



JUNIOR TOP FIVE: Seated Rocky Roberts, David Stevens, standing: John Pease, Ward Hayes, and Raymond Baker.



FRESHMEN TOP FIVE: Dee Ann Montez, Jan Posey, Darrian Ragan, Mark Hargrove, not pictured, Todd Gruben.



SOPHOMORE TOP FIVE: Rafe Hargrove, Lousinda Ramirez, Jenna Thornton, not pictured, Julie McQueen, and Evette Gruben.



SENIOR TOP FIVE: Sonia Carrillo, Tish Fowler, second row, Meg Field, Tony Gruben and Desiree Gray.

**Evelyn Nowlin
Named To McM
Dean's List**

Evelyn H. Nowlin of Rotan has been named to the Dean's List for the 1984 Fall Semester at McMurry College, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, vice-president for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College.

Evelyn resides at Rt. 1 in Rotan. A total of 181 students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall '84 semester at McMurry. A student must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on the 4.0 scale) and must take at least 12 semester hours to qualify for the honor.

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**Two At Rotan
Make Honors
A.T.S.T.I.**

Two Rotan students have been named to the Winter Quarter honor rolls at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater, according to Dr. Herbert C. Robbins, Campus President.

Students maintaining a 4.0 grade point average in all subjects qualify for the President's Honor Roll. A 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average qualified the student for the Dean's Honor Roll.

John Hale, Jr. was listed on the President's Honor Roll in the Computer Maintenance Technology program.

Listed on the Dean's Honor Roll was Larry Ramirez, a student in the Autobody Repair program.

Financial Aid Workshop Set For Rotan

All who are interested in receiving answers to questions regarding the process for Financial Aid for higher education are urged to reserve Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. to attend a Financial Aid

Workshop at Rotan High School. Mrs. Corky Swanson, Financial Aid Specialist, will discuss grants, loans, scholarships, and proper procedure for preparing required applications.

Lynda Kenner On McMurry Dean's List

Lynda Hawkins Kenner of Rotan has been named to the Dean's List for the 1984 Fall Semester at McMurry College, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, vice-president for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College.

Lynda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawkins of 715 Burnside in Rotan.

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**Hardin Simmons Offering
Scholarship Aid Symposium**

College-bound juniors and seniors are invited to a

Scholarship/Student Financial Aid Symposium at Behrens Auditorium, Hardin Simmons University on February 5 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to become better acquainted with their financial options for college. ACU, McMurry College, HSU, ROTC and local lenders will have representatives on hand to discuss financial assistance.



**Brandon Sheehan
Receives Top
Scouting Award**

Brandon Sheehan has been awarded the God and My Family scouting award by Calvary Baptist Church.

This is a cub scout award sponsored by the scouts religious beliefs. Marie Cashen, W.M.U. president of Calvary acted as Brandon's advisor. They worked together for several months. The project taking about 1 year to complete.

Seventy-eighth district State Representative Steve Carriker was elected Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, the number two position. Representative Gene Green of Houston,

who served as Whip last session, was elected as the new Chairman. The House Democratic Caucus is comprised of House Democrats who meet to discuss legislation and

other policy matters. "One of the duties of the Whip is to line up votes on important Democratic issues and it's a great way to find out who's a Democrat and who says he's a Democrat," said Carriker.

In addition to serving on the House Agriculture Committee and Elections Committee, Carriker also

serves on the governing body of the National De-

mocratic Party, the Democratic National Committee.

**Representative Steve Carriker Elected
Whip Of House Democratic Caucus**

**16,361 Bales Are Ginned
At Fisher County Gins**

As of Tuesday, January 29, a total of 16,361 bales of cotton had been ginned by the five area gins in operation this season. One local grower said, "I hope the weather stays dry for two more weeks and then it can rain all it wants."

That's the feeling of several growers who were delayed in getting in a harvest due to wet weather after the unusually arid growing season last summer.

Rotan Gin has ginned a total of 9400 bales, Farmers Gin has ginned 3725 bales, Terry Gin has done 2166 bales, Farmers Union Coop Gin has done 866 bales and Longworth Gin has ginned a total of 204 bales.



Desiree Gray

**Desiree Gray
First In Pageant**

Desiree Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, was crowned Universal Beauty, placed 1st in talent competition, and was selected Most Photogenic in the Ideal Miss Pageant held Saturday in Abilene, Texas. Desiree will be advancing to state finals held in Houston, Texas the last week in June.

**County Sheriff Searching
For Equipment Vandals**

Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts, in a telephone conversation last Tuesday morning, indicated that a person or persons unknown vandalized a Fisher County maintainer sometime on Monday, January 21st while it was parked near "Buck Ash Corner", approximately 3 miles west of Rotan.

The vandals cut a water hose, draining the anti-freeze and smashed 3 windows in the maintainer causing approximately \$500 in damages, according to Counts. The incident is under investigation by the Fisher County Sheriff's Department. Anyone having any knowledge of the incident is asked to contact Sheriff Counts at 776-2161.



Shoes

My faithful companion and sidekick, Jimmy Markham, [he's the guy who runs our computer and keeps track of all the loose ends I begin but can't find time to tie together] purchased a new pair of shoes recently. They really aren't shoes, look much more like lumberjack boots or hiking boots, but they got me to thinking.

Now Markham purchased a rough tough pair of boots. He could walk across America and still have rubber left on these monsters. They are rugged, will withstand dropped bricks, car engines and whatever else Jimmy could get his foot under. Made of rough-out leather, they won't scratch, will probably keep the fangs of a 4 ft. rattlesnake from penetrating his ankle and never need polishing. A most practical purchase. I kidded Jimmy when he wore them to the office the other day - "Markham, if you drop one of the computer disks on your foot, it sure won't hurt", I said.

He's accustomed to my kidding, he fired something back concerning my conservative taste in the shoes I was wearing that day.

"Markham," I said, "It took me 6 months and 9 shoe stores to find these. They fit good, are extremely comfortable, were in my price range and I like them."

"Fine," he said, "If we ever go on a jungle safari, you'll be right in style."

He wasn't going to hurt my feelings, I liked my shoes, he apparently liked his new boots or he wouldn't have purchased them--so everything was fine.

I got to noticing the shoes around the house the other day and thinking of Jimmy's new boots. Janece has a pair of shoes, she calls them shoes, they are really cut down Army boots. They have a ribbed rubber top, thick rubber sole, and they are the ugliest Army green in the world. She likes them though because they are comfortable and when she goes on night maneuvers chasing stray cats from the door-cat loving snipers won't be able to see her feet.

