

Operation Gain \$36,000 Through October

Fisher County Hospital Financially Sound

Many small area hospital districts are in danger of having their facility closed because they are experiencing severe financial ramifications from the recent implementation of a

new Medicare reimbursement program, but such is not the case with the Fisher County Hospital. Gary McGee, Fisher County Hospital Administrator, had a glowing finan-

cial report through the first nine months of operation in 1984 and from all indications seems to have a handle on the new program and has implemented the necessary in-

ternal steps to keep the hospital district financially sound for the foreseeable future. McGee said that the net gain from hospital operations through the first 9

months of 1984 has amounted to \$36,423.00 after allowing for a cash depreciation of \$57,999. Total new operating income amounted to \$590,952 while cost

center expenses were \$467,768, according to McGee for the first 9 months of 1984. For the same measurable period 1983 (first 9 months) there was a net loss, after computing the depreciation factor, of \$57,999. None of the above figures take into account and valorem taxes.

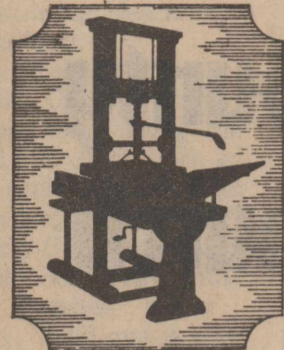
The hospital is experiencing a 60.47% of occupancy through October of 1984 and for the same period in 1983 had an occupancy of 55.00%. The hospital is currently employing 58 full time people and 4 part-time employees.

McGee indicated that "52% of the admissions are medicare patients." He indicated that the reason the Fisher County Hospital was doing so well

under the newly implemented Medicare reimbursement program was "because of the support of the medical staff, support of in-service training for hospital employees and the overall team-effort in general of all hospital employees to assure a bright future for the district."

In a recent meeting attended by McGee, it was pointed out at approximately 1/3 of all small hospitals would be forced to merge with a larger hospital facility; 1/3 would be successful on their own and 1/3 would be forced to close over the next 4 years because of the new Medicare reimbursement program.

McGee feels the local hospital is one of the 33 out of every 100 that will "make it on their own" and attributes that to (a) a close eye on hospital cost containment, (b) the local team-effort attitude by hospital employees and (c) the continued support of the local doctors. "We must not forget the general public, however in this picture. We're in business to serve the medical needs of the community and are trying every day to warrant their confidence in our facility," said McGee.



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TWELVE PAGES

County Commissioners Approve Christmas Lighting For Court House

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court discussed leasing oil rights at the Fisher County airport; conducted a 30 minute close session to the public involving personnel

and voted to install some type of Christmas lighting at the courthouse for 1984 last Tuesday. Rudy Hamric, Fisher County Attorney, appeared before the court last

Tuesday, to discuss the lease of oil rights at the Fisher County Airport. Commissioners voted to advertise for bids for oil, game and other mineral leases covering the airport tract of land. Bids are to be opened at 10:00 a.m., November 29th, 1984.

In other action, the commissioners present, Jimmy Wright, W.A. Cross and Jay Hendon, went into

closed session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Billy Henderson was absent from Tuesday's meeting due to being hospitalized.

The closed session to the public lasted approximately 30 minutes. After coming back into open session the commissioners did not take any action on the personnel matter that was discussed.

The commissioners discussed installing Christmas lights at the court house and are to make further decisions in the very near future on the type of lighting program to be used for 1984.

The entire meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes.

Roby Commissioners Buy Sewer Machine

The City of Roby, at the November Roby Commission meeting, voted to purchase a new sewer machine from the Industrial Desposal Supply Company in Plano, Texas for a total price of \$14,216.00, according to Jimmie Price, Roby City Manager.

Price indicated that the machine has been delivered but will not be used for a few weeks. He said he is in hopes of "doing all sewer lines as the need arises and as time permits." The machine will clean out lines of sand, debris and roots and marks the first time a machine of this type has been used on Roby sewer lines.

The Roby Commission, consisting of Mayor Carl Matthies, and commissioners Ed Deaton and Jack McClure, also accepted the audit report for the period September 1983 to August 1984 as prepared by Billy Clark, CPA of

Trent, Texas. The Roby Commission meets each 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at Roby City Hall.

Rotan Firemen Turkey Shoot This Saturday

The members of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a Turkey Shoot (trap only) on Saturday, November 17th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Clay Fowler Ranch, according to Archie Neeley and Dwayne Lee, project coordinators. The Clay Fowler Ranch is located north of Rotan.



THE LANDSLIDE: One fellow at the coffee shop remarked "I guess Fisher County and Walter Mondale's home town were the only places he carried". That's not exactly correct, but it may not be that off either. It was amazing to me how far the political pollsters have come in recent years. At 7:01 p.m., Texas time, exactly one minute after the polls closed one network declared President Reagan had captured Texas and awarded him the electoral vote. U.S. News and World Report was also pretty quick, considering all the deadlines. The magazine hit the streets across the country, with the front cover showing a Reagan avalanche. One senior citizen editor said "How could we lose? If Reagan didn't win, the issue would become a collector's item." I'm one who appreciates fast results, but I wish the electronic media would not announce any results until all the polls closed. Think about the people in California that began getting results from the Eastern states about 3 hours before their polls closed. I think I join others in Fisher County with fond memories of election night and big chalkboard where votes were tabulated and the first results learned were those in Fisher County.

A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU: To the members of the Veteran's Of Foreign War Post for taking the time to place flags all over Rotan last Saturday and Sunday in recognition of Veteran's Day 1984. Keep up the good work.

A PLUG FOR WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE: The Western Texas College Theatre Department will open its fall season on Thursday, November 15th with its production of the musical review "Tintypes". Other performances are set for Friday and Saturday night. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Reservations may be made by calling WTC at 573-8511, extension 234. Janeec and I have had the pleasure of viewing these Theatre Department presentations in the past and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

ROBY READERS COUPON SPECIAL: Keifer Couble is offering three discount coupons for merchandise purchased at City Grocery and Deli this week. This unique plan offers cash discounts of \$1.00, .50 cents, and .25 cents on any purchases over \$20.00, \$10.00 and \$1.00 before the deadline of Wednesday, November 21st. See page 5 for further details.

A COMMUNITY LOSS: We offer our condolences to the family of Robert Phillips, former Rotan Postmaster. He passed away early last Sunday morning. He was "my" postmaster for some 9 or 10 years prior to Charles Thornton taking over the reigns.

BACK IN ROTAN: Charles Lindley, former pastor of the Rotan Church of Christ, was present at the final Rotan football game last Friday night visiting with friends. He was back for the funeral of Orman Duke.

CHANGE IN DEADLINE TIME: We are asking your cooperation in a deadline change for the newspaper of Thanksgiving week. We are going to move the normal Tuesday noon deadline up to Monday noon in order to give our employees some time to enjoy their families over Thanksgiving. Please have all advertising and news to the office by 12:00 noon next Monday. The paper will be printed on Tuesday and delivered to homes in Fisher County on Wednesday, November 21st, the day before Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

PEARLS OF WISDOM: The fella out at Rough Creek says "Never tell others your troubles and you won't be disappointed at their lack of interest."

Fisher County Beef Cattle Meeting Set

A Fisher County Beef Cattle Educational Meeting will be held Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Silver Spur Cafe in Roby.

Roy Easterling with Ralgro and Dr. Nelson Adams, Area Extension Beef Cattle Specialist from Vernon will be speakers for the program.

Easterling will speak on Ralgro implants and Adams will discuss beef cattle management. The program is being sponsored by the Fisher County Livestock Committee.

The Public is invited to attend.

County 4-H Members In District Food Show

Seven outstanding Fisher County 4-H members will participate in District 3 4-H Food Show in Wichita Falls, November 17. These 4-H'ers are winners of the recent County Food Show.

In the Senior Division Main Dish will be Jan Posey; Nutritious Snacks and Desserts, Evette Gruben; Fruit-Vegetable, Michelle Burk.

Juniors participating include Main Dish, Ben Singletary; Bread-Cereal, Kathi Mize; Vegetable-Fruit, Jessica Moore and Nutritious Snacks and Desserts, Zackery Clark.

Accompanying the 4-H'ers will be Pete Flores, County Extension Agent-Agriculture and 4-H Coordinator, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Burk, Mrs. Richard Posey, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gruben, LuJane Walker, Jan Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Joe Moore and Mrs. Betty Mize.

Teen Center Collecting Stamps For New Project

Teen Center members are collecting Circle W Stamps to help purchase a TV for the Teen Center--Roby Cable Vision is donating cable service...Any-

one wishing to help support these youths by donating stamps, please call 776-2127 or 735-2630 and one of the members will pick up stamps.

Roby Hosting Playoffs

The District 4 B six man zone playoff between Highland and Weibert will

be played at Roby football field this Friday, November 16, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

Roby Thanksgiving Service On Sunday

The First Baptist Church of Roby and First United Methodist Church of Roby will conduct a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18th. The service will be held at the First Baptist Church and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Warren Schoenecker, pastor of the First

United Methodist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving service message.

Rev. Jim Ritter and members of the First Baptist Church will be assisting in the service.

A special offering will be collected and will be asked to assist transient people coming through Roby.

