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Dickson Named Rotan School Superintendent

Jerry Douglas Dickson, 41, current school superintendent of the Roxton Independent School System, was hired as the new Rotan Superintendent at a salary of \$4,500.00 above state scale according to Allan Houston, President of the Rotan School Board. The action took place in a special meeting of the board last Monday morning and culminates a six week search for a replacement for Superintendent Tom Harkey. Harkey recently resigned to accept the Superintendent position at White Deer. Harkey was receiving \$2,500.00 above state scale.

Dickson has been Rotan superintendent since 1979. Prior to that he was a high school principal at Ferris, Texas, from 1974-1979. He has

served as an instructor at Prairie View A&M University teaching Public School Finance and Law, Elementary School Supervision and Curriculum, School personnel administration Thesis, and Methods of Education Research.

From 1972-74 he was a counselor at Haltom High School in Fort Worth. He served as a chemistry teacher for six years (1966-72) at the Richland High School in Fort Worth and prior to that was a chemistry teacher at R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton.

Dickson was named Outstanding Senior Boy at Jacksboro High School in May of 1958; received his bachelor of science degree in 1961 from the University of Texas at Austin and his masters degree from

the North Texas State University in 1967. The new superintendent has completed all work with the exception of the dissertation for a Doctorate in education administration at North Texas State University.

Dickson and his wife, Stephanie, have one pre-school age daughter, Jody Kay.

The new Superintendent lists hobbies of

hunting, fishing, gardening, reading, electronics and water sports.

"We are pleased to have a man of Jerry Dickson's caliber heading our school system. He was our first choice, is very qualified and we all look forward to having him live in our community," said Board President Allan Houston.



Jerry Dickson

Rotan Masons To Practice On Thursdays

The members of the Rotan Masonic Lodge #956 will be holding a practice session on Thursday, April 2nd at the Lodge Hall, according to Worshipful Master Kenneth Hardin.

Rev. Don Jeffrey Will Pastor In Sweetwater

Rev. Don Jeffrey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roby for the past three years, notified the congregation last week that he has accepted a call to pastor in Sweetwater. Rev. Jeffrey will become pastor of the Trinity

Baptist Church in Sweetwater on Sunday, May 3rd. His last Sunday in Roby will be April 26th.

Prior to taking the Roby church, Jeffrey was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Rochester for three years.



GIVEN AWARD: Alan Kiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kiker of Rotan, was awarded the 2nd best Year End Essay at the beef Calf Scramble Awards Banquet at the Houston Livestock Show last month. Pictured (left to right) Richard Spencer, Fisher County Agent and Kiker.

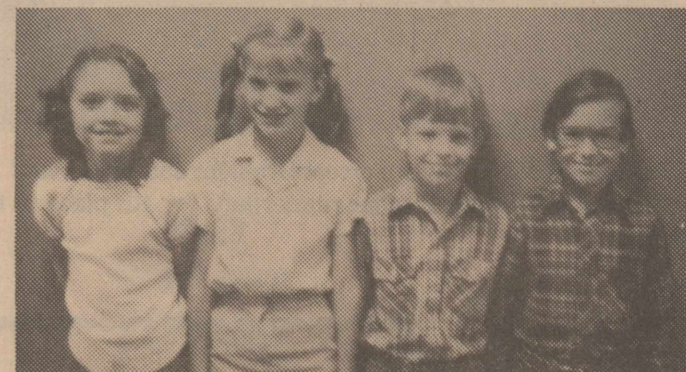
Little League Meeting Set For Thursday Nite

There will be a Little League Meeting Thursday, April 2, at Homestate Savings at 7:00 P.M.

All boys and girls who are eight years of age by August 1, 1981, through ages twelve are urged to attend this meeting. This

is a correction from last week's article. Local rules state that boys eight years old by August 1, 1981, are eligible to play Little League baseball.

All parents are urged to attend the meeting tonight.



ROBY STORY TELLING TEAM: Those scheduled to take part in the UIL storytelling competition from Roby Elementary include (left to right) JoeEloa Gibbs, Courtney Wilburn, Jeremy Terry and Shane Terry.

Rotan Coach J. Blair Is Hired At Merkel

Rotan girls basketball coach John Blair, a member of the Rotan Independent School system for the past two years, was offered a contract by the Merkel High School last week as girls coach at a salary of \$3,500.00 above state scale, according to a story in last week's Merkel Mail newspaper.

Blair was offered a one year contract and will be

the fourth coach in four years to head the girls program, if he accepts the position. He has not resigned his position at Rotan. He was recently offered a one year contract by the Rotan School Board, given a \$300.00 a year raise making his above scale bonus pay \$3,300.00 for the 1981-82 school year.



ROTAN JUNIOR HIGH SPRINT TEAM: The members of the Rotan Junior High SPRINT Relay team include (left to right) Charles Williams, Herman Lopez, Ricky Gibson and Tim Carrillo.

Coates, Cotter Resign From Rotan Schools

The members of the Rotan School Board, in a special session last Monday morning accepted the resignations of Mary Jane Cotter and Coach R.L. Coates. Miss Cotter was a

combination English-Spanish teacher while Coates taught in the history department, was an assistant football coach and head basketball coach.



ROBY NUMBER SENSE TEAM: Those that will be participating in the Roby Number Sense competition at the UIL contest include (left to right) John Etheredge, Chad Terry, John Morgeson, and Matt Martinez.

County 4-H Judging Teams Win Sweetwater, Angelo Contests

The Fisher County 4-H Livestock Judging Teams won the Sweetwater and Angelo State Contests and placed 3rd at Tarlton this past week.

The first place team at Sweetwater was composed of James and Darren Jeffrey, Gordon Maberry and Ricky Spencer. James Jeffrey was the high individual at the contest.

At the Tarlton State Contest held in Stephenville the team from Fisher County that placed third was composed of Gary Teague, Ricky Spencer, Jennifer Wright and Susan Gaona. Gary Teague was second high individual and Ricky Spencer was 5th high.

The Fisher County 4-H Horse Judging Team placed 9th at the Tarlton Contest. The team is composed of Tisa Lovett, Todd Etheredge, Alan Kiker and Kristi Price.

At the Angelo State Livestock Judging Contest, the team composed of Jennifer Wright, Ricky Spencer, Gary Teague, and Susan Gaona placed first. Jennifer Wright was third high individual and Ricky Spencer was fourth high individual. The group was also high team in sheep.

The 4-H team composed of James and Darren Jeffrey, Gordon Maberry and Mike Morrow was the fifth high team. This group was also the high team in swine. James Jeffrey was the high individual in the

entire contest.

Next Monday the teams will be competing in the Abilene Christian University Contest. They will past week.

Roby Will Hold Election This Saturday

Residents of Roby will have a choice this Saturday as they trek to the polls to name two members to the Roby City Commission from a list of five and two residents to the Roby School Board for full terms from a list of three candidates.

On the Roby City, voters will name W.C. Matthies to another term as mayor and from the following list will name 2 to commissioner posts. That list includes: Jimmie Laurie, Jack McClure, Ed Deaton, Larry Field and Melvin Thompson.

At the Roby trustee election voters will name two to full terms from the list that includes: Judy Mauldin, John Matthies, and Robert Morgan, Jr. June Wright and Jerry Hoodenpyle are running for un-expired terms.

compete in the District Contest, April 15.

At the Duck Creek Soil and Water Conservation Invitational Judging Contest, the following 4-H'ers did very well. The Plant Identification Team consisting of Robin and Mark Harris and Darren Stevens was 2nd High Team,

Robin was 4th high individual and Mark 3rd High. The Range and Pasture Evaluation Team was 5th high team, composed of Pokey Houston, Darrell Carter, and Greg Gruben.

Also participating as Individuals were Ward Hayes and David Stevens.

Scholarship To McM

Ms. Angela Denise Pack of Rotan has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry President.

McMurry is a fully accredited four-year liberal arts college in Abilene Texas. Established in 1923, McMurry is owned and operated by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the

United Methodist Church. To be eligible for a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of his high school class. A score of 21 or better on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional Presidential Scholarship funds.

Ms. Pack is a May, 1981, graduate of Rotan High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pack, P.O. Box 7, of Rotan, Texas.

Sylvester Revival

The members of the First Baptist Church in Sylvester will be participating in a revival service beginning on Monday, April 6th and continuing through Sunday, April 12th, according to P.A. Mitcham, pastor.

The services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., Monday through Fri-

day with Sunday services set for 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Dewayne Finley, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Ada, Oklahoma, will lead the revival services as evangelist. The music director will be Buddy Lytle of the First Baptist Church at Anson, Texas.