The next pair of shoes I took notice of belonged to Julie. They looked like a leather version of Cinderella's slipper. Except they weren't even all leather. Had open squares and a cardboard sole with black paint sprayed on the bottoms. "Why don't you get some shoes that are warm and comfortable," I said. "Don't want to", she said. "I like these because my toe nail polish shows through," she smarted.

"Never mind the toe nail polish, I'm paying the doctor bills because you're getting colds from running around in \$43.00 shoes with cardboard soles."

"I don't want to talk about it anymore Daddy, I like these shoes and when summer comes they'll be just fine," she said.

I give up. The only ray of hope is the future. Got a letter from my oldest daughter Kellie, a 9 month resident of Canyon [attending West Texas State]. She feels like she's grown up now because she bought her first box of Girl Scout cookies.



1962 ROTAN FIRE DEPARTMENT: Left to right front: A.B. Parker, Bill Smith, Doyle Lawless, Charlie Bennett, Billy Tidwell, Perry Thomson, Soapy Floyd, Rex Hall, Zed Randolph, Lloyd Hurst, Wendell Morrow and Robert

Phillips. Back: John Mercer, John Gray, Rufus Goodrum, Obie Kelley, Kenneth Kelly, Red Burrow, Charlie Woods, and Archie Neeley.



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock rocked the Capitol complex on its heels last week with his own unique method of trimming fat from government.

Bullock, before anyone could recover from the shock, cut 127 employees from his payroll and closed 12 regional offices, including some in Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston.

While Bullock says that he's now "down to the bare essentials of tax collecting; he still rules over a mighty force of some 2,550 workers. Stories about Bullock's whim's, crazy-like-a-fox-tactics, and eccentricities are now legends among the Capitol crowd.

One favorite myth concerns former Bullock employee Bob Jordan, now the Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning under Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, and a highly regarded figure at the Capitol. Jordan walked by a table one night where Bullock and his top aides were holding court, and Bullock, who harbored some anger then towards Jordan, told one to fire Jordan when he came to work the next day.

Hire and Fire

"We can't do that. You fired him last week," he was told.

"Well then, hire him back, and fire him again," Bullock said, as the story goes. Several folks swear it's true to a reasonable degree. And if Bullock has fired his fair share of employees in his long tenure, he has also trained a majority of the Capitol work force. Many of his former employees like Jordan, have gone on to greater accomplishments and earned high marks of respect.

Mixed Drink Tax Collected In County

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday sent checks totaling \$13.4 million to 220 counties and 427 cities as their share of the state's mixed drink tax collected at the new rate of 12 percent during the fourth quarter of 1984.

The Texas Legislature raised the tax from 10 percent to 12 percent, effective October 2, 1984. Bullock said the state collected \$46.5 million in mixed drink taxes during the quarter, up 22 percent over fourth quarter in 1983.

Texas cities and counties are receiving a 15 percent rebate of the tax collected on mixed drinks sold within their boundaries under the law that legalized the sale of mixed drinks in the state. The state's general revenue fund received the balance—\$33 million—of the tax money collected. The Legislature reduced the city and county share of the tax to 12.5 percent, effective with first quarter collections in 1985, and the state will then get the entire gain from the tax increase.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and city-county rebates are sent out quarterly by the Comptroller's Office. Bullock said the mixed drink tax brought a total of \$167 million to state and local coffers during 1984.

In Fisher County, the total county tax revenue was \$491.54 with the county's 15% remittance \$73.73 and the City of Rotan tax revenue was \$491.54 with the city's remittance being \$73.73.

Hiring Lid
Bullock's meat cleaver tactics combined with the warnings of the Legislature have caused several state agencies to impose a hiring freeze. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower's office was the latest to join the freeze movement last week.

Two legislators, a Republican and a Democrat, have authored a bipartisan bill to eliminate about 20,000 state jobs through attrition. Eventually, no state agency could hire more than 100 employees per 10,000 Texans.

Two state employees groups, one a union, have asked for a stop to the massacre by calling for the task force to study ways to cut staff.

Bullock took a big political chance, some say, because the public is bound to ask: "What's he doing with all those extra employees in the first place." But Bullock also stands to make a good deal of political hay as the man who wasn't afraid to admit and solve the problem. Texas Democrats probably owe him a big favor.

The Legislature

The Democratic Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives elected Rep. Gene Green of Houston as new majority leader. Green said he will try to persuade conservative Democrats from bolting to become Republicans, but that may not be necessary. Only one legislator, Rep. Gary Thompson of Abilene, is showing signs of changing parties. The others are sticking to their guns, come what may, apparently.

House Speaker Gib Lewis predicted last week that Texas will have to impose both corporate and personal income taxes before the turn of the century, because tax revenues from oil and gas are running out. He also foresees substantial hikes in the sales tax, but still vows that no tax bill will be passed this session.

Split-Primary Bill

The notion of a Texas split primary election, that is, holding presidential and party primaries on different days, has come full circle.

Six years ago the "Killer Bees" of the Senate hid out to keep Republicans from profiting from a split primary. Then last week the titular head of the Texas GOP, Phil Gramm, strongly opposed the plan which was adopted recently by the Democrats.

Right now no one knows which party would be hurt and which would benefit. Certainly in the long run it would probably even out and the real winners would be independent conservative voters.

Incidentally, two former "Killer Bees" were defeated in November: Lloyd Doggett of Austin and Bill Patman of Ganado.

Mattox V. Mauro

Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox issued an opinion last week that a Canadian citizen who served in the U.S. military has the right to participate in the Texas Veterans Land Program. But Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who administers the program, disagrees, saying the Texas Constitution specifically requires that participants be "a citizen of the United States." The vet's application is on hold until the problem is worked out.

Mattox, meanwhile, told the Legislature that if it will give him \$500,000, he will track down some \$240,000 million owed the state in court judgements

and penalties.

Hightower, Africans

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has dubbed "Project Texas" his plan to seek \$3 million in donations from Texas farmers and ranchers to buy grain for starving Africans.

The money, about \$25 per producer, would buy a boatload, or about one million bushels, of Texas-grown grains to ship to Africa.

Also last week, Hightower urged farmers to "take up their pitchforks" and wage a "first-class, full-scale rebellion" to save the embattled family farm system.