County Postmasters Urge Early Mailing

Fisher County Postmasters Charles Thornton at Rotan; Violet Upshaw at Roby; Kerry Green at McCaulley and Bobbie Hardwick at Sylvester issued a plea to Fisher County residents this week to mail early for Christmas packages delivery in order to avoid disappointment. The postmasters urged

Fisher County residents mailing packages to foreign countries and to military APO and FPO addresses to make every attempt to mail the packages by December 1st in order to allow sufficient time for delivery before Christmas.

Packages that are to be delivered to domestic destinations (locations within the continental United States) should be mailed as soon as possible in order to insure delivery by the Postal Service before Christmas.

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Two Cases In 32nd District Court In Roby

The 32nd District Court opened session in Roby last Tuesday morning to hear two cases before a petit jury, according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts. The trial of Franklin Eugene Wicker of Rotan, was scheduled to be brought to the 32nd District Court for DWI charge and the case of Ransisco Gonzalez, III, of Roby was scheduled for the jury on the charge of "rape of a child". Gonzalez was recently arrested by Counts in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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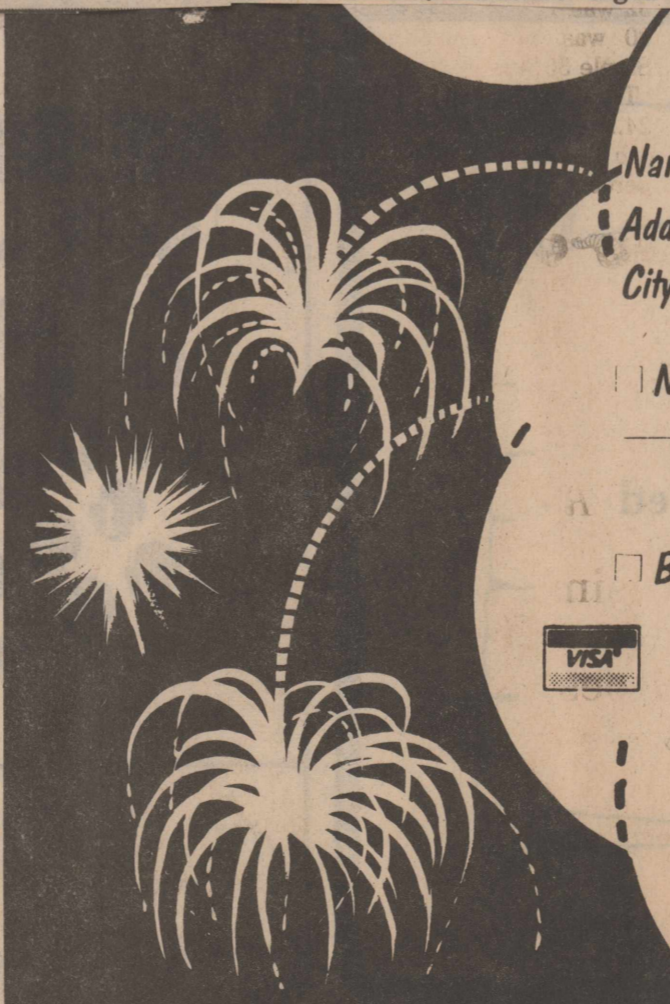
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Rotan School Board Makes New Decision On Track Field Plan

The members of the Rotan School Board, in their regular monthly session last Monday night, reviewed their three year Capital Improvement Program involving the expenditure of approximately \$105,400.00 and re-shuffled some of the items originally scheduled for implementation during the 1984-85 school year.

Of the 10 projects, previously scheduled for implementation during the current school year, the board dropped the campus water well drilling project estimated to cost \$7,000 to the 1985-86 school year. They added to the current year the purchase of commercial washers and dryers estimated to cost \$5,000 and blackboards for the junior high and elementary school (board only-no frames) estimated to cost \$4,000. In addition, the board deleted the item of telephones for the band hall and athletic field house since that project has already been completed. Board members authorized Superintendent Jerry Dickson to begin accepting plans and specifications on the construction of a bus barn for the school district. Dickson is to begin securing cost estimates. The board previously allocated \$15,000 for the construction of the bus barn.

The board also came to an agreement on the direction to pursue with respect to a track facility for the future. They were not in favor of investing in a completely new facility, at a new location, roughly estimated to cost \$200,000 but let it be known that they were in favor of re-doing the present track, covering it to metric measurements, and installing new long jump, high jump and pole vault facilities. It was estimated last Monday night that this method of remodeling would cost in the vicinity of \$100,000. Dickson is to begin securing information on companies available to do the job and consulting with civil engineers on the feasibility of drainage at the current track site.

Other items scheduled for implementation in the 1984-85 school year include computers for the classroom at a cost of \$12,000; a bus for a cost of \$18,000; book for the library at a cost \$8,000; a computer for the administration office at a cost of \$6,000; new doors for the high school area at a cost of \$14,000; and air conditioners for the cafeteria at a cost of \$5,000. Items scheduled for the 1985-86 school year, totaling \$109,000 include; cam-

pus water well-\$7,000; classroom computers-\$12,000; bus-\$18,000; library books-\$8,000; paving high school parking lot-\$15,000; field house shower area remodeling-\$4,500 and additional track field expenditures that are not finished in the 1984-85 year.

The 1986-87 school year items include: Computers for the classrooms-\$6,000; bus-\$18,000; library books-\$8,000; high school gym roof-\$30,000; and air conditioners at the junior high and elementary buildings \$50,000.

Superintendent Jerry Dickson reported to board members last Monday night that a total of

\$366,129.42 in taxes had been collected or 64.7% of the total roll through October of 1984. He indicated that "we're pretty well back on schedule on tax collecting after a slow start and we will probably not collect another substantial amount of money until just before the end of the year."

In other reports concerning finances to the board, Dickson indicated that the gate receipts from football games will probably show a decline after season end figures are tabulated as compared to previous years. He indicated that state revenue to the school is down approximately \$18,000 from what was

originally estimated but that attendance was holding at approximately 98%. He indicated that lunch room prices would in all likelihood hold at current prices and said some adjustments would need to be made next month by the board in various accounts to keep the balanced.

Dickson informed the board that he purchased a time clock for cafeteria employees use and briefly reviewed the progress being made by the school's delinquent tax attorney.

The board approved a text book committee and approved a slate of 16 school and community people to serve on a "Goal Setting Committee" for the Rotan Five Year plan. Those people include: Leo Long, Jerry Dickson, Guy Nelson, David Hargrove, Nancy Tandy, Marshall Hill, Floyd Garcia, Don Bryan, Wayne Harris, Norvelle Kennedy, Jr, Madie Nell Jones, Emma Soliz, Ward Hayes, Rocky Roberts, David Stevens and Patsy Hamric.

Board members voted to approve a base bid of \$13,209.00 to Packard Supply and Construction Company for the renovation of doors at the Rotan High School.

The board also authorized Dickson to begin accepting cost estimates on a walk-in frozen food locker (approximately 8 ft. by 10 ft.) to store commodities received from the government for school lunch programs. Dickson has been storing the food locally but has been notified that that arrangement will no longer be available.

In final action the board listened to high school principal reports. David Hargrove requested the board think of revising the weighted grade point system. They are scheduled to look further into the system in December.

Barn Talk

By Pete Flores

Three outstanding 4-H Club members from Fisher County were honored at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Gold Star Banquet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, in Benjamin.

Among the top 4-H'ers in the district being honored was Charla Wiley, daughter of Florence Wiley of Roby and Greg Gruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gruben of Rotan, and Gary Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague of Roby.

Steve Carriker, State Representative addressed the banquet in the Memorial Building in Benjamin, Texas. Kit Horne of West Texas Utilities Company, which sponsors the Annual banquet, welcomed the honorees and guests.

The theme of this year's program was the "4-H on the Move". The banquet was planned and conducted by 4-H'ers on the Gold Star Committee of the 1983-84 District 4-H Council.

Rotan Methodist Church Annual Meeting Set

The members of the First United Methodist Church in Rotan will be holding their charge conference at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, according to Rev. Fred Brown, church pastor.

Rev. Kenneth Ford, District Superintendent, will be presiding at the annual meeting.

Officers for the 1985 church year will be elected; goals established by the church council on Ministries will be ratified; the 1985 church budget will be approved and the apportionments will be accepted at this time according to Rev. Fred Brown.

Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H attended the banquet to salute the county winners.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 14 years old, have completed three years of club work and be active in 4-H. The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program. Greg, Gary and Charla have truly achieved these goals and deserves the award.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Elaine Houston, and Ed Garnett, District directors for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H is the youth program of the Extension Service.

Ricky Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer, Jennifer Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wright and Gary Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague all served in the Gold Star Program.

Ricky introduced all the special guests, Jennifer delivered the response to Kit Horne's welcome and Gary served as host.

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Read Matthew 17:19-21

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, . . . nothing will be impossible to you. —Matthew 17:20 (RSV)

WHILE canoeing up a quiet stream one summer day, we passed a beaver laying a stick on top of a small pile. I shook my head, saying, "Silly fellow! He'll never build a dam across this water."

But the next day as we rounded a bend in the stream and approached the same spot, I was astounded to see our way blocked by branches and mud. We could go no farther without getting out of our canoe. The waters were dammed up. I marveled at the tenacity and perseverance of the beaver.

The incident made me think about how often I face tasks that seem difficult or tedious. I wondered how many mountaintops I have never reached because I never took the first step. How many opportunities for acts of love and kindness are postponed because we lack faith in our own abilities and strength?

