve them. Other purchases made from the program funds by the first and second grades are drinking fountains, library books, playground balls, jump ropes, and teaching materials. The fence was installed by the Roby FFA boys.



BEHIND NEW FENCE: Members of the Roby Elementary school stand behind the recently constructed



BUILD FENCE: The members of the Roby FFA class constructed the fence at the Roby Elementary playground.



PUT UP GOAL: Several members of the Roby FFA constructed a new basketball goal at the tennis courts recently.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 114 An ordinance establishing water rates for the City of Rotan, Texas, and all other water users connected to Rotan water mains or transmission lines; repealing all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; and providing for an effective date.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rotan, Texas:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance and hereinafter provided for, the City of Rotan through Water department shall charge and collect and every consumer of water shall pay for water furnished by the City of Rotan to said consumer. the amounts calculated by application of the following rates to meter readings:

Water rates within the corporate limits and other consumers, of the City of Rotan, Texas, for all months beginning with

December 1978, billings: (a) Minimum charge per month inside the City limits for 2,000 gallons or less--\$4.50,

(b) Minimum charge per month outside the corporate limits of the City for 2,000 or less--\$4.50,

(c) Excess over 2,000 gallons per month for both 'a" and "b" per 1,000 gallons--\$1.30,

(d) Users being served through a meter of larger size than the standard 3/4" meter the minimum charge per month for 2,000 gallons or less--\$5.50

SECTION 2: All ordinances, resolutions, or other actions of the City Council of the City of Rotan, Texas, in conflict with the rates, fees, charges or other provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective immediately and applied to the first billing following passage on first reading. Passed on first reading,

the 12th day of December Lester A. Sescil,

Attest: Kenneth Vann,

45-1tc City Secretary



The Lions' record now has dropped to 4-5 after four straight losses. We have looked terrible in our last four games. We don't even look like the same team.

The Lions went to the Roscoe tournament last weekend and really got embarrassed. We lost to Roscoe the first game 56-44. Greg Jennings led the scoring with 15 points. We shot 29 percent.

The next night we lost to Jayton by the score 45-34. Timmy Morton had 12 points. Jayton is probably the weakest team we played all year. We had 37 turnovers and shot 25 percent. With this kind of play we could not beat our own Jr. High.

We are lacking in hustle and leadership. Either this will change or there will be some changes in the lineup. I do think we will get back to old form. I hope we don't wait too long. District started Tuesday, Dec. 19, against Loraine, one of the favorite teams in the district.

We go to the ACHS tournament Dec. 21,22, and 23. We play Old Glory at 10 a.m. Thursday, the girls play at 8:30. This will be at Moody Coliseum.

If we win we'll play the winner of the Stanton-Eula game at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Stanton will probably be the best team we play all year. If we win that game we play for first at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. If we lose we play for 3rd at 1:30 p.m. Sat. That will probably be against Clyde or Rotan.

Thank you for your support and hopefully we will start giving you more to cheer about.

ROBY LIONESSES Vikki Schumacher

The Lionesses traveled to Haskell determined that they were not going to beat us again. We didn't let them. We came out victorious 49-47. We didn't get shook up when they put a press on us, we passed the ball well and

got a few fast breaks off their press. Lois Ann Cauble shot a very high percent and was high point with 19. Jill Wright had 10 points

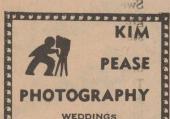
We started the Roscoe tournament Thursday with playing Roscoe our first game. We came out on the bottom side 48-33. The first quarter we only scored 4 points. We couldn't hit any outside shots, we settled down by halftime and played better ball the second half.

The second game, we played Trent. The score was Roby 39, Trent 42. Our field goal percent was much better than when we played Roscoe. Lois Ann Cauble scored 14 points, Jill Wright 23, Sylvia Gaona 6. Darlene Herron, J.Wright and P. Terry scored 2. We had a good lead going into half with the score 26-12. We all played a hard ball game, we all knew that we could have won that ball game, but we live and learn.

Our next game is with Loraine at Roby. Come out and support the Lions.