His anti-Reagan, anti-Washington tirade came during his Houston annual convention of the Texas Farmers Union.

Rotan 7th Grade Girls Defeated By Anson Team

7th grade girls lost a heartbreaker to Anson as an Anson girl makes a long shot in the last 4 seconds to go ahead by 1. The final score was 8-9.

Top scorer was Priscilla Gonzalez with 6 points and the only other scorer was Kellie King with 2 points.

Top rebounder was Shannon Hull and Lori Martinez led with 6 steals.

Other team members include Shannon Boone, Shelley Schooley.

The girls play their final game next Monday at Hawley.

FmHA Prepares Guide

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has prepared a draft Natural Resource Management Guide. The guide is a brief document describing the major environmental

standards and review requirements that have been promulgated at the Federal and State levels and that affect the financing of FmHA activities in Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Guide as well as to consider comments and questions from interested parties. Copies of the Guide can be obtained by writing or telephoning the above contact.

DATE: February 7, 1985
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Federal Building, 101 S. Main, Room 134, Temple, Texas, 76501
J. Lynn Futch, FmHA State Director said that any person or organization desiring to present formal comments or remarks during the meeting should contact FmHA in advance, if possible. It will also be possible at the start of the meeting to make arrangements to speak. Time will be available during the meeting to informally present brief, general remarks or pose questions. Additionally, a 30-day period for the submission of written comments will follow the meeting.

Rotan Honor Roll

- Seniors
Tish Fowler
Tony Gruben
Sonia Carrillo
Desirre Gray
Meg Field
- Juniors
Ward Hayes
Rocky Roberts
David Stevens
Raymond Baker
John Pease

- Sophomore
Lousinda Ramirez
Rafe Hargrove
Jenna Thornton

- A-B
Julie McQueen
Evette Gruben

- Freshmen
Jan Posey
Mark Hargrove

- A-B
Todd Gruben
Darrian Ragan
Dee Ann Montez

Rotan Girls Defeat Hamlin Squad

The girls varsity squad from Rotan won one and went down to defeat once in action last week against Hamlin and Haskell.

The contest with Hamlin went into overtime and the Hammers won a squeaker with a final tally of 52 to 50.

Cathy Conner continued

her high-scoring ways by leading the Hammers with 18 points. Cathy sunk seven field goals and made four free throws for her points.

Shelly Hayes also made it into double figures with 12 points earned by making six field goals. Other

scores were earned by Shelly Hayes and Vikki Wright also made double figures with 12 points and 10 points respectively. Other scores were made by Terri Whitefield (7), Evette Gruben (3) and LaTonya Daniel (2).

The Yellowhammers played another close game against Haskell but this time came up on the short end losing by a margin of 51 to 54.

Cathy Conner went all out and scored 25 points to be the highest scorer in the game. Shelly Hayes and Evette Gruben each scored eight followed by Helen Reese with six, Vikki Wright with two and one point each for Terri Whitefield and LaTonya

Rotan JV Loses

The Rotan girls JV basketball team had a hard week last week losing both of their games. Against Hamlin the Hammers lost with a score of 8 to 36 while the score stood at 13 to 24 against Haskell.

Pearl Huitt lead the team against Hamlin with four points followed by Brenda Hernandez with three and Millie Gasper with one.

In the Haskell competition Millie Gasper was the Hammer's leading scorer with six points. Other scores were made by Brenda Hernandez with five and Dee Ann Montez with two.

Rotan 8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade girls had an off night last night losing to Anson 19-25.

Top scorer was Julie Pease with 5 points.

Other scorers included: Lucy Stinson-4 points; Shanna Bennett-4 points;

Girls In

Action Elect

New Officers

New members were elected into the Girls In Action and Royal Ambassadors of Roby on January 9, 1985.

The newly elected members are: Amy Singletery, Lana Slusher, Kendra Kiser, Colby Moore, Bryce Moore and Mario Barrera.

The Girls In Action slumber party will be held on the third Friday in February.

Anyone who is interested in joining either the Girls In Action or Royal Ambassadors is invited to attend on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Roby.

Read John 15:1-10

Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. —John 15:2 (NIV)

PRUNING is hard for me to understand. I know it is good gardening and that it works, but how and why a plant flourishes after such drastic cutting is beyond me. "This is for the shrub's ultimate health," I tell myself firmly as I lop off the leggy stalks. Sure enough, the pruned shrubs take hold and grow beautifully later in the spring, and I breathe my annual sigh of relief that the value of judicious pruning is proven once again.

I don't understand about tragedy and grief in life. Neither do I understand pain, sickness, nor disaster. They buffet me. I see them all around me, I feel them ebb and flow in my own life. But I still don't understand them or the why of them.

I have learned that life prunes all of us some time or other, maybe many times. But I also believe that as this pruning can be to our ultimate good if we use it as an occasion to turn toward God.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, help me to learn and to grow from life's tragedy and sorrow. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God can turn times of tragedy into times of growth.

Worship This

Week At A

Fisher County

Church

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 735-3471 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:55 Sunday Evening-Church Training 6:00Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:30 Rev. Derrell Monday-Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-ROTAN 735-2334 W.H. (Fred) Brown-Pastor Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday Evening 6:00
SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH West Of Roby Rotan, Texas Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening-Church Training 6:00Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Paul Cheatham-Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-ROBY 776-2308 Warren K. Schoenecker-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 Sunday Evening 5:00 UMYF Worship 6:00
CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH 735-2178 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening-Training Union 6:00 Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Mike O'Neill-Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-McCAULLEY 695-1350 Abilene Barbara Gammeter-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Wed. (second Wed. in each month family nite 7:00)
LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. James Carrington-Pastor	FIRST UNITED METHODIST-SYLVESTER 695-1350 Abilene Barbara Gammeter-Pastor Sunday School 10:30 Worship 9:30 Every Third Tues. Evening Community Dinner 6:30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 776-2159 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Worship 7:00 Wednesday Night 7:00 Rev. Jim Ritter-Pastor	CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROTAN 735-2344 Mike Dennis-Minister Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Morning Bible Class 9:30 Wed. Evening 7:30-Bible Study
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 735-3464 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Bible Study Worship 7:00 Wed. Night 7:30 Rev. Daniel W. Whitaker-Pastor	CHURCH OF CHRIST-ROBY 776-2496 Wardell Halliburton-Minister Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00-Nov.-April-8:00 May-Oct.
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH 735-2487 Rotan, Texas Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 5:30 Wed. Night 7:30	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Joe Norton-Pastor Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Wed. Night Worship 7:30
SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH 993-4479 Sylvester Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00 Rev. Pat Hatfield-Pastor	FOUR SQUARE CHURCH 735-2553 Claud Fry-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Wed. Night 7:00
HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH 776-2593 Hobbs Community Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 LD. (Dutch) Parks-Pastor	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 735-3285 Father Austin Kittredge Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m. Mass
McCAULLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 6:00 Rick McMinn-Pastor	MARANATHA CHURCH Bill Dickson-Pastor Roby, Texas Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 5:00 Bible Study Worship 6:00 Wed. Night 7:30
MISSION BAUTISTA CALVARIO Art Flores Pastor Roby, Texas Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday Evening 5:30 Worship 6:00 Wed. Night 7:30	

