

Volleyball Tournament This Weekend

The first annual Fisher County Volleyball Championships, sponsored by the Rotan Young Farmers, will be held this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Twenty-one teams are entered from the county in men's, women's, and mixed divisions.

Play begins at 6:00 each evening with championships scheduled for Saturday night.

Admission is free and all are invited to attend and join in the fun. A concession stand will be provided.

The tournament will be held in the Rotan High School gymnasium.



EAGLE AWARDS: Three Rotan High School students were presented with the highest scouting award last Sunday afternoon. Those receiving the Eagle Badge were, left to right, Ricky LeBleu, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bennie LeBleu; Robert Posey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Posey; and Michael Cadenhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cadenhead. Rotan Scoutmaster Jack Cadenhead is pictured in the front of the newly named Eagle Scouts.

Sylvester Baptist Revival Set

The Sylvester Baptist Church will host a Spring revival April 2-8. Evangelist Jerry Heald, pastor of Caps Baptist Church, will conduct the revival. Minister of Music will be Mack Scott of Abilene.

Morning services will be conducted Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m., and Sunday morning at 11:00. Nightly services begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday

Rotan Class Dismissal Set For Fri.

All Rotan classes will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 30. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

This early dismissal is being made in order to host UIL District meets.

through Saturday.

The theme of the revival will be "Draw Near to God And He Will Draw

Near To You", James 4:8. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Assembly Of God Will Show Films Thursday

The members of the Assembly of God Church in Rotan, located at the corner of 7th Street and Cleveland Ave., will be showing two films on Thursday night, March 29, that will be free to the public.

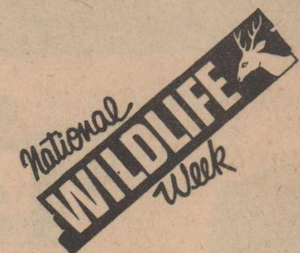
The first film showing will be entitled "A Thief In The Night" and the second film is entitled "A Distant Thunder". Both films are centered around one girl's experience concerning the tribulation and rapture, according to Rev. Rodney George, pastor.

Law And ABC Raid Two For Illegal Alcohol Sale

Fisher County law enforcement officers and members of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission raided two establishments last Saturday night and arrested two Rotan residents for "possession of alcoholic beverage for the purpose of sale", according to Deputy Sheriff Gerald Don Owens.

Those arrested were Clarence Conner at 34 Stonewall Street, and Mickey Counts, Deputy Sheriff Gerald Owens, Highway Patrolman Allan Arnwine and Albert Hataway, Rotan Patrolmen Gene Pack and John Moon, and Alcoholic Beverage Commission officer Jim Blackley confiscated approximately 243 cans of beer from Conner and a lesser amount of beer, wine and whiskey from Powell.

Powell was fined \$200.00 and court costs of \$56.00 by Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett. Conner's case has not been brought before the judge.



Roby Masonic Lodge Plans Large Feed

The Masonic, Fisher Lodge 703 of Roby, will host a supper April 7, at 7:00 p.m. with an official visit by District Deputy Grand Master Herman Seals of Sweetwater.

The meal will be furnished by the Eastern Star. All area Masons are invited to attend, according to Jimmy Price, secretary.

Sheriff's Posse Sets Practice

The Fisher County Sheriff's Posse will have practice Sunday, April 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Rotan Arena.

Anyone interested in riding with the Posse is invited to contact Elvis Elrod of Rotan, parade chairman.

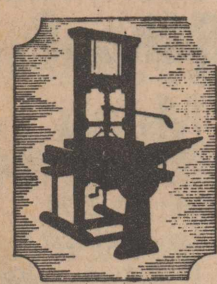
Sr. Citizen Clean Up

Volunteer workers are needed to help clean the new Senior Citizen's Meal Center at Roby, according to Pansy Hale.

Those interested in assisting in the cleanup project are asked to contact Mrs. Hale at 776-2491 for further information.



WINS 200 METER: Roby senior, Al Gonzalez, darted through the finish line string in last Saturday's 200 meter dash with the winning time of 22.50 seconds. Gonzalez and his teammates will be participating in the Jayton Relays this Saturday.



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Allsup's Robbed By Butcher Knife Wielding Masked Man

The Allsup's Convenience Store at 701 North Cleveland was robbed last week by a young male, described by Rotan Police Chief Charles LaFever as "A knife wielding, bare-footed male, approximately 5 ft. 5 inches, and weighing approximately 115 pounds, wearing a ski mask".

The robber entered the Allsup's Store at approximately 3:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, approached the attendant on duty, Jim Weathers, and grabbed him by his shirt, holding a long butcher knife to his back.

The individual, speaking with an accent, instructed Weathers to "open the cash register and hurry up", according to LaFever.

He took an undetermined amount of cash from two registers and change

before putting Weathers in a back room and leaving the scene.

LaFever said that no car was seen by Weathers. The Rotan Chief has asked anyone noticing any unus-

ual activity in the area of Allsup's on the night of the robbery to contact a member of the Rotan Police Force.

The incident is under investigation.

Jordan Back From FLBA Houston Meet

Mr. Elmer Jordan of Blackwell has just returned from Houston where he represented The Federal Land Bank Association of Roby at the 34th Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Federal Land Bank of Houston. The meeting, held at the Houston Oaks Hotel, was attended by members of the 64 Federal Land Bank Associations in Texas. There were about 650 persons in attendance.