John Lee Wylie Given Navy Achievement

Boatswain's Mate First Class John Lee Wylie has been presented the Navy Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the Navy by Captain James H. Flatley, III, Commanding Officer of the USS Saratoga.

Petty Officer First Class Wylie was awarded the Medal for "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as

Leading Petty Officer of Third Division, Deck Department, USS Saratoga (CV-60) from 11 March to 27 August 1980."

A 1970 graduate of Rotan High School, he joined the Navy in August, 1970. His wife, Roxanne, and children, Jennifer, age 7, and Bryce, age 5, reside in Philadelphia, Pa. where he is currently assigned to the USS Saratoga.



800 METER RELAY TEAM: The members of the Rotan Junior High Girls 800 meter Relay Team placed 2nd at the Aspermont Relays last weekend. Team members (left to right) Cathy Conner, Sonya Carrillo, Kim Warren and Mary Williams.

Tractor Maintenance Short Course April 6

A tractor maintenance short course for adult farmers will be held April 6, 1981, under the sponsorship of the Rotan High School Vocational Agriculture Department, according to Mr. Olen Fryar, teacher of vocational agriculture, and Mr. Tom Harkey, Superintendent.

Mr. Richard Pivonka, tractor maintenance specialist with the Vocational Engineering at Texas A&M University, will do the instructing. He is headquartered at Texas A&M University.

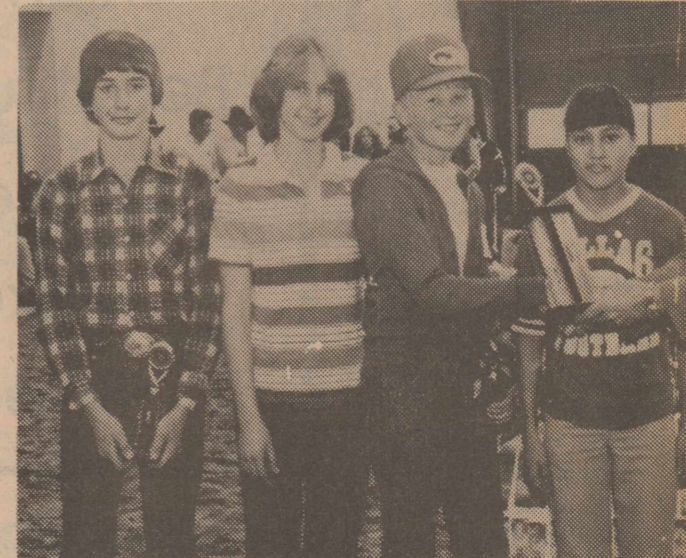
Mr. Pivonka received his B.S. degree in Mechanized Agriculture from Texas A&M University in 1975. From June, 1975 to April, 1977 he has worked for the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc. as a Mechanical Equipment Foreman. He was respon-

sible for the maintenance of a wide variety of shop and field equipment.

The short course at Rotan High School is scheduled to begin April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the vocational agriculture building. Other meetings in the series of 4 will be held April 7, 8 & 9.

During the dates the short course is in progress, Mr. Pivonka will be available to assist farmers with individual tractor problems and to provide "on-the-farm" instruction, according to Olen Fryar.

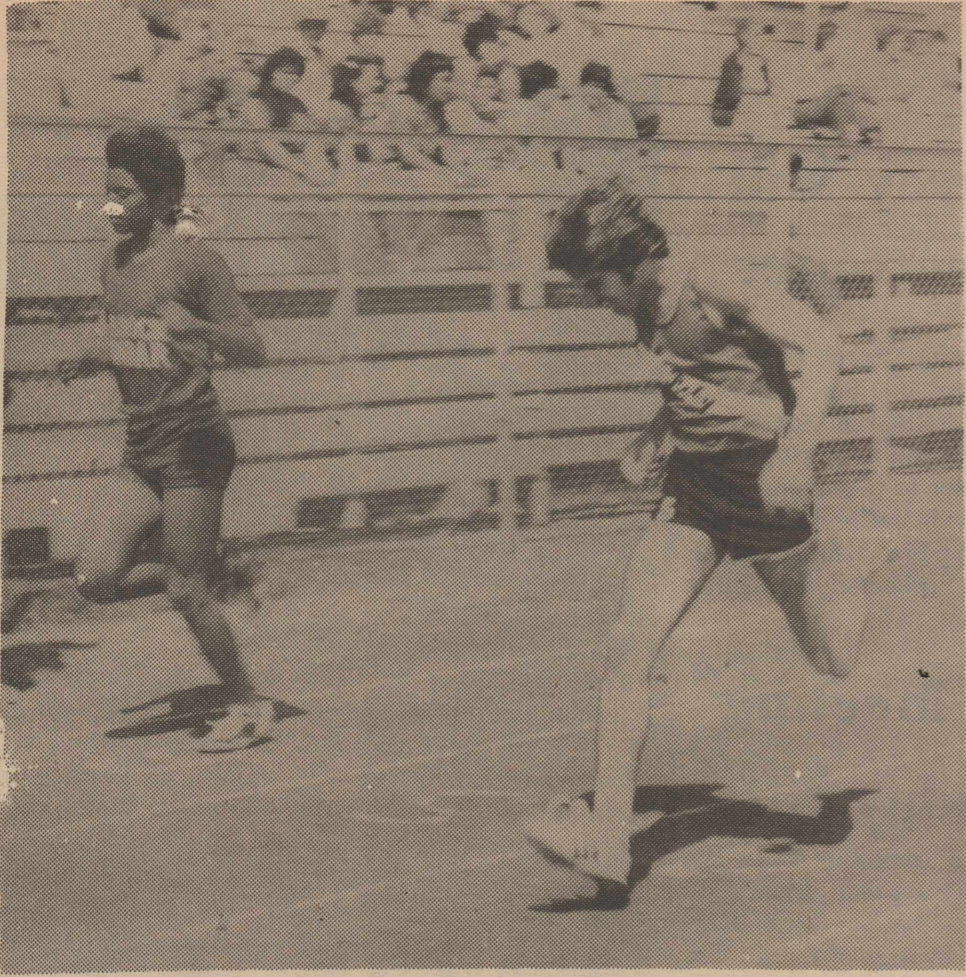
Farmers interested in attending the short course should write or call the Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Mr. Olen Fryar, or the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tom Harkey. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged.



TROPHY WINNERS: Livestock Judging team members (left to right) Ricky Spencer, Jennifer Wright, Gary Teague and Lana Gaona took third place at the Tarleton State University Judging Contest during a recent 4-H contest. Gary Teague was the 2nd high individual while Ricky Spencer was 5th high individual in the contest jointly sponsored by Tarleton State and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Classified Bargains

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CROSSES FINISH LINE: Forrest Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Graham of Roby, nosed out a Lubbock Dunbar runner (left) for 4th place in the 440 run last Saturday in Snyder.

Leisure Lodge

Our community luncheon was a great success last Thursday. We served about one hundred and fifty persons. Needless to say we had an abundance of wonderful food. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the affair.

I would like to make a plea for more volunteers. We especially need someone to help with our exercise programs and call for our bingo games. We need persons who could

Zogi Show

Set April 6th

A full baggage car of equipment is required to stage the Zogi TV-Orama. A stage revue which is to appear here Monday night at 7:30 p.m., April 6, 1981, at Rotan High School Auditorium.

Zogi and his TV Stars are playing a series of one night stands for the first time since 1960. In recent weeks over \$25,000 has been invested in the Zogi Road Revue Show bringing the total investment to a tremendous sum. C.A. Frank, business manager, declined to name the total figure because, as he says, "It would be unbelievable." However, he did say that Prince Zogi could retire for life on the amount that is invested in the Revue and provided his cast a substantial retirement, too.

Tickets may be purchased from Rotan High School Jazz Band members or by calling the High School Office.

volunteer on a regular basis. It is such a rewarding job to do for our residents. They really appreciate anything you do. Contact Ima at the nursing Home for more information.

Some of our out of town visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Bud Morton of San Angelo, visiting Lena Williams. Mrs. Carrie Allen of Roby visited Lottie and John Schick. Mrs. Reed Burnes of Midland and Bobbye Barker of Roby visited Mary Lee Barker. Mrs. Davis Counce of Odessa visited her dad, Rollie Curlee recently. Roy Lee Arhlett of Llano and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gregwelgie of Hearne visited Susie Arhlette recently. Also visiting Susie was a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Danial of Dallas. Mrs. Velma Cave of Jayton visited Jimmie Brewer. Miss Luna Kolb and Mrs. Izzetta Dial of Sweetwater visited Emily Garrett. Also visiting Emily was Mrs. Eula Mae Crawford of Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Crawford of Arlington visited Bud

Crawford over the weekend. Rev. Billy Hudnall of Austin visited his parents, the George Hudnalls. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Danial of Sweetwater were here visiting the R.T. Shippis and Hubert Danial last Thursday.

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Rotan School Prepare For UIL Contests

Rotan School officials released the names of the students who will be participating in the Spring Literary events at the 1980-81 UIL events to be held on April 4th in Anson.

Help With

Softball

The Fisher County Softball program is in need of parents to assist with the organization of the 1981 season.

The group will hold a meeting on Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m., at the Homestate Savings Building for parents interested in helping.

The Fisher County Softball program is open to all girls in grades 2 through 7 that are between 8 and 13 years old.

Oral Reading (Poetry): Lousinda Ramirez, Millie Gaspar, Cindy Gaspar, Alternate, Evette Gruben. Picture Memory (Grades 4 & 5): Lucy Stinson, Melissa Matthies, Connie Smith, Merrie King, Julie Pease, Alternate, Millie Gaspar. Ready Writing: Cindy Gaspar, Evette Gruben, Mark Hargrove, Alternate, Brian Sheehan. Spelling and Plain Writing (Grades 5 & 6): Jan Posey, Mark Hargrove, David King, Alternate, Evette Gruben. Story Telling (Grades 2 & 3): Lane Landes, Candy Hayes, Richard Dennis, Alternate, Gene Neeper.

JUNIOR HIGH

Number Sense (Grades 7 & 8): Tish Fowler, Sonia Carrillo, Tony Gruben, Alternate, Joe Mike Sparks. Poetry Interpretation (Grades 7 & 8): Meg Field, Ward Hayes, Annette Overby, Alternate, Jackie Martinez. Prose Interpretation (Grades 7 & 8): Rocky

Roberts, Veronica Silvas, Sherrie King. Oral Reading (Grades 7 & 8): Desiree Gray, David Stevens, Andrea Callan, Alternate, Terri Whitefield. Ready Writing (Grades 7 & 8): Ward Hayes, Lyle Hale, John Pease. Spelling and Plain Writing (Grades 7 & 8): Cathy Conner, Tish Fowler, Reggie Stinson, Alternate, Dawn Pack HIGH SCHOOL

Debate: Kellie Pease, David Thornton, Robert Gray, John Underhill. Poetry Interpretation: Jerilyn Marshall. Prose Interpretation: Deanne Harbin. Journalish Feature Writing: LaRhea Smith, Phiny Underhill, Beverly McKinney. News Writing: Debbie Mann, David Underhill. Headline Writing: Moses Gonzales. Ready Writing: Laura Gruben, Nina Carrillo, Jana Smith, Alternate, John Underhill. Spelling & Plain Writing:

Veronica Carrillo, Angie Sepada, Robin Harris, Alternate, Jill Posey. Number Sense: Darren Leverton, Teresa Cantu, Jana Smith, Alternate, Laura Gruben. Science: Nina Carrillo, Wes Hardin, Weldon Hayes, Alternate, Gregg Gruben. Calculator Applications: Maury Gruben, Gregg

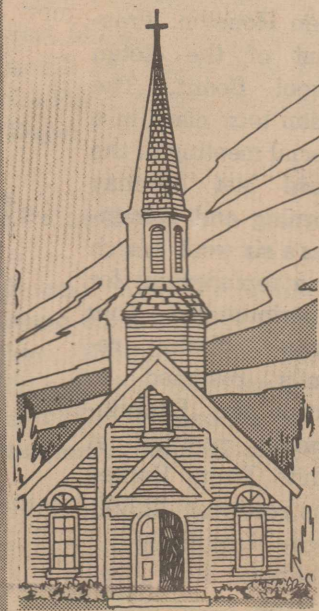
Gruben, Kevin Copeland, Alternate, Keith Copeland. Typewriting: Laura Gruben, Conrad Hamric, Martha Hargrove, Alternate, Rocky Garza. Shorthand: Carrie Matthies, Sulema Zuniga, Angela Pack. One Act Play: Cinderella. Director, Floyd Garcia, Assistant Director, Martha Alexander.

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Hospital News

Patients admitted to Fisher County Hospital District from March 24 thru March 30 are: Thomas B. Colwell, Elisio Campos, Jeffery Paul Anderle, Emma J. Lenued, Orah Campbell, Edna McArthur, Leopoldo Lopez, Leopoldo Lopez, Jr., Lottie B. Rushing, Martin Warren, Bernard Rodgers, Nancy Counts, and Tyrone Daniel, all of Rotan. Elida Moreno and Debra Guel of Roby, Marie Martin and Nancy Batteas and Batteas baby from Sweetwater. Nora T. Johnson of Ft. Worth. Nora R. Burns of Snyder.

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Tanya Williams And R. D. Terry Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Williams announce the engagement of their daughter, Tanya Gaye to Robert Dale Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terry of Roby.

The couple will exchange vows June 5 in the First Baptist Church. A graduate of Sweet-

water High School, the Bride-elect is attending Texas Tech University.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Roby High School and also a graduate of Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla. He is employed by Texas Air Center in Lubbock.

Congressman Stenholm Sets Area Farm Bill Hearings

The House Agriculture Committee will hold field hearings on the 1981 omnibus farm bill in three Texas cities next month, Chairman Kika de la

Garza, D-Tex., announced today.

De la Garza said the hearings will be held April 20 at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th

Street, Abilene; April 21 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock; and April 22 at the Villa Inn, I-40 and Grand Street, Amarillo.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Tex., a Member of the Agriculture Committee, will preside at the hearings. Reps. Kent Hance, D-Tex., and Jack Hightower, D-Tex., are also expected to attend.

All three hearings will run from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Anyone who wished to testify at the hearings should notify:--For April 20, Elaine Talley in Rep. Stenholm's Abilene office at Box 1101, Abilene, Texas 79604, phone 915-673-7221.--For April 21, Vicki Nixon in Rep. Hance's Lubbock office at 1205 Texas Avenue, S-611, Lubbock, Texas 79401, phone 806-763-1611.--For April 22, Marjorie Errington in Rep. Hightower's Amarillo office at Box

F-13207, Amarillo, Texas 79101, phone 806-376-2381.

Witnesses are requested to bring 25 copies of their prepared statements to the hearings for the use of Committee Members and staff. If possible, copies should be sent in advance to the person with whom you arrange your appearance at the hearing.

Chairman de la Garza said, "I know that many West Texans who are deeply interested in this year's farm bill and what it may mean to the future economy of the state and the nation, have not been able to testify at Committee hearings in Washington. I hope these hearings in Texas will help give the Committee a sharper view of the situation as our people see it at the grass roots."

Arlena Edmondson Service Is Held

Arlena Edmondson, 85, of Irving, formerly of Roby, died about 3 p.m. Friday, March 27, in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Weathersee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan.

The Rev. Don Jeffrey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roby, officiated. Burial was in Roby Cemetery.

Born Sept. 7, 1895, she moved with her family in 1919 to Roby. She was a long-time abstractor with Fisher County Abstract

Company and had lived in Roby until about seven years ago, when she moved to Port Neches. She later moved to Humble and to Irving. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Roby.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Cardwell, in January, 1978.

Survivors include three sisters, Hattie Alexander of Abilene, Mrs. Berta Whitt of Llano, and Billie Jordan of Hamilton; and a brother, Sam Edmondson of Irving.

Christian Homecoming Event Planned Here

Saturday, April 18 will be a Christian Homecoming Celebration. All exes who have come to know Christ are urged to participate, and an invitation is extended to all who know Christ or would like to know him.

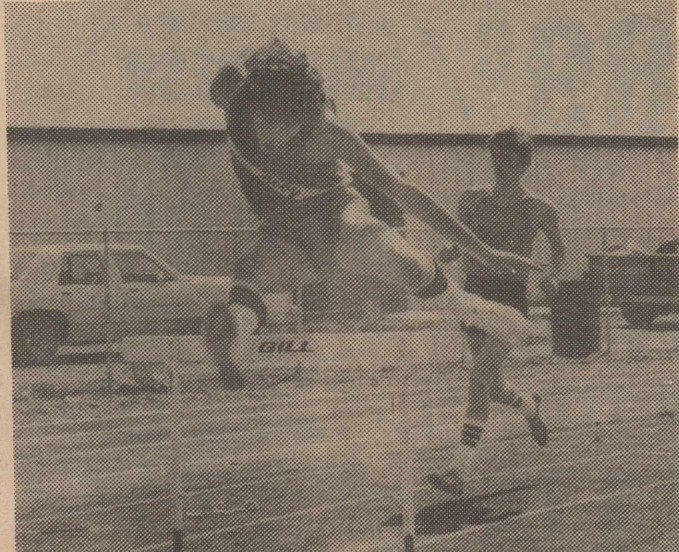
Beginning with a Noon Luncheon, there will be a time of sharing for all who wish to participate.

A planned program of music and testimony will begin in early

afternoon and continue until night when a concert is planned.

This celebration is only in the planning stage and all denominations will be represented and sharing our common love for Christ at this Easter season.

Other details will be given in the next two weeks. The site has not yet been selected. For anyone wishing to participate or for any other information call 735-3067.



OVER HURDLE: John Etheredge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Etheredge of Roby, clears a hurdle on his way to a second place finish at a recent Roby track meet.

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Cross Country Cyclist Stops To Visit Relatives

In this busy, hustle-bustle world, when accomplishments are often measured in dollars or material things at least one nice looking, young college graduate has put a "hold on life" and is busy fulfilling a dream.

Phillip George, 25, son of William T. George a 1935 graduate of Roby High School and nephew to Mrs. Howard Noles of Roby, is riding across country on a bicycle and thoroughly enjoying the unique experience. He is spending a few days at the Noles' home, catching up on some reading, and making some repairs to his bike before he heads out again toward the great Pacific Northwest.

The cyclist celebrated his 25th birthday last Thursday. He graduated from high school at Kennett Square, Pennsylvania in 1974 and graduated from Lehigh University in 1978 with a major in mechanical engineering. He was working for Mack Trucks in Allentown, Pennsylvania as an engineer in the research and development test center when the urge to cross country on a bike became overwhelming. He quit his job, bought an \$800.00 custom made bicycle and set out for what will be 8 months of solid enjoyment by the time the trip is completed.

George left Kennett Square, Pennsylvania on November 22, 1980 and headed toward Florida travelling down the east coast through Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina and arrived in Florida about mid-December. He spent the coldest part of the winter sight seeing in southern Florida, travelled the Everglades, Key West and treated himself to a night at Walt Disney World.

About 6 weeks ago, after the threat of sub-freezing weather, he headed out through Alabama, Louisiana toward the Big Bend country of Texas. After spending 5 days cycling through Big Bend country and climbing a 7,835 ft. mountain near Marfa, he and a travelling companion from Farnham, England set out toward Roby. He landed in Roby on Wednesday of last week.

Phil's travelling companion for the past several weeks is Aidan Joy, a 19 year old Englishman that is between high school and college. After the trip, he plans to attend Durham University and study Physics. Phil and Aidan have been travelling together since they left Florida and plan on at least staying together until they reach the Oregon, Washington state area of the Pacific Northwest.

Phil indicated that his parents' reaction to his cycling trip was "very positive after they got over the initial shock." "They told me if that is what I wanted to do then that is what I should do."

George's decision to make the 8 month trip was not done on the spur of the moment. He worked for a company that shut down the entire plant for two weeks each summer.

During that time for the past 3 years he has taken off on mini-cycle trips. He spent a week touring New Hampshire, Maine and New York before deciding to make the cross-country trek.

The cycle pair plan to be in Seattle, Washington in about 22 months. They will be splitting up before they get to the west coast, however. Phil will take a direct route to Los Angeles to visit a college friend for a week or so while Aidan Joy travels to the Grand Canyon.

The trip is costing Phil on an average of \$350.00 a month. "That doesn't include a lot of frills, I do most of my own cooking and have only spent the night in a motel one time," he said.

A normal breakfast consists of juice and oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch, then the evening meal may be macaroni and cheese dinners, canned chili, canned stews or a hamburger helper type meal. When we run across a Pizza Hut offering an "All you can eat" we take advantage and sit down and eat for a few hours, said Phil.

Two or three weeks after he started his trip he spent the one-and-only night in a motel. "It was cold and I was wet and ready for a night in a real bed." He enjoyed the clean sheets and color television but was still shaking his head over the \$20.00 cost. Most nights on the road are spent in camp grounds, when they are available. "I have spent the night on golf courses, in cemeteries, in barns, behind gas stations, even behind a McDonald's hamburger place," said Phil.

Between Florida and Roby, Texas the travelling duo

asked permission to spend the night in a farmer's barn. After some thought the farm family gave their permission. As night fell, the couple offered Phil and Aidan a lamp, then a flashlight, then invited them to supper and finally wound up offering them the spare bedroom in their home. "This all took place in Robertsdale, Alabama and the only reason we asked to use the barn was because rain was predicted that night," he commented. As it turned out, 5 inches fell and a tornado was sighted not far from Robertsdale.

"We have generally found people to be real nice, especially in Texas," said Phil.

The bike Phil rides was custom made in Allentown to fit his weight and height. It is much lighter than a regular bicycle and a lot more durable. "The quality of the components is excellent, it's an 18 speed bike with a real low gear for hills and a very responsive breaking system.

Even though he has been sleeping on the ground for about 4 months, Phil has yet to have a serious illness. "I did have a little fever in Alabama, but a few aspirins fixed me right up." He carries a first aid kit for emergencies but the cold weather that sent the temperature to 18 degrees was a shock after wintering in Florida.

Phil will take a few days off in June to be an usher at a wedding of a former college roommate. "Just before June 20th, I'll probably take a bus back to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to be in the wedding." He said he wanted to be there to see his buddy bite the dust.

After the wedding one of his 3 older brothers may travel back to the west coast and finish the cycle trip with Phil.

After travelling approximately 5,000 miles he still is excited about the trip, looks forward to the events to come, and has gained a deeper appreciation for life and the beauty of this country.

He records each day's activities in a journal at night. "There's not much to do after dark. Once we've eaten,

set up tent, I usually read, write post cards or practice learning to play the harmonica." His brother gave him a copy of a book entitled THE SNOW LEOPARD a novel about a man's journey into the mountains just before he left on his trip. He is currently reading that book for the second time.

Phil is corresponding with 21 people. Mostly family and close friends. "By the time I write 21 people, record my day's events in the journal, there's not a lot of time left to get bored," he said.

Phil normally averages travelling about 60 miles a day. He carries a sleeping bag, tent, first aid kit, camera, Coleman stove, rain gear, a bicycle safety helmet plus a limited wardrobe of clothes.

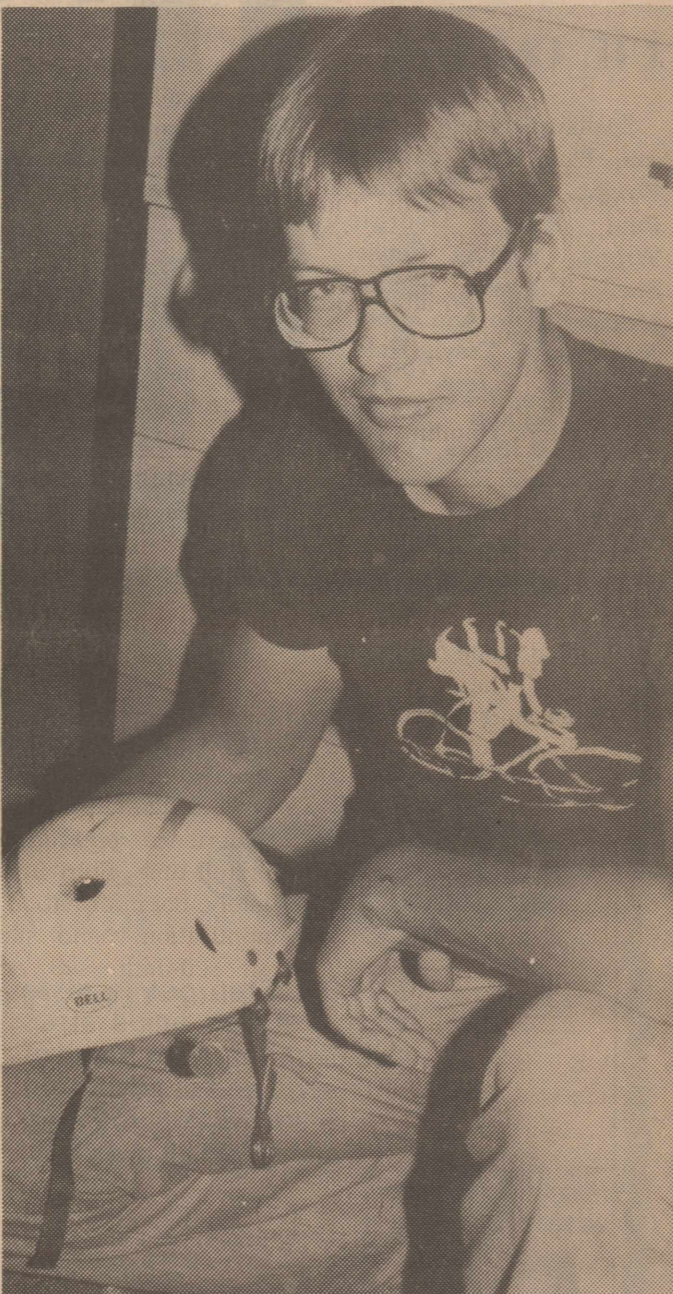
A normal day sees Phil on the road around 8 or 9, generally stopping for the night around 5 or 6 in the evening.

"I figure to be in Seattle at the 6 month point of my trip. I figure it will take 2 months to get back home.," he said. "I am still enjoying the trip very much but I'm exceedingly stubborn, even if the trip were less than great, I'd still be doing it."

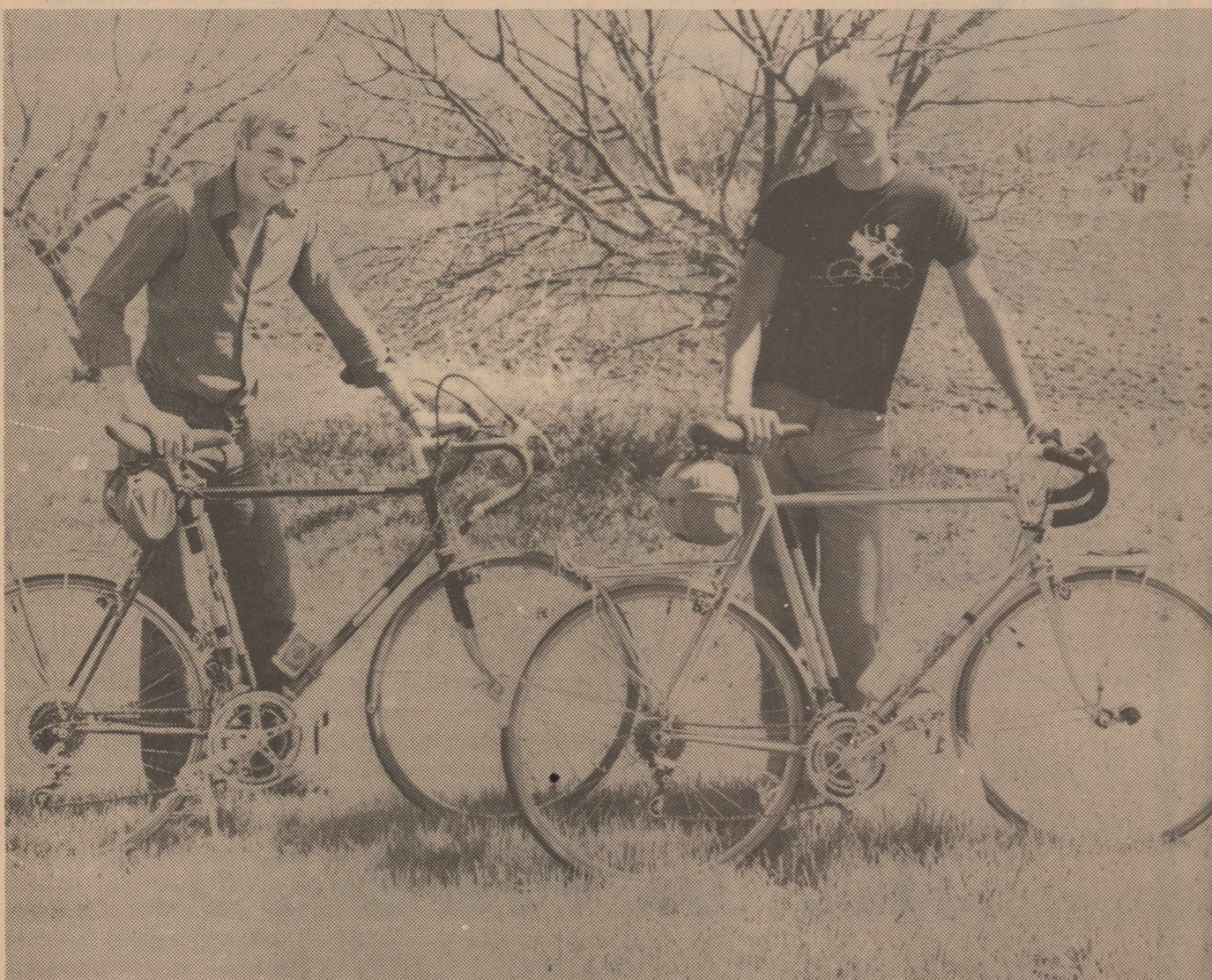
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Ten Juveniles Participating In Group Therapy Class

Fisher County Commissioners authorized the implementation of a new program for Fisher County juveniles on probation at a recent court meeting, and from all indications the program seems to be helping those that are enrolled.

The new program, a brainchild of Fisher County Juvenile Officer Gene Ausburne, was modeled after a similar program recently established by the Nolan County Commissioners Court.

At present there are 10 participants in the "group therapy" program that range in age from 13 to 16 years old.

These children have been taking part in the group therapy program since February 1st with the \$275.00 monthly costs of the service being paid by Fisher County.

Extension At Hobbs

Pat Porter, Tax Assessor-Collector for Hobbs School, has announced the extension of the deadline for taxpayers to sign up for their homestead exemption and open space land value application. The new date will be April 15. All necessary forms are available at the School Tax Office.

Fire Poster

Contest Open

The Rotan Ladies Auxiliary to the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Fire Poster contest for all children in the Rotan Schools. Rules for the contest are listed in each of the schools. The deadline for entries is April 10th at 5:00 p.m. Those entering the contest can leave designs at the school or at West Texas Utilities in Rotan.

A total of \$90.00 in prizes will be offered in the contest.

Additional information can be obtained from Barbara Tankersley or from any Rotan School principal.

Susie Lacey, Abilene Psychologist and Doug Worthington, Director of the Abilene Girl's School and Abilene Psychologist, are working with the ten juveniles in Fisher County twice each month with two hour sessions each time.

Although the program is experimental in nature, the ten juveniles that entered the program are still enrolled. It is expected that each juvenile will remain in the program for a period of six months. Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett orders those coming before him with offenses to attend the group therapy session.

The ten juveniles basically fall into two offense categories. Some have been placed on probation for burglary while others are classified as CINS (Child in Need of Supervision)-covering run aways, fighting and school attendance problems.

These that are enrolled are drilled on three main subject areas. They are taught values, behavior and attitude.

One teenage boy in the program commented "It has helped me a lot. It helps kids like me that got in trouble to straighten out. It helps us take a better view of ourselves and what we are doing".

A teenage girl commented "I like the

sessions, I think they are fun. It helps me to stay out of trouble. Most of all I like getting together and talking with the other kids".

Gene Ausburne, Fisher County Juvenile Officer, was very complimentary of the Fisher County Commissioners for implementing the program. He indicated last week that the "Group Therapy" program

will soon show a film entitled "Scared Straight" for juveniles in the program

and their guests. Because of the hard language and acts in the film depicting


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The Hobbs Independent School District tax office is currently accepting applications for residence homestead exemptions. The deadline for filing is April 1, 1981. Applications should be filed as early as possible to avoid inconvenience to the homeowner.

Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads in this school district on January 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption is available to all homeowners and exempts \$5,000 from the market value of the homestead.

Second, any person who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled can be exempted an additional \$10,000 from the market value of the homestead. Proof of age or disability may be necessary.

"Disabled," in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act under the Social Security Administration. Disability is defined as inability to engage in any substantial gainful employment which exists in the national economy, or, in the case of someone who is 55 and blind, inability by reason of such blindness to engage in the employment in which he was previously engaged. The person claiming disability does not necessarily have to be drawing benefits from Social Security.

Homeowners age 65 or older who apply for their exemption will be granted a tax freeze. If application is not made, the tax freeze will be lost for this year.

Application forms were mailed earlier to all homeowners who qualified for a homestead exemption in 1980. If you did not receive an application, or if you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the school tax office at 915-735-2850.

Application forms may also be picked up at the tax office at Hobbs School.

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TO: Romie Lee Sharp
GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of May, A.D., 1981, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Mitchell County, at the Court House in Colorado City, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of July, 1980. The file number of said suit being No. 9946. The name of the parties in said suit are: In the Interest of Roxanna C. Peddicord, a child as Plaintiff. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: "to terminate the parent-child relationship."

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ROBY UIL

Debate Teams: Kelley West, Valerie Goodrum, Julie Branson, Danette Ray, Alternate Team, Sylvia Alaniz, Pat Cleveland. Persuasive Speaking: Kelly Hunt, Tammye Halliburton, Mary Ellen Cave. Poetry Interpretation: Kathy Martin, Todd Coker, Mary Nell Clayton, Alternate Chad Terry. Prose Interpretation: Lynn Hyer, Melody Hataway, Kristi West, Alternate, Tisa Lovett. Journalism: Feature Writing: Julie Branson, Kelly Hunt, Cheryl Wright, Alternate, Kathy Martin. Editorial Writing: Chad Gardner, Kathy Martin, Kelly Hunt, Alternate, Valerie Goodrum. News Writing: Chad Gardner, Julie Branson,

Valerie Goodrum, Alternate, Kathy Martin. Headline Writing: Valerie Goodrum, Cheryl Wright, Kathy Martin, Alternate, Kelly Hunt. One Act Play: Livin' de Life by Ed Graczyk. Director, Connie Early. Ready Writing: Tisa Lovett, Mary Nell Clayton, Kelly Hunt. Spelling and Plain Writing: Darlene Herron, Kelly West, Delinda Teel, Alternate, Tisa Lovett. Number Sense: John Moregeson, Matt Martinez, John Etheredge, Alternate, Chad Terry. Science: Joel King, Jason Harper, Kristi West, Alternate, Bob Burk. Calculator Applications: Matt Martinez, Valerie Goodrum, Forrest Graham, Alternate, Julie Branson. Typewriting: Diedra Faight, Paula

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Rotan Sprint, Mile Teams Break Record

The Rotan sprint relay and mile relay teams shattered old school records last Saturday at the Snyder Invitational Track meet. The sprint relay team, after setting a new school record just a week ago shattered that record to place first in both the preliminaries and finals. In the preliminaries the team raced around the track and finished with a time of 43.60 breaking the record of 43.75 set last

week. In the finals the team of David Thornton, Roger Hooper, Kip Pease and Byron Weathersbee turned in a 43.80 time.

The mile relay team set a new 1600 meter relay record last Saturday breaking the old record set two years ago at Colorado City of 3:38.12 by the team of David Posey, Fred Acorn, Kip Pease, and Cecil Turner.

The new mile relay record of 3:36.20 was set by Henry Williams, Marcus Conner, Kip Pease and Eli Turner.

In the finals of the 3200

meter run, Eli Turner ran a 10:57.69 for 2nd place and Keith Copeland ran a 12:08.37 for 11th place.

In the finals of the 100 meter dash, Roger Hooper was first with an 11.2; David Thornton was 4th with an 11.4 and Byron Weathersbee was 5th with an 11.44.

Eli Turner ran 3rd in the 800 meter run finals with Jimmy Weatherman finishing with no place with 2:18.24.

Marcus Conner was 2nd in the 400 meter dash with Henry Williams 4th. In the 200 meter dash Hooper finished 1st with Thornton placing 3rd.

In the pole vault event Keith Blair finished 3rd, with Byron Weathersbee taking 4th place.

Kip Pease finished in 4th place with a leap of 20 ft. 9 1/2 inches in the long jump.

In the junior varsity division of the meet, the sprint relay team finished 3rd with a time of 49.1. That team consists of Alan Kiker, Sammy Turner, Ernie Carrillo and Tony Zambrano.

Serapio Almanza took a 5th place finish in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:56.05. Kevin Copeland was 2nd in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 18.3 and Alan Kiker was 3rd in the 100 meter dash.

Richie Medrano and Gustabo Almanza both took part in the 800 meter run.

Sammy Turner finished 2nd in the 400 meter run while Kevin Copeland placed 7th in the 300 meter high hurdles.

Carl Smith and Renee Silvas each took place in the 1600 meter run. Smith had a time of 6:10.15 while Silvas had a 5:41.51.

Santos Ortiz finished 5th in the discus with Ernie Carrillo taking 5th in the shot put with a toss of 43 feet.

Local Library Plans Growth In Future

The theme for National Library Week this year is "Texas Libraries...Check Us out".

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "I have often

thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county, to consist

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith of Eunice, New Mexico, are the proud parents of a daughter, Sandra Michelle. Sandra was born March 14 and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz.

She has a brother, Steven. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Murray Simmons of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Smith of Rotan. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Smith of Sweetwater.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mauldin

Mauldins Celebrating 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mauldin of Sylvester are celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

A reception will be held in the Community Center in Sylvester, Texas, Sunday, April 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All their friends and relatives are invited to attend.

They were married in Walters, Oklahoma, on April 6, 1931, and have lived in the Sylvester community for fifty years. They have four sons, Guy-Alton of Rosenberg, Texas, Kenneth of Sonora, Texas, Truman of Sylvester, and Terry of Roby, Texas. They have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Card Of Thanks
To our dear friends who so generously contributed to the Ted McArthur fund. Thank you one and all for your help and prayers. You have made things so much easier.
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Alvis McArthur and Family

County 4-H Judging Team Wins Again

FISHER COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM WINS AT SWEETWATER

The Fisher County 4-H Livestock Judging Team won first place at the Sweetwater Livestock and Fair Association's Judging Contest held last Saturday. The team was composed of James and Darren Jeffrey, Gordon Maberry & Ricky Spencer. James Jeffrey tied for High Individual in the contest.

Others judging livestock from Fisher County included Jennifer Wright, Gary & Joey Teague, Reggy Spencer, Shad Rasco, Matt Floyd, and Kevin Stuart.

The Livestock Teams will be judging at Tarlton, Angelo State, and Abilene Christian in the near future.

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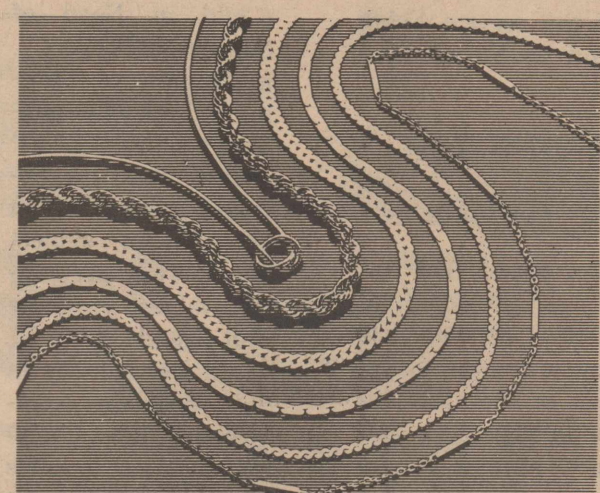
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ATTEND MEETING: Those attending the meeting at the Kiva Inn in Abilene recently from Rotan were (left to right) Pat Hamric and Mrs. Vera Morrow.

Local Members DRC Meet At Kiva Inn

The Texas State Society of Daughters of American Colonists held their 51st Assembly recently at the Kiva Inn in Abilene. Special guest at the meeting was Mrs. John Carl Foster, Jr. of York, Pennsylvania, National President.

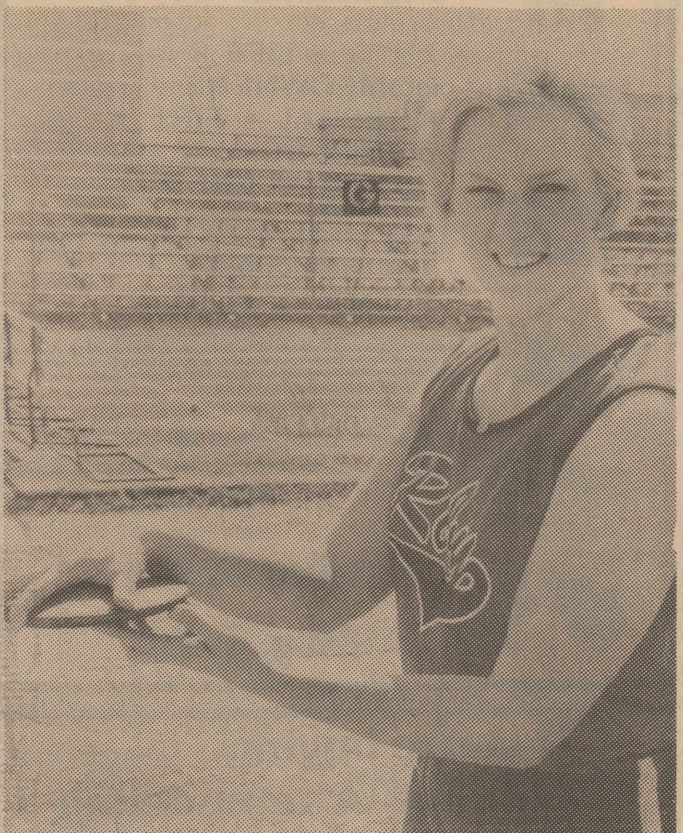
On Monday evening preceding opening of the Assembly, Mrs. Kenneth Whisenant, Regent of George Cogdell Chapter, hosted a dinner at Abilene Petroleum Club honoring Mrs. Foster. Other members of George Cogdell Chapter attending were Miss Josie Baird, Texas State Registrar and National Vice Chairman of Resolutions; Miss Delila Baird, State Chairman of Colonial and Genealogical Records, Mrs. Vera Morrow and Mrs. Rudy Hamric. Also present were Mrs. P.M. McKee, Texas State Regent, Abilene; and Miss Frances Edwards of Longview, State Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Whisenant is also

State Public Relations Chairman and compiler of the State Press Book.

During the Assembly George Cogdell Chapter received two Certificates of Award for outstanding work.

About sixty delegated and members attended the Assembly. In addition to those named above, Mrs. Connie Tutt was present as a delegate from George Cogdell Chapter.

The Assembly closed with an Installation of new Officers for 1981-1983. Serving as State Regent for the next two years is Miss Frances Edwards. Mrs. Kenneth Whisenant is the new State Librarian. Following adjournment of the Assembly, Mrs. Vera Morrow hosted a Luncheon at the Kiva Inn for Mrs. Foster, National President; Mrs. P.M. McKee, outgoing State Regent; Miss Frances Edwards, Regnet Elect; Mrs. Whisenant, and Misses Josie Baird and Delila Baird.



TOSSING DISCUS: Darlene Herron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herron, placed 6th in the discus throw at Snyder last Saturday with a distance of 90 feet 8 inches.

Saturday will be "Children's Day" at the Revival at First Baptist Church, Roby. It will also be the beginning of the weekly film festival for children and their parents. The activities this week begin at 4:00 p.m. Two movies will be shown with a break for refreshments in the middle. Following the second feature, the boys and girls and their families will be served a quick sandwich supper. The Revival begins at 7:00 p.m. and a children's choir will be featured. Boys and girls from the first through the sixth grades will sing a special music in the worship.

The film festival will run each Saturday in April with a double feature movie for children and their parents. The first film will be a Walt Disney full length movie. The lease agreement with Walt Disney Productions forbids the public announcement of the titles of the films. However, they will be great family entertainment and you may call First Baptist Church each week to get the names of the movies to be shown. These films will not just be good clean fun, but will have a moral or a history lesson as well. Following the Walt Disney movie, there will be a break for some refreshments, then a gospel film will be the second feature. These films are especially designed for children without a hard, pushy development. They present the gospel in a beautiful,

Rotan Will Dismiss Early

Rotan schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 3, so students and parents can attend the District Junior High Track Meet in Hamlin.

On Thursday, April 9, school will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. for the High School District Track Meet in Hamlin.

Buses will run at 1:30 p.m. both days.

Roby Garden Club Meets

The Roby Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the Midwest Electric Cooperative.

Slides of flower gardens will be shown.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Roby and Mrs. Max Carriker of Abilene.

simple way to children. "We want to emphasize that we want the parents to be with their children if possible so they can see that we're not badgering, begging or brainwashing these kids."

School Menu

ROBY SCHOOL LUNCH-ROOM-April 6-10

Monday: Spaghetti w/ Meat, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Butter, Milk. Tuesday: Vegetable Stew, Cheese Curls, Pineapple, Cobbler, Milk, Crackers. Wednesday: Pinto Beans w/ Bacon, French Fries, Spinach, Onions, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk, Cornbread. Thursday: Corn Dog with Mustard and Cheese Stick, Creamed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk, Bread. Friday: Hamburger/Cheese, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onions, Brownie, Milk, Bun.

ROTAN LUNCHROOM April 6-10

Monday: Breakfast-Buttered Toast W/Honey, Milk. Lunch-Spaghetti W/ Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage Slaw, Hot Rolls, Butter, Strawberry Cake, Milk. Tuesday: Breakfast-Juice, Buttered Rice W/ Sugar, Milk. Lunch-Seasoned Pinto Beans, French Fries W/Catsup, Buttered Spinach, Onion Slices, Cornbread, Butter, Sliced Peaches, Milk. Wednesday: Breakfast-Juice, Cold Cereal. Lunch-Turkey Dressing W/Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls, Butter, Jello W/Whipped Cream, Milk. Thursday: Breakfast-Juice, Peanut-butter, Bread, Milk. Lunch-Corn Dogs W/Mustard, French Fries W/Catsup, Buttered Corn, Orange Wedge, Chocolate Cake, Milk. Friday: Breakfast-Juice, Cheese Toast, Milk. Lunch-Hamburger W/Cheese, Pork & Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Coconut Pudding,

The gospel film this first week is "Peluk's Adventure." It is the kind of film one would expect to see on "The Wonderful World of Disney." Gorgeous scenery and spectacular wildlife footage are skillfully blended with Uncle Charlie Wandermeer and the children of the Children's Bible Hour into a beautiful dramatic production that allows little ones to see their need of Jesus. The beautiful coastline of Alaska is the setting. Peluk, a small Eskimo boy,

is the adventurer. A baby seal is the victim and every viewer is the winner in this most unusual film for children. Big kids will enjoy it also.

First Baptist Church is inviting all other churches and children's groups to come with their sponsors and participate in this festival experiment. These

Rotan Junior High Girls Take First

The Rotan girls junior high track team took a first place finish in the Aspermont Relays last weekend by scoring a total of 134½ points and beating 9 other area teams.

First place finishes were recorded by Cathy Conner in the long jump, triple jump and 200 meter dash. Terri Whitefield finished first in the discus. Other first place finishes went to Kim Warren in the 800 meter run and 1600 meter run. Meg Field was first in the 400 meter run.

Others finishing at Aspermont included Lucy Ortega and Cynthia Daniel 3rd and 5th respectively in the shot; Shelly Hayes 6th in the high jump; and 3rd in the 100 meter low hurdles; Annette Overby 2nd in the 800 meter run and Andrea Callan 6th in the 400 meter run. Mary Williams finished 6th in the 200 meter dash while the 800 meter relay team had a 2nd place finish. That team is made up of Mary Williams, Cathy Conner, Meg Field and Sonya Carrillo.

Rotan Coach Is Hired At M

Rotan girls basketball coach John Blair, a member of the Rotan Independent School system for the past two years, has offered a contract by Merkel High School for a week as girls coach at a salary of \$3,500.00 above the scale, according to a report in last week's Merkel newspaper. Blair was offered a one year contract and will be

Coates, Cotte From Rotan

Members of the Rotan School Board, in a special session last Monday morning accepted the resignation of Mary Jane Coates and Coach R.L.

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Engineering firm seeks to purchase tank to aid in detailed accident study. Tank was last seen at the crash site on Saturday, December 9, 1978.

If you have any information as to the location or disposition of this fuel tank please call 915-673-8261 days or 915-692-9830 nights. Persons with worthwhile information will be compensated.

Helicopter Transports Fort Worth Coma Patient Home

The Fisher County Hospital established another important emergency transportation link last Monday morning when the first patient was evacuated by way of "Careflight" a medical helicopter service, according to Jerry Weatherly, Administration of the 1981 season.

The group will hold a meeting on Monday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m., at the Homestate Savings Building for parents interested in helping.

The Fisher County Softball program is open to all girls in grades 2 through 7 that are between 8 and 13 years old.

she apparently suffered a stroke and fell into a coma. Local doctors made arrangements for the "Careflight" in order that the patient could make the trip back to her "home hospital" with the least possible

discomfort. At approximately 10:15 a.m., last Monday morning a team of one pilot and two trained emergency medical technicians landed at the Fisher County Hospital to transport Mrs. Johnson back to Fort Worth. The flight was expected to take an hour and 15 minutes. The "Careflight" service normally ser-

ves at 150 mile radius of Fort Worth. Rotan was out of the perimeter served but with the successful transportation of Mrs. Johnson it is anticipated that "Careflight" could be used to transport serious emergencies to Fort Worth. A heliport is located on the roof of Harris Hospital.



LOOK OF CONCERN: W.L. Johnson of Fort Worth shows a concerned look as the CareFlight helicopter starts to leave the grounds of the Fisher County Hospital bound for Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Mrs. Johnson suffered a stroke and fell into a coma while visiting Mr. Johnson's father, G.D. Johnson in Roby.



UJL TEAM MEMBERS: Roby Junior High UJL team members (left to right) Michelle Burk, Number Sense; aTricia Allen, spelling; Jeff Branson, Spelling and Number Sense; Jill Branson, Spelling and Charla Wiley, Number Sense.

Rotan Schools Pass Title 1 Inspection

The Rotan Elementary and Junior High Schools were the subject of an inspection last week into the federally funded Title #1 program. The inspection was performed by J.L. Ackridge, monitor for the Texas Education Agency in Austin. "We only have an inspection of this nature about once every five years and I'm pleased to say that we passed with flying colors, no deficiencies were written, according to Schroyer.

The purpose of the inspection was to see if the school was in compliance with the guidelines governing the use of Title #1 funds.

Schroyer indicated that Ackridge wanted to use the Rotan Schools as a model for other schools in Texas to show that all phases of the federal program were being administrated properly.

The program primarily involves the read-

ing and math programs and involves the following personnel. Mrs. Joyce B. Hill is the Title #1 Overall Co-ordinator. Mrs. Don Mullins is the Junior High Co-ordinator. Others include: Mrs. Sue Branch, Mrs. E. Gaspar, Mrs. Don Overby, Mrs. D.L. Goodwin, Mrs. Dorothy Soliz, Mrs. Elaine Wylie, Mrs. A. Yanez, Mrs. Linda Coates and Mrs. Angel Valez.

The inspection team from the Texas Education Agency reviewed student folders, student records, schedules and local program guidelines in making the assessment.

"We have an excellent Title #1 program at Rotan and we're particularly pleased of the recognition and the work being done in the program by our local people," said Schroyer.

Legal Notice

The members of the Rotan School Board will be accepting bids for the roofing of the high school building and the original elementary school building. Bids will be received in the office of the Superintendent of schools at 102 North McKinley, Ro-

tan, Texas, until 3:00 p.m., April 13, 1981, and then publicly opened and read at 7:00 p.m., April 13, 1981, at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Information and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent. 7-2tc

Uniform Planting Date Is Set For 1981 Season

A uniform planting date, scouting of hot spot fields and early season boll weevil control where needed are important of the boll weevil management program.

For the past four years, boll weevil damage in cotton has been light. A uniform planting date of May 18--west of Highway 70 and May 25 east of the highway in Fisher County, will help insure that boll weevil damage will be light in Fisher county during the 1981 growing season.

The uniform planting date is the critical first step in the cotton pest management program for counties in the Rolling Plains of Texas.

The peak period of boll weevil emergence from overwintering habitat usually occurs from May 23 to June 14. Overwintered boll weevils live from 10 to 22 days after they emerge. When cotton is planted after May 18, it will be the last few days of June or early July before 1/3 grown squares are pres-

Screening Service Set For Roby

The Texas Department of Health Region 4, will hold screening services for area towns. The public is invited to attend, and there will be no charge for these services. Any abnormal findings will be referred to the client's private physician.

Services offered will be for diabetes, high blood pressure, anemia, vision, hearing, weight and urinalysis. Immunizations will also be given.

Clinics will be held at the following locations and dates: ROBY, TX., Courthouse Annex, on April 13th, blood pressure screening will be held from 10:00 to 12:00; and immunizations from 1:00 to 3:00. On April, multiphasic screening will be held by appointment only. Make your appointment during blood pressure clinic or call 915-728-5796.

ent. Boll weevils cannot deposit eggs that will survive in squares until the squares are 1/3 grown. Research has shown that only a small percentage of the overwintered boll weevils survive until early July. This year less than 0.5% of the overwintered boll weevils are expected to survive.

The uniform planting date also limits the boll weevil populations to

hot spot fields. These are the fields that are near the most favorable overwintering habitat.

Where boll weevils are detected, one insecticidal application just prior to the 1/3 grown square stage will usually control the overwintered weevils. Last year overwintered boll weevil applications were not needed in any Fisher County fields.

Rotan Girls Fourth

The Rotan High School girls track team took a 4th

Rotan Junior High Boys Win First

Dion Sepeda, Charles Williams, Ted Gunderson and the members of the 1600 meter relay team all took first place awards as the Rotan 8th grade accumulated 101 points for a first place finish in the Aspermont Junior High Track Meet last Friday. Dion Sepeda was first in Shot Put with 45 ft. 1 inch. In the Long Jump Charles Williams was first with 19 ft. 1 in., Herman Lopez was 4th with 17 ft. 5/4, Tim Carrillo was 5th with 17 ft. 4 in. Paul Zambrano was 6th in the Discus with 108 ft. 9 in., and 2nd in the 110 Meter Intermediate Hurdles with 18.43. In the 800 Meter Run Charles Williams was 1st with 2:12.37. Connell Johnson placed 2nd in the 400 Meter Dash with 57.78. In the 300 Meter Low Hurdles Paul Zambrano was 2nd with 45.85. Connell Johnson was 2nd in the 200 Meter Dash with 25.68. In the 1600 Meter run Ted Gunderson was 1st with 5:28.36 and Robert Gauna was 5th with 5:41.53. The 1600 Meter Relay Team placed 1st with a time of 4:00.62. Relay team members are Charles Williams, Herman Lopez, Lex Weatherly, and Connell Johnson.

Team totals are: Rotan-101; Haskell-89; Munday-65; Anson-50.

place at Jayton last weekend at the annual Lady Jay Relays, according to Coach John Blair.

For the most part the girls lowered their times in all races.

The 800 meter relay team lowered their time 5 seconds from last week placing 4th with a time of 1:54. The Mile Relay knocked 11 seconds off last week's time with a 4:20 placing 2nd. The Sprint Relay knocked a second

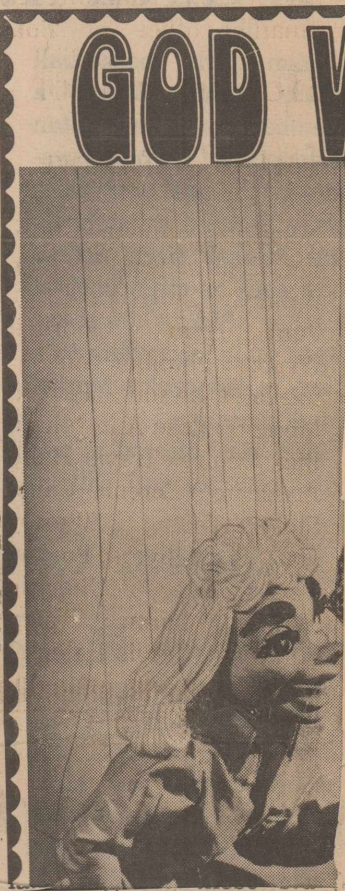
Secret Pal

Club Meets

Mrs. Joe Morris and her daughter, Mrs. Bill (Natalie) Gribben of San Angelo, were recent hostesses of the Secret Pal club at the home of Mrs. Morris in Roby. Coffee was served to each one on their arrival.

After several games had been played there was the presentation of gifts. It was revealing time and new names were drawn. Coffee, chips, dips, vegetable tray, cake and candies were served.

Members present were Ludie Harris, Mrs. Myrtle Kelton, Mrs. Opal Burch, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. Bertha Allen, Mrs. Clark Rogers, Mrs. Virgie Weems, Mrs. Mary Ann Rodriguez, Mrs. Bess Ashley, Mrs. Annie Lee King, Mrs. Maudie Balenger, Mrs. Gladys Farar, and the hostesses, Mrs. Gribben and Mrs. Morris. Belinda Ramirez was present as a guest.



dents for their hard work.

Roby School Athletic

Banquet Set

The Roby School Athletic Club will meet on Monday, April 6, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. to plan the upcoming athletic banquet, which will be held May 5, 1981.

All parents of school athletics and interested persons are urged to attend this meeting.

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Elections On Saturday

Fisher County voters will be taking to the polls on Saturday, April 4th to elect trustees in four school races, a hospital trustee race and a race to elect a Rotan Mayor and two councilmen. All the races are uncontested.

At Hobbs, residents will be electing Gary Hyer and Terry Porter to the school board. Rotan voters will re-elect Allan Houston and Wayne Harris to full terms on the Rotan school board.

At McCaulley voters will elect David Estes, Randy Kelly and Gene Tabb to three vacancies on the board.

At the Rotan City Council Lester Sescil will be elected mayor with Jerry Marshall and Rodney Tankersley to fill the two vacancies on the council.

Glen Copeland and Albert Maberry are running to fill two vacancies on the Fisher County Hospital Board.

Attend Meeting

Those attending the District VIII Garden Club Meeting in Stamford were Mrs. Dwalyn Parker, Mrs. Earnest Hammer, Mrs.

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