

## Law Gets Marijuana Plants, Drug Items

Six law enforcement officials from Fisher County went to a residence at 205 East Burnside in Rotan and arrested two individuals for possession of marijuana.

At 6:20 p.m. Friday, January 7, officers Chuck Renfro, Darrell Dyer, Tom Jones, Randy King, Mickey Counts, and Allan Arnwine, with benefit of a search warrant, arrested Randy Helms and Alex Gaspar at the Burnside residence.

Officers indicated that they confiscated 7 growing plants believed to be marijuana; 1 bottle of marijuana seed, 1 baggie of unknown substance, 1 baggie of marijuana and seed, 4 marijuana clips, 2 packages of Top cigarette rolling papers and 1 small leather

bag containing a roach clip and an unknown instrument.

Randy Helms was filed on for possession of marijuana, fleeing from a police officer and destroying evidence. According to Rotan Chief, Chuck Renfro, while Helms was being handcuffed he grabbed a handful of growing marijuana plants and attempted to eat them.

Alex Gaspar was filed on for possession of marijuana and preventing a search.

## Dan Burk Signs To Play For Tarleton Texans

Joe Dan Burk, former all-district linebacker from Rotan, has become the first football player of the new year to sign a letter of intent with the Tarleton State University Texans. TSU head coach Buddy Fornes has announced.

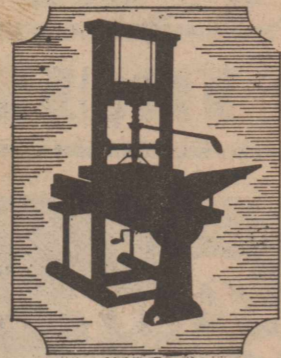
Burk attended West Texas State University the first semester of the current school year, and will transfer to Tarleton this spring.

The 5-10, 175 freshman was unanimous all-district at Rotan in 1975. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Burk, Rotan. His father is a former football coach at McMurry College.



DAN BURK

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## New Western Gift Store Stamp Redemption Opens

Rotan's newest business will hold "Open House" this weekend at 220 West Snyder Street.

It is the Western Gift Store that will be managed by Vivian Helms.

To celebrate the opening the Western Gift Store will give \$20.00 worth of extra Western Blue Stamps for just visiting the new location. A coupon for the stamps is available in this week's paper.

Glen's Thriftway and Fairy Drug are the first two Rotan merchants to offer the new Western Blue Stamps that are redeemable at the Western Gift Store.

Both Thriftway and Fairy are offering double stamps from January 13 through January 19th with Fairy Drug offering an extra \$20.00 in stamps with a \$5.00 purchase through January 19.

The Rotan location is the 16th Western Gift Store

opened since April 1, 1976. An additional 10 stores are on the drawing board to be opened in 1977, according to Douglass Jones, Assistant General Manager of Canyon, Texas.

The store will be promoting a new concept in the stamp program by permitting customers to purchase items with stamps, stamps and cash, all cash, or by charging with either Bank Americard or Master Charge.

"The people of the Fisher County area have been most encouraging and extremely excited about the opening of the new Western Gift

Store", said Vivian Helms. "We want to invite everyone to our open house this weekend", she concluded.

## McCaulley Board Denied Injunction By Judge

The newest twist in the struggle for McCaulley to retain its school was aired last week when the McCaulley School Board brought a law suit against Fisher County Judge Dwight Lovett, seeking a temporary injunction that asked that the election not be held.

The McCaulley School Board in their request to District Judge Weldon Kirk for the injunction pointed out that it should have been the Commissioners Court that called the election and not Judge Dwight Lovett, and claimed that some of those signing the petition to call

## For Aerial Applicators

# COMMISSIONERS SET NEW AIRPORT RULES

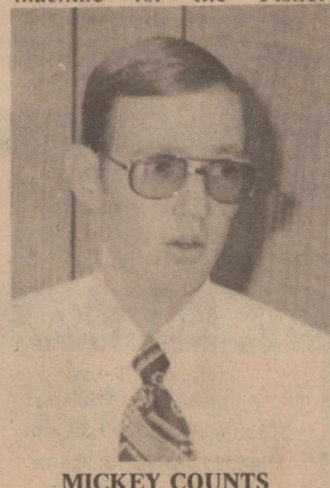
Fisher County Commissioners met last Monday morning and among other things set some strict rules and regulations for aerial applicators using the new Fisher County Airport.

Commissioners set an annual rental of \$360.00 for applicators and are requiring them to construct a building to house all planes within 6 months from signing the lease agreement. The applicators will have to put up a performance bond in the amount of \$15,000.00 to assure Commissioners that they intend to construct the building. Applicators will also be required to build a refuse and chemical disposal pit and meet all Federal and Texas aeronautical regulations concerning the operation of their business.

The applicators will have to pave a strip from their

proposed hangar to the main taxi area, they will not be permitted to begin operations at the airport until the building is constructed and talk of having the applicators pay two years rent was discussed.

In other action the Commissioners voted to purchase an Autoclave sterilization machine for the Fisher



MICKEY COUNTS

County Rest Home at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

Commissioners were read a letter from a County resident desiring financial help in paying for her monthly telephone bill. No action was taken on the request.

Dick Melton, representing the Roby Cemetery Association, and Jimmy Price, representing that same group, appeared before Commissioners requesting that they give consideration to paying a circular area through the Roby Cemetery. Commissioners were very receptive, but asked that the City of Roby give like consideration to helping with the cost of paving.

Minutes of the December meeting were read. This has not been customary with commissioners meetings. The court is making it a practice to get minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

One item that was brought out in the reading of the December minutes was the approval by Commissioners last month to grant all Fisher County employees a 7 percent cost of living raise effective January 1, 1977.

Commissioners also met with Max Lovett, representative of the architectural firm Lovett, Sellars, McSpadden

and Gober of San Angelo, to discuss the date to accept bids on the remodeling of the buildings that will be known as the Fisher County Courthouse Annex. The building to be remodeled is the old Kash Food Building on the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square.

Plans are to ask contractors to submit sealed bids before February 8th, with the contract to be awarded at the regular Commissioners Court meeting on February 14, 1977.

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JAY HENDON

## Joel Ackerman Takes New Post With Thomas Ind.

Joel Ackerman, husband of the former Mary Helen Martinez and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martinez of the Hobbs community, has accepted the position of Southwestern Regional Manager of Thomas Industries. Thomas Industries manufacturers commercial and residential lighting.

Ackerman's duties will be to coordinate both indoor and outdoor lighting schemes for major apartment complexes and residential developments. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., receiving his bachelor of business administration cum laude, and also a Big Eight Conference All-Star team selection and co-captain of the University of Missouri football team.

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## WTC Registration Begins Jan. 17

Registration will get underway at 1 p.m. on January 17 for spring semester classes at Western Texas College.

Sophomores are to register between 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 17 and evening students from 6:30-9 p.m. on Jan. 17. Freshmen will register from 8 a.m.-12 noon on Jan. 18, and registration for all students will continue through 5 p.m. on Jan. 18. Classes for day and evening students will begin on Jan. 19.

Copies of schedules for spring semester classes are available from the office of the registrar.

## Jamie Walker Shows The Top County Market Hog

The Fisher County Jr. Livestock Show held Saturday, January 8, at the Fair Grounds in Roby was a big success, according to Richard Spencer, county extension agent.

A total of 104 market hogs, 49 market lambs, 12 beef heifers, and 52 market steers was shown. The judge for the show was Richard Smith, Hermligh Vo-Ag teacher.

The grand champion market hog was shown by Jamie

Walker of Longworth. Jamie and his brother Keith were the owners of the market hogs that competed for grand champions. Jamie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Walker. The

Reserve Champion was shown by Todd Goodwin of Rotan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Goodwin. The grand champion was a 240 pound crossbred. The reserve champion was a 243

## Letter Being Mailed Diapause Non-Signers

The Diapause forms are still in the seven Fisher County gins and will remain there until January 20, according to Committee Chairman Stanley Nowlin. "For the convenience of those who have not had an opportunity to go by the gin, forms are being mailed that can be signed and returned" said Nowlin.

Nowlin would like to have mailed forms returned by January 20.

These forms are being mailed to all cotton producers who have not signed a form at a gin.

If anyone does not receive a form and has not signed one, please contact one of the committee members or the County Agent. Some farmers will receive these forms even though they have

not planted cotton in the last couple of years because the records show that they have planted cotton in the past, stated Nowlin.

The committee is asking for the support of all land owners and producers in Fisher County.

## Bud Wyatt Head Of Roby Choir Group

The Roby High School Choir students elected officers January 4.

The officers are: Bud Wyatt, president; Lupe Casas, vice president; Patricia Toole, secretary; Deborah Holcomb, reporter; Cindy Morgeson and Nora Luna, librarians.

## Henry Soliz Gets Degree At Angelo State

Henry Soliz of Rotan was one among 180 Angelo State University students who completed degree requirements at the conclusion of the fall 1976 semester.

Soliz completed work on a bachelor of science degree.

Of the 180 graduates, 16 were awarded masters degrees, 46 bachelors of arts, 40 bachelors of business administration and 78 bachelors of science.

Diplomas will be mailed to students after they are received from the engraver.



LANCE EUGENE HUDNALL WAS THE FIRST BABY BORN IN FISHER COUNTY FOR 1977. THE FIVE LB. ELEVEN OUNCE BOY BORN JANUARY 5, IS THE SON OF SUZANNE AND DAVID HUDNALL. HE IS THE GRANDSON OF MR. AND MRS. EUGENE HUDNALL OF ROTAN AND MR. AND MRS. J.B. COTTEN OF LUBBOCK.

**Commissioners**  
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The 1977 holiday list was approved by Commissioners. The Fisher County Courthouse will close on the following dates for holidays: December 31, 1976, New Years; April 8, 1977, Good Friday; May 30, 1977, Memorial Day; July 4, 1977, Independence Day; Sept. 5, 1977, Labor Day; October 24, 1977, Veterans Day; November 24 and 25, 1977, Thanksgiving Day; and Dec. 26 and 27, 1977, Christmas Day.

F&M Chevrolet-Buick of Rotan was awarded the bid on a 1977 Chevrolet Impala for the Fisher County Sheriff's Department with a net difference bid of \$3,400. The only other bidder was Rotan Motor Company with a bid (net difference) of \$3,650.00.

Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts reported to the Commissioners that according to the new standards for jails set up by the State of Texas, the Fisher County Jail does not comply. Counts said, "our jail is not up to standards."

Counts indicated that cells must have a minimum of 40 sq. ft. of unobstructed area—the current cells are approximately 28 sq. ft. He also said that the new standards dictate that jails will have a day room, library, sun area for prisoners and an exercise area. Commissioners are to study the future plans for the jail with Counts at a later date.

The final item of business was a motion to purchase 2 shot guns and 1 rifle for the Fisher County Sheriff's Department to be used in the department vehicles. The action came after a request was made by Sheriff Counts for the weapons.

**Card of Thanks**

There are not enough words to thank everyone who has been so kind to us after our house burned. Thanks again for everything. Also, we wish to thank the Roby Volunteer Fire Dept. for trying so hard to save our home.

Wayne and Bert Warren

**Card of Thanks**

I want to thank the doctors, all the nurses, and the staff of the hospital, for their care for me. Bro. Thomas, Effie, Phil and Lori and all my Christian friends for their prayers, flowers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. I love you all.

Thelma Keener

**Card of Thanks**

The Rotan Primary School would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every room parent that helped make the Christmas party a success.

We appreciate your time and concern.

John Harbison, Principal

**Roby Commission**  
**Continued From Page 1**

Commissioners that the county would pave a road leading from the main highway to the Roby Cemetery, if the City of Roby would pay for the paving of a small portion of the road that lies within the actual cemetery boundaries. Price relayed this information from the Commissioners to the Roby Commission. After discussion it was decided that the City of Roby did not have any money to spend on paving at this time. "We would be happy to pave the area if we had the money", said Mayor Cecil King, "but unfortunately, the City doesn't have the funds right now."

**Mrs. O. Campbell**  
**Has Holiday**  
**Travel Guest**

Mrs. Orah Campbell joined Mr. and Mrs. Tom Levens, of Abilene, to share the holiday season with the rest of her children. They went to Yuma, Arizona to visit Mr. and Mrs. Truman Vittitow until Christmas morning. They went to her granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Etensohn home in El Cajon, Calif. and remained with them until January 2. They spent one of their day outing at Knotts Berry Farm in Anaheim and enjoyed New Years day at the Rose Parade in Pasadena. They returned to Texas via Yuma to spend two days more with the Vittitows.

**Notice**

The Roby Board of Education makes the following response to questions asked concerning the upcoming election to consolidate the Hamlin and McCaulley Independent School Districts:

Should the voters of Hamlin and McCaulley Independent School Districts vote for consolidation the Roby Board of Education will accept all property owners request who desire to annex their property to the Roby Independent School District. Any such action must comply with the laws that requires that the property involved be in single tracts or blocks of land owned by several persons, be continuous to or adjoining the district to which it is annexed.

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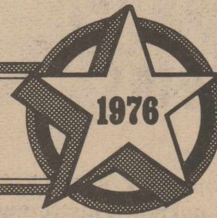
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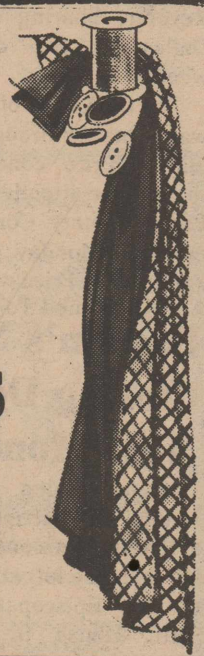
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## Rotan Board Seeks To Decrease Utility Bill

Members of the Rotan School Board voted to hold joint elections with the City of Rotan, Water Board and Fisher County Hospital Board at their meeting last Monday night.

According to Superintendent Tom Harkey, "In hopes of eliminating some of the confusion that existed last

year, the board felt it proper to hold a joint election", said Harkey. "We also hope it will encourage participation from voters", added Harkey.

In other action the Rotan School Board voted to accept a proposal by Johnson Controls Inc., of Lubbock, for up-grading the heating and cooling systems in the high

school building.

"There has not been any scheduled maintenance on the systems by competent people since the building was built", said Harkey. "We hope that by scheduling some preventative maintenance, we will eliminate an extremely costly repair bill in the future. The system is still basically in good working order and with continued maintenance we will hopefully eliminate those large repair bills in years to come", said Harkey.

The cost of getting the system in top working order is not to exceed \$4,500.00. The board, in a separate motion, also agreed to employ Johnson Control personnel on an hourly basis (\$21.00) plus .21 cents a mile and \$20.00 a day expenses to perform semi-annual maintenance repairs and inspections.

"We know that we are using more energy now than

we would with a properly functioning system", said Harkey. He hopes to cut the gas and electric bills that have doubled in the last year, whenever the system is repaired and working at 100 percent efficiency.

In other action Harkey informed the board of the education bills pending and scheduled for action by the legislature. He outlined the bills and the possible effects they would have on the Rotan School District.

The board also discussed the consolidation vote scheduled for Saturday, January 15, between the Hamlin and McCaulley schools.

In final action the board discussed the contracts of Superintendent Tom Harkey and Principals Neil Wright, Marshall Hill and John Harbison. Football coach, Don Mullins' contract was also reviewed. Action on the contracts will be taken at the February board meeting.

## Vester Smith New Farm Bureau Director

A Gaines County farmer is now serving on the board of directors of the 195,571-member Texas Farm Bureau.

He is Vester Smith of Loop who grows cotton, milo and peanuts on 2,700 acres. He owns 700 acres and rents the remainder. He also owns a cotton gin with nine other men.

The new board member from TFB's District 6 succeeds Bill R. Reid of Lamesa who was ineligible for re-election due to the six-year limitation in TFB's by-laws. Smith was elected at the recent TFB convention in Fort Worth.

Born at Quemado on the South Texas border, Smith graduated from Loop High School in 1952 and attended a business college in Lubbock.

He was president of the Gaines County Farm Bureau in 1971-72, and has served as secretary-treasurer for the past four years. He was a member of the first TFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee.

Smith also served one year as chairman of the TFB Cotton Advisory Committee and on the American Farm Bureau Federation Cotton Committee.

A member of the Church of Christ, he is married to the former Irene Burnett and they have four children: Mrs. Brenda Ables, Timmy, Dane and Michelle.

Counties in TFB's District 6 include: Coke, Concho, Culberson, Dawson, El Paso, Fisher, Gaines, Howard, Hudspeth, Martin, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reeves, Scurry and Tom Green.

## Shelley Boyd Is Top Scorer For Roby "B"

The Roby JV girls basketball team entered the Jayton JV tourney over the weekend and came out with two losses. The girls were missing a couple of starters and this really slowed down the offense.

In the first round game Roby lost to Jayton by the score of 30-23. Leading the scoring for Roby was Shelley Boyd with 15 points, followed by Michelle Cox 4 points, Sue Hall 2 points and Jackie Shipp 2 points.

In second round action Roby lost to Roscoe by the score of 32-25. Leading the scoring for Roby was Shelley Boyd with 13 points, Jackie Shipp 7 points, Michelle Cox 2 points, Donna Hataway

and Sue Hall 1 point each.

During the tournament strong defensive performances were turned in by Donna Hataway, Sylvia Gaona, Kathy Deaton, Jan Wright, Vickey Shipp and Linda Hoodenpyle.

## Roby Demolishes Hermleigh 89-15

The Roby girls traveled to Hermleigh last Friday and came out on top by 89-15. Leading the scoring for Roby was Cheryl Terry with 28 points, followed by Penny Coker with 26 points, Cindy King 19 points, Susan

Matthies 9 points and Shelley Boyd 9 points.

Fine defensive performances were turned in by Rhonda Welch, Tina Horton, Kim Faught, Lois Ann Cauble and Sylvia Gaona.

## Proposed F.M. Hwy. 3339 In County Ok'd

State Department of Highways and Public Transportation officials announced today that the location and design of proposed F.M. Highway 3339 in Fisher County has been approved by the Austin Office.

The proposed project will begin at F.M. Highway 92, approximately 2.1 miles west of F.M. Highway 540, and proceed in a southeasterly direction for approximately 5.1 miles, terminating at F.M. Highway 2142. The proposed route will follow existing county roads except at two curves, and will have an asphalt surface 20 feet wide. The proposed right-of-way width is 100 feet.

A public meeting was held

September 28, 1976, in Hamlin to inform the public of the project and to seek public input into the project.

The opportunity for a formal public hearing was given, but since there was no request by the public to hold one, approval was granted for continuing the project.

Roger Welsch, District Engineer for the Abilene District, stated, "With this approval, work can now be started on plan development and right-of-way purchases. Right-of-way for the project will be purchased by Fisher County." Welsch stated, "At this point we are unable to determine the length of time right-of-way purchases and plan development will take. Our most optimistic estimate of contract date is June, 1977."

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## Roby Board Names Palmer Committee Head

The Roby School Board voted to purchase insurance on the Roby Gym, appoint J.T. Palmer as the head of the committee to seek residents to run for the school board and discussed the Hamlin-McCaulley school district consolidation at their meeting last Monday.

The board accepted the low bid of \$2,713.00 from Roby Insurance Agency for \$100,000 coverage on the gym for a three year period. The only other bid was from Deaton Insurance Agency for \$3,325.00.

The board voted to award the liability insurance on the school buses to the Deaton

Agency.

J.T. Palmer will head the committee to secure Roby Independent School district residents to allow their names to be placed on the ballot for school trustees.

The board approved the first Saturday in April (April 2) as the date of the trustee election. Rose Moore was

named by the board as the election judge with clerks to be Inez Neves, Lois Terry and Juanita Gaona. D.L. Lovett will be asked to serve as the absentee judge.

In final action the board discussed the consolidation election set for Saturday, January 15, between the Hamlin and McCaulley School districts. Should the vote for consolidation receive voter approval, the board issued the following statement concerning annexation.

"Should the voters of Hamlin and McCaulley Independent School Districts vote for consolidation, the Roby Board of Education will accept all property owners request who desire to annex their property to the Roby Independent School District. Any such action must comply with the laws that requires that the property involved be in single tracts or blocks of land owned by several persons, be continuous to or adjoining the district to which it is annexed".