Thomas H. Benson, President, in his report to the stockholders, stated that there was an increasing demand for new loans in 1978. This was the second largest year in the Bank's history with \$245.5 million in loans and it appears the demand for loans will continue.

"In this time of historic highs in interest rates the advantages of the variable rate loans is apparent to the farmers and ranchers of Texas.

"87 percent of our loans are on the variable rate, and our borrowers have 8 1/2 percent interest rate as compared with the 11 1/4 percent prime rate," Benson said.

Speakers for the meeting included Dr. Gary Schwendiman, Dean, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska at Lincoln; Joe Griffith, a humorist from Dallas; Jeannette Clift George of Houston and David Alders, 1978 National Future Farmers of America public speaking winner from Nacogdoches.

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term loans on farms and ranches and currently has 35,200 loans for approximately \$1.5 billion outstanding.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Roby makes and services loans in this area. Members of the Board of Directors are Elmer Jordan, T.O. Massey, Ray H. Boothe, J.T. Watts, W.S. Etheredge, Jr., and Stergil K. Moore.

Others attending the meeting from this area were E.J. Richardson, Jr., manager, John Scott Lanford, asst. manager, W.S. Etheredge, Jr. and Stergil K. Moore.



ROTAN HIGH UIL PARTICIPANTS: Left to right, back row, Laura Gruben, number sense; Linda Hinson, ready writing, spelling and plain writing; Ricky LeBleu, debate, science, slide rule; Gary Don Harkey, ready writing. Center row, Wes Hardin, science; Weldon Hayes, science; Charre Smith, ready writing; Cindy Williamson, typewriting. front row, Lorrie West, shorthand; Julie Posey, typewriting; Keith Copeland, debate, number sense; Terrie Mullins, shorthand, poetry interpretation; Lynda Henderson, typewriting. Not pictured, Veronica Carrillo, spelling and plain writing, and Dale Cox, number sense.



ROTAN JR. HIGH UIL PARTICIPANTS: Back row, John Underhill, number sense, ready writing, spelling, poetry; Jana Smith, number sense, ready writing; Dana Nowlin, ready writing; Jerilyn Marshall, oral reading. Middle row, Darren Leverton, number sense; Deanne Harbin, number sense; Jill Posey, spelling, ready writing; Joyce Harkey, poetry. Front row, Greg Gruben, poetry; Elisa Carrillo, spelling; Vance Thompson, spelling.



ROTAN PRIMARY: These Rotan Primary students will participate in the UIL events. Left to right, back row, Evette Gruben, picture memory; Jenna Thornton, picture memory; Melissa Matthies, story telling; Todd Gruben, story telling. Front row, Kelley Thompson, picture memory; Jan Posey, story telling; Millie Gaspar, story telling; Raford Hargrove, picture memory.



ROTAN JR HIGH UIL PARTICIPANTS: Left to right, back row, Desirre Gray, number sense, ready writing; Cathy Conner, spelling; Stephanie Stevenson, poetry; Annette Oerby, ready writing; Andrea Callan, poetry. Middle row, Ward Hayes, picture memory; Meg Field, poetry; Gala Johnson, spelling; Sonia Carrillo, number sense, spelling. Front row, Tony Gruben, number sense, ready writing; Joe Mike Sparks, spelling; John Pease, picture memory; David Stevens, poetry.

Kim's Korner By Kim Pease

Dagwood Stunt

It's comforting to know that I have something in common with Dagwood of the Sunday comics. I have, from time to time, been compared to a mad gorilla, a lowly snake, a babbling idiot... and now the association with Dagwood.

I was at the local John Deere house last Monday morning for the purpose of attempting to convince James Carter and Wendell Morrow to run an ad in the paper. Carter asked me to the coffee room for further discussion on the ad, and as he was giving the rundown of what he expected to sell as a result of the ad in the paper [2 J.D. 4020's, 19 garden tractors, 42 weed eaters and 12 dozen tee shirts], I noticed that his computerized Timex digital watch said 3:00. "Hey James," I said, "your watch has gone haywire, you're either early for work or late for lunch", I said.

"Oh, I don't know what is wrong with this watch, did the same thing earlier this morning."

"Let me tell you what happened to me last Saturday night, speaking of the wrong time", I said.

"I fell asleep on the couch about 7:30 p.m. after spending all day covering a track meet at Coahoma. My wife woke me up to eat a sandwich around 8:00 p.m., then I fell asleep again in my favorite chair." I continued the story by telling Carter, and by this time Steve McCall was listening in, "that my wife woke me up at 10:30 with instructions to get in bed or I could stay in the chair all night". I obeyed--off to bed.

At 11:30 something startled me and I looked at my watch and thought it said 6:00 a.m., so I got out of bed, darted to the shower, shaved, put on deodorant, brushed my teeth, the whole 9 yards, and as I walked out of the bathroom I met my oldest son, just getting in from a movie at Sweetwater.

"Hey, Kip", I said, "What are you doing up so early on a Sunday morning?"

"Early", he said, "I just came home from the show".

"What do you mean you're just getting home from the show, it's 6:00 in the morning, what have you been doing out to this hour of the morning--and make it good", I said.