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Tax Planning
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ESTIMATED TAX PENALTY
(New Rules)

Individuals who are required to pay their income taxes on a quarterly basis have new rules for 1985. These rules were part of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 and become effective January 1, 1985.

The most significant benefit to the taxpayer is the new method by which underpayments of estimated taxes will be computed. Under the old law, you could avoid being penalized if you met one of four exceptions to the penalty. If, however, you missed all of these tests, your penalty was calculated on the full "balance due" on your tax return.

To see how this worked, let's suppose that your 1983 tax liability was \$12,000. On your accountant's suggestion you set your 1984 estimates at \$12,000 in order to meet the penalty exception that requires you to pay in 100% of your prior year's tax liability. After three installments, you decided that you had paid in enough, so your total estimates paid were \$9,000. When your 1984 return is prepared, your total tax liability, much to your surprise, comes out to \$25,000. Since you have failed to meet the "100% of the prior year's taxes test," the penalty will be assessed on \$16,000, the difference between the \$25,000 total liability and the \$9,000 actually paid.

Under the new law, your penalty would be based on the shortage between what you actually paid (\$9,000) and what you should have paid using the 100% of the prior year test (\$12,000). In other words, your penalty will be based on \$3,000, not \$16,000. This change in the law can be very beneficial to individuals who have large fluctuations in their annual income.

It's wise to have professional assistance in planning your quarterly payments. Since you get penalized for underpaying and since the government does not pay interest on excess money prepaid, it makes sense to plan your payments.

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Rotan Will Be ACT Center

Mrs. Patsy Hamric received notification this week requesting Rotan High School serve as a test center for the American College Testing Program in 1985-86. Test dates for 1985-86 are Oct. 26, Dec. 14, Feb. 8, Apr. 12, and June 14. Students from this area are encouraged

to pick up required registration forms from their counselor and mail completed forms approximately a month before test date.

The A.C.T. is accepted by most colleges in Texas. This is the 18th year Rotan has served as a test center for A.C.T.

Spring Quarter Registration Open At TSTI

Early registration for spring quarter classes at Texas State Technical Institute, Sweetwater is set for Jan. 28-Feb. 1. Regular registration is Feb. 27, and

classes begin Feb. 28. Programs admitting new students include air conditioning, automation/robotics technology, autobody repair, automotive

mechanics, computer maintenance, computer science, diesel mechanics, drafting, electronics, fashion merchandising, technical office training and welding. Degree and certificate programs range in length from six to 24 months.

Tuition and fees for a full-time student are \$95.50 per quarter. Students taking less than 12 credit hours will pay a prorated amount.

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a GED. Transcripts from all previous secondary and post-secondary schools attended must be submitted

to the Admissions and Records Office. Persons without a GED may be granted conditional acceptance into skill development programs with permission of the program chairperson. Terms of acceptance are the prerogative of the program chairperson.

All applicants must take

the Differential Aptitude Test. The test will be given on Monday, Jan. 28 and Friday, Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Persons unable to make these testing dates may contact the Counseling Office at TSTI to set up an alternate time. The test is administered in the Student Center and there is no charge.

Persons wishing to enroll should go to the Admissions and Records Office, located in the Administration building. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For further information, contact the Public Information Office at (915) 235-8441, ext. 278 or 1-800-592-TSTI.

Final Rites Are Held For Clarence Huckaby

Clarence Huckaby, 77, of Rotan, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, at Fisher County Hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, at First United Methodist Church in Rotan with the pastor Rev. Fred Brown officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Mike O'Neill, pastor of Cross Roads Baptist Church. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Huckaby was born January 16, 1908 at Rotan, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dalton Huckaby. He married Mance Goodwin, December 24, 1932, at Rotan. She died March 13, 1984. Mr. Huckaby was a ginner and was employed by Rotan Gin Co. for 40 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is preceded in death by a brother, Hubert, in 1951.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huckaby of Big Spring; a brother, Clem Huckaby of Tatum, New Mexico; 2 granddaughters, Beverly Knous of Big Spring and Jackie

Mullen of Lubbock; 2 great granddaughters: Melanie and Heather Knous of Big Spring.

Pallbearers were G.W. Crawford, Tom Collins, Yoke Fleming, Bille Joe McCombs, Harold Roberts and Fred Phillips.

Rotan High School Names Top Five Academic Honors

Top five students at Rotan High School were announced last week by Principal David Hargrove and Counselor Patsy Hamric. GPA were compiled for each high school student. Averages are based on high school cumulative grades for all academic subjects through fall semester of 1984.

Top Five Seniors are Tish Fowler, Tony Gruben, So-

Rotan High Students Get Scholarships

Tish Fowler, Tony Gruben, Desirre Gray, Sonia Carrillo and Meg Field have qualified for the Midland College Top Five Academic scholarship according to information received by Mrs. Patsy Hamric, counselor, from Dr. Robert A. Hawkins of Midland College. This scholarship covers tuition and fees for all four semesters of study at Midland College.

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Top Five Sophomores are Lousinda Ramirez, Rafe Hargrove, Jenna Thornton, Julie McQueen and Evette Gruben.

Top Five Freshmen are Jan Posey, Mark Hargrove, Todd Gruben, Darian Ragan, and Dee Ann Montez.

Ruffles And Spurs Dance On Saturday

Ruffles and Spurs Square Dance Club will have their monthly dance Saturday night February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building. All dancers are invited to come dance. All visitors are welcome.