ROTAN VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

## DAR Honors 1976-77 Good Citizens Here

The annual DAR Good Citizen contest is a nationwide program of the National Society of Daughters of the Revolution implemented through the local chapters. It is open to students in the senior class of an accredited public high school. DAR Good Citizens of three of the schools of Fisher County are being announced by Anne Pettus Shelburne Chapter of Rotan. Mrs. Bobby Gruben is chapter chairman.

DAR Good Citizens are chosen for qualities of Dependability—which includes truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality; Service cooperation, courtesy, consideration of others; Leadership—personality, self control, ability to assume responsibility; and Patriotism—unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation. Entries must be citizens of the United States who finish school in the second semester.

Recommended method of selection is to have the senior class choose three students and from the three the faculty chooses one who becomes the school's Good Citizen. The name is submitted by the sponsoring chapter chairman to the state chairman. Each State winner receives a \$100.00 Savings Bond, Series E, and the right to compete at the national level. The National DAR Good Citizen each year receives an engraved Paul Revere Silver Bowl and a \$100.00 Scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

department. After graduation she plans to attend San Angelo State University.

Dianna DeLosSantos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeLosSantos, is the DAR Good Citizen from Roby High School. She, too, is active in school, church and community. She has a special love and interest in music. Dianna has been a member of the Roby Band for eight years and has served as band president and sweetheart. She has also served as choir president and has been listed in Who's Who in American Music. Her future plans include two years of college and a career as a secretary or accountant.

Dee Ann Weathersbee, Rotan High School's DAR Good Citizen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac

Weathersbee. Dee Ann has maintained a high grade point average during her school career. She is in the 'Top Five' scholastically in her class. She has also been active in her church serving in the Youth Choir, Youth Council, the Nominating and Budgeting Committees and as a Bible School leader. Her special interests are sewing and music. Following high school graduation, Dee Ann plans to attend Baylor University in preparation for a career in teaching.

Members of Anne Pettus Shelburne Chapter are proud to honor these good citizens from the high schools of Fisher County, and to participate in this program sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



BERTHA MIRANDA AND DIANNA DELOSSANTOS

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales Begin Today

January 12 and 13th are the dates set for the 1977 Cookie Training luncheons for the West Texas Girl Scout Council.

George S. Barron, Jr., representative of the Famous Foods of Virginia; Richmond, Virginia will host two luncheons for adults who will be responsible for conducting the Cookie Sale in the four areas of the Council.

The Service Unit Chairman and Cookie Chairman of each town have the choice of attending one of two luncheons to receive sales information and selling aids for each of their troops:

Wednesday, Jan. 12, Cokers Restaurant, 309 Benton, Big Spring.

Thursday, Jan. 13, Jamaica Inn, 3161 S. 23rd, Abilene.

## National Gypsum Wins An Appeal

The Federal Appeals Court, Philadelphia, Pa., reversed a jury verdict handed down in Pittsburg in July, 1975, that found National Gypsum Company, its former chief executive officer, a former divisional vice president, and others guilty of violating the antitrust law. The appeal panel found that errors had been committed by the judge during the course of the trial which were significant enough to cause the jury's verdict to be overturned. The Court ordered the case remanded for a new trial.

## Social Security People Will Earn More In 1977

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting this year, according to M.Glyn Hammons, social security district manager in Abilene.

"In 1977 people can earn as much as \$3,000 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit", Hammons said. "The yearly earnings limit for 1976 was \$2,760. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages."

For earnings over \$3,000

in 1977, social security benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned. "But no matter how much people earn for the year," Hammons said, "they can get their full social security benefit for any month in which they neither earn over \$250 nor do substantial work in their own business." The \$976 monthly earnings limit was \$230.

Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefits. "And people 72 and over will continue to

get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings," Hammons noted.

People who earn over \$2,760 and get benefits in 1976 must send a report on 1976 earnings to social security by April 15, 1977.

The social security tax rate remains the same in 1977--5.85 percent of covered

wages paid by employees and employers; 7.9 percent of covered self-employed income.

The earnings and contributions base—the amount on which social security contributions are made—will be the first \$16,500 of covered earnings for the year starting in January. The 1976 base was \$15,300.

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### DEAR 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:  
As a senior at McCaulley High School, I would like to give my point of view on the proposed consolidation of our school.

I have lived in McCaulley all of my life, and for the most part of this time my mother was a teacher at the school. Ever since I was old enough to be dragged around I have gone to all school functions, and I know how important our school has been to a number of kids.

Here the teachers are on a more personal basis with their students and can, therefore, give them more help. I also want to add that even though few of our teachers actually live in McCaulley, they are all a working part of our community and attend and work with many outside activities in our community. I also would like each person who is for consolidation to visit our school one day for a short time to see all the work our faculty and students have put into our school and the pride they have in what they have accomplished.

On a more personal basis, I think that closing down this little school would seriously affect the pride and success our school has had in the last few years in building up both our school and our community. Even though as a senior the proposed consolidation wouldn't affect me personally, it would affect a lot of my friends, and I would lose a lot of fond memories I have stored up over the years.

Max Kemp

Dear Editor:

Please renew my subscription for 1977. I would ride a buffalo ten miles for the Advance.

You'll find enclosed my Cayce Realty Co. check. If there is any change left over you may take your wife out for a hamburger. If it's not enough, bill me.

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P.S. Be sure it's your wife.

Dear Editor:

I am an eighth grader at McCaulley Independent School District, and I would like to express my opinion of the consolidation between McCaulley and Hamlin.

I think McCaulley has an excellent administration and I also think it is as good as any school in Texas. My teacher graduated from McCaulley and is one of the best teachers I have had. Many educated people have graduated from McCaulley and have gone to college and received degrees. In my opinion I think you could take any two children from McCaulley and match with any two from another school and ours would be just as smart or smarter. I love McCaulley and hope to stay

here with your help.

Sincerely yours,  
Britt Jeffrey

Dear Editor:

I don't think McCaulley Schools should be consolidated with Hamlin or any other public schools. McCaulley is small so the teachers can help you if the need be. I have always gone to a bigger school and I feel like you have a better opportunity to learn in a small school.

I feel like consolidation is or would be depriving the students of both McCaulley and Hamlin Schools of getting the utmost in their education and schooling.

Michael Vinson,  
Freshman, McCaulley High School

Dear Sir:

Please excuse me for not mailing in my check for the paper. I have had so much company it just slipped my mind. I don't want to miss one issue. Thanks,

Gracie J. Tankersley

#### LETTER TO EDITOR

Christmas In Iran--1976

We are wishing you a very special Merry Christmas from our home to yours. We hope you had a very good old year and that the New Year will bring much joy and happiness. God be with each

Iranian roads will convince anyone that the true origin of Kamikazi is, in fact, Iran. (They don't drive--they just make the vehicle and go; even the female-libers make way for the male chauvinist drivers.)

Iran is truly beautiful. Apart from one's thoughts of Iran being all desert, our front windows face the mountains north of Tehran which are currently dressed in lovely white snow. Don't let this fool you however, because we did experience an average 105-109 degree summer. Tehran can best be described as an oasis in the desert. Green grass and trees are in everyone's yard, yet just outside the city limits every piece of land is dirt, sand and dried up vegetation. Housing is plentiful, but quite expensive. We pay approximately \$1,000.00 monthly, plus utilities. We live in a five bedroom, living room, dining room, two bathroom, single kitchen, second floor apartment. The rear balcony has a stairwell to the yard and swimming pool, which we share with our downstairs landlord. We live in a typical unit

Americans rent, and apart from what the rent appears to you, it is rather average in comparison to what the other Americans pay. Most homes in Iran, and especially in Tehran, are surrounded by 5-8 foot high walls, so those who are fearful to venture outside their walls are virtually lost as you never learn who is on the outside.

The Iranians are either rich or poor. A middle class is non-existent. For the most part, the Iranians are very friendly and helpful. Our landlord and their children have been life-savers since this is the first foreign country where neither us speak the language. We have, however, been able to get by a little on our Turkish language. The Iranians all want to learn the English language and visit the United States (so do we), so they do make attempts to speak to the Americans. Of course, the terrorist situations here have caused most Americans to be extremely cautious as to who they socialize with.

Since there is no military base, per se, the children attend the Tehran-American School and seem to enjoy it very much. Shaun has been extremely active in youth sports activities (scoring his first touchdown in football this year) but he is still not academically interested. Natalie, on the other hand, is apparently going to be the

for the kids since I do not drive yet awaiting the arrival of our car from Japan. We're currently renting an Iranian make vehicle, called Peykan. It's a pretty inexpensively made vehicle which Jim refers to as his "rent-a-wreck". I'm having quite a vacation while Jim drives the kids around. I'm sure he'll be quite happy when our car does arrive and I can share in the driving chores.

Doing Christmas shopping in Iran is really a hassle. The shops open at 9:00 and you just seem to get out there, find the right store and begin shopping your heart out, wracking your brain trying to call on your two or three words of Persian language, when BAM, it's 1:00 and all the stores close. They open again at 4:00 and stay open till about 7:00 in the evening. They must do their siesta during the interim periods. We do have television here and the programs are not half bad. We have an

international channel, so we get the news in English, German or French, depending on who the announcer is for the evening. The Iranian stations have some programs with the English language sound track on one of the FM radio stations. They do not have color television here, and after being in Japan where the color was really the best in the world, it sort of takes out the pleasure of TV. Then there is the aggravation of the 8-story apartment building next door to us blocking out what reception we do receive. After several trips to the top of the apartment building (eight flights of stairs), and two TV antennas later, we do have fair reception.

With all the aggravation of getting to and from, the traffic snarls, the language barrier, etc., we really are enjoying Iran. Jim loves his work here and travels TDY once every 5 or 6 weeks to other areas. I work two days a week for Max Factor at the U.S. Embassy Co-op; it's really different and quite an experience.

This year we will not be celebrating New Year's Eve, as it is the holiest day of mourning in Iran (Muslim religion). There can be no parties, music or loud noise, in respect for their religion. So we will probably welcome the new year in one the 29th. If you are celebrating the

is about it for this been an interesting s thus far, and we wait to see what's try to keep busy weekends in the the week sure help the time fly. We all have a very Christmas and a most blessed New Year.

Fondest regards,

Jim, Shirley and kids  
EDITORS NOTE: The above letter was received from Jim and Shirley Stout. Mrs. Stout is the granddaughter of the late Emory Keener.