Even when we are tired and out of sorts, we can smile. Somehow our way seems easier, and someone else's day may be brightened. We have a promise: Nothing will be impossible to us. We need only take that first step—lay down that first stick and build upon it.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, remind us as You reminded the disciples that we must move forward with our faith and act on it. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sometimes our mountains overwhelm us only because we forget that God is with us.

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Tax Planning

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YEAR-END BUSINESS MOVES

The tax regulations specify that it is *your responsibility* to pay as little tax as possible under the existing laws. Businesses can reduce their annual tax bill with some very simple year-end techniques.

* Bad debts are deductible in the year in which they are determined to be worthless or partially worthless. Your deduction must be substantiated by records showing your collection efforts.

* The lower your inventory, the lower your net profit. You are not permitted to under-value your inventory or to list less inventory than you have on hand. You are permitted, however, to write inventory down to a reduced valuation which you can substantiate. Write down the value of shopworn items and eliminate those items that are unsaleable.

* If you anticipate major repairs to building or equipment early next year, consider having them completed before year-end. Some items you consider repairs the Internal Revenue Service might consider capital expenditures which need to be depreciated over a period of years.

* No one would advocate turning down sales. But, perhaps a sale could be closed in January instead of December or merchandise could be sold on consignment. Consigned sales are not final until the merchant sells the product.

* You are allowed to deduct certain year-end bonuses even though they are not paid until next year. If your company is on the accrual basis, you can take a deduction for a committed year-end bonus if it is actually paid within 2½ months after the close of your tax year (not permitted for majority shareholders).

Even though some of these techniques simply push the tax problem one more year down the road, they provide you with the interest-free use of those tax dollars.

Eight Fisher County Ministers Serving In Volunteer Hospital Chaplain Group

A total of eight Fisher County pastors are currently involved in a program to eventually serve as volunteer chaplains at the Fisher County Hospital, according to Rev. D. Munday, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rotan.

The eight pastors, Rev. Fred Brown, First United Methodist at Rotan; Mike Dennis, Rotan Church of Christ; Joe Norton, Nazarene Church; Mike O'Neill, Cross Roads Baptist Church; Jim Ritter, First Baptist Church, Roby; Warren Schoeneck-

er, First Methodist Church of Roby; Paul Cheatum, Sardis Baptist Church and Rev. D. Munday, First Baptist Church of Rotan.

The group of Fisher County pastors have attended approximately 7 training sessions under the guidance of active chaplains at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. The Hendricks chaplains have volunteered to assist Fisher County pastors in the training.

The final training session is to take place this week and the pastors could be serving in the new volunteer capacity in as little as 30 days.

Fisher County Hospital administrator Gary McGee has already received approval from the board to implement the program and will be providing a room to be used for the volunteer local chaplains to council with patients and family members.

The volunteer Fisher County chaplains will

serve one week at a time on a rotating basis.

They will be on call for hospital emergencies and will visit all patients in the hospital during their week of volunteer service.

Smith Monuments-Curbing

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Killion Offers Reward For Pickup Information

A.E. "Buddy" Killion, a Fisher County resident living between McCaulley and Hamlin, has issued a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons taking a pick-up belonging to him and abandoning the vehicle on a dirt road North of Hamlin.

The incident took place approximately 3 weeks ago when a vehicle was apparently stolen from his home and found abandoned on a road in the area North of Hamlin.

Persons with information of the incident are asked to contact Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts at 776-2161.

Book Review Meet Set

The Rotan Book Review Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m., at the First Baptist

Church of Rotan. The November reviewer will be Mrs. Zenobia Encke of Anson.

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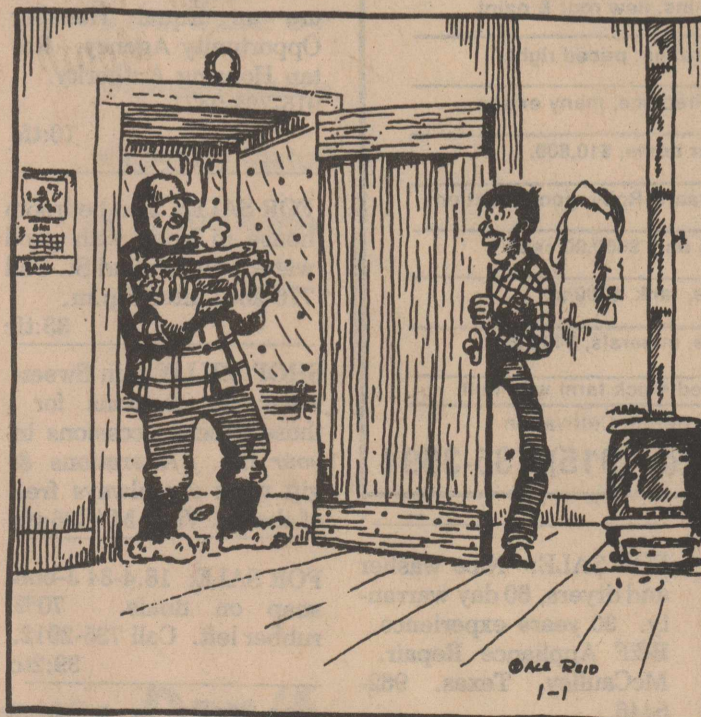
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Fisher County Distribution Of Butter And Cheese Is Saturday

Eligible Fisher County residents will have the opportunity to receive free butter and cheese on Saturday, November 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the "Pink Building" in Roby. The distribution will conclude at 10:30 a.m.

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8	21,606
9	23,790
10	25,974

"This should be one of the fastest butter and cheese distributions we have had because the majority of the people eligible were certified last time," state according to Cindy Lewis, Director of the distribution program for the sponsoring organization, most families eligible for the

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Fisher County Senior Citizens Center Taking Part In "Operation Lifeline" For Elderly

The Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center in cooperation with the West Central Texas Council of Governments is making available a "Lifeline" unit to eligible county residents that may just mean the difference in saving a life for an elderly person.

The new person involves a unit that is placed under the home telephone that hooks the home or patient up with a central switchboard at Hendrick Medical

Center in Abilene. Persons with the unit either wear a beeper-type device on their belt or a necklace type device around their neck to complete the link-up.

The purpose of the "Lifeline" unit is security for family and elderly people, who qualify, knowing that they can summon assistance in case of a serious illness or distress simply by depressing the beeper-type apparatus or in the

case of a serious illness help will automatically be dispatched if the person does not respond by "checking in" twice a day with the central switchboard.

Annie Mae Weems, Fisher County Senior Citizen's Program coordinator, indicated last Monday that she has already received one unit that will be placed in the very near future with an elderly person in Fisher County. Units will be made available to Fisher County residents as they are requested.

In order to qualify for the "Lifeline" program, Fisher County residents must be mentally alert, but semi-confined to their residence due to age or illness. The units are available to indigents, available on a rental plan or can be purchased outright for \$345.00 each.

If the person with the "lifeline" unit does not check-in with the central

switchboard at a specific time each morning and evening, operators at the switchboard begin a series of notifications to get someone to check on the

person. "It should not be any longer than 15 minutes after the person should have checked in, but didn't, that assistance will be at the home of the

person with the lifeline unit", said Mrs. Weems.

The unit can also serve as a security measure and can be activated by depressing the belt-beeper or necklace-beeper in case of "someone trying to break-in to the home of a 'lifeline' program person, said Mrs. Weems.

Although the program is in its infancy in Fisher County, there are approximately 19 units in homes in Stamford. Additional information on the Lifeline program can be secured by contacting Annie Weems at the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center.



DISPLAYS NEW MACHINE: Annie Mae Weems, Fisher Senior Citizens coordinator, displays the new Lifeline machine that now available to elderly Fisher County residents.

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Cross Roads Getting New Church Steeple

Cross Roads Baptist Church will soon have a church steeple, for the first time in the history of the organized church, according to Rev. Mike O'Neill, Pastor.

The church has recently completed a remodeling of the interior of the church. They covered the front area of the church in ash, re-paneled the inside and installed new pew cushions. Within the next 5 to 6 weeks an octagon shaped white fiberglass steeple, between 19 and 21 feet tall will be erected.

The steeple is a memorial in honor of Frank Kingsfield and other past members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church. The cost of the steeple will be approximately \$1,900, according to Rev. O'Neill.

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State Concerned About Future Of Two Party System

The Lone Star State is once again a two-party state, and this time it's probably for keeps.

Last week's Reagan-Gramm sweep brought with it some 14 turnovers in the Texas House of Representatives for the Republicans, two more state senators, and numerous sheriffs, county judges and other local officials across the state. The new GOP members of the Texas Legislature bring the Republican block totals to 52 in the House and nine in the Senate.

Liberal Democrats were seemingly wiped out in many areas including Austin, and a good many conservative Democrats fell victim to the coattail tidal wave which originated in the White House and spread from sea to shining sea. Although Reagan's popu-

larity overwhelmed the nation, the Republican gains in other states were not near as heavy as in Texas. Good Democratic public officials thrown out with the wash in congressional races included Jack Hightower of Vernon, Bill Patman of Ganado and Dan Kubiak of Bryan-College Station.

While some political observers attributed the sweep to an overreaction on the part of independents tired of liberal dogma, no one contested the probability that the GOP will two years from now field an organized slate at the county and city levels.

KEY LEADERSHIP
That very prospect has a divided Texas Democratic Party worried. Like the proverbial donkey that had to be hit with a two-by-four, the Democrats-conservatives, moderates and liberals alike--are very concerned about their party's future.