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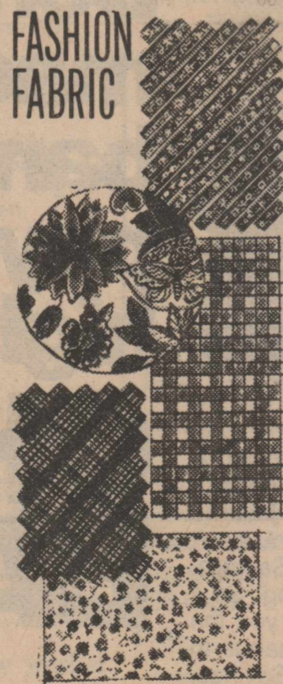
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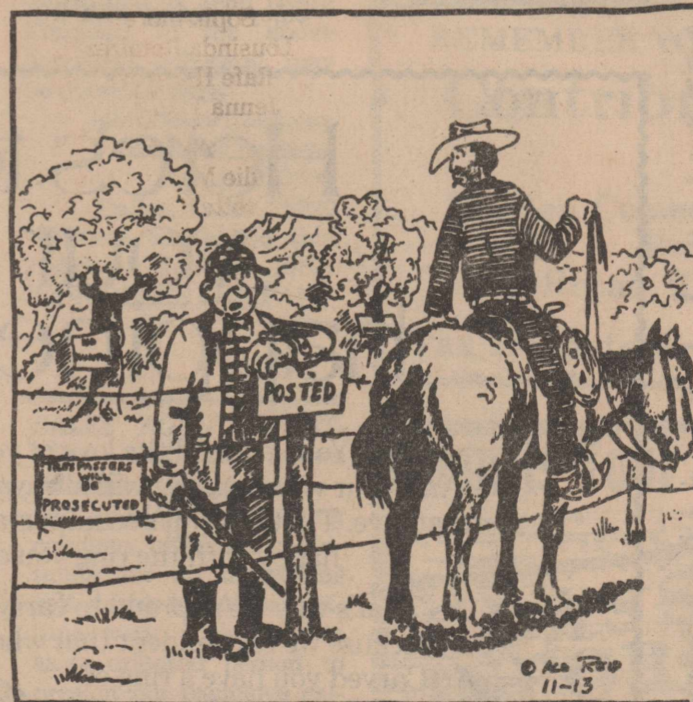
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COUNTY OF FISHER by
virtue of an Order of Sale
issued out of the Honorable
32nd Judicial District
Court of Fisher County on
the 17th day of December,
A.D., 1984 by the Clerk
thereof, in the case of the
Rotan I.S.D. vs. Moses
York. Cause No. 3971,
and to me as Sheriff,
directed and delivered, I
will proceed to sell, at 10

o'clock a.m., on the FIRST
TUESDAY in February,
A.D., 1985, it being the
5th day of said month
before the North Court-
house door of said Fisher
County in the City of Roby,
Texas, the following de-
scribed property, to-wit:
Tract I: Being all that
certain Lot 20, Block 95,
Original Town of Rotan,
Texas, and being more
fully described by that
deed of record in Volume
341, Page 159, Deed Re-
cord of Fisher County,
Texas.

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A.D., 1984, by the Clerk
thereof, in the case of the
CITY OF ROTAN vs. A.T.
BOSTICK, Cause No.
3804, and to me as Sheriff,
directed and delivered, I
will proceed to sell, at 10
o'clock a.m., on the FIRST
TUESDAY in February,
A.D., 1985, it being the
5th day of said month
before the North Court-
house door of said Fisher
County in the City of Roby,
Texas, the following de-
scribed property, to-wit:
Being all those certain
Lots 7 and 8, Block 214,
Inside Addition to the City
of Rotan, Fisher County,
Texas, and being more
fully described by that
deed of record in Volume
50, Page 500, Deed Re-
cords of Fisher County,
Texas.

Levied on this 17th day of
December, 1984, as the
property of MOSES
YORK, to satisfy a judg-
ment amounting to
\$267.97 with interest from
the 1st day of November,
1984, at 10.84% per an-
num and all costs of suit in
favor of ROTAN INDE-
PENDENT SCHOOL DIS-
TRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY
HAND THIS 17th day of
December, A.D., 1984.
Mickey A. Counts
Sheriff, County, Texas
49:3tc

Legal Notice

The City of Rotan will
accept bids until February
12, 1985, 7:00 p.m.; Bid
opening date, for the sale
of 1980 Model Ford LTD
four door Sedan. Minimum
bid \$1,000.00. Terms
cash, vehicle as is.
The City reserves the
right to refuse any or all
bids.

By Lester A. Sescil
Mayor
50:2tc

**Rotan ISD In
Sixth Cycle**

TABS Program

Rotan I.S.D. is entering
the sixth testing cycle of
the Texas Assessment of
Basic Skills program.
Students in grades Three,
Five, Nine and those tenth
through twelfth graders
who did not previously
master all sections of the
assessment will be tested
in mathematics, reading,
and writing on February
5-7.
Third graders will be
tested by homeroom teach-
ers Patsy Cox and Nita
Smith.
Fifth graders will be test-
ed by homeroom teachers
Connie Hargrove and Dee
Ann Mullins.
High schoolers will be
tested by Patsy Hamric,
counselor, and David Har-
grove, principal.

Legal Notice

The Board of Trustees of
the Rotan Independent
School District will accept
sealed bids for construct-
ing a Bus Barn at it's
regular meeting February
11, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.
Bid specifications may be
obtained from and bids
submitted to the office of
the Superintendent, 102
N. McKinley St., Rotan,
Texas. The right is reserv-
ed to reject any or all bids.
51:2tc

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given
that the Commissioner's
Court of Fisher County,
Texas, at a regular meet-
ing of the said Commis-
sioner's Court on January
14, 1985 appointed Mar-
shal Bennett as a Commis-
sioner to sell real estate of
the County at a public
auction to the highest bid-
der at the Courthouse
Door of Fisher County,
Texas on February 22,
1985 at 10:00 a.m., which
real estate is described as
follows, to wit:
One acre tract of land out
of the Southeast corner of
Section No. 116, Block No.
2, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Surv
Fisher County, Texas,
more particularly describ-
ed in a deed, dated July
24, 1899, recorded in Vo-
lume 9, Page 258, Deed
Records of Fisher County,
Texas, reference to which
is hereby made for all legal
purposes.
Priority of sale to be
given to the adjoining
landowners.
Marshal Bennett
County Judge
51:3tc