"Dad, its only 11:45, you said be home before midnight, I've got 15 minutes to spare".

After glancing back at my watch, I felt like a dummy--sure enough it was 11:45 at night, not 6:00 in the morning. Oh well, at least I was clean and shaven.

As I was re-telling Carter and McCall the story, McCall said the same thing happened to Dagwood about two weeks ago. Only in Dagwood's case, Blondie dreamed that she heard the alarm go off and woke Dagwood for work--he didn't know any difference until he opened the front door and saw the dark, starry, sky.

Mr. And Mrs. Kiker Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Kiker were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with a reception held Sunday, March 11, at the Roby Firemen's Hall, from 2 to 5 p.m. Hosting the event were the daughters of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shipp and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Frierson of Roby, and Mr. and Mrs. Montie Neighbors of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiker were married in Roby on March 11, 1939 by the late Rev. Marshall Morton. After they married they made their first home near Roby. John ran a grocery store and gas station. After a move to Wink doing oilfield work, then to Odessa with interest in a laundry and pipeline work, to Eastland Co. where they farmed until December 1949 when they made their home in Roby again. In Jan., 1950 Mr. Kiker went to work at the REA for 4 years and on April 26, 1954 he was employed by the City of Roby where he has been employed since. He has been active in the Volunteer Fire Department for 29 years.

Mrs. Kiker worked in Chandlers Laundry in 1950. She also was employed as checker at Cash Food Market and later at Hayes Grocery. She was then hired as the Roby Independent School tax assessor-collector and Fisher Co. Water Authority assessor-collector, and Southwestern Bell Telephone collector for 5 years. She was a re-organizing member of the present Roby Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Valene now owns and instructs at Valene's X-R Size Spa in

Roby. Mr. and Mrs. Kiker have had many interests in the community in the past 25 years. Their three daughters are graduates of Roby High School.

Guests at the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Frierson and Pam, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shaw and Scottie, Emogene Kiker, George and Cynthia Kiker, Lisa and Laura, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kiker, Orange Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern, Rebecca, Allen, Stephen and Jennifer, Mrs. Rozelle Caraway, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Wayne Kiker, Vonna Lou Wortham and Leslie, Virginia Perry and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kiker, Mr. and Mrs. Bluit Crow, Odessa; Norma Woodson Hickman, Aspermont; Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Clendening of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Kiker, Matt and Will of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kiker, LaNell, Vance and Nicole Williams, Ophel Woodson, Craig Kiker, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Price, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and Mellisa, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Kelley, Midland; Franklin Kiker, Mineral Wells; Jr. and Betty Kiker, Mrs. Earnest Ragan, Lance and Darren, Rotan; Rev. and Mrs. Loren Gardner, Dudley Hambricht, Jessie Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Tince Kiker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scherwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Calude Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Etheredge,

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. McGinnis, Ruth Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy King, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Price, Marie Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Burk, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Moore, Wendell McWhirter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Davis, Mrs. Tootsie Kiker, all of Roby.

Hospital News

Admissions to Fisher County Hospital, March 20-27, 1979.

LaRhonda Carriker, Jayton; Elsie Campbell, Bernice Hardy, Edna Taggart, Lazaro Miranda, Dianna Bugg, Monica Marie Bugg baby girl, Nancy Roberts, Jonnie Morgan, Frank Sawyer, William C. Cade, Carl Huitt, Annie Paske, Lois Teague, Ken Myers, Rotan; Debbie Radcliff, Brian Ray Radcliff baby boy, Glenda Weaver, Aspermont; Beatrice Hawkins, Ruth E. Webb, Peggy Dickson, David Gaona, Willie Lake, Roby; Mary Ann Galyean, Andrew Lane Galyean baby boy, Abnan Jones Jr., Snyder; John T. Bostick, Roscoe; Patsy Johnson, McCaulley; Roxie Herron, Sylvester.

Legal

A public hearing on the Proposed City Budget, for the Fiscal Year April 1, 1979-March 31, 1980, will be held at the Rotan City Hall Thursday, March 29, 1979, at 7:00 p.m.
Lester A. Secill, Mayor

School Menu

Roby April 2-6, 1979

Monday: Beef and Macaroni Casserole, Green Beans, Tomato-Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk.

Tuesday: Sausage Pizza, Cream Potatoes, Green Peas, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

Wednesday: Pinto Beans, Bologna Wedge, French Fries, Cabbage and Apple Salad, Corn Bread, Milk.

Thursday: Corn Dog, Cream Potatoes, Black eyed Peas, Apple Crunch, Milk, Bread.