The liberals, who only a few days ago were calling the shots for the party, have fallen from grace, including Lloyd Doggett and his top backer, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower. Doggett won his hometown-Austin-by an insignificant margin,

but lost two of his local lieutenants in state house races there. Already Doggett's negative campaign style and liberal philosophy are blamed for the resounding defeat by those eager to replace him with Democratic leadership.

Compared to Reagan's leadership which promised opportunity for the next four years, Doggett's attack on Gramm paled. And many Democrats angrily remember it was only last spring that Doggett leveled a barrage of personal attacks against Bob Krueger and Kent Hance in the primary.

If this were a season for polarization in which moderates of both parties found no comfortable ground, will the pendulum swing as they both struggle to commandeer the middle ground?

That middle ground, so commonly labeled as conservative Democrats, is actually made up of a large number of middle-class independents: ticket splitters. They provide the weight behind the pendulum swing, and last week they swung heavily behind the GOP in Texas. It may be that two years from now, as the parties vie for the state of statewide offices, that this group will be wooed as never before, bringing both parties more to the middle.

Party Leaders

The Texas Republican Party Chairman, George Strake, predicted the victory has begun to realign the electorate to allow Republicans to carry the conservative banner in this state. Strake left no doubts as to his intent to target statewide Democratic officials for defeat, and a full slate of Republicans, well-financed and with '84 momentum, will probably appear in '86 elections.

Texas Democrats aren't exactly rolling over to play dead. Even before the election results cooled off, Gov. Mark White told reporters it was time for a "new foundation" in the Texas Democratic party, a

statement of no great genius.

But White, himself, is considered by many of his own party to be one of the most vulnerable of Democrats, especially since he endorsed a tax hike last summer to pay for education reforms.

Also considered highly vulnerable is Hightower, whose base is almost identical to Doggett's and whose speeches are grating the nerves of real farmers and ranchers, and Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, a feisty, unapologetic liberal who faces trail in February on commercial bribery charges. Considered somewhat safe are Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and Treasurer Ann Richards because of their records of production. Much depends on how Mauro and Richards interact with the conservative wing.

Future Prospects

One thing the Republicans lack is a large stable of proven public servants those who have worked their way up the ladder, but they certainly have a good new crop now and who knows how far the tidal wave will carry.

For '86 campaigning, the Democrats area already talking of bringing up Congressman Kent Hance of Lubbock to soothe conservatives, gratify West Texas and replace the lost liberal elite.

Then, too, Democrats still have two of the nations top fundraisers in Hobby and U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, both conservatives.

The Texas Legislature goes into session in a little more than two months, and then next June the behind scenes campaigning begins anew. The '86 season should be fascinating for voters.

Fisher County Hospital Pink Ladies Hold Monthly Meet

The Pink Ladies met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, 7th November at the Fisher County Hospital. There were 10 present, and both Alta Hinson and Gary McGee were present at the meeting. They both talked to the Pink Ladies, and several new programs are being planned in the near future. The Nominating Committee presented the new officers for the coming year, which begins

Jan. 1st. They are President Shirley Byrd, Vice President Patricia Morton; Secretary Louise Martinez; Treasurer Janie Ritter; Reporter Joy Walker. In charge of the hours Betty Carter. Cart Billie Gruben and Librarian-Sherry Hester.

We had a good report from the Red Cross and our Blood Drive. Mrs. Hester presented some new ideas for the auxiliary to be working on. We followed the meeting with a luncheon which was well attended.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 5th December at 10 a.m. and it will be followed by a Christmas luncheon, so everyone be sure and plan on coming.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial gift to the auxiliary and the hospital will be gratefully accepted. The Pink Ladies and the hospital are currently working on a new project--an apnea monitor for the nursery.

Russell Smith Given Honor At WTC

Russell Smith of Rotan has been selected to serve as a sophomore representative to the Western Texas College Student Senate.

Smith is a graduate of Rotan High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton L. Smith. He is majoring in auto mechanics at WTC and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for students in junior/community colleges.

Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director at WTC, serves as faculty advisor for the Senate. Through the Senate, students have opportunities to practice self-government and also to plan social activities for the student body.

Sixth Grade Mothers Cake Sale Set

We, the Rotan six grade room mothers, chairmen, are having a cake sale on Wednesday, November 21st from 9:00 til 11:00 and 1:00 til 3:00.

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County Agent Report

By Richard Spencer

Drought is the number one cause of poor crop yield in Texas, but now farmers can do something about it, thanks to agricultural research efforts.

A new technique called furrow diking can significantly improve the soil's storage of water and thereby lessen drought effects.

Furrow diking is the mechanical placement of mounds of soil at intervals across the furrow to form small basins. These basins trap rainfall so that it can be absorbed into the soil rather than running off.

Many soils have poor structural stability. When it rains, the surface of these soils tends to seal, reducing water infiltration and causing accelerated runoff.

Maintaining water infiltration and storage in the soil is critical in areas where rains fall "hard and heavy" for short periods of time.

A two-year research project at Vernon by Dr. C.J. Gerrard, soil physicist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has shown that furrow diking can significantly increase yields for cotton and grain sorghum.

Gerrard put 6 to 8 inches dikes in furrows at 6 foot intervals using a tractor-mounted diker. This was done in January of each year of the project. Prior to diking the furrows, the land was chiseled to a depth of 14 to 16 inches.

Over the two years, grain sorghum yields were more than doubled--a 108 percent increase--as a result of furrow diking every furrow, while diking alternate furrows boosted yields by an average of 56 percent.

Furrow diking also increased cotton yields but not as sharply. Diking every furrow increased cotton yields 34 percent over two years, while alternate furrow diking produced a 22 percent yield increase.

Consumers are spending 15.9% of their disposable income on food. This is the lowest of any nation. It was 17.2% in 1970 and 20.0% in 1969.

In recent years, the average pork producer has been selecting less muscular breeding stock. This has occurred because producers are afraid of extremely muscled pigs, which are associated with the pale soft exudative (PSE) pork and porcine stress syndrome. Porcine stress syndrome occurred a few years ago when many

producers selected for extreme muscling too quickly. Since pork still has too much excess, trimmable fat, there is a need to re-emphasize muscle and leanness, but to do it slowly, and not go to the extremes of the 1960s. The consumer wants less fat and more leanness in

pork. Moreover, it is less costly to finish leaner pigs than those with excess, trimmable fat.

Fisher County Livestock Committee met and set January 4 and 5th for Fisher County Livestock Show.

Roby Suffers Forsan Loss

By Kim Hunt

In the last game of the season, the Forsan Buffaloes romped the Roby Lions by a 67-0 margin.

The Lions were overpowered from the start. After a few key breakdowns, the Lions lost most of the control they had in the

game. Most of the Lions' runnage was gained from passes thrown by quarterback Lance Green and received by Mike Meek, Todd Donham and Wenzal Hardwick.

Hardwick also executed several good punts in the game. One of the punts was returned by the Buffa-

loes for a touchdown.

Though the Buffaloes first downs outnumbered 19 to 12, the Lions gained 75 passing yards to the Buffaloes 55.

After the final game Friday, the Lions started basketball workouts Monday under head basketball coach Mickey McCarty.



BANK CONSTRUCTION: The above photograph shows the Sylvester Bank being constructed back in the early 1920's.



19-84-85 FHA OFFICERS: Left to right, the new FHA officers are Ellen Walker, Social Officer; Kristi Martin, Project Officer; Sabrina Herron, Social Officer; Benny Carreon, and Lance Green, Song Leaders and Deena Williamson, Project Officer.

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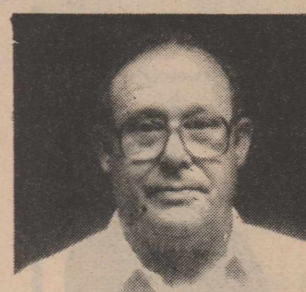
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Good news: motor vehicle deaths are dropping. Many experts credit increased use of seat belts. More state seat belt laws--and strict enforcement--can only improve the statistics.

More on auto safety: at the beginning of this year, 42 states and the District of Columbia had laws mandating the use of special restraints or seat belts for small children. By the end of the year, this protection may be nationwide.

Universal distress signal--a white handkerchief tied to your antenna or door--helps police spot a car in need of assistance on the highway. If someone offers to help, roll down the window just a crack and ask that police be called.

How can you identify your stolen car if all standard markings have been obliterated? How about your business card or other ID dropped down between door glass and door? (Removing the door panel will uncover it.)

It's smart to unplug electric appliances, such as toasters or irons, when not in use, to avoid fire in case the on-off switch is faulty. For protection against electrocution, unplug those leli near sink, tub, or other source of water.

It's smart to update your insurance coverage periodically. Make date at:

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Kayla Jo Weems, Hiram Jack Goswick Exchange Vows

In a candlelight ceremony in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Snyder on September 29th, Miss Kayla Jo Weems became the bride of Hiram Jack Goswick, III. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weems of Snyder, formerly of Rotan, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon R. Weems and Mrs. Dee Kiker and the late Joe Kiker of Rotan. The bridegroom is the son of Jack Goswick of Snyder and Jeanette Goswick of Groom.

While organist Barbara Perkins played prelude music, Bernie Weems of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brother of the bride, and Chuck Moran of Austin, cousin of the bride, lit the candles. During the preliminary vows, Julie Kimmel of Ira sang "The Wedding Song," and after the exchanging of the rings, she sang "You Make Me Feel Brand New."