### Meditations

Rotan Ministerial Alliance  
Cecil M. Tune, pastor  
First Methodist Church

"I AM RESOLVED..." said a Biblical character whose exploits are recorded in Luke 16, and hereby sets for us at this time of year, an idea which has taken considerable ridicule in this modern day, mostly because it has become so ineffective. But whatever we may say for or against it, this time of year still brings us face to face with it, and any possible implications it may offer. Our character in this story needed some devious way of getting himself out of the jam he was in, so he purposed, and carried out, a scheme which saved him from disgrace. This, of course, must not be our reason for making New Years resolutions, but for the good of our Lord and His Kingdom. Three things need to be considered to make this function desirable and useful:

A CONSTANT RESOLVE is always of great value, especially when applied to our lives lived in His Grace. Many people have allowed New Years resolutions to become laughing stocks, because nobody, now, seems to expect them to be kept--only broken. Of course, as long as we are imperfect creatures, (and we always will be), then our good resolves will, at times, suffer defeat. BUT, the grace of God leads to forgiveness, and a new start--whatever the time of year--is in order. So, defeat must always be only temporary! Some of the greatest Apostles of the Christian Faith have been men of stumbling, such as St. Peter, but when he final chapter is written, they emerge shining with Heavenly Glory. Then:

This Resolve will be FOR BETTERMENT. "Practice makes perfect" is a trite statement of our day, but it is still worthy of consideration; the more we follow God's

discouraged lady with a bad temper, ready to give up, until he showed her the alternative, and she, very wisely, felt the need for "keeping on", thereby finding a real victory. Stronger each day we grow as long as the strength we use is the "right"! AND

SPIRITUAL POWER will then be ours to do the things we need to do for God's Work: teaching Sunday School class, leading another portion of the Church in its organizational form, witnessing to others of our Faith in Christ, or any other task which we may feel compelled to do. SO

NEAR YEARS RESOLUTIONS ARE FINE, but they must be lived day by day in the strength of His Might! This we not only can do, but MUST!

### Texas Tech To Hold Spring Registration

Registration for the Spring semester at Texas Tech University will be reduced to two days, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14.

It will be conducted in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. D.N. Peterson, interim director of Admissions and Records and Registrar, has asked all academic departments to increase the number of faculty sectionizers necessary to handle the work load, which was previously spread over three days.

Late registration will be conducted the following week from departmental offices and the office of the Registrar, Peterson said.

There still is student housing available in most of the residence halls, said Bill Haynes, manager of Residence Halls Operation.

### Rotan Girls Drop Big Game to Crowell Team

A disastrous first quarter that only produced 5 points resulted in the Rotan girls varsity team losing to Crowell 59-45 last Friday night.

"Our guards just weren't adjusting to their fast break in the first quarter", said Coach Sonny Barnes.

Scoring by quarters saw Rotan get 5, 15, 12, and 13 for a 45 total. While Crowell had 16, 15, 14 and 14 for a total of 59 points.

"As the scoring by quarters shows, Rotan stayed right with the team that leads all others for the district championship for the final three quarters", said Barnes.

Ginger Duke scored 22 points, Jamie Strickland 13, Blanch Gentry and Charee Smith 4 each, and Susie McKinney 2 points in the contest.

Defensively Cheryl Jones, Jill Hill and Sonya Levertton each had 14 ball advances. Melody Walker had 2 advances and 1 rebound while Jamie Strickland was credited with 2 assists.

In the junior varsity contest Rotan increased their record to 12-3 by defeating Crowell 32 to 19.

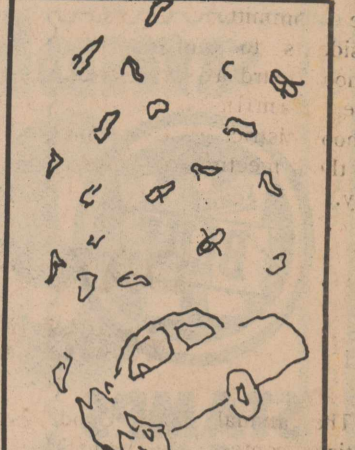
Cindy Weathersbee had 13

### Savings Bond Report Given

October sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Fisher county were reported recently. Sales for the nine-month period totaled \$47,187 for 79 percent of the 1976 sales goal of \$60,000.

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points, Donna Smith 12 and Cindy Williams 7 points. Tina McCombs had 6 steals, Remona Pearson 11 rebounds and Patti Williams 10 ball advances.



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### Rotan Girls Squeak By Munday, JV's Lose

The Rotan varsity girls got by Munday 38-37 on January 4th after trailing for three and one-half quarters. The forwards only managed 15 of 51 shots in the game.

Ginger Duke and Charee Smith tied for high point individual player when each tallied 10 points. Susie McKinney had 6 points, Blanch Gentry had 4 and Caroly Byrd 2 points.

Sonya Levertton had 20 ball advances while Melody Walker had 4 and Jill Hill 6. In the Junior Varsity game

Munday outscored Rotan 44 to 42 to hand the Rotan girls their third defeat of the year. Cindy Weathersbee and C. Jones each had 12 points with Regina Pearson collecting 2 points. The high scorer for the game was Cindy Williams with 17 points.

Renee Underwood had 5 ball advances; Carmen Sparks had 2 steals; Tina McCombs had 9 advances and Remona Pearson had 16 advances.

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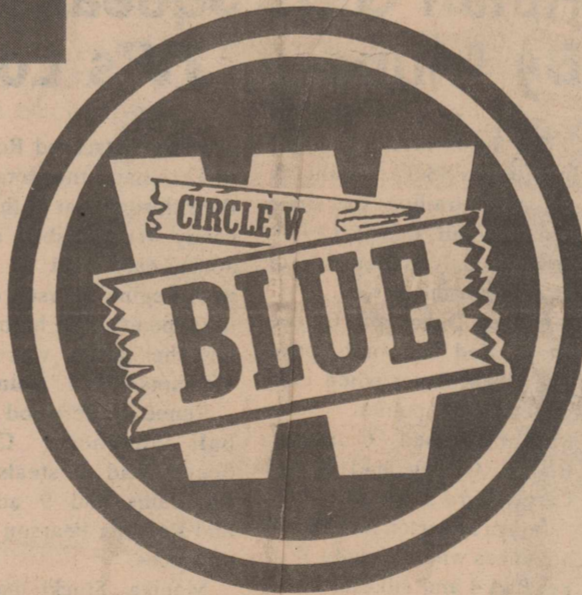
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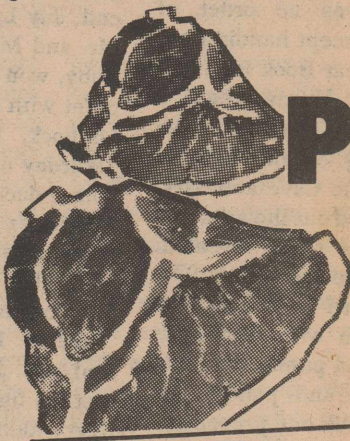
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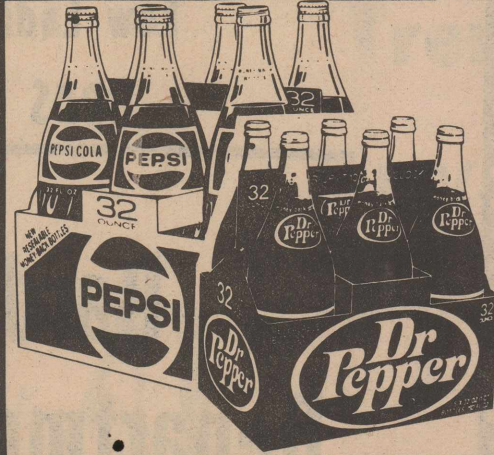
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Proposals will, at said time, be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment and performing all work, including the mechanical and electrical work, required for the completion of this project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Lovett, Sellars, McSpedden and Gover, Architects, San Angelo, Texas.

Any bid received after the above fixed time of receiving bids will be returned unopened.

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed proposal form which is included in the Specifications for this project. The Bidder must supply all the information required by such proposal form and comply with the requirements of the plans and specifications.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's or Certified Check on a bank satisfactory to the Owner, payable to or endorsed, without recourse to Fisher County, Texas, in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid price, for submit a Proposal Bond in the same amount from a reliable Surety Company satisfactory to Fisher County, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid and the award of the Contract to him. Bids without Check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. The checks and proposal bonds of unsuccessful bidders will be returned.

The successful bidder on the project will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the Contract, written by a responsible surety company to the Commissioners' Court, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S. Attention is directed to Article 5159a, V.A.T.C.S., which requires that not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality where the work is performed shall be paid all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in the construction of public works.

Two sets of plans and specifications may be obtained by bonafide prime bidders, upon deposit of \$25.00 for each set, at the office of the Architect, Lovett, Sellars, McSpedden and Gover, 618 South Abe, San Angelo, Texas 76901. All deposits will be refunded upon the return of plans and specifications promptly and in good condition. Additional plans and specifications may be obtained upon payment of the cost of reproduction. No sets or partial sets will be issued to sub-bidders or materials suppliers.

Plans and specifications will be placed in appropriate plan rooms for the use of sub-contractors and material suppliers.

Bidders should carefully examine the plans, specifications and other documents, visit the site of the work and fully inform themselves as to all conditions and matters which can in any way affect the work or the costs thereof. Should a bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from, the plans, specifications or other documents, or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he should at once notify the Architect and obtain clarification prior to submitting any bid. No bid

may be withdrawn for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

All prices must be stated in both script and figures. The County intends to enter into a Contract with the lowest responsible Bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the price in the bids, the County reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid.

The Contractor will be required to comply with the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act and should acquaint himself with these provisions before submitting a bid on this project. The Contractor must furnish the Certificate of Compliance with the Davis Bacon Act on the appropriate form with the Contract Documents.

Dwight Lovett  
County Judge  
for The Commissioners  
Court,  
Fisher County, Texas  
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### Coffee Given For Mrs. Warner

Mrs. Buck T. Hughs hosted a coffee December 22, for her houseguest, Mrs. L.G. Warner. Guests were teachers and other personnel of the Roby Schools who had been associated with Mrs. Warner while she was a teacher in the schools. Mrs. Oddis Brown assisted with the refreshments. Others attending were Mmes. J.B. Hughey, Herbert McHaney, Dwight Lovett, Wayne Pursley.