Cubs

The Cubs traveled to Westbrook and met up with a tough team. Those little girls like to play ball. The final score was Roby 14, Westbrook 45. The girls that scored for Roby were T.McCright, J. Johnson, K. West, T. Lovett, J. Branson, D. Ray, S. Thompson, all with two points; L. Gonzales and S. Stuart both made one point. Our girls lacks the hustle and defense, but we are learning a lot. ast



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Roby, Texas

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GOD'S PRESENT TO YOU

Some of us may think only of Bethlehem, of the star in the sky, shepherds in the field and angels

singing. Others of us may think only of business profits, shopping, gifts, tinsel, toys and celebra-

Many Gins One Third **Finished With Cotton**

The 1978 cotton harvest continued without interruption during the past week. Many gin points are one-third finished ginning the crop. Mr. B.B. Manly reported that about 40,000 cotton samples were classed at the USDA Cotton Marketing Services Office in Abilene during the week ending at noon Friday, Dec. 15. This brought the seasonal total to 89,000, which compares to about 550,000 cotton samples classed by this time a year

Local cotton prices ranged from 1250 to 1475 points over loan rates during the week ending December 15. Prices were about 50 to 100 points lower than during the previous week. Prices declined by 100 to 150 points on Monday, were about steady Tuesday, then advanced by 50 to 150 points late in the week. Mixed quality lots sold at mostly 54 to 58 cents per pound.

Cottonseed prices paid farmers ranged from 100 to 130 dollars per ton, at mostly 115 to 125 dollars

percent of the cotton classed during the week. Grade 51 comprised 24 percent and grade 42 followed at 15 percent. Staple length was 50 percent staple 32, 30 percent staple 33, and 15 percent staple 31. About 88 percent of the samples tested were within the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range. Sixteen percent was reduced in grade due to bark or grass content. Fiber strength tests indicated average fiber strength at 84,000 pounds per square inch breaking strength.

Sample receipts increased during the past week and sample backlogs have increased daily. Classing is presently about 4 to 5 days behind sample receipts. Mr. Manly announced today that a night shift was started on Monday, Dec. 18, to provide more prompt service.

Annual Reporting To Begin For Employers

employers will report wages on an annual rather than a quarterly basis. The Social Security Adand will submit the amounts of reported earnings to the Internal Revenue Service. Employers will continue to pay FICA taxes quarterly to the IRS. However, the quarterly reports will not identify employees by name or Social Security number. Social Security's first involvement will come at the end of each year with the receipt of the W-2 forms showing wages and total FICA paid.

These reports are used to determine the amount of work a person has under the Social Security system and to determine the benefit amount to which a person will be entitled. For these reasons, employers are encouraged to list the employee's name and account number exactly as they are shown on the employee's Social Security card.

The Social Security Administration estimates it will receive over 200 million W-2 forms for processing each year. Since all reports will be received once a year during a relatively brief period of time, Social Security is encouraging all employers with computer capability to use magnetic tapes to make their annual reports. This method of reporting will shorten processing time, cost less money, and be more efficient than submitting individual W-2 forms.

Instructions for tape filing of W-2 forms can be obtained from any Internal Revenue Service Center, and Social Security Regional Office, or from Social Security's Bureau of

per ton. Grade 41 comprised 44

Beginning with 1978 Data Processing in Baltimore Maryland.

> For further information contact your nearest Social Security office. In Abilene

tions. Still others may cynically ask, "Where is the Prince of Peace?"

But the real Christmas message goes much deeper. It answers all the great questions that plague the human race at this, or at

any, hour. The Christmas message is relevant, revolutionary and reassuring in a world of confusion and crisis. It can be summed up in three tremendous events--a birth, a death, and the climax of human history.

Hustlin' Round Hobbs

Well, we have been having some cold weather but the cotton strippers are sure rolling and these past two days have been so warm, its good cotton stripping weather.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid went to Andrews for the day on Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hyer and family. Mr. and Mrs. Windle Kincaid went to Odessa to visit for the day so they took Lucy and J.D. by Andrews. Mrs. Neil Hyer took them to Odessa Sunday evening and they all returned home Sunday night.