County Agent Report

By Richard Spencer

Although only a small
percent of Americans...
about 3 percent are actual-
ly involved in farming, a
multitude are part of the
nation's food and fiber
system.
More than 22 percent of
the U.S. work force is
employed in the food and
fiber system.
That means nearly 23
million people are employ-
ed in processing, manufac-

turing, exporting, retail-
ing, preparing and serving
farm-based products.
The food and fiber sys-
tem provides a diversity of
jobs and income for farm-
ers and ranchers, florists,
restaurant cooks and table
waiters, truckers, grocers
and stockers, brewers,
fabric manufacturers and
shoemakers, garment
sales people, cigarette and
soda machine service peo-

ple, and many, many
others.
By state, Texas ranks
third with its estimated 1.4
million jobs in the food and
fiber sector. California
and New York lead the list
with 2.5 million and 1.6
million, respectively.
In terms of percentages,
Texas is 22nd with a fifth
of its labor force depen-
dent on the food and fiber
system. Nebraska, North
Carolina and North Dakota
lead the nation, each with
almost a third of its labor
force employed in food and
fiber occupations.
With a growing agricul-
tural industry and an ex-
panding populations, more
Texas businesses are en-
tering the food and fiber
system. Consequently,
the percentage and num-
ber of Texans employed in
the food and fiber sector
should rise dramatically in
the next five years.

**Roby's Grils Basketball Team
Suffers Loss To Aspermont**

Roby's girls basketball
team suffered two losses
last week at the hands of
Paint Creek and Asper-

mont.
The Paint Creek contest
ended in a score of 51 to 59
with Susan Gaona leading
the Lion's scorers. Susan

made six field goals and
two free throws for a total
of 14 points.

Also making double fig-
ures were Sabrina Herron
and Jennifer Wright with
10 points each. Cindy
Gonzalez scored 6, Tammy
Mauldin made 5 while
Deena Williamson, Marcy
Mauldin and Stacy Terry
all scored 2 points.

Against Aspermont the
Lions came up short with a
final tally of 51 to 66.
Susan Gaona was the lead-
ing scorer again with 21
points. Cindy Gonzalez
made 12 points and was
the only other Roby player
in two digits.

Completing the scores
for Roby were Tammy
Mauldin with 6, Marcy
Mauldin with 4 while two
points were made by Sab-
rina Herron, Kristi Mar-
tin, Charla Wiley and
Cherie Feagan.

Barn Talk

By Pete Flores

Historically, awards as
incentives in 4-H have
played a significant role in
motivating young people
to excellence.

Even before the 4-H pro-
gram formally began in
1914, the private sector
saw the importance of
recognizing youth for their
accomplishments.

In October 1856, for ex-
ample, young Franklin Spa-
ulding stood proudly by
his exhibit of Dutton Yel-
low Corn at the Watertown
(New York) Fair as judges
filed past. His months of
hard work paid off when
he was awarded the \$50.00
first prize in the state corn
contest.

Donor of the award was
Horace Greeley, famous
newspaper editor and poli-
tician.

Following the precedent
set by such early support-
ers of America's youth,
about 60 private sector
donors are providing in-
centives to 4-H members
this year through National
awards programs.

Nearly 200,000 4-H'ers
will be recognized this
year with educational
scholarships, trips to Na-
tional 4-H Congress in
Chicago and other events,
U.S. savings bonds, stocks
and other awards.

These awards are ar-
ranged by the National
4-H Council, a non-profit
educational organization

Kid-Co Pet Day

The kids at Kid-Co Day
Care Center got up close
and personal with several
"pets" last week. On
Wednesday, Jason Gruben
was nice enough to
bring one of his rabbits
over for the children to see
and to touch. For some
kids, this was the first time
to be around rabbits.

Thursday afternoon the
kids got a lesson in "how
to bathe and try a dog",
then got to play with 3
little puppies. The group
has been learning about
the different kinds of ani-
mals that could be pets.
They also found out that
with having a pet comes

responsibility-feeding,
bathing, housing, etc.
Everyone really enjoyed
the pets brought and differ-
ent activities done with
pets.

Children attending were:
Josh and Jeremy Griffith,
Chance McClure, Matt
and Sonya Gaona, Ty
West, Kelley and Klay
McWilliams, Joseph and
Tovah Guerra, Sarah
Boyd, Carlena Chapmon,
Jennifer Palmer, Sandy
Kiser, Becky Frierson,
Alicia Ortega, Ashley
Smith, Julie Terry, Ben
and Will Blaine, and Blake
Montemayor.



ENJOYS PUPPIES: Children attending the Kid Co Day
Care Center in Roby enjoyed playing with and learning
how to take care of puppies recently.



KID CO KIDS: Jason Gruben, center, brought his
rabbit to the day care center recently so other kids could
enjoy playing with it.

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during the winter when
grazing quality is low.

**Palette And
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Meeting Set**

The Palette and Brush
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Fisher County Senior Cit-
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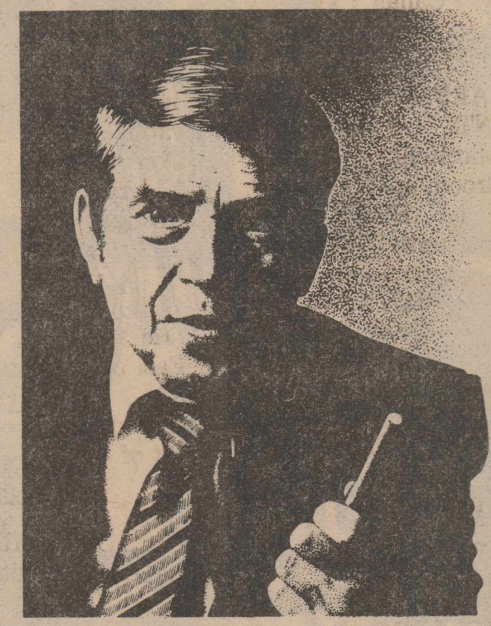
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Congressman Stenholm Introduces Reform Legislation

Legislation that would significantly reform the 54-year-old Davis-Bacon Act has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Cong. Charles W. Stenholm of the 17th District of Texas.

Stenholm is promoting changes in the Act because it has become "antiquated". The Stamford Democrat said, "Congress had good intentions when it adopted this legislation in 1931. However, it's time to revise it and bring it up to date with the economic realities of the 1980s."

The half-century old law requires the Secretary of Labor to set a "locally prevailing wage" for certain classes of workers, and to enforce paperwork and compliance requirements on all federal construction and renovation contracts over \$2,000. Some advocates for reform of the Act contend that the Labor Department bases its pay schedules on unrepresentative surveys in limited geographic areas. The \$2,000 threshold, an amount unchanged since 1935, is also cited as unrealistic in today's economy.