JAMIE WALKER WITH GRAND CHAMPION HOG

### West Texas Girl Scout Meeting Set

The West Texas Girl Scout Council Annual Meeting will be held at Abilene Christian University on Monday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Main Dining Room of the Campus Center.

Mrs. J.B. Cooper, Jr., of Roscoe, Council President, will preside at the business meeting and the program will be presented by Girl Scouts who have participated in Wider Opportunities the past two summers. There will be a slide show presentation of the events and a display of scrapbooks, pictures and mementos. Mrs. Morgan Knapp, Abilene, Program Services Chairman, will introduce each girl by the special opportunity attended: Beck Thatcher Beckons, Hanibal, Mo.; Dig Mankind, Tensleep, Wyoming; Earth 'N Us, II, Bryn Wawr College, Penn.; Our Cabana, Cuernavaca, Mexico; West Texas-Rockwood Bicentennial Tour, Washington, D.C.;

and Climb and Canoe a Mile High, Denver, Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park.

A slate of nominees for the board of directors and nominating committee will be presented by Mrs. Jimmy Smith, Roscoe.

Voting delegates from Roby are Mrs. Roy Mize and Mrs. Jake Morgan, S.U. Chairman.

Special decorations will feature troop flags designed by over 200 of the council troops. Winning designs for the Camp Boothe Oaks 1977 Silver Anniversary patch and a new Camp Boothe Oaks patch for 1978 will be awarded full camperships to summer camp, 1977.

Special guests will be husbands, wives, friends and Senior Girl Scouts from all over the 16 counties of the West Texas Council.

Reservations (\$4.00 per person) are due at the West Texas Girl Scout Council, P.O. Box 5586, Abilene, Tex. 79605, on January 17.

### Hobbs HDC Has Monthly Meet

The Hobbs Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Walter Byrd December 16 with the traditional Christmas tree and the exchange of gifts.

There was no order of business except handing out the new Year Book for 1977. Mrs. Bill Hardy read a Christmas Story and the group sang "Silent Night".

Mrs. Dale Cave and Mrs. Byrd passed out the gifts and secret pals were revealed. Names were drawn for 1977.

Mrs. Byrd invited all to a table laden with Christmas goodies and punch. She had handmade and painted favors for each one present.

Those attending were Mmes. James Nettleton, Dale Cave, Turner Houghton, Clarence Anderson, J.P. Phillips, Bill Hardy, Fred Martinez, James Lay, and Connie Tutt.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clarence Anderson January 13, at 2:30 p.m.

### Buzz Bugs Hold Meeting

The Buzz Bugs Club met Jan. 5 in the Rotan Community Center.

Games of 42 and dominoes and refreshments were enjoyed by Lelia Nash, Mamie Crow, Lena Feagan, Gaynell Henry, Velma Wallace and Joe Henry.

The members meet on each Wednesday from 1:30 until 4 p.m. and visitors are welcome.

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### Roby Boxing Team Travels To Seminole

The Roby boxing team went to Seminole to a golden glove tournament last weekend. Jay Lynn Helm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Helm of Roby, won his match Friday night with Robert Chaney of Lubbock, then came back Saturday night and lost by a split decision to Junior Rodriguez of Rankin, for the championship. Helm also won the outstanding Pee Wee boxing award.

Stevy Rivas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rivas of Roby, lost his fight Friday night to Terry Raines of Seminole.

Joe Carreon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carreon, lost his fight Friday night to Ricky Rubio of Pecos.

James Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terry, lost his fight Friday night to Gilbert Costello of Lubbock.

Albert Castaneda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Castaneda, drew a bye Friday night and won the championship over Eddy Templeton of Rankin Saturday night.

Curtis Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Helm, also drew a bye Friday night and came back Saturday night and lost by a split

decision to Wayne McKenzie of Rankin for the championship.

The team expressed their thanks to Leon Helm for the

\$100.00 donation, it was greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in boxing can contact Johnny Claxton at 776-2768 in Roby.

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### A Tax Comparison Of Real Property In Hamlin IDS Vs McCaulley IDS

Below is an example of the higher taxes to be paid in Hamlin Independent School District based on a \$10,000. value of taxable property in each district.

Example: If a property owner has a parcel of taxable property valued at \$10,000., a comparison of taxes to be paid in each district.

|           | % Assessment of Total Taxable Value | Tax Rate Per \$100 Value. | Total Taxes to be Paid Per \$1,000. Value |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| HAMLIN    | 85%                                 | \$1.33                    | \$113.50                                  |
| MCCAULLEY | 60%                                 | \$1.40                    | 84.00                                     |

Note: A TAXPAYER WILL PAY 35% MORE TAXES

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# Cherished Awards Given At Football Band Banquet

Rotan football players and band members held their annual Football-Band Banquet last Saturday night at the Rotan cafeteria. The theme of the annual event was centered around a "Winter In Hammerland" as blue and white winter decorations accented the banquet. Mother Nature added her own realistic touch about 2 hours before the banquet as icy weather and snows moved through Rotan.

The night was filled with highlights as Head Coach Don Mullins presented awards to players and Band Director Kelly Glaze recognized their achievements and awards.

The evening began with Mullins remembering Bill Gladson who recently passed away. He had been a 7-year volunteer that took movies of each season game. The players and band members stood as all observed a moment of silence for Gladson.

The first award of the night was presented to Paul Hinson as he was named to receive the defensive down lineman award. Donny Mullins took the cornerback award with John Cox taking the defensive secondary award and Ray Weathersbee capturing the linebacker award.

The Back of the Year award went to John Cox. Mullins said Cox graded a 75 for the year.

Robert Posey made the first of two trips to the head table to pick up awards as he was named the Lineman of the Year with a grade of 71. Posey was also tapped to get the "Most Improved Player" award. He is only a sophomore and according to Mullins will be a valuable asset in the next two years.

In addition to John Cox getting the Defensive Secondary and Back of the Year award, he was named to receive the coveted "Hammer Spirit Award".

Wes Morrow and Jerry Carr joined John Cox to make up the trio of team captains for the 1976 season. This award is traditionally presented at the end of the season.

Football players voted Patti Weathersbee as the football sweetheart.

Band Director Glaze expressed his appreciation to the majorettes, twirlers and senior band members for their efforts during the first half of the 1976-77 year.

Judy Weatherman was named to receive the Most Improved Marching Yellow-hammer award.

Wes Morrow, who ended the season with his leg and arm in a cast, was voted by the band members as the Football Hero.

Band member Mary Lynn Crawford was named the Band Sweetheart.

Glaze honored the senior band members by introduc-

ing each one and expressed his appreciation to Lee Scott Smith, Rotan Band President.

Donna Smith and Patti

Williams presented the senior cheerleaders, Cindy Springer, Patti Weathersbee and Jill Hill with gifts as the evening festivities drew to a close.

## Horace Carters Make AFBF Honolulu Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Carter of Rotan along with 445 Texas Farm Bureau members from 111 counties, including a number of state Farm Bureau officials and staff members left Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport Thursday, Jan. 6, to Honolulu for an 11 day trip to Hawaii that includes attending the 47th annual AFBF meeting January 9-12.

More than 12,000 persons from across the nation were expected to attend the annual meeting where main policy issues to be resolved included farm program, taxation, international trade, Federal regulations involving agriculture and Federal spending programs.

Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka leads the 14 voting delegates from

Texas. The other 13 include the entire board of directors. Alternates are three former board members whose terms expired last month.

Horace Carter, president of the Fisher County Farm

Bureau, has been appointed by Carrol Chaloupka President of Texas Farm Bureau to serve as one of seven members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Advising Committee for 1977.

## Roby Boys Stand 4-0 In District Action

The Roby Lions ran their district record to 4-0 last Friday as they downed the Hermleigh Cardinals 45-41. Brad Stuart canned 22 points in leading all scorers. Ricky King and Steve Evers pulled down 14 rebounds each.

Roby led all the way but turned the ball over too many times to pull too far ahead. The Lions shot 30 percent for the game and that is 10 percent off their team

shooting percent average.

Earlier in the week the Lions defeated the Highland Hornets 61-41 at Highland. Brad Stuart tallied 22 points, followed by Ricky King's 16 points. Ricky Morton pulled down 16 rebounds and scored 10 points as the Lions dominated the game.

The Lions stand 14-6 on the season and 4-0 in District play. They Lions entertain Ira and Hobbs this week.



HEAD TABLE AT ROTAN BANQUET



FOOTBALL-BAND BANQUET AT ROTAN

## Belynda's Pen And Pad Roby, Texas 776-261

Well we really had a bad weekend, weatherwise, and all that sleet was sure dangerous. It got to 9 degrees here at the house and that's pretty cold.

Not too many visitors this week as the weather was so bad, nobody wanted to get out in it.

Contratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Finley on the birth of a new baby girl, born at Hamlin on Monday. Gary is the FFA teacher at Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams went to Lubbock Friday night and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Williams. They were on their way to Dalhart but decided not to go as the roads were so bad. They spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Williams again Saturday and returned home Sunday, running into bad roads almost all the way home.

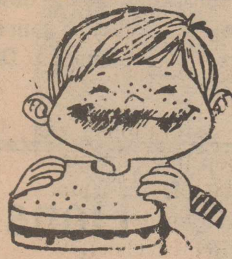
They attended a basketball tournament at Crosbyton Saturday night and Mrs. Ricky Williams' team won 1st place in the tournament. Louise's brother is very bad and they have put him back in the hospital at Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Windle Kincaid from Rotan ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid. Last Wednesday Tommy Hargrove from Iowa visited with the Kincaids. We were sorry to hear that Mrs. J.D. Kincaid's sister, Mrs. Meloda Anderson is back in the Fisher County Hospital and we hope that she will soon be feeling lots better.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge attended the Fisher Co. Livestock Show on Saturday at Roby. Both Todd and David showed sheep. Also showing from Hobbs were Jeff Anderle, Jim Ratliff, Mike McGrew, Mark Anderle and Don Denman. A large number of Hobbs folks braved the cold weather and attended the stock show. Gary Finley was in charge of the Hobbs boys and their stock.

Well this is short this week, but maybe the weather will be warmer next week, and we'll have more visitors. See you next Thursday.