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose a bridal gown by Alfred Angelo of pure white cluny lace. The fitted lace bodice features a narrow lace ruffle around the sweetheart neckline, down the bodice on the diagonal to the waist and was accented with a white satin bow and streamers. The short lace pouf sleeves were finished with a lace ruffle and a bow with streamers. The softly gathered full skirt of lace, trimmed with rows of narrow lace ruffles and satin ribbons and bows, fell to a cathedral train. A garland

of white silk flowers attached to a fingertip veil of bridal illusion formed the bride's headpiece. She wore short, sheer chiffon gloves with a ruffle at the wrist.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white silk orchids, roses and carnations, accented with lily of the valley, baby's breath and a large white satin bow. Lace handkerchiefs belonging to Dee Kiker and Virgie Weems were placed in the bouquet.

Matron of Honor was Carrie Hall of Snyder, with Laura Moran of San Marcos, cousin of the bride, being the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kim Harlin, Carmen Trice and Alma Munoz all of Snyder. The women wore coral satin dresses featuring a sweetheart neckline, short pouf sleeves, large fabric bows on the shoulders accented by a cummerbund waist and floor-length, gathered skirts and white lace gloves. They carried coral and navy silk flowers with greenery, ribbon bows and streamers and wore headpieces of white net trimmed with coral and navy silk flowers. Flower girl Magan Wadleigh wore a coral dress designed like those of the bridesmaids and made by Oma Lois Lee of Rotan, aunt of the bride.

The groom wore a white after six tuxedo styled with a classic cutaway jacket, pencil-pleated, wing-collared white shirt, vest and bow tie. His boutonniere was made of silk

navy rose trimmed with greenery. Tom Wadleigh of Snyder acted as best man. Joe Hall, Scott Chapman, Paul Ellis, and Leon Enloe of Snyder were groomsmen and Bud Hayes of Snyder, Bernie Weems and Chuck Moran were ushers. The men wore silver tuxedos by Bill Bass styled with classic stroller jackets, white shirts, vests and bow ties. Their boutonnieres were similar to that of the groom.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the garden room of the church. Centered with a bouquet of coral silk flowers with white baby's breath in a silver urn, the bride's table was covered with a floor length, white satin tablecloth.

Members of the houseparty were Mmes. Neoma Harlin, Wanda Thorpe and Arlena Lay of Snyder; Gene Hayes and Debbie Gruben of Rotan; and Janice Moran, aunt of the bride of Lake Jackson, who designed all the floral arrangement and pieces for the wedding.

Guests were registered by Laurie Chandler of Snyder. Candi Hayes and Amy Gruben, both of Rotan, gave the guests scrolls as they entered the chapel and handed out the flower rice bags as the bride and groom left the reception.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bride at The Shack in Snyder.

After a honeymoon trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will live in Snyder where the groom is employed by Snyder Sandblasting Company.

Out of town guests attending the ceremony were from Amarillo, Crosbyton, Austin, San Marcos, Lake Jackson, Ft. Worth, Groom, Sweetwater, and Rotan, Texas and Albuquerque, N.M., Tulsa, Okla., and Craig, Kansas.

Applications Being Accepted For Emergency Farm Loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by this summer's drought and extremely high temperatures are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Rotan, Texas, FMHA county supervisor John B. Smith said today.

Fisher County is one of 62 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Mr. Smith said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual loans, or the operating loan needed to continue in business, or \$500,000 whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate on the first \$100,000 borrowed is 5 percent; interest rate is 8 percent on the balance borrowed over that amount. For farmers who can obtain commercial cre-

dit but who choose to borrow from FmHA, the interest rate is 13.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan, Mr. Smith said. Farmers participating in the PIK or federal crop insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until May 24, 1985, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carry over into the new farming season, Mr. Smith said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their

living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens, and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

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Fifth Annual Roby Bake Sale Bazaar Date Is Set

The Fifth Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale of the Roby United Methodist Church ladies will be at the Roby Fire Hall on Friday, November 16th. The Bazaar

Donna Belus Promoted In U.S. Air Force

Donna G. Belus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Goodrum of Roby, Texas, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Belus is an avionics test specialist at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., with the 325th Component Repair Squadron.

Her husband, Air Force Sgt. Fred A. Belus, is the son of G.A. and Ingaborg Belus of 8771 N.E. Louisville, St., Louisville, Ohio. She is a 1975 graduate of Roby High School.

will open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

This project was started by the ladies of the church to help pay for the new church sanctuary in 1980. Each year it has grown in size to be one of the best bazaars in the area. The new sanctuary, completed in 1981, should be paid for within the next year.

The ladies will also serve free refreshments. Come early for the best selection of gifts and baked desserts.

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FIVE YEAR AWARDS GIVEN: Rotan Nursing Center presented two five year awards to Nettie Powell, left, and Mickey Martinez, right, in special ceremonies last week.



FHA OFFICERS: The 1984-85 FHA officers are left to right: Nyle Field, President; Steve Turpin, Vice President; Tammy Mauldin, Treasurer; Jimmy Carreon, Reporter; Patricia Parks, Historian; Sharron Haggard, Secretary; and Susan Gaona, Parliamentarian.



ROBY FOOTBALL AWARDS: Tammy Mauldin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Mauldin and Jimmy Carreon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frutoso Carreon were named Football Sweethear and Beau last Friday night.

Eric Tull Appearing At Senior Citizen Center

The Senior Citizens will present Eric Tull and the Westerners, Saturday night, November 17 at the Senior Citizens Center. Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and will be sold at the door prior to the show.

Most of the big country folks know Eric, for those who may be newcomers—Eric is a fiddle player. At the age of 8 years, he had decided on becoming a "good fiddler". He would come to Rotan to visit his great grandparents, Stella and the late C.D. Ferris. Granny Stella would bake a batch of cookies. She and Eric would take the cookies and the fiddle and head for the nursing homes. Eric would pass out the cookies and then he and Granny Stella would entertain the residents. Eric on his fiddle and Granny Stella at the piano. Thus began the friendship between Eric and the Senior Citizens. His first show appearance came at the age of 9—at the Rotan Barn Show. Tho the weather was cold, the Senior Citizens came out in full force to cheer "the kid" on. Since then Eric Tull has fiddled his way into the hearts of Senior Citizens all over the big country, has become a headline and a star-as show business goes. Has appeared on television-stage shows, Blue Grass Jamborees and has had two recording sessions and a 3rd is planned for the future. His latest filming

is a 90 minute T.V. Special—"The All American Cowboy". Appearing in the film are film stars Chuck Connors, Clint Walker, Doug McClure, Ken Curtis as Festus Haggins and others. Still to be filmed are vidoe musicals with Merele Haggard, Waylon Jennings and Donnie and Marie Osmond.

Five months ago, Eric joined a group of young folks to put together a musical group called the Westerners. The group is under the direction and management of Henry Pope. The members of the Westerners are Kyle Pope, bass; Roy Self, rhythm guitar, song writer, and back up singer; John Pierce, lead singer, lead guitar, song writer; Penny Busby, drummer, piano and organ; Eric Tull, fiddle, lead and rhythm guitar, drums, piano, singer, lead and harmony.

When the Senior Citizens heard about the new act—they invited Eric and the rest of the group to come to Rotan, and do their first on the road show. The invitation was accepted. The Nov. 17th show will be the beginning, a brand new group, on their way, according to critics, to something big. The Senior Citizens are looking forward to having everyone turn out for the show and enjoy the musical treat, and help send the group on their way with the special handshake that Rotan has always been known for, being the first to give!

Roby School Board Approves New Paving Project

The members of the Roby Independent School Board, during their regular meeting last Monday night, approved a plan and

authorized Superintendent Jimmie Laurie to begin accepting bids on paving the parking lot around the

newly constructed gymnasium. Laurie indicated that the project is expected to cost approximately \$4,000 and

said "this will give us an asphalt surface all around the new gymnasium." In other action last Mon-

day the board listened to a report by Laurie concerning ADA (average daily attendance) with respect to targeting state funds to Roby. Laurie informed the board that the ADA was up 15 students to 342 during the month of October. He indicated that Roby school systems ended the 1983-84 year with an average daily attendance of students pegged at 321.

In final action the board approved the following text book committee for the 1985-86 school year; Jimmie Laurie, Mickey Early, George Price, Al Blain, Barbara Martin, Gary Daniel, Sandy Pullig, Jimmie Johnson, Kay Moore, and LaVelle Stuart.

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Roby Methodist Church Approves Budget

The members of the First United Methodist Church in Roby conducted their

annual budget meeting last Sunday night and approved a total church

budget of \$40,520.00 for the 1985 church year. The finance committee,

chaired by Hub Bennett, approved the 1985 budget which is approximately 20% higher than the present 1984 operating budget.

Rev. Warren Schoenecker, a retired USAF Lt. Col. who began as pastor of the Roby Methodist Church in May of 1984, indicated that the charge conference will be December 2nd at 10:50 a.m. and will be chaired by Dr. Kenneth Ford, Abilene District Superintendent.

Rural Farm Hero Is Recognized

Ray Herring of Munday bravely crawled into an electric utility truck bucket July 6, 1983, to rescue a fellow Knox County man and was awarded the 1983

Texas Rural Heroism Award for his lifesaving efforts.

The search is under way for a 1984 rural hero, says Ben Bullard of Waco, pre-

sident of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council which presents the annual award.