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



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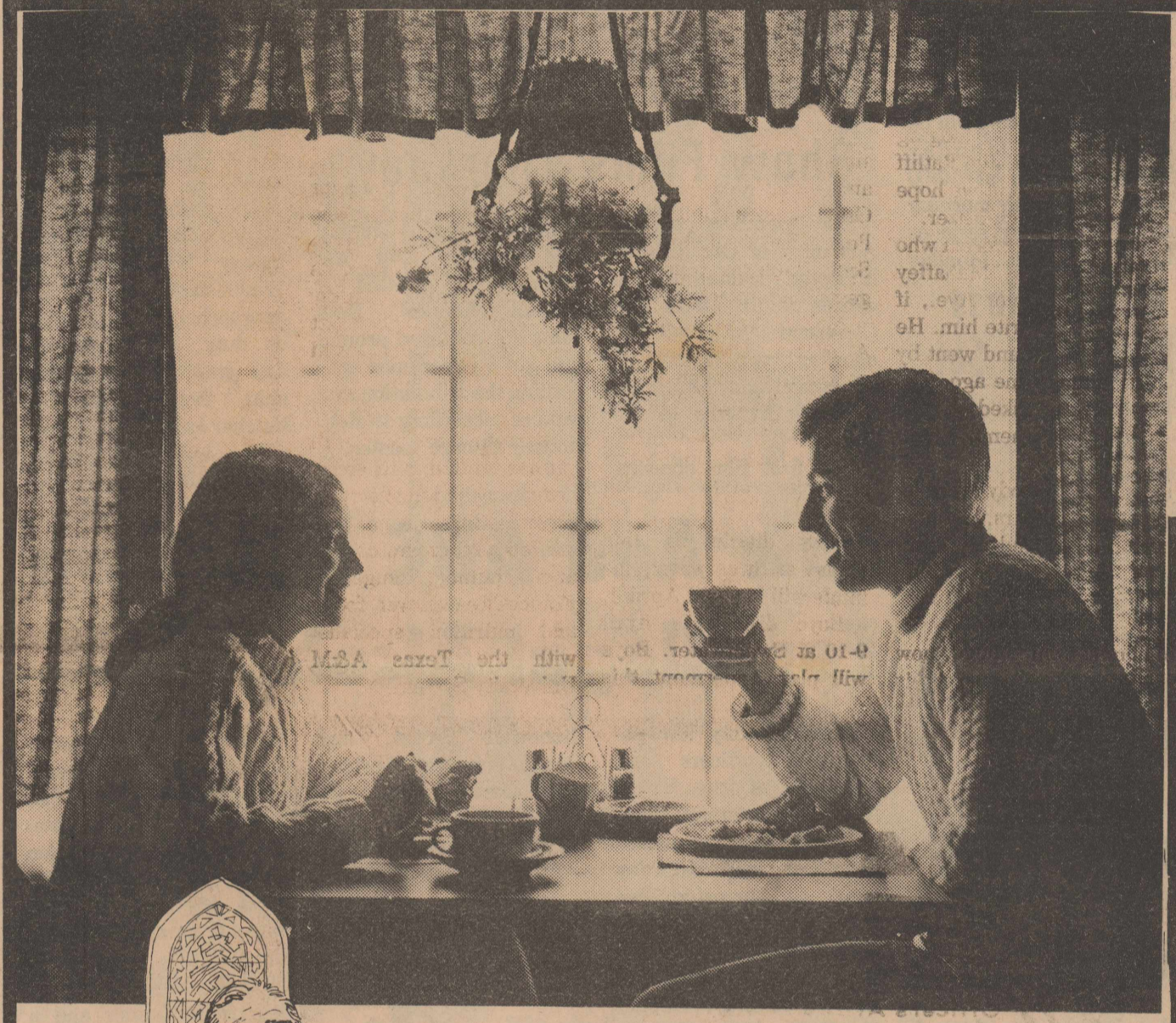
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Don't miss out.

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Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude and love to everyone that were so thoughtful and kind during the illness and loss of our loved one and friend. A very special thanks to Dr. LeBleu and the hospital staff for their long hours of tender care. The food, flowers, and words of love will long be remembered. God bless each of you is our prayer.

The family and friends of Mrs. Beatrice Hawkins

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Hustlin' Round Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well we got another good rain, filled all the tanks, and we are sure proud of all this moisture. We have measured 5 inches all together here at the house. We really had a bad wind storm and thunderstorm on Wednesday night though, but haven't heard of any damage around here.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Bea Hawkins passed away on Friday and was buried at Hobbs on Saturday. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her folks and friends. Mrs. Hawkins lived in this community for a long time before she moved away.

Mrs. Robin (Nancy) Roberts is in the Fisher County Hospital and has had emergency surgery. She was very sick but is beginning to feel a little better and we hope that she will continue to improve.

Todd Etheredge, son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Etheredge, went to Vernon to a horse judging clinic Tuesday at the Waggoner Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge and boys all went to Mr. and Mrs. Lealon Wilburns in Roby on Sunday. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrill and family from Sweetwater and Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn and family from Anson. Travis Wilburn from Anson spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge. Sam Etheredge went to the annual Federal Land Bank board meeting which was held in Houston. He went Thursday and returned home Saturday. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Etheredge is doing just fine, and expected to be discharged from the hospital on Monday. Hurry up and get well, Roxie.

Mrs. Opal Phillips attended a birthday dinner for Mrs. Mike (Patricia) Porter on Sunday. It was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Phillips and everyone was there, including the Gary Hyers, the Mike Porters and their families.

Teresa Ratliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff, went to Vernon Tuesday to the horse judging clinic which was held at the Waggoner Ranch. Jim Ratliff hasn't been feeling too good this past week, but we hope to hear that he is beginning to feel very much better.