## County Schools Lunch Menu



January 17-21, 1977  
Rotan

Monday: Seasoned White Beans W/Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Tomato & Lettuce Salad, Cornbread, Butter, Iced Cake Squares, Milk.

Tuesday: Barbeque on Bun, Blackeyed Peas, Orange Wedge, Buttered Rice, Cookies, Milk.

Wednesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk.

Thursday: Corndog with Mustard, Pork Beans, Potato Chips, Orange Juice, Banana Pudding, Milk.

Friday: Pinto Beans, French Fries W. Catsup, Buttered Corn, Beet Pickles, Onion Rings, Cornbread, Butter, Fruit Jello, Milk.

## Fisher County Hospital News

Patients admitted to Fisher County Hospital January 4-10, 1977.

Sarah E. Parker, Peacock; Maudie Reaves, A.D. Turner, Suzanne Hudnall, W.T. Trimble, Meloda Anderson, H.C. McKinney, Bertha Johnson, Brian Goodwin, Gloria Smith, Linda Brown, William D. Ellington, Kathy Ellington, Snyder; Nedra Smith, Jayton; Cynthia Smith, Aspermont; Milton Brown, Seagoville.

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ROTAN

Visiting in the Buck T. Hughs home during the Christmas Holidays were Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Warner, Mobile, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. George Blakely, Phil and Diane, Plano; Becky and Renee Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wright, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Buck F. Hughs, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nowlin, Mark and Dana, Rotan.

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Chris Conalson

**HATAHOE**

# Hustlin' Round Hobbs

By Mrs Jimmy Walker

Hobbs, Texas 735-2840

Looks like we may be in for some bad weather. Hope no one had any serious accidents on this slick ice.

Carl Martin is recovering at home after several days in the Fisher Co. Hospital. Jeff Simmons is still in Hendrick Hospital, Abilene, recovering from surgery he had last week. Ellen Hataway is home from Hendrick Hospital recuperating from recent surgery. Mrs. Glenda Fields has returned home after several days in Stamford Hospital. She is expected to return to work shortly. I hope all of these people continue to improve.

The Livestock Show held at the Roby Fair Grounds last Saturday attracted a tremendous crowd. There were several animals entered in each division and all the boys and girls that participated did a good job of showing their animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dennis, Julie and Brady of Cisco, Larry Dennis, DeAnn, Toby and Stacy of Rule visited with Mrs. Eva Nell Dennis over the weekend. Roy and family also visited in the home of the Tommie Jack Stuarts Saturday night.

Louise Keisling of Wall has been staying with the Albert Hataway family helping out while Ellen was in the hospital. She returned home Saturday before the bad weather got here.

Mrs. Clyde Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gann, Randy and Dee Dee have recently returned from a week's visit to Arizona and California. In Yuma they visited with Mike and Ronda Foster, then to Long Beach to visit Benny Hull and family and Betty McDaniels and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gann and family had dinner one day with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jarnigan and family.

Visiting recently in the Roy Herron home were Mrs. M.E. Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rollins of Carlsbad, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatchett and Christina, and Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Wilson and Jay all of Lubbock.

"To get maximum attention; its hard to beat a good, big mistake".

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Graham and family had visiting with them during the holidays their daughters Laura of Los Angeles and Charlotte of PlayaDe Rey, Calif. Another daughter, Mark and Pam Knickerbocker and a friend Robert Armond of Arcadia, Calif. are visiting this week.

Congratulations to the Roby boys and girls basketball teams for their win over Hermleigh last Friday night.

Mr. Irving [Red] Parker is recovering at home after recently being in the Fisher County Hospital.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waddell were Dr. and Mrs. Fred Waddell of Beaumont, Franklin Waddell and sons of College Station, Don Waddell of Bartlett, Kerri and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rousseau and daughters of Irving; Vera Hopper of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Billy John Waddell and Terry of Anson; John Waddell of Rotan and Margaret Bailey of Abilene.

Happy Birthday Wishes go to: Vanessa Hardwick Jan. 13, Debbie Stuart, Allan Goforth, LaVelle Terry and twin sister of Irving, LaNell Chandler, Jan. 14, Carmen Carreon Jan. 15, Dixie Whitfield, Chad Ballenger, Mrs. Willa McWhirter, Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goforth of Garland visited relatives in Roby and Hamlin over the weekend.

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood".

Drive careful over these icy highways. God Bless you, see you next week.

## Leisure Lodge News

By Imá Berry

All residents up here are doing fine, some have had colds but all seem to be feeling fine now.

I want to apologize to the Kelly Lewises. I failed to report their Christmas guests. They were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Noles, Deborah, Brenda and Beverly of Gatesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl Madden of Hamlin.

Our bingo winner last week was Mrs. Etta Hale.

We had some good domino games last week. Slick Johnson was the biggest winner in dominos.

Our sympathy to the family to Mary Brown, also, the family of Pearl Vernon.

The Geo. McBeths out of town company was Mr. Ernest Webb of McCaulley, Mrs. Elsie Newland of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Robert Martin

of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McBeth of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hicks of McCaulley and Mrs. Curtis Scifers of Hamlin. This is all our news for this week, see you next week.

## Weather

From the Record of FRED BYERLY Rotan Weather Observer

|        | Jan. 77 | Prec. | Hi | Lo |
|--------|---------|-------|----|----|
| Tue 4  | 65      |       | 34 | 34 |
| Wed 5  | 32      |       | 27 |    |
| Thur 6 | 59      |       | 22 |    |
| Fri 7  | 60      |       | 24 |    |
| Sat 8  | 44      |       | 25 |    |
| Sun 9  | .20     | .20   | 7  |    |
| Mon 10 |         | .40   | 7  |    |
| Total  |         | .20   |    |    |

Total precipitation to date: Est. Sleet and Snow...1 inch 1976.....00 1977.....20

# Funeral Service

## Clyde McKimney

Clyde McKimney, 87, long time Fisher County resident, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in Fisher County Hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church, Rotan.

The Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 29, 1889 in Hamilton County, he moved to Fisher County in 1912. He married Clara Gabel July 24, 1926 in Rotan. She died April 12, 1976. He was a Baptist

and served with the 36th Division in France and Germany in World War I. Survivors include 4 sons, Murl, Austin, Joe, and B.B., all of Rotan; 2 brothers, Jim McKinney of Carlton and Jack McKinney of Kerrville; 3 sisters, Mrs. M.P. McGrew and Mrs. Dewey Dry both of Rotan, and Mrs. Emily Lane of Stamford; 5 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott, in 1949, 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

# New Cancer Weapon Available

A new "weapon" against cancer is now available in Fisher County to provide the public with current, factual information on cancer, its prevention and early detection.

Called the Cancer Information Service, the new program utilizes a toll-free phone line (1-800-392-2040) to answer public inquiries on cancer. The service will be extended to all residents of Texas by late this year.

The CIS is part of a public educational effort sponsored by The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute with assistance from the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society and many other health agencies in Texas which provide services to cancer patients and their families.

Funded by the National Cancer Institute, the CIS functions as part of a nation-wide network.

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, the phone lines are operated by trained American Red Cross volunteers. All background material used to answer questions is reviewed by physicians to insure accuracy.

The program is designed to help create a positive sense of awareness about cancer that will encourage the public to seek physician evaluation for early detection and prompt treatment of suspected cancers.

"Important diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitation and research developments are occurring more frequently now. If people could overcome their fear of cancer many more people would seek medical help at an earlier stage--when the rate of successful treatment is much greater," said Dr. R. Lee Clark, president of M.D. Anderson.

In addition to answering questions on the telephone, the CIS staff mails many pamphlets published by health organizations, professional societies and govern-

ment agencies involved in health education.

Information not readily available from existing files can be obtained by the staff from an advisory panel of over 75 clinicians and other qualified sources outside Houston.

"Because the CIS is based at M.D. Anderson and is part of a national communications network, we have easy access to information on important work being done at many other cancer centers," explained Dr. Clark.

## Lions Country

### Coach Holik

The Lionesses are now 3-1 in district action and they face two strong opponents this week. Tuesday we play a tough Ira squad. Ira has lost 2 games in district, one game by 2 points to Hobbs, the other by 1 point to Loraine. So Ira will be a tough team to defeat. The Ira squad is led by All-District forward Rhonda Corbell and they have a tall post girl. The outcome will depend largely on our offense and how many points we score.

On Friday we face a tough rival in Hobbs. Hobbs has probably the most height of any team in the district. Hobbs has only lost 1 game and that was to Loraine by 1 point. We will have to shut off the Gober girl and score strong to take this game. Our forwards are getting stronger with each game and we are capable of scoring 60 to 70 points per game. The forwards seeing most of the action are Cheryl Terry, Cindy King, Susan Matthies

and Penny Coker.

Defensively, we are still doing a strong job. Our opponents are averaging only 40.6 points per game. Defensively we are led by Rhonda Welch, Tina Horton, Kim Faught, Lois Ann Cauble and Donna Hataway.

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

# Missionary To Speak At Two Area Churches

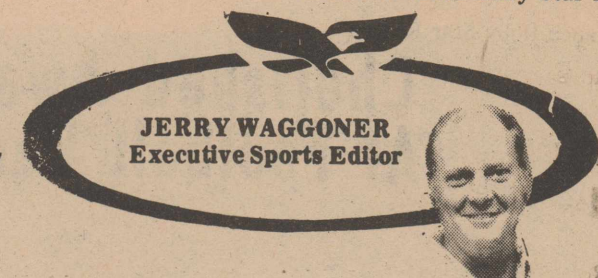
Southern Baptist Missionary, Tom McMillan, missionary to Tanzania East Africa, will be speaking Sunday at the Cross Roads Baptist Church and at the First Baptist Church of Rotan. He will be with the Cross Roads Church during the Sunday School hour Sunday morning and will speak at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour service. Sunday evening he will be with the First Baptist Church and will meet with the G.A.s and R.A.s at 6:00 p.m. and then speak to the church at the evening worship hour at 7:00 p.m.

The G.A.s and R.A.s will have a "hot-dog supper" at 5:00 p.m. Sunday in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist and at 6:00 p.m., Missionary McMillan will speak to both groups in the church auditorium.

Following the evening worship service at the First Baptist Church, a film will be shown about the work being done in East Africa by the missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The film will be shown at 8:00 p.m.