Joe Hardin from Abilene and Kennith Hardin from Rotan ate dinner Sunday with Bea Hardin. Mrs. Evonia Skeen and Shawn from Rotan all visted Sunday evening. Also, Bea's brother, Clarence Johnson from Colorado City visited Sunday. Lloyd Nichols from Snyder spent part of Sunday wtih Bea.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker went to Abilene Thursday. That night we attended the open house at Rotan Primary and the program at the auditorium. It was so cute, and three of our grandkids Evette, Donnie Carl and Carye were in the program. Friday night we went to Snyder to see Brad Maule and the Snyder High School Yuletide Follies. Brad is home from Los Angeles visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maule of Camp Springs. We sure did enjoy the program, especially Brad's singing. He is so talented and doing so well in the entertainment field. We also got to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Carey and two girls from Fort Stockton. Charlotte is Brad's sister and they spent the weekend visiting and the little girls are now spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Maule and Brad. We visited with Brad after the show and it was so nice to see him again after so long a time. Then Saturday night we went to the Hobbs Basketball tournament and they really had a big crowd. Hobbs took over the McCaulley tournament that was supposed to be this weekend and all the proceeds went to McCaulley folks. Hobbs girls won 2nd place, losing to Guthrie, and Debra Teel and Tonya Porter were named to the All Tournament team. Hobbs played Hermleigh and won 2nd place and Walter Cave, Michael Porter and Parfirio Molano were named to the All Tournament team. Mrs. Jimmy Walker and Mrs. Wilber Gruben attended the Rotan Band concert Sunday afternoon. Gregory Gruben plays in the 7th and 8th grade band. It was really a good concert.

The J.W. Etheredges and boys all attended the Hobbs responsibility for receiving S. Pioneer, the phone tournament as did Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etheredge and Mr. and processing W-2 forms number is 698-1360 if you and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn from Roby. Also there were Continued to Page 12



Fisher County AGENT by Richard Spencer

Estate planning, in a broad sense, involves the making of present plans for the accumulation, conservation and future use of one's assetts. Effective estate planning should provide for an orderly transfer of property during one's lifetime and after death, with a minimum of

Important considera-

tions in developing an estate plan are these: Inventory assets and taxable wealth; establishing financial security with minimum erosion; deciding on alternatives based on the individual and the family's desires and goals; establishing plans for property transfer using wills and trusts; making plans for sufficient ready cash for payment of taxes, death and administrative

Estate planning should be reviewed periodically. Durin the 1970's, inflation has resulted in substantial increases in the value of land, buildings, equipment, livestock, minerals and other assets. Consequently, a review of the estate situation may establish that a potential tax liability will exist upon the death of the owner. The review, in light of recent changes in the tax laws.

may determine that the existing estate plan requires revision.

Recent changes in federal estate tax laws and Texas Inheritance tax laws represent an attempt to provide tax relief from the sharp increase in asset balues during the 1979's. However, failure to become informed of the recent tax law changes and to do adequate estate planning may result in higher taxes and costs.

The Texas legislature revised the Texas inheritance tax laws during the special session in 1978. Basic changes are these:

Effective on deaths occurring September 1, 1978 and thereafter, exemptions were increased for Class A beneficiaries (immediate family) to exempt property transferred up to \$200,000. Effective September 1, 1982, exemptions iwll be increased on transfers up to \$250,000. Beginning September 1, 1985, exemptions will be increased on amounts up to \$300,ooo. The exemption will be divided on a proportional basis among the benefici aries according to the amount each beneficiary receives, in the event there are more than one beneficiary. In no event

shall any beneficiary have an exemption of less than \$25,000. More detailed information on the Texas Inheritance Tax Law is available from the Inheritance Tax Division of the Texas Comptroller's Office

A series of Extension Service fact sheets on estate planning are available at the County Exten-

TSTI Winter Registration Set Jan. 9

Registration for the winter quarter will begin Jan. 3, 1979, at TSTI Sweetwater. Most programs will accept new

Winter quarter classes being at 8 a.m. January 4. The final day to register if Jan. 10. The quarter ends March 21.

Some of TSTI's vocational/technical programs will accept all students, regardless of training or experience background. Others will accept new students only on an advanced-placement

First, the birth. On that first Christmas night the Bible tells of the angel who said to the fearful shepherds, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." What is the real meaning of these good tidings?

The virgin-born Baby was God in human form. He humbled himself. He took the form of a servant. He was made in your likeness and mine. He identified himself with the problems of the human race. Thus it was that the Apostle John wrote, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father).

In the early days of the 19th century the world was following with feat and trembling the march of Napoleon. Day after day people waited with impatience for the latest news of the war, and all the while in their homes babies were being born. In just one year, midway between the Battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, there came into the world a host of heroes.

During that year of 1809 William E. Gladstone was born in Liverpool and Alfred Tennyson in Somersby, Lincolnshire, England. Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Boston, Massachusetts, Felix Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg, Germany; and Abraham Lincoln was born in Hodgenville, Kentucky. But people weren't thinking of babies; they were thinking of battles. Yet 169 years later, with a truer perspective, we can ask

ourselves which of the battles mattered more than the babies of 1809?

And what a difference the Baby born 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem's manger has made in our world. Look at the educational systems he has inspired, the social reforms that his teachings have instituted, and the transformation of families and lives and

Second, there is a death. Christmas, to have meaning, cannot be separated from the cross. The angel said at the birth of Jesus, "He shall save his people from their sins." Years later the Apostle Paul said to young Timothy, "Christ. Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The Bible teaches the only cure for sin is the blood of Christ shed on the cross. One of the most prominent aspects of the worship of ancient Judaism was the shedding of blood to make an atonement for sin. The word "blood" symbolizes a life that has been given. Christ became the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world for the sins of

But we must humble ourselves and admit our sins and moral failures and turn to him. We must say, as the publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The Scripture says, "A broken and a contrite heart God will not despise."

This is the good news that the world is morally, psychologically and spiritually longing for. Some of you may dismiss it as ridiculous and idiotic. The Apostle Paul himself said.

"The preaching of the cross is, I know, nonsense to those who are involved in this dying world, but to us who are being saved from that death it is nothing less than the power of God."

We all admit that we need some sweeping social reforms, and in true repentance we must determine to do something about it. But our greatest need is a change in the heart. That is why Jesus said, "You must be born again." That is why he said, "Unless you repent you will ... perish." The Apostel Paul in his famous sermon at Mars' hill said. "God ... now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world."

Who should repent? Everybody. This is what the cross calls for. The heart of its message is simple: repent or perish.

Third, there is to be a glorious climax to human history. There is more to Christmas than the birth and the death of Christ. There is also the ultimate triumph of God's Kingdom. On a statue at the United Nations Building is a quotation from the Bible that has not yet been fulfilled. The Bible verse reads, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This is a thrilling thought. However, this quotation must not be taken out of context. The passage speaks of the time when the Messiah will reign over the whole earth. This is the era of which Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." This is the time when he who came as the Baby of Bethlehem shall come as King of kings and Lord of lords.

At his birth he was laid in a manger. At his deal he wore a crown of thorns. But when he comes again, it will be as the Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of Heaven.

He will take control of this war-weary world and bring the permanent peace we strive for and long for. A new world will be formed. A new social order will emerge. God will bring to the world the peace that men yearn for-through Jesus Christ. The King is coming, and when he comes sin will be eliminated. Tears will be wiped from every eye. Disease shall be no more, and even death will be eliminated from the human scene. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and war shall be no

This is the promise of Christmas. This is our hope. This is the Christmas star that lights our evening darkness. This is the assurance that a new day is coming, through the Messiah, whose name is called by Isaiah the prophet, "Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

This is God's present.



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Kasey Ann Green is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Green of Lubbock, she is 7 months old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kiker of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Bill String of Canyon.

Roby Cubs Run Season Record To 10 Victories

Kirk also had another fine

night defensively as did

the rest of the team.

Robby, Joe and Terry did a

Our shooting wasn't up

to par, we also had too

many turnovers, but the type of game we play we will have some turnovers

and a lot of fouls because we play a fast game and

aggressive. I would be

fine job on the boards.

The Cubs ran their record to 10-0 against Westbrook Monday night. We are now 2-0 in district play, matching our win total in district last year.

The Cubs defeated West- Wallace each had 2 points. telling their bad things. brook by the score of 37-25. Robby King and Terry Coker each had 13 points. Kirk Williamson had 6 and Joe Carreon, Lyndell Martin and Jerry

Texas Parks And Wildlife Extends Stock Fish Deadline

Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have extended the deadline for applying for bass, catfish, and sunfish to be stocked in private

The deadline will be January 5 instead of November 1. The extension was made because of the low number of requests and because August and September rains may have created more potential fish stocking

Fish ordered by the deadline will be available in 1979. Bass, which cost \$2 per surface area, will be delivered in the spring. Catfish, at \$4 per acre, and sunfish at \$5, will be delivered by August 1979.

Applications may be obtained by writing to the Hatchery Coordinator, School Road, Austin, Tex.

more worried if we didn't get any fouls. We still get a few silly fouls though, that we need to cut out. Anytime you beat West-

brook by 12 points on their home court you have played a pretty good game. Since Westbrook doesn't play football, they will always have a pretty good team and they are extremely tough at home.

Our next game is against McCaulley at Roby on Jan. 8, starting at 6:30. As far as I know this game will be played.

I would like to say that I Texas Parks and Wildlife like our boys' attitude and Department, 4200 Smith hustle and they are playing pretty good ball. They are tired of my

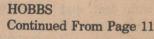


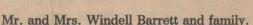
Santa's here once more with best wishes for the best of holidays.

Billy Henderson Family

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E.W., Tennie, Susan, Terri, Mike & Lisa Cade





Mrs. J.C. Cave, Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Dale Cave all attended the Yuletide Follies at Snyder on Friday night. They also went to see Brad perform.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stephenson and girls from Abilene visited Saturday and spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cave. Also, Corey and Tricia Cave. Doshia took the grandkids and Janiece Stephenson accompanied her, to the Yuletide Follies in Snyder on Saturday night. It was such a good show and everyone that missed it and Brad, rally missed a treat.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Shipp and Buffy were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parks Sunday. We were really pleased to have them at church.

Mrs. George Maule brought both of her granddaughters to church Sunday and we were real pleased to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker went to Snyder Monday afternoon and attended the funearl of Jack Wilson at the Union Baptist Church. He was Jim's neice's father-in-law. Then Monday night we went to Hamlin to watch the 7th and 8th grade boys and girls play basketball, so we have really been on the road.

Hope that everyone was a wonderful Christmas and take care if you have to drive. I think everyone out this way is looking for a big crowd of relatives and visitors, so hope they all arrive safely and have a Happy Christmas. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.



ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM: Timmy Morton and Sylvia Gaona were recently named to the All Tournament Team at the Roby Invitational Tournament.

Yellowhammers Fall In District Opener

The Yellowhammers mers are entered in the opened district play on Abilene Christian High Tuesday, December 12. School Tournament and The Lions outscored the open against a tough 2A Hammers 51-45 after the Club, Clyde. Hammers led at the half 29-26. leading the Yellowhammers in scoring was Fred Acorn with 16. Others were G. Hayes 8, D. Thornton 6, A. Houston 4, B. Weathersbee 3, and K. Mullins, Mr. Morrow. J. Medrano and B. Hale all had 2. The Hammer district is 0-1.

The Hammers traveled to Avoca and played a tougher Leuders Avoca team. The Hammers dropped the decision 75-55 and fell to a season record of 2-7. The Hammers were led by J. Medrano 13, B. Hale 9, G. Hayes 8, M. Morrow 5, C. Turner 5, F. Acorn 4, B. Weathersbee 4, K. Mullins 3, D. Thornton 2, and D. Posey

The Hammers traveled to Baird for four games on Tuesday, December 10, for the second district game. The JV girls played

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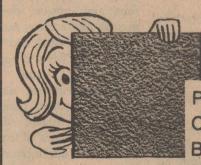
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