Got a real nice letter from the reader in California who has written me several times. His name is J.R. Mahaffey and he lives in Fontana, Calif., 16264 Slover Ave., if anyone remembers him and would like to write him. He tells me he attended Sardis Baptist Church and went by wagon with two horses, so that is a long time ago. The pastor's name was Rev. Rankin. I have asked several folks but haven't found anyone who can remember him, but am sure someone around here does.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and Melody went to Snyder on Wednesday and ate dinner with Mrs. Ola Mae Myers. Tonnie Sparks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sparks, who was also home for her Spring break, came Friday and she and Melody got to ride a little, although the wind was sure blowing, but it wasn't so awfully cold. Melody sure enjoyed her Spring break from college, now there are only 4 more weeks and then finals, and she is

really anxious for them to be over. Sunday I drove back to college with Melody while Jim followed with some of the horses as Melody decided she is going to have to ride some while she is in Lubbock as the first A.F.R.A. rodeo is April 6, at Munday. We found some real nice stables owned by a girl we have known since Sheila's riding days, so hope that the weather will cooperate and Melody get lots of practice riding. Jim is so busy now trying to plow and sow some grain, he will only have time to exercise Mac, Melody's other horse. I have had several hints dropped about how riding is the best exercise you can get and will really help you to lose weight. It can also cause broken arms and legs, etc. especially if you can't ride and are getting too old to learn, so I think I will pass up this good opportunity.

Well, I think I have missed a few this week, but will catch you next time. See you all next week.

Inside The Lion's Den

Coach McCarty

The Roby girls tennis teams are: singles, Lois Ann Cauble and Mary Nell Clayton; doubles are Leslie Carey and Darlene Herron, Tammy Stephens and Jill Wright. Alternates are Jana Jennings and DeeDee Faught.

The boys teams are: singles, Timmy Morton and Denny Cox; doubles, Greg Jennings and Mark Pope, Kevin Rivers and Scott Thomson, John Morgan and James Streety.

Against Anson, a double A school, the following people won their matches: Timmy Morton, Denny Cox, Mary Nell Clayton, Kevins Rivers, and Jana Jennings and DeeDee Faught.

Girls district is this Friday at Sweetwater, the finals will be held April 4.

Boys district is April 9-10 at Sweetwater. Boys will play Aspermont this

Thursday.

Timmy Morton finished third the last two years. This year I feel like he will win district. We will have strong competition from Highland, Ira and Loraine. Denny Cox should also be strong in the singles action.

Learn to deal with anger to prevent headaches, depression, ulcers or possible psychosis, advises Patricia Lamson, family life education specialist with the Texas A&M University System.

Garnish roast beef with prunes stuffed with sharp cheese soaked in sherry or other white wine, or stuffed with cream cheese and chutney, suggests Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas A&M University System.

Funeral Services

Beatrice Hawkins

Beatrice Hawkins, 72, of Roby and formerly of Abilene, died at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Mar. 23, in Fisher County Hospital following a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan.

The Rev. Don Jeffreys, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roby, officiated. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born May 1, 1906, in West, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Kennedy. She married Ed. J. Hawkins April 18, 1936, in Big Spring. He died Oct. 15, 1964. She had lived in Fisher County most of her life since 1936, except for short periods of time in

Austin and Abilene. She was a member of the Hobbs Home Demonstration Club and the American Association of Retired Persons. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a stepson, Kenneth of Garland; a stepdaughter, Lois Kinard of Temple; a sister, Mrs. Amel Willingham of Austin; three step grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; and four nephews and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

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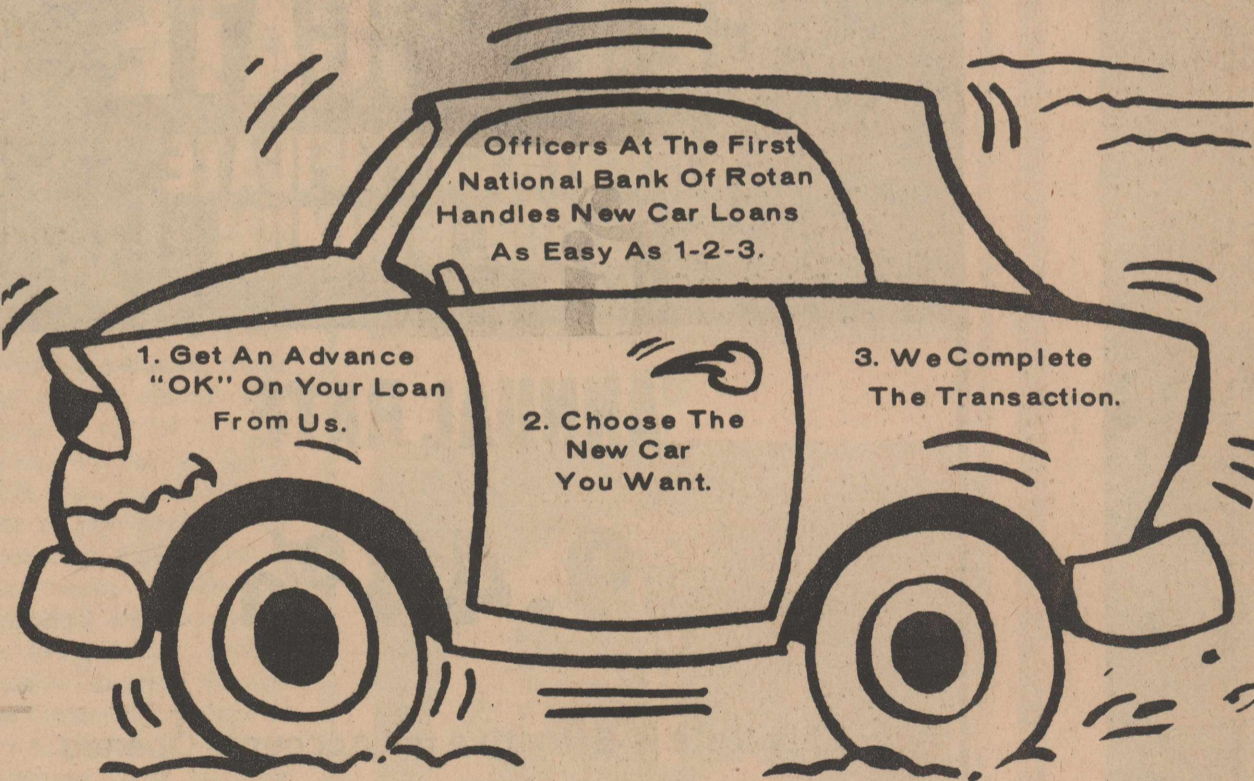
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Hobbs UIL Play Cast