"As a result," Stenholm said, "the government isn't paying locally prevailing wages on its construction projects. Because it's easier for the Labor Department to survey only the biggest shops in larger metropolitan areas, taxpayers are generally forced to pay at the highest rates. In addition, the Labor Department uses a complex formula that tends to disregard the more moderate wage rates it finds in its surveys."

To remedy these problems, the Stenholm bill, H.R. 472, would clarify "prevailing wages" to the point of fully and accurately reflecting the wages of private sector construction. The bill would also require the Secretary of Labor to distinguish between urban and rural areas, increase the use of entry-level "helpers," exempt small contracts and scale down paperwork.

Stenholm said, "Small businesses have been priced out of their own local markets by these artificial wage schedules and paperwork costs. Because of current restrictions against using helpers, those most in need to help to get started up the economic ladder, such as women, minorities and persons just entering the work force, are denied entry-level job opportunities. A study by the government's nonpartisan and respected General Accounting Office supports Stenholm's reasoning. The GAO estimates that the government generally spends five to 15 percent more than necessary on individual construction projects because of the Davis-Bacon Act. Conservative figures show that the federal government could save more than \$1 billion a year if the Act was reformed."

"We all agree it's time to tackle the federal deficit," Cong. Stenholm said. "This would just be a beginning, but this is precisely the type of legislation Congress has to pass if we are going to be serious about cutting spending and reducing the deficit."

Stenholm introduced H.R. 472 with the bipartisan support of more than 50 co-sponsors.

Roby Boys Varsity Team Defeats Old Glory

Roby's varsity players enjoyed two victories and lost one in action last week. Against Old Glory the Lions marched to a 89

to 54 victory in a game that ended up in a three-on-three contest. After several of Old Glory's players fouled out of the game

there were only three players left to play. Top scorer for Roby was Danny Carreon who made it to 22 points. Danny

scored eight field goals and dunked six free throws for his points, all his points were made in three quarters of play.

Todd Donham was runner up in scoring with 12 points followed by Nyle Field and Pache Parks who each had 11.

Completing the scoring efforts for the Lions were Mike Meek (10), Ricky Spencer (8), Benny Carreon (7), and Bruce Williams and Darry Thomson with 4 points each.

Against Paint Creek the Lions were victorious with a final tally of 67 to 53. Bruce Williams led the Roby scorers with 19 points. Other scores were made by Benny Carreon (18), Pache Parks and Danny Carreon (10), Nyle Field (6), and Todd Donham and Ricky Spencer (2).

The Lion's only loss came against Aspermont with a score of 45 to 47. Bruce Williams was the high-scoring for Roby with 18 points followed by Nyle Field (13), Pache Parks (6), Danny Carreon (6), and Benny Carreon (2).

Martinez Rites Are Held

Epigmenia Martinez, 75, of 881 Kirkwood St., formerly of Rotan, died at 3 p.m. Wednesday at her home after an illness. Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at Frist Baptist Church of Rotan. Paul Vasquez, chaplain of

Hendrick Medical Center, and the Rev. Charles Maciel, pastor of Ambler Avenue Baptist Church in Abilene. Burial was at Rotan Cemetery. Born March 24, 1909, in Mexico, she married Victorino Martinez. She was a church nursery worker for Ambler Avenue Baptist. She moved from Rotan to Abilene in 1961.

Her husband and a son, Abel, preceded her in death. Survivors include eight daughters: Rebecca, Liora, Petra, Margarite, Aurora Jimenez, Paula Hernandez, Carmen Miramontez, all of Abilene and Elena Gauna of Rotan; six sons; Cesilio, Victor, Eli-seo, Paul, David, all of Abilene and Solomon of Rotan; three sisters: Petra Rodriguez of Abilene; Juanita Rodriguez of Rotan and Lupe Castro of Lubbock; a brother: Sefirino Lopez of Abilene; 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

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CARPOR SALE: Heaters, air conditioner, GE range, ceiling fans and other household items, 1 mile west of Rotan on Hobbs highway, 3rd house on right. Saturday 9-5. 51:1tp

Legal Notice
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT Whereas, on the 15th day of September 1981, John F. Soliz, Sr., Rotan, Texas, executed and delivered to Farm Tractor & Service, Inc., Rotan, Texas, a certain Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement which was subsequently assigned to John Deere Company, and thereon mortgaged the following described property, to wit:
1-JC 283 Cotton Stripper, S/N 6521
The maker of the Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement has defaulted in compliance with the terms of said Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. John Deere Company, the owner and holder of said Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement on account thereof, is offering said property for sale in accordance with the terms of said Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. John Deere Company has the right to bid.
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of February 1985 at 10:00 a.m. of said date, John Deere Company will offer for sale at Farm Tractor and Service, Inc., Rotan, Texas, to the highest bidder the above described property.
Conditions and Terms of Sale: All items will be sold "as-is" and in their present condition. NO GUARANTEE OR WARRANTY OF ANY NATURE, EITHER EXPRESSED TO IMPLIED, is made. Any statement of description is for identification only and not a warranty or representation. All goods are subject to redemption prior to sale. The terms of the sale are cash. The high bidder must submit certified funds (Bank money order or cashier's check) for the full purchase price at the time of sale. All bids must be submitted in person; all sales are for cash and are final. Individual buyers may be required to pay any applicable sales tax on the sale (purchase) price.
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Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well, we have had a few days of almost Spring time weather, but now its cold again and this morning, looks a lot like rain. I am sure that most of the cotton stripping is almost finished, and after they all get through, a slow rain would be just about right. They are plowing out there in several fields and the ground sure does look good; still plenty of moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid went to Abilene for the day on Sunday to attend a big birthday party for Belle Williams, who is 93 years old. Happy Birthday to her. The Kincaids went with Mr. and Mrs. J. Windle Kincaid from Rotan. Mrs. Minerva McCombs also went to the celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Lisbon Letz from Old Glory. They all had a wonderful time visiting; there were 23 present.

Mrs. Neva Phillips from Grand Falls and Todd Burtis from Odessa visited with Mrs. Opal Phillips for a short while on Saturday. Then on Sunday Opal attended a birthday celebration for Mrs. Marie Thornton, Mrs. Wayne (Tonya) Jones, Trish Porter, Gary Hyer and Aaron Porter. Happy Birthday to all of them. It was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Mike Porter, and all of the Phillips, Hyers, and Porters were there. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones and Josh from Big Spring were also there.