The 1984 recipient will be announced April 1, 1985, at the 46th annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition to be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston. Deadline for submitting 1984 entries will be March 1, 1985, Bullard said. Send all nominations to Texas Farm & Ranch Safety Council, Box 489, Waco, Texas 76703.

Herring received his award last March in Dallas for saving Ray Longman, a Knox County co-op serviceman.

To qualify for the honor, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human-life-saving within Texas during 1984, and it should be related to farming or ranching, Bullard noted.

Roby Hosting

Area Playoff

Game Friday

Roby School Superintendent Jimmie Laurie indicated last Tuesday morning that Roby will be hosting the 4-B zone football playoff game this Friday night, and in making the announcement invited interested Fisher County football fans to Roby for the 6 man contest.

The game, between Highland and Weinert will decide the zone 4-B champion and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 Friday night, November 16th at the Roby Lion Field.



ROBY BAND HONORS: Kim Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hunt and Todd Donham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donham received the annual Band Beau and Sweetheart honors last Friday night.

Rites Conducted For Etheredge Infant

Brittney Nicole Etheredge, infant stillborn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge of Rotan, died at 2:10 a.m. Saturday at Lubbock General Hospital. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Hobbs Cemetery, west of Rotan, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

The Rev. Mike O'Neill of Cross Roads Baptist Church officiated. Survivors include her parents, paternal grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Wayne Etheredge of Rotan; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore of Rotan; paternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Etheredge of Rotan and Mrs. Lealon Wilburn of Roby; and maternal great grandparents, Mrs. Delia Moore of Rotan and Mrs. Fern Shipp of Rotan.

Pallbearers were David and Todd Etheredge. Honorary pallbearer was Toby Moore.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from November 6 thru November 12 were: Peggy Messick, Rotan; Maebell Ogden, Rotan; Willie Lake, Rotan; JoAnn Cleveland, Rotan; Ila Burk, Rotan; Moria Waldon, Rotan; Anita Floyd, Rotan; Estelle Acker, Rotan; Robert Phillips, Rotan; Hatie Howard, Rotan; Norma Torres, Rotan; Baby Girl Torres, Rotan; M.C. Bennett, Rotan; Rudine Stinson, Rotan; Billy Henderson, Rotan; Truman Gilliland, Rotan; Katherine Alaniz, Rotan; Mildred Brown, Roby; Loyce Sutton, Roby; Kevin Stuart, Roby; Stuart Carey, Roby; Delia Moore, Roby; Eunice Daniels, Jayton; Maggie Fudge, Jayton; Zetta Minor, Hermleigh; J.C. Cave, Hermleigh; Frank Parks, Hamlin; Helen Scott, Snyder; Perry Rodman, Snyder; Flouretta Sutton, Sweetwater.

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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

What some lovely weather we have been having, and the pastures look just like Spring now after all the good rains and the warm, sunny days.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Randy and Vicky Etheredge on the loss of their baby daughter, who was born early Saturday morning at Lubbock General Hospital. They named her Brittney Nicole. Graveside services were held Monday at the Hobbs cemetery. Our sincere sympathy to Jackie and LaNelle Etheredge and Lois and Herbert Moore, the grandparents, and to the remainder of Vicky and Randy's families.

We are sorry to hear that J.C. Cave is in the Fisher County Hospital, and we hope that he will soon be feeling much better. He has been in the hospital since Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hyer, Jr., from Andrews visited Friday, Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid. They also visited in Rotan with Mr. and Mrs. Windle Kincaid, and with Junior's grandmother, Mrs. Maureen Mitchell. Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Neves from Snyder visited with the Kincaids.

Morris Hardin and Vicky from Lubbock spent the week-end and Monday visiting with Mrs. Bea Hardin. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardin from Victoria, Wendy Hardin and a girl friend from Abilene, all spent the week end with Bea. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardin and Bea went to Lamesa on Saturday. Mrs. Doc Hardin attended the 25th class reunion (Roby) at Sweetwater on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Williams and two boys from Abilene, and Tres Ratliff, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ratliff of Clyde, all visited on Sunday with the James Ratliffs. Teressa Ratliff went to San Angelo for the week end and attended the Calf Roping there.

Wednesday Jim and I went to Sweetwater, and I got to visit with Mrs. Maureen Harris for a long time. She is from England and we sure enjoy our visits. I was pleasantly surprised on Wednesday night a phone call from Barry Tubb and Brad Maule in California. They both said they were enjoying reading this column and its good to know that.

Well, that is all for this week.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: The Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids on a car for the Fisher County Sheriff's Dept. on November 21st, 1984 at 10 a.m. A 1981 Ford LTD 4 door trade in. For more information on specifications and trade in, contact the Fisher County Sheriff's Office. 39:2tc

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all the voters of Precinct 1, to the people who supported me individually, for the support of all candidates and to all my friends of the county for their support in the election of County Commissioner. I value your support and I thank you again.

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Rotan Church Of Christ Helps Starving Ethiopians

The members of the Church of Christ in Rotan responded to a plea for food for starving people in Ethiopia last Sunday morning and according to

Minister Mike Dennis, "we raised \$891.95 from the 87 in attendance at the service." Dennis was hopeful that other contributions would push the

total over \$1,000 which is a goal that has been established for each nationwide Church of Christ to reach for the hunger relief pro-

gram John Ed Clark, an Ethiopian missionary sponsored by a California Church of Christ, has been serving in the field since 1968 and has been instrumental in a food relief program for the past 10 years.

The Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana is acting as the central clearing house for Ethiopian food relief funds.

Mike Dennis indicated that there are over 150 Churches of Christ in southern Ethiopia and over 50,000 members of Churches of Christ in all of Ethiopia.

In addition to the funds raised from members last Sunday, the church trea-

sury will make a contribution to the fund to provide

food for starving Ethiopians.

Letters to the Editor

The most frightening question facing America today is not political, religious or educational. The question is: are we going to keep a strong two party system of politics in America? If we lose the two party system there is only one alternative, dictatorship, and we all know the definition of that word. I have always been for a strong two party system. I am a member of one of these parties. I am proud of the party I belong to. I do not always agree with everything they do, but it is when I disagree that I become more interested in what the issues are.

I have never lost a vote, my candidate sometimes loses, but the only time I lose is when I fail to vote. I work hard in my party and for my convictions. You will never have to wonder where I stand. I still believe in majority rule, so I win some and lose some.

There are so many people today you cannot depend on, they cannot make up their minds which party to be loyal to. If things don't go to suit them, they switch. I suppose the thing that teed me off was the article in the *Abilene Reporter News*, July 26, "Disappointed Demos form group supporting Reagan" and "Burlison likes GOP fiscal plan," July 27. Mr. Omar Burlison said it, "there are some things about the Reagan administration I don't like." That statement proved my point. There is not an organization, church, lodge, club or political party that a person can join and completely agree on everything they do, or their plan of organization, so why switch?

I would like to remind Mr. Burlison that the Democrats sent him to Washington, not the Republicans. I wonder where Mr. Burlison would be identified with a politi-

cal party that believes in the dignity of man regardless of race, creed, or color. You guessed it, I am a Democrat. Written by: Lucille O'Brien Breckenridge, Texas Submitted by: Rudy Martinez Rotan, Texas

today now that he is enjoying retirement, (and I am sure a fat retirement check), if it had not been for Democrats, but he does not have to be loyal now that he does not need the votes of Democrats to send him back to Washington. Some other names should be added to this group: Jones of Abilene, Shivers, Connally, Reagan and Mr. Stenholm seem to be all things to all people at all times. Many others could be added. They have reached the fame and fortune because the Democrats helped them get there, now they bite the hand that feeds them. I like the Republicans. They stay loyal to their party. They only expect Democrats to straddle the fence. They laugh all the way to the polls about the disgruntled so-called Democrats splitting the ticket and voting for the man. It seems to me that any person intelligent enough to vote should know you do not vote for the man, it's the party platform you vote for. I wonder who started misusing the words, liberal and conservative? I think we should strike these words from our vocabulary. However, if giving some person an aspirin for his headache, a cup of soup for his starving stomach and a nice clean bed to sleep in, (after sleeping on the street), is a liberal, then you may call me one. As I am proud to be identified with a politi-



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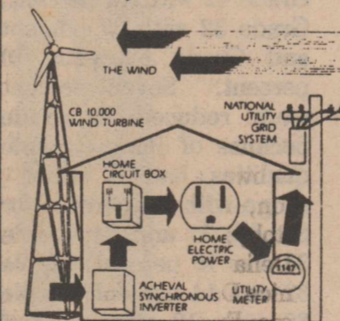
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Palette And Brush Meeting

The Palette and Brush Club met this month 5th for an all day workshop with Louise Goodgame. The members attending were Fay Anderson, Nan Arenti, Neoma Cauble, Billie Coffman, Nell Hughes, Edna McArthur, Bobbie McKinney, Sue Medrano, Glenna Gene Moore, Jackie Terry, Luella Waddell, and Bertha Warren. The next meeting will be November 19th. It will be an all day workshop with Myrtle Joiner. Bring a 9 X 12 canvas.