Rotan Girls Take 4th In Coahoma Track Meet

The Rotan high school girl's track team traveled to Coahoma Saturday, to compete in meet competition against five other girls teams.

Rotan results: 400 relay, Tina McCombs, Ginger Duke, Blanche Gentry and Tammy Whitefield, placed 2nd with a time of 52.11. In the 800 relay the team of Ginger Duke, Ann Gentry, Tammy Whitefield and Blanche Gentry placed 2nd with a time of 1:51.55. The mile relay

team of Ann Gentry, Blanche Gentry, Tammy Whitefield and Ginger Duke, won 1st place with a time of 4:18.9.

In individual competition, Pat Acorn was 2nd in the shot put with a toss of 29-10 and Blanche Gentry was 4th with 27-10. Pat Acorn was 3rd in the discus with a throw of 86-3 1/2. Kathy Lopez was 3rd in the mile run with a time of 6:37. In the long jump event, Blanche Gentry was 3rd with 15-7, and Tina McCombs 5th with 15-3.

Vickie Moore was 5th in the 400 meter run with a 68.9 and Anita Underhill was 5th in the 800 with a time of 3:01.5.

Rotan placed 4th in the meet with a total of 86 points. Team totals; Coahoma 197, Snyder 118 1/2, Crane 105 1/2, Rotan 86, and Midland Christian 4.

Weather

From the Record of FRED BYERLY
Rotan Weather Observer

Mar 79	Prec.	Hi	Lo
Tu. 20		56	45
Wd. 21	.05	73	47
Th. 22	1.07	67	42
Fri. 23		63	40
Sat. 24		63	39
Su. 25		78	38
Mo. 26		76	50
Total	1.12		

Precipitation to date:
1978 2.09
1979 4.30

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinions expressed here are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of this newspaper. All letters submitted for publication must be signed and are subject to be edited for libelous material. Letters

are accepted on that basis. Names can be withheld upon request, however, initials will be used on all letters. Signed original letters will remain in the possession of this newspaper.

Dear Editor,

May I take your time and the time of all who read this to share with you my realization and prayer to God in thankfulness that my grandson, Mikeal Harrison was born on February 8, 1979 instead of this past week-end.

"Thank you dear God for all your loving blessing you bestow on me and my family daily, but on this day I would like to especially thank You for a blessing that has become even more of a blessing as time passes. Thank you for letting Mikeal be born on Feb. 8, 1979, at the Fisher County Hospital under the special care of Dr. Bennie LeBleu, M.D. who at that time had to wonderful staff to assist him and especially to assist Teresa during her prolonged labor. At that time Alta B. Hinson, Bess Caldwell and Lucille Biers were able to reassure Teresa and give her all the encouragement to just 'hang in there, everything is going to be fine', and with their patient, loving care, all was fine at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, 1979, when Dr. LeBleu delivered our darling grandson, Mikeal, to his proud parents, Brian and Teresa, and to four loving and thankful grandparents. Thank you dear God for that wonderful group of Dr. Bennie LeBleu, Alta B. Hinson, Bess Caldwell and Lucille Biers, who were all so helpful during those

anxious hours. Please be with us in the time to come and always remember to give you the thanks for our blessings, I know I am late in thanking you, but it has taken the loss of some important members of that wonderful group for me to realize the blessing of that staff at the time we needed them to assist us. Please be with all the people who are ill and I pray they may

have the same, loving and special care that this group gave us. Thank you again dear God and be with us in the days to come, in Jesus name I pray, Amen".
Thank you, Kim, for allowing me to share my personal feelings with you and all your many readers and I pray God's blessing for all of us. Thanks again,
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Jones And Wilfong Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wilfong are making their home in Abilene following their marriage Friday, March 16, in Abilene. The bride, the former Debby Jones, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Jones of Tupelo, Miss. The bridegroom is the son of Mr and Mrs. Ed Wilfong of Rotan.

The bride graduated from high school at Tupelo and is a commercial artist employed by STE Printer of Abilene. Mr. Wilfong is a 1971 graduate of Rotan High School and is employed by Barnett Plant Electric, Inc. in Abilene. The couple will make their home at 1933 1/2 N. 2nd in Abilene.

By Joy Walker

really anxious for them to be over. Sunday I drove back to college with Melody while Jim followed with some of the horses as Melody decided she is going to have to ride some while she is in Lubbock as the first A.F.R.A. rodeo is April 6, at Munday. We found some real nice stables owned by a girl we have known since Sheila's riding days, so hope that the weather will cooperate and Melody get lots of practice riding. Jim is so busy now trying to plow and sow some grain, he will only have time to exercise Mac, Melody's other horse. I have had several hints dropped about how riding is the best exercise you can do for your weight. It can also

with Meat-Cheese, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Sauce, Bread, Butter, Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Fruit, Cheese Toast, Milk. Lunch: Fried Chicken with Gravy, Seasoned Green Peas, Whipped Potatoes, Orange Wedge, Hot Rolls, Butter, Honey, Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, Donuts, Milk. Lunch: Country Fried Steak with Gravy, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots-Celery Sticks, Hot Rolls, Butter, Peanut Butter Cake, Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cold Cereal, Milk, Juice. Lunch: Hot Dog with Meat Sauce, Pork & Beans, French Fries with Catsup, Cheese Wedge, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

What's the difference between dough and batter? Dough is any mixture thick enough to roll or knead. A mixture that is thin enough to pour or drop from a spoon is known as batter.

Funeral Home Abilene

Beatrice Hawkins, 72, Roby and formerly Abilene, died at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Mar. 23, in Fish County Hospital following a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Weatherbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan. The Rev. Don Jeffrey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in the Roby Memorial Park. The funeral home is always a unique experience of sight and sound. This company of multi-talented musicians comes from all across the nation, they are directed by Gale Field.

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furnished with training seminars dealing with the complex provisions of the new law. Prior to this time, few Service Officers were familiar enough with the law to advise a person whether he or she should change to the new law. The training conferences, now being conducted across the State, should provide Service Officers with the information and knowledge required to assist pensioners in this matter. If your Service Officer has previously been unprepared to assist in the counseling required, you should contact him again now, as he should be able to determine your entitlement under the new law and compare the benefits with those already being received under an older law.

Pensioners with little or no income may receive considerable increases in their benefits. Those with larger amounts of income may, following competent counseling, find they can receive larger monthly payments by remaining under their old entitlements.

Airman James Cade Receives Assignment

Airman James K. Cade, son of William C. Cade of Rotan, has received a new assignment following graduation from the aircraft maintenance specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Airman Cade, who was trained to maintain, repair and service aircraft currently in use by the Air Force, will go to Dyess AFB, Tex., for duty with a unit of the Strategic Air Command. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Airman Cade attended Rotan High School.

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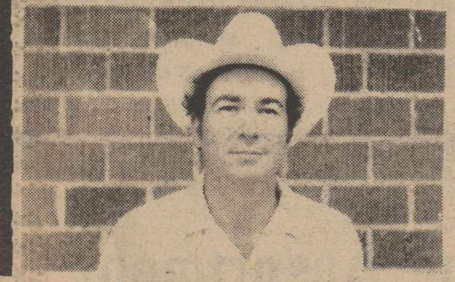
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Fisher County AGENT NEWS by Richard Spencer

The recent Soil Fertility Shortcourse was a very informative meeting. Some items discussed are listed below:

Two of the most important factors to consider when making 1979 fertilizer decisions are the level of nutrients and the soil pH. Soil tests provide this information.

When evaluating soil nutrient levels, consider potentially deficient plant nutrients separately. For example, the soil may be deficient in nitrogen while containing an adequate supply of available phosphorus and potassium. Fertilization practices for a given soil and crop should be based on each essential plant nutrient that has been shown to be deficient.

Changes of making a high and profitable yield are poor without a proper fertilization program based on nutrient level information that a soil test provides.

Many production, management and climatic factors should be considered when arriving at an expected yield. Available soil moisture, irrigation and estimated rainfall need careful attention.

Since moisture is a major limitation in many areas.

Past yields and the influence of management practices should also receive due consideration in arriving at realistic production goals.

Adequate fertilization helps reduce per unit production costs while increasing profits because fertilizer costs have not increased as much as other production inputs. Also,

Grant Available For Low-Income Families

Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced funds have been delegated to People for Progress, Inc., for disbursement in Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Scurry counties.

A new grant of \$26,000 (Emergency Energy Conservation Program) will be available to low-income families who experienced substantially increased energy costs and/or face life or health threatening situations caused by winter-related energy emergencies. Some items that may be paid for include: blankets and warm clothing, emergency furnace repairs, emergency fuel

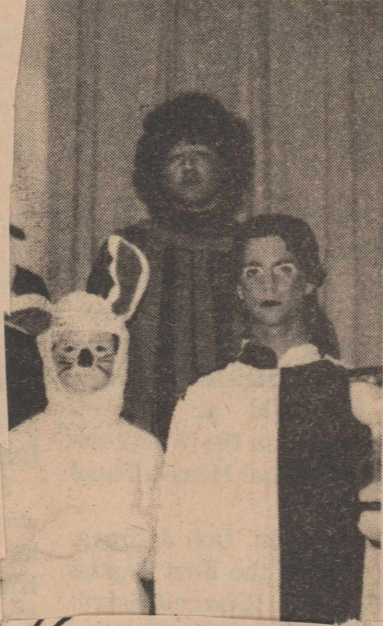
adequate fertilization aids in developing better plant root systems which use available moisture more efficiently.

Information and materials for collecting and mailing soil samples for testing are available at the county Extension office. Producers may also want to review last year's crop demonstration handbook to check results of various fertility practices.

deliveries, food and other supportive services, emergency replacement of broken window panes, and temporary/emergency repairs to housing.

Eligibility for this program is determined according to established federal guidelines. To find out if you qualify for this program, stop by the Community Service Center at 301 W. Arkansas, Sweetwater, or call the Crisis Intervention Office at 235-8455, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please note, however, that you must file applications before Friday, April 6.



Rotan Girls Take 4th In Coahoma Track Meet

The Rotan high school girl's track team traveled to Coahoma Saturday, to compete in meet competition against five other girls teams.

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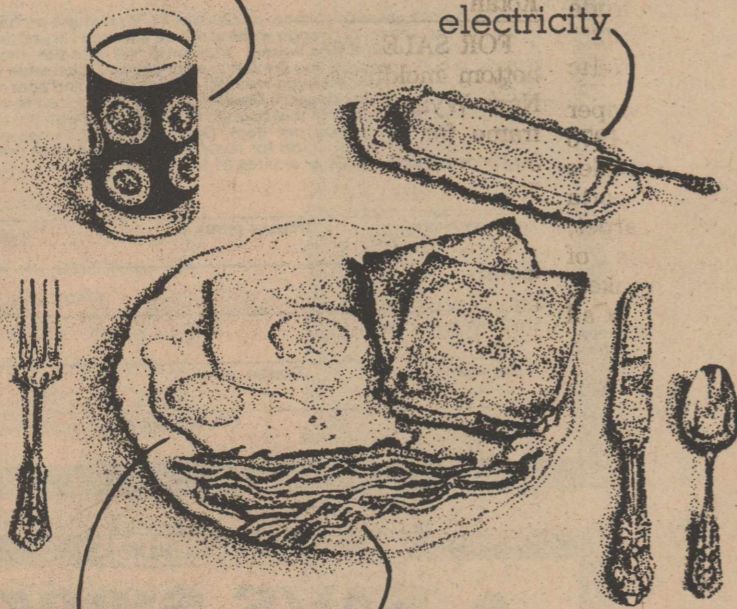
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Three Rotan Scouts Receive Eagle Awards

Ceremonies for three Rotan Scouts were held Sunday in the First Baptist Church, Rotan. The three were awarded the Eagle rank, the highest of all awards in Scouting. The three honorees were: Michael Cadenhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cadenhead; Robert Posey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Posey; and Richard LeBleu, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bennie LeBleu all from Rotan.

Ceremonies began with the presentation of the flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and lighting of the 12 candles standing for the Scout Laws. Invocation was given by Charles Lindley, of the Rotan Church of Christ, Dr. C.M. Callar introduced the guests (parents and grandparents of the honorees), and the guest speaker, Tom Harkey, superintendent of the Rotan Schools.

Jack Cadenhead presented the Eagle Awards to the parents of the honorees who in turn presented the awards to their respective sons. Sammy Ferguson, Scoutmaster of the Hamlin Scouts, then read the Charge to Eagle. Benediction was given by Rev. David Bugg, pastor of First Baptist Church. A reception followed the ceremonies in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Michael Cadenhead is a 16-year old sophomore in Rotan High School. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1975. Other awards include earning the Greenhand award in FFA his sophomore year and is a Chapter Farmer in the FFA his sophomore year. Michael has been on the judging team with the FFA his freshman and sophomore years. He is a member of the Yellowhammer Band. Michael has been Assistant and Senior Patrol Leader of his Scout Troop. One of the highlights of Michael's scouting was the 1977 National Scout Jamboree in Pa. He was elected as one of the Patrol Leaders of the Troop.

Robert Posey is 17 years old and is a senior at Rotan High School. He is a member of the Church of

Christ. He was elected for the Order of the Arrow in 1974. Robert has been in the top 5 of his class and in the Student Congress for all four years in high school. He is president of the Student Congress. Robert earned his Lone Star Farmer's Degree in the FFA his junior year and is currently the president of the Rotan

chapter of FFA. He has served as assistant and Senior Patrol Leader of his Scout Troop. One of Robert's highlights of Scouting was the National Scout Jamboree in Pa. Robert was the Quartermaster of the Jamboree Troop.

Richard LeBleu is 18 years old and a senior at

Rotan High School. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. Richard was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1974. Richard was selected as one of the participants in the National Science Foundation in 1978. He is currently the senior class representative in the Yellowhammer Band. He won first place in District Slide Rule

Competition when he was a junior. Richard is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been the assistant and Senior Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster of his Scout Troop. One of Richard's highlights of scouting was when he attended the National Scout Jamboree in Pa. in 1977. He was elected Assistant Senior

Patrol Leader of the Jamboree Troop.

Robert Posey is the third generation in his family to receive the Eagle Award. Robert's grandfather, Mr. Charles A. Wheeler Jr. and Mr. Charles A. Wheeler III, both of Temple, were present at the ceremonies.

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