Joe Hardin from Abilene, W.B. Hardin and Kenneth Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nicols and three girls from Abilene all visited with Mrs. Bea Hardin on Sunday. Morris Hardin from Lubbock spent the week end visiting with his mother.

Monday night Jim and I went to Rotan to watch the 7th and 8th grade girls play Stamford. Tuesday we went to Hamlin to watch the junior varsity and varsity boys and girls play there. Went to Snyder on Wednesday, and then Friday night we went to Haskell to watch all four games, junior varsity and varsity. Sure was late when we got home, but these new rules have made the games much later in getting started.

Most folks have been staying close to home this week; some are sick with the flu and we hope they will soon be feeling very much better. Seems like the flu is really beginning to get started and some folks are in the hospital with it.

Well, this is all for this week, see you next Thursday.

Golden Haven Home

We want to thank Bert Hale for the delicious turnips.

January 23rd Willard Tiltonson celebrated his 84th birthday.

The ladies enjoyed having their hair fixed. Thanks you, Genia, Wynelle and Tammy.

Visiting Ezell Whitten-Mrs. and Mrs. Hatfield and children, May Hurst and Ruth Brown all of Sylvester. Visiting Janet Conley-Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Etheredge of Roscoe. Visiting Eva Chapman-Jack and Irene Chapman of Roscoe, Bertha Carlile, Nancy Keating of Sweetwater. Visiting Addie Seibert-Brenda Martin and Shandi of Lamesa.

Visiting Johnnie Mulanax-Gail Lobdell of Sweetwater. Visiting Letha Meek-Charles and Norma Meek

of Sylvester. Visiting Dennis Johnson -Ethel Freeman of Brownwood, Mrs. Buster Hart of Hamlin.

Visiting Elizabeth Hale-Tommy Lee and Betty Hale, Bob and Janice Hatfield of Sweetwater.

Our bingo winner was Johnnie Mulanax.

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Rotan Nursing Center

We had one day last week that we could get outside and walk. We had a big group to play ball with us last Thursday. Tuesday's and Thursday's are our ball days for exercise and we have several residents that love to play ball instead of exercise.

Russell had eye surgery on his left eye Wednesday and is doing fine. He said it sure is nice to be able to see how to do things again.

Visitors in the home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hyer of Hereford visiting his mother, Maurine Mitchell. Mary and Paul Martin of Spur visited Joy Smith. Mrs. Loudy Jameson of Hamlin visited Maudie Maize and Maudie Gruben. Mrs. Joe Norton of Hamlin visited Minnie Zimmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Luna, Nidia M., Rev. Juan and family all of Snyder visited Johnnie Trejo. Wayland and Gladys George of Crane visited his sister, Bertie Adams and Earnest. Viola Cunningham and Carolyn Carson of Edmond, Okla. visited Helen Warner. Mrs. May Bell Spence of Bloomfield, N.M. visited in the home also.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Clarence Huckaby. We will all miss him.

Lora Cleveland

The Roby Jr. High boys and girls basketball team participated in the Roscoe tournament this past weekend. The girls brought home third place while the boys ran away with first. The girls led off with Trent and beat them

27-7. Next they played an outstanding game against a team from McCaulley and was narrowly beaten

by the score of 33-30. They won third place by beating Hamlin 29-16. Donna Terry was on the all tournament team.

Scoring points in tournament was: Donna Terry-33; Melanie Ray-2; Teresa McClure-5; Kari Martin-26; Rose Ann Miers-4; Lorena Cave-22; Kim Justiss-7; Rochelle Elkins-2; Patricia Gonzalez-2; Ruth Ann Starnes-1.

The Roby Cubs showed up their competition and allowed their substitutes to get a lot of playing time. Carter Edmondson was Most Valuable Player of the tournament and Rick Onofre was on the All Tournament team. These two boys excelled in play but this is not to take away

from Jerry Carreon, Ronnie Rodriguez, Robert Garcia, and Davis Shipp for they work together as a team very well. First quarter scores for the boys were Roby 24-Trent 9; Roby 26-Ira 4, and for the first place game Roby 24-Roscoe 3. The boys won first place not because there was not any competi-

tion but because they are an exceptional Jr. High team. Scoring points in tournament was: Jerry Carreon-46; Carter Edmondson-46; Rick Onofre-24; Ronnie Rodriguez-18; Robert Garcia-10; David Shipp-10; Joey Teague-4; and Buddy Williamson-2.

Extension

Homemakers

Hold Meet

The Extension Homemakers Club met Jan. 17th with Effie Murphree as hostess in her home.

Eda Bickerstaff presided. Ardell Floyd brought the quiz in our recreation time.

Gaynell Henry called the roll and read the minutes and gave a financial report.

Mary Posey had charge of the program. Our program was centered on quilts old and new.

We were happy to have as our guest Georgie Ashton and Dee Kiker.

Refreshments were served to Wanda Floyd, Ardell Floyd, Eda Bickerstaff, Lois Sparks, Hilda Rollins, Gaynell Henry, Mary Posey, Hazel Aldridge, Bobbie McKinney, Oma Long, Dollie Curry, Beatrice Hargrove, Georgie Ashton, Dee Kiker, and our hostess, Effie Murphree.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from Jan. 22 thru Jan. 28 were: J.E. Counts; Barbara McCain; Maria Baleario; Ella Singley; Rafael Albarado; Reva Jo Harbin; Carl Laughlin; Melissa Matthies and Joe Driver, all of Rotan; Dolly Sierra; Baby girl Sierra; Dorothy Cranfill; and Forrest Price, all of Roby; Claudia Powers, Aspermont; Carroll Johnson, Jayton; Charles Scott; and Delia Barron, Snyder; Nicolas May, Snyder.

Fisher County Nursing Home

Another month is almost gone. We will be putting up our hearts and getting ready for Valentines.

Out of town visitors were Roy Carter of Snyder visiting Clara Carter. Mr. and

Mrs. Max Deel of Odessa visited Pete Deel. We invite everyone to come by and visit our residents.

Bingo winner was Dove Blevins.

Beverly McKinney

Roby Lunch Menu

Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 1985

Monday
Oven Fried Steak
W/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Hot Rolls Butter
Honey Milk

Tuesday
Barbecue on bun