Women With A Purpose To Meet

Women with a purpose will meet this month on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Roby. This organization for christian women of all faiths has had exciting and inspirational meetings and the attendance is growing monthly. Edith Ervin, a well known and much loved lady from Abilene is to be the speaker for this month's program. Edith has recently returned from speaking engagements in the east and will share with the Roby Meeting, "Didn't Know That I Didn't Know." The special feature for the evening will be presented by Pat Burt of Sweetwater. She will give a demonstration and talk about calligraphy, the art of beautiful lettering. Beverly Rister will provide special music and refreshments will be served. If anyone needs transportation, please call Liz Schoenecker at 776-2308 or Janie Ritter at 776-2159. Nursery will be provided at the church. A \$2.00 donation will be accepted to cover costs of the meeting. Plan now to attend. You'll be glad you came. It'll be a wonderful evening for all!!!

Cotton Classing Office Begins Season Sample Report For 1984

B.B. Manly, Jr., Area Director of the USDA, Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, reports that 4,700 samples were classed during the week ending November 9, 1984, bringing the season total to 12,700. Cotton harvesting is mostly in the counties south consisting of Glasscock, Tom Green, Runnels, Concho and Schleicher. Harvest is far behind normal, due to rains. Receipts picked up sharply Thursday at the Abilene Classing Office and should continue until the harvest is completed or weather intervenes, reports Manly. Prices paid for cotton ranged from 56 to 58 cents per pound, with little trading due in part to the small volume of new crop available. Cotton seed prices ranged from 95 to 105 dollars per ton depending mainly on quality of seeds. Predominant qualities of cotton classed were: Grade 42 with 42 percent; Grade 32 with 37 percent and Grade 52 with 10 percent. Seven percent were reduced in grade because of Bark. Staple qualities had a wider range with 21 percent for Staples 31 and 34; Staple 33 was 15 percent; Staple 32 was 14 percent; Staple 30 was 12 percent and Staple 35 was 11 percent. The average strength was 24.9 grams per tex, Strength 24 to 27 consisted of 50 percent.

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Missionary To Speak At Nazarene Church

Rev. and Mrs. Robert McCroskey, Sr. are missionaries to the Republic of the Philippines. They were appointed in 1956 and have served in the Philippines since their appointment.

Rev. McCroskey attended Grace Bible Institute and received his A.B. Degree in Bible. Mrs. McCroskey also attended Grace Bible Institute.

The McCroskeys have three children: Bob, a missionary in Indonesia, Carolyn and Melanie. Rev. and Mrs. McCroskey plan to make their fur-rough home in Oklahoma City.

Church of the Nazarene at 7:30 on November 16.



Rev. Robert McCroskey

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers, or aquaculture operators are available through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), John B. Smith, FmHA county supervisor, said today.

Mr. Smith asked that those who need farm credit as a result of severe drought make their needs known at the Farmers Home Administration office at Rotan, Texas.

Applications for assistance in the disaster stricken counties will be accepted by Farmers Home until 6-24-85 for physical and production losses.

Funds may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts. Funds can be used for essential operating and living costs, Mr. Smith said. Applicants that certify that other credit is not available may receive loans covering actual losses at an interest rate of five percent for the first \$100,000, and eight percent on any amount over \$100,000, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible consistent with the applicant's ability to pay.

Applicants who certify that other credit is available may also receive these loans at a higher interest rate.

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Cross Roads Will Host Thanksgiving Service

Rev. Mike O'Neill, pastor of the Cross Roads Baptist Church, will be delivering the message at the annual Rotan Community Wide

Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 21st. The service is scheduled

to begin at 7:00 p.m., at the Cross Roads Baptist Church. Randy Marble, Youth and Music Director of the First Baptist Church in Rotan, will be in charge of the Thanksgiving service musical presentation. Other pastors of Rotan churches will have parts in the annual service. Kay Kennedy, Rotan Band Director, is in charge of special music involving possibly using bells and musical instruments.

Churches and pastors participating in the Community Wide Thanksgiving Service include: Rev. Mike O'Neill-Cross Roads Baptist; Rev. D. Munday, Rotan First Baptist; Rev. Fred Brown, Rotan Methodist Church; Rev. Paul Cheatham, Sardis Baptist Church, Rev. Bubba Stahl, Calvary Baptist Church, and Rev. Joe Norton, Nazarene Church.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that Fisher County, Texas, is hereby advertising for a bid for oil, gas and other mineral lease(s) covering the following described tract of land.

74.51 acres of land, out of the John Chumley Survey No. 312, lying along the North and East lines of that certain 465 acre tract of land conveyed to J.T. Smith by Deed recorded in Volume 47, Page 461, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas and is situated on the waters of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River about 6 miles N 22 degrees W. from Roby, Fisher County, Texas and said 74.31 acres being the same tract of land described in a Deed from William Polk Curry, Jr., et al, to Fisher County, Texas, dated July 18, 1974, and recorded in Volume 379, Page 81, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

The Commissioners Court of Fisher County, Texas will receive and consider bids for said oil gas and other mineral lease(s) at 10:00 a.m. on November 29, 1984.

Said lease(s) will be awarded to the highest

and best bidder and Fisher County reserves the right to reject all bids.

Marshal Bennett
County Judge
Fisher County, Texas
40:2tc

Fisher County Nursing Home

Maebell Ogden is in the Fisher County Hospital, we wish her a speedy recovery. Hope she is back with us soon. We would like to thank her sister for the delicious cake she brought. Maebell's birthday was Sunday.

Doris Branch of Aspermont, Dean and Claire Wright of New Hampshire visited Lucille Wright. Margie Fowler of Roby visited John Sharp. LaNita Moore, Dove Blevins, and Mable King all enjoyed a ride out in the country by A.B. Smart. We would like to thank him for his time and for the persimmons. Mr. Cummings also brought some turnips. Also thanks to whoever brought the beautiful flowers.

Beverly McKinney

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One new 1984 Track Type Loader 67" gauge
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Segmented Sprocket Rims, sprocket guards
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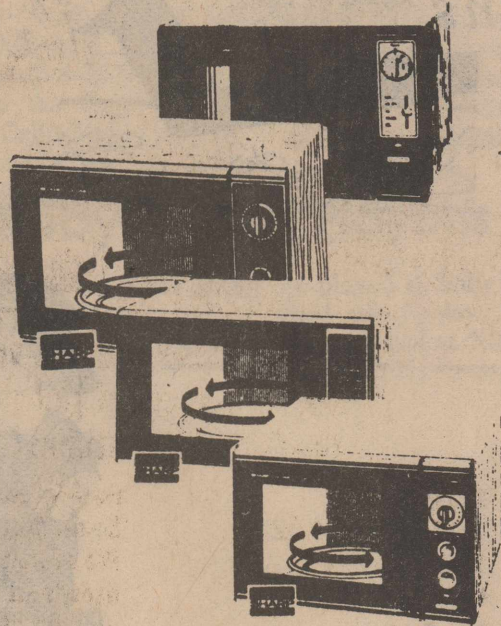
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Rear ripper with three

shanks
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NIM'S KORNER
By Kim Pease

THE LANDSLIDE: One fellow at the coffee shop remarked "I guess Fisher County and Walter Mondale's home town were the only places he carried". That's not exactly correct, but it may not be that off either. It was amazing to me how far the political pollsters have come in recent years. At 7:01 p.m., Texas time, exactly one minute after the polls closed one network declared President Reagan had captured Texas and awarded him the electoral vote. U.S. News and World Report was also pretty quick, considering all the deadlines. The magazine hit the streets across the country, with the front cover showing a Reagan avalanche. One senior editor said "How could we lose? If Reagan didn't win, the issue would become a collector's item." I am one who appreciates fast results, but I wish the electronic media would not announce any results until the polls closed. Think about the people in California that began getting results from the Eastern states about 4 hours before their polls closed. I think I join others in Fisher County with fond memories of election night and my chalkboard where votes were tabulated and the first results learned were those in Fisher County.

A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU: To the members of the Veteran's Of Foreign War Post for taking the time to place flags all over Rotan last Saturday and Sunday in recognition of Veteran's Day 1984. Keep up the good work.

A PLUG FOR WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE: The Western Texas College Theatre Department will open its fall season on Thursday, November 15th with its production of the musical review "Tintypes". Other performances are set for Friday and Saturday night. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Reservations may be made by calling WTC at 573-8511, extension 234. Janece and I have had the pleasure of presenting presentations in the past and I have enjoyed the experience.

SPECIAL: Keifer Cauble is offering coupons for merchandise and Deli this week. This week's coupons are for \$1.00, .50 cents, and \$2.00, \$1.00 and \$1.00 on Wednesday, November 21st. See you there.

We offer our condolences to the family of the former Rotan Postmaster, Charles Snyder, who passed away Sunday morning. He was a good friend and a member of the Rotan Community.

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Funeral Services

Charles O. Duke

Charles Orman Duke, 66, of Rotan, died 9 a.m. Wednesday, November 7 in Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Rotan Church of Christ with Mike Dennis and Charles Lindley of Kermit, officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mr. Duke was born at Sabora, in Eastland County, August 7, 1918. He was the son of Mrs. Charles Melton Duke and the late Mr. Duke. He married Jo Ella Tucker, March 23, 1940, in Sweetwater. A veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theater with the 693rd Field Artillery. He moved to Rotan in 1947 from Sweetwater and was a

partner in J and J Oil Supply, a wholesale gasoline business, until his retirement in 1978. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his father in 1970; a sister, Iris Wiese in 1972; and a brother, Leon Melton Duke, in 1978.

He is survived by: his wife of Rotan; a daughter, Jo Ann Field of McCamey; a granddaughter, Leigh Ann Field of San Marcos; his Mother, Mrs. C.M. Duke of Loraine; and a sister, Dorothy Buchanan of Plainview.

Pallbearers were I.T. McArthur, Francis Floyd, Glenn Posey, Jack Price, Don Bryan and Marshall Hill.

Robert Phillips

Services for Robert C. Phillips, 65, who was postmaster in Rotan until 1976, was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church. He died at 8:15 a.m. Sunday at Fisher County Hospital after a brief illness.

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

Born Aug. 21, 1919, in Rotan, he married Jane Dougherty Sept. 1, 1940, in Rotan. He was Rotan's postmaster from 1954 until his retirement in 1976. A veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and an

honorary member of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

His wife died Feb. 3, 1983.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Billy (Diane) Dycus of Azle and Mrs. Randy K. (Maxine) Odd of Richland, Wash., a brother, Garland of Seagraves; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tom Collins, Carlton Burrown, Charles Thornton, Yoke Fleming, Melvin Clements, Charles Atwell, A.B. Parker and Dillard Smith.

Orval Shipp

Orval Dan Shipp, 43, of Potosi, formerly of Rotan, died in an automobile accident, Saturday, November 10.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Lawn Baptist Church. Rev. Terry Sanders of Broadview Baptist Church officiated. Burial was at the Dewey Cemetery, directed by Fry Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Born December 29, 1940 in Rotan, he married Geanene Willis, November 7, 1965, in Abilene. He served in the Navy for eight years, after which he was employed by White Trucking Co., for eight years. He also worked as an off-shore oil field driller in Saudi Arabia, Brazil,

England, Africa and Germany. He was a member of Rotan Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a baby daughter.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Ryan Shipp of the home; his mother, Callie Shipp, of Rotan; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Walden of Abilene, six brothers, Marvin of Burnet, Harvey of Brownwood, Winfred of Snyder, Eugene of Roby, Herschel of Rotan and Andy of Sweetwater; and 20 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ted Bowman, Glynn Ferguson, Larry Ferguson, Bill Gray, Gary Nelson, and Butch Schuman.

WTC Customers Paying Less Than State Average

West Texas Utilities Co. residential customers are paying slightly less than the state average for their electricity this fall, according to surveys reported by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

In September and October, WTU's standard residential rate for 1,000 kilowatt hours was \$74.74, while the state average was over \$76, the PUC report shows. For 500 kilowatt-hours, WTU charged \$41, while the state average was \$40.41 in September and \$40.25 in October. Average monthly usage for WTU residential customers was 1,020 Kwh in September 1983 and 701 Kwh in October 1983.

The survey included 19 utilities, among which were 10 investor-owned companies. Highest rates in the stat were those of El Paso Electric Co., which charged \$98.37 for 1,000 Kwh. Lowest rates reported were by the Lower Colorado River Authority, which charged \$53.09 for 1,000 Kwh.

WTU currently is awaiting the outcome of a rate case pending before the PUC. A settlement agreement presented to a PUC hearing examiner would raise WTU's base rates

but lower the fuel cost recovery, resulting in only slight changes in the various rates now in effect. A final decision by the three PUC commissioners is expected in November.

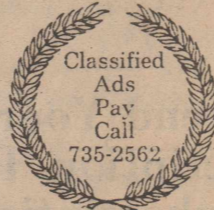
Rotan First Baptist Sets Cantata Date

The members of the First Baptist Church of Rotan will be presenting their annual adult Cantata on Sunday, December 16th, according to Rev. Derrel Munday.

The church children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 9th.

Yates Reunion Date Is Set

The Yellow Ribbon is around the old oak tree, so come to the Yates reunion. November 23 thru 25 in the Pink Building in Roby.



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We want to thank you for all the delicious food prepared, the lovely flowers, the prayers and love you gave to us during this time. We appreciate all your kindness more than you can know. God bless you all.

The Family of Charles O. Duke 40:1tp

Rotan Yellowhammers End 1984

Football Season With Hamlin Loss

The Rotan Yellowhammers closed out the 1984 football season on a sour note when they lost the battle to the highly ranked Hamlin Pipers last Friday night. Hamlin lead throughout the game and while the Hammers did manage to put two touchdowns on the board the final score favored Hamlin at 30-12.

The first points came about midway through the second quarter when Hamlin made a 74-yard drive assisted by a long pass that netted 38 yards. One of the few highlights for the Hammers came when they managed to block an extra point try and keep Hamlin to a six-point advantage.

Unfortunately, things didn't begin to jell for Rotan and after a futile possession after Hamlin's score the Hammers lost yardage and had to punt to the Pipers who took the ball at their 49-yard marker and passed the pigskin on their first play for another score. This time their two-point attempt

was successful and the score weighed more heavily in the Piper's favor at 14-0.

After halftime it looked as if the Yellowhammers might have received some inspiration in the locker room when they came back to score on a long march down the field. Getting the ball at their own 30 yard line it took nine plays to get to Hamlin's 45. Then, a pass from quarterback Tim Carrillo to Larry Messick moved them all the way to the 5 yard line

for first down and goal. Messick took the ball across the goal line for Rotan's first score and an aborted extra point attempt put the score at 14-6 in favor of Hamlin.

The Yellowhammers kept Hamlin from going anywhere on the next series and it looked as if they might come back to tighten up the game. Things looked even more inspired when Robert Gauna intercepted a Piper ball at the end of the quarter but it was not enough to get a

Hammer score. In the early fourth quarter, Hamlin scored 8 points putting them up by 16. On Hamlin's next possession Messick made another interception and this time ran it 45 yards for a Yellowhammer score. Again, the extra point attempt failed and they had to settle for six points.

Hamlin put two more touchdowns on the board as well as a two-point conversion and an extra point to make the final score 37-12.



ROTAN BAND: The members of the Rotan Jr. High Band participated in the halftime ceremonies with the high school band last Friday night.

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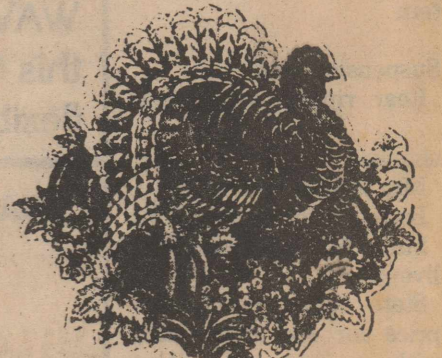
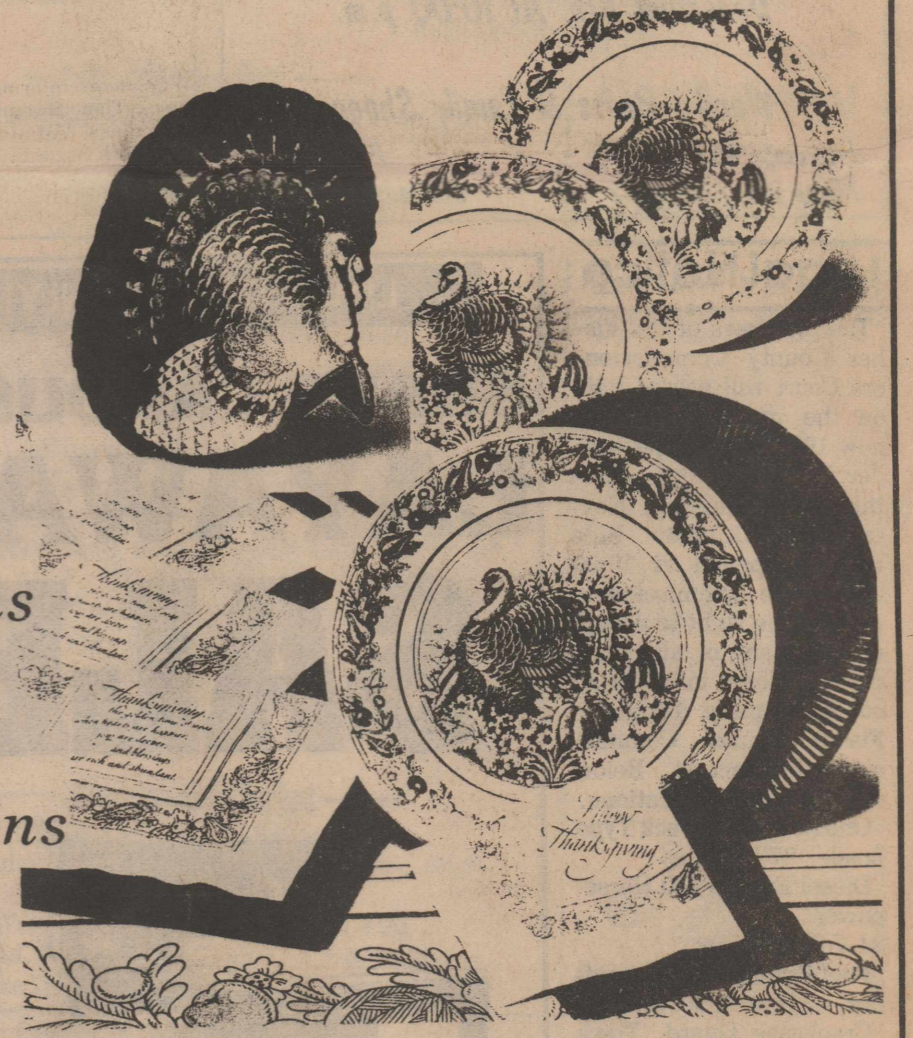
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