The public is invited to share in these services at both of these Rotan Churches.

# A successful comeback story



JERRY WAGGONER Executive Sports Editor

Once upon a time ... Perhaps that's the way this story should begin because it's that kind of story. Besides, as I've said before, I've always been a sentimental slob who likes it when the good guy wins out despite trials and tribulations.

The story I'd like to tell you today has all that — trials and tribulations followed by success over such elements. It's got one of those corny themes about the good guy overcoming handicaps to become a success. The only uncorny thing about this one is that it's true.

This is a success story. I suppose by some standards, this is a run-of-the-mill success story. However, I believe it has a message for youngsters who compete in athletics. If it provides inspiration for just one, it will have been worthwhile.

First, let's preface the story. This is about a coach. Coaching high school football in Texas has to be one of the most frustrating, demanding and pressurized jobs there is. But it has its rewards. It takes, I believe, a certain type of individual to handle such a task. He has to be knowledgeable in the game, have an endless energy supply tank, be a working psychiatrist without the doctor's remuneration, be a 24-hour model for his players, a father confessor, babysitter, doctor, a Christian, a tolerable speaker, have a low boiling point for irate fans and parents and have an understanding wife and family. The guy has to be darned near perfect because he touches and directs so many young lives.

To be successful he has to wear all the hats of the above mentioned professions, have luck on his side, a great love for the task, patience, a strong constitution to take heartbreaks, and a group of youngsters willing to sacrifice, to have the desire to excel and some talent.

Without youngsters like this, the guy might as well pack his bags and try another line of work.

This guy's success story began on a day that almost finished his career in sports.

Back in the late summer of 1951, just when his athletic talents were beginning to blossom as an eighth grader, he was struck down by polio, the most dreaded disease of that era and before Salk vaccine.

But his case was discovered in its early stages. He spent two months in the polio ward of an Abilene hospital.

His left side was left partially paralyzed and the bones weakened from the disease. Therein lies the second blow by fate. His love of athletics handed him another setback. Playing touch football against orders, he broke his left arm. The bones were so weakened they wouldn't heal by themselves so a steel plate was placed on the big bone and the smaller bone was

held together by screws. During the next two months he had that left arm in a cast 22 months.

He broke it a second time, then a third. The third break happened in baseball. By this time the arm had healed so strongly around the steel plate, you couldn't have broken it with a hammer. Instead there was a compound fracture of the wrist.

Still he was undaunted. While his teammates played football, he went to basketball, working solo in the gym with one arm. By the time basketball season rolled around he was so proficient with the one hand, teammates often couldn't handle his passes. He played his first basketball game with a specially made steel cast encasing the left arm from elbow to wrist. It soon became as much a part of his attire as his pants.

In lieu of football, classmates urged him to become head cheerleader his freshman and sophomore years. He disliked it but felt the need to be a part of the team. He was overheard more than once in his sleep yelling, "Give that guy some help out there."

He did compete his junior and senior years in football, basketball, boxing, track and baseball, making all-district in football and baseball.

The steel cast served him well. He followed up high school with four years of college football without another break, then went into coaching.

His father died when he was 8, but that, too, played a role in his life. It helped him understand those kids he coaches who are fatherless. It made him mature faster and learn faster.

These brushes with fate had an impact on his life. He learned to live with pain and disappointment. He also learned that giving up when there still is something left isn't the thing to do.

These traits he carried into coaching. Apparently he has instilled these same traits in his young warriors. Saturday night in Waco he and his team will be playing for the Class A Texas State football championship.

If he wins, it will be the second consecutive state title. They weren't expected to win district this year after graduation losses left them with only six returnees. His record entering the state championship game tomorrow night is 45-7 for the past four years. With good groundwork laid, there may be more of the same coming in the next couple of years.

If all this sounds a wee bit prejudiced, or even wholeheartedly prejudiced, it's because it is. I'm popping a few buttons lately, and all of it is not because I'm fat.

The guy is my younger brother, Jack Waggoner, head coach at DeLeon.

# An Open Letter

## To The Residents Of The McCaulley ISD

Your school board, administration, faculty, high school students; and other employees want to go on record as OPPOSING the CONSOLIDATION of the McCaulley ISD with the Hamlin ISD. Although we recognize the rights and privileges of those who do not approve of the continued operation of the McCaulley School, we feel the advantages of having the school for your children outnumber any proposed disadvantages.

We stand ready, willing, and proud to justify what we teach, what money we spend, what future plans we have for the school, or any other area that you may want to know more about before you vote on the proposed consolidation. We respectfully urge you to GET THE FACTS before you make a decision on this issue. It will certainly affect you and your community in the years to come. Thank you.

- Marion Reed
- E. T. Gibson
- Kenneth VanDeman
- Julius Decker
- Cecil Williams
- Billy W. Jeffrey
- Jerry Jeffrey
- Doyle Bell
- Geneva Carter
- Zenobia Current
- Fayma Drummond
- Edd. R. Farmer
- Harlene Farmer
- Willard E. Franklin
- Edna Hill
- Bobbie Kirby
- Barbara Martin
- Pauline Morris
- Sue Smith
- Donald Story
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- Joe Benavides

- Kathy McDonald
- Dycie Kemp
- Sarah Stevenson
- Norma Sanders
- Jamie Bell
- Frank Kerns
- Russell Pippin
- Earl Williams
- Lolita Perales
- Wilma Williams
- Carla Young
- Bonnie Pippin
- JoNell Coleman
- Shiela Jeffrey
- Cherie McKinney
- Arlene Coleman
- Janet Cassady
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- Kathy Wilkerson
- Dennisa Decker

- Alex Escamilla
- Fernando Romero
- Michael Vinson
- Todd Stevenson
- Fonda Jeffrey
- Joe Spaulding
- Rosie Benavides
- Max Kemp
- Clint Wheat
- Tracy Dowell
- James Kemp
- James Jeffrey
- Debbie Decker
- Britt Jeffrey
- Cherie Noetzold
- Mike Wilkerson
- Deborah Story
- Wandell Williams
- Stacie VanDeman
- Rita Wilkerson
- Todd Jeffrey
- Tami Jeffrey
- Darren Jeffrey
- John Escamilla

## Mark Your Ballot Against The Consolidation

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pound Duroc.

In the lamb division, the champion finewool and medium wool was shown by Mark Harris of Rotan. Brad Stuart and Britt Stuart of Roby combined to win the champion finewool cross, the reserve medium wool and reserve southdown. Robin Harris of Rotan showed the Champion Southdown. Ricky Spencer of Roby showed the reserve champion finewool and finewool cross. Mark and Robin Harris are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris. Parents of the Stuart brothers are Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stuart. Ricky Spencer is the son of County Agent and Mrs. Richard Spencer. James Evatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Evatt of Rotan, had the three top placing rabbits in the show.

In the Beef Heifer division, Clay Wilfong of Rotan, showed the Grand Champion heifer, an Angus. Clay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilfong. The Reserve Grand Champion was a hereford belonging to Brad Stuart.

The Grand Champion Steer was shown by Fonda Jeffrey of Sylvester. The steer was a 1120 pound Limousine-Angus Cross. Fonda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jeffrey. The Reserve Champion was a 967 pound Angus belonging to Clay Wilfong.

The showmanship trophies were won by Lance Greenway -swine; Mark Harris-lambs; Danny Terry-cattle. The trophies were sponsored by the Fisher County Young Farmers.

Individual winnings are listed below:

**Rabbits**

1., 2., 3. James Evatt.

**Market Swine**

feeder Pigs. 1. Robert Posey, 2. Jamie Walker, 3. Mike Walker, 4. Tim Counts, 5. Loyd Messick, 6. Wayne Harvey, 7. Jackie Shipp, 8. Damon Shipp, 9. Belynda Stuart, 10. Bob McArthur.  
Lightweight. 1. Kellie Pease, 2. Lance Greenway, 3. Keith Walker, 4. Damon Shipp, 5. Jackie Shipp, 6. Mark Yates, 7. Wayne Harvey, 8. & 9. Terry Bredemeyer, 10. James Kemp.

Middleweight. 1. Jamie Walker, 2. Mark Cooker, 3. Damon Shipp, 4. Sharon Stuart, 5. Debbie Stuart, 6. Jay Greenway, 7. Donnie Mullins, 8. Damon Shipp, 9. Bobby Swafford, 10. Jay Greenway.

Light Heavyweight. 1. Keith Walker, 2. Todd Goodwin, 3. Jackie Ragan, 4. Max Kemp, 5. Belynda Stuart, 6. Kip Pease, 7. Perry Thomson, 8. John Cox, 9. Dale Cox, 10. John Cox.

Heavyweight. 1. Jamie Walker, 2. & 3. Todd Goodwin, 4. Mike Walker, 5. Darrell Carter, 6. James Kemp, 7. Dale Cox, 8. James Kemp, 9. Reggie Counts, 10. Jackie Ragan. Grand Champion Jamie Walker, Reserve Champion Todd Goodwin.

**Market Lambs**

Light Finewool. 1. Ricky Spencer, 2. David Etheredge, 3. Annette Overby, 4. Shannon Strickland, 5. Jeff Anderle, 6. odd Etheredge.

Heavy Finewool. 1. Mark Harris, 2. Ricky Spencer, 3. Mark Harris, 4. Reggie Parks, 5. Mike McGrew. Champion Finewool Mark Harris-Heavyweight. Reserve, Ricky Spencer-Heavyweight.

Light Finewool Cross. 1. Ricky Spencer, 2. Jim Ratliff, 3. Roy Nichols, 4. Mike McGrew, 5. Annette Overby, 6. Dean Nichols.

Heavy Finewool Cross. 1. Brad Stuart, 2. David Etheredge, 3. Ricky Spencer, 4. Mike McGrew, 5. Todd Etheredge, 6. Beverly McKinney. Champion Finewool Cross-Brad Stuart-Heavyweight. Reserve Champion-Ricky Spencer-Lightweight.

Light Medium Wool. 1. Annette Overby, 2. Tab Hines, 3. Dean Nichols, 4. Wes Hardin, 5. Carla Young, 6. Russell Smith.

Heavy Medium Wool. 1. Mark Harris, 2. Britt Stuart, 3. Mark Harris, 4. Todd Etheredge, 5. Robert Wall, 6. Bobby Benavides. Champion Medium Wool-Mark

Harris-heavyweight. Reserve Champion-Britt Stuart-Heavyweight.

Light Southdown. 1. Wes Hardin, 2. Reggie Parks, 3. & 4. Naomi Counts, 5. Carla Young, 6. LaRhea Smith.

Heavy Southdown. 1. Robin Harris, 2. Brad Stuart, 3. Robin Harris, 4. & 5. Britt Stuart, 6. Russell Smith. Champion Southdown, Robin Harris-Heavyweight. Reserve Champion, Brad Stuart-Heavyweight.

**Breeding Helpers**

Angus. January 1-Aug. 31, 1975. 1. Clay Wilfong. Sept. 1, 1975-Jan. 1976. 1. Clay Wilfong, 2. Mike Walker, 3. Mark Henderson, 4. Lynda Henderson.

Hereford. Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1975. 1. Brad Stuart, 2. Jill Wright, 3. Jan Wright. Sept. 1, 1975 to January 1976. 1. Britt Stuart, 2. Renee Underwood, 3. Mark Anderle.

Shorthorn. 1. Ray Sharpstein. Grand Champion Heifer, Clay Wilfong, Angus. Reserve Champion, Brad Stuart, Anged Hereford.

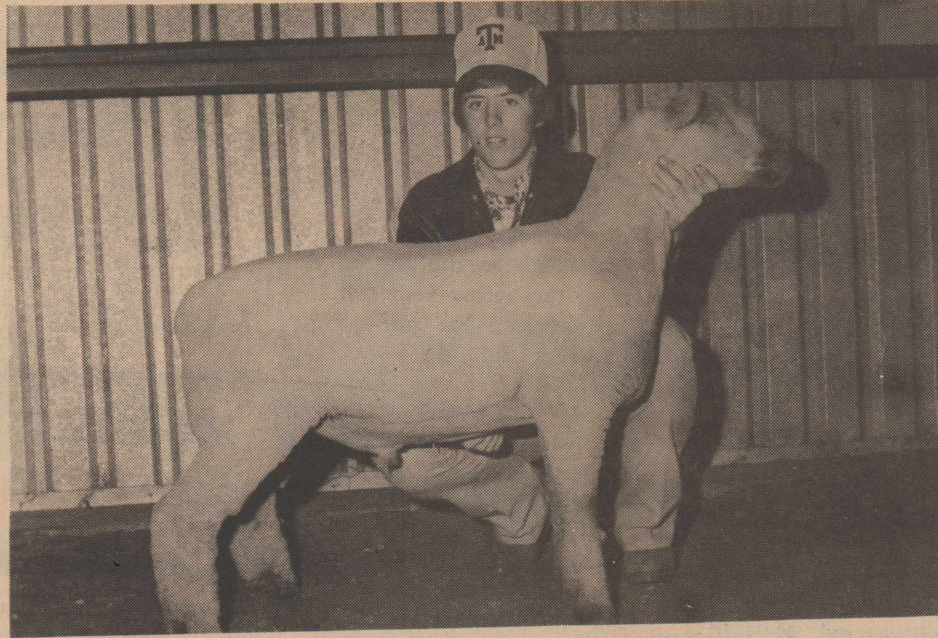
**steers**

Light English Breeds. 1. Mark Nowlin, 2. Darren Jeffrey, 3. Laurence Weatherman, 4. Judy Weatherman, 5. Darren Jeffrey, 6. James Jeffrey, 7. Max Kemp, 8. Cherrie McKinney, 9. Carla Young, 10. Todd Stevenson.

Middle English Breeds. 1. Clay Wilfong, 2. Darren Jeffrey, 3. Cheryl Terry, 4. Mike Terry, 5. Blake Hale, 6. Gary Don Harkey, 7. Brad Stuart, 8. Britt Stuart, 9. Jay Greenway, 10. Jill Wright.

Light Exotic Crosses. 1. Alan Kiker, 2. Jennifer Wright, 3. Tony Terry, 4. Spencer Houston, 5. Tony Terry, 6. Manuel Garcia, 7. Butch Houston, 8. Don Denman.

Heavy Exotic Crosses. 1. Fonda Jeffrey, 2. Clay Wilfong, 3. James Jeffrey, 4. Clay Wilfong, 5. Gary Don Harkey, 6. Butch Houston, 7. Danny Terry, 8. Shiela Jeffrey, 9. Darren Jeffrey, 10. Jeff Upshaw.



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**McMurry Annual Fund Drive Began Jan. 10**

Raymond McDaniel Jr., Abilene district chairman for the McMurry Annual Fund, says that area kickoffs for this year's drive will be held the week of Jan. 10-14.

L.W. Cain, Abilene district advance gifts chairman, will announce his early total at the first event, a 6:30 p.m. dinner Monday, Jan. 10, in Fairmont United Methodist Church of Abilene.

The McMurry Annual Fund provides financial sustentation for the Abilene college which belongs to the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

At the Fairmont dinner will be campaign workers from Caps, Buffalo Gap, Hawley, Merkel, Tuscola and Tye. Abilene churches represented at the Monday dinner were Epworth, Fairmont, Fair Park, Grace, Plum Street, Wylie and Pioneer Memorial.

Sweetwater First WMC hosted a breakfast at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. With

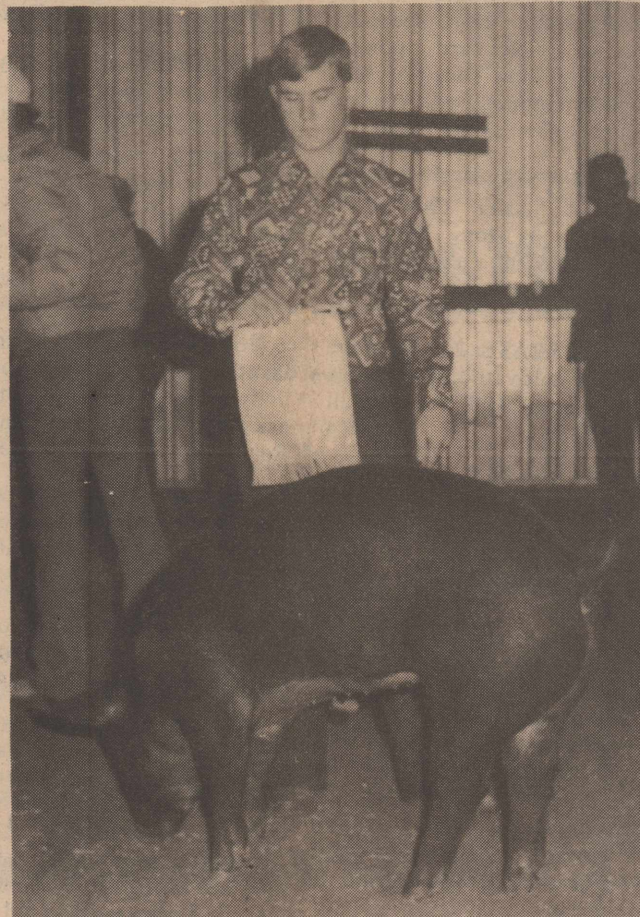
Sweetwater workers were those from Trent, Shep, Nolan, and Blackwell.

Clyde First UMC hosted a 7 a.m. kickoff breakfast Wednesday, Jan. 12. Campaign workers from Albany, Moran, Eula, Baird, Hamby and Potosi joined those from Clyde.

Aldersgate WMC in Abilene hosted a 12 noon luncheon kickoff also Wed., Jan. 12. Other churches in Abilene sending representatives were Elmwood West, St. James, First Church and St. Paul.

The kickoff in the Roby area will be a 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, breakfast in Roby's Silver Spur Cafe. Workers from Hamlin, McCaulley, Longworth, Rotan, Anson, and Sylvester will join those from Roby at the event.

The Rev. Jim Pickens, Abilene UMC district superintendent, and representatives of McMurry College will be on hand for the gatherings.



TODD GOODWIN WITH RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE

**Directory Assistance Charging**

**We don't want your 20¢**

Directory Assistance charging is now in effect statewide.

Basically, the plan calls for charging 20 cents for every call to Directory Assistance over the first 10 made during a monthly billing period. Quite frankly, we don't want your 20 cents.

Our objective in charging for Directory Assistance is to reduce the spiraling cost of providing the service — a cost that has skyrocketed due to misuse rather than wise use.

Studies showed that some customers call Directory Assistance 25, 50 or 100 times a month from their homes. Some businesses called more than 2,000 times a month! And yet, 75 percent of the numbers requested were in the telephone directory.

Yet, the cost of excessive use of Directory Assistance was borne by all telephone rate-payers. Thus, we introduced the charge because it is the only way we can handle the rising costs of Directory Assistance fairly. The people who use Directory Assistance the most will now pay the most.

**Here's how the plan works:**

Customers with single-line basic service who call Directory Assistance (1411) more than 10 times during a monthly billing period will be charged 20 cents for every call after their tenth. A maximum of two numbers may be requested during each call to Directory Assistance. Multi-line customers will have an additional allowance of one call for each line, up to 25 lines.

The Directory Assistance Charge also applies to calls for numbers in other towns within your home Area Code — with one

important exception. You won't be charged for calling Directory Assistance in another town that has the same Area Code as yours provided you make a corresponding Long Distance call within your home Area Code. That call has to be placed from and billed to your own phone within the same monthly billing cycle.

To request numbers in other towns with the same Area Code as yours, continue to dial 1-555-1212.

There is no charge for requesting numbers that have a different Area Code than yours. Just dial 1, plus the Area Code, then 555-1212. Also, there is no charge for Directory Assistance calls from coin telephones or from hospitals.

**Some customers not charged.**

Visually and physically handicapped people who are unable to use the directory will be exempt from the charge. If you think you, or someone in your family, or a friend may be entitled to this exemption, please fill out the coupon below for more information.

If you're like most people, you'll never be affected by the Directory Assistance charge. In fact, in cities where Directory Assistance charging was already in effect with a five-call allowance, only 5 percent of customers were ever charged each month.

More importantly, 95 percent were not. This certainly indicates that 10 free calls a month will more than meet your needs if you can't find a number in the directory.

So look in the book before you call. It will save you 20 cents that we don't want.

Exemption Requests  
Southwestern Bell  
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Please have someone contact me concerning an exemption certificate for the Directory Assistance Charging Plan.

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Telephone Number (Please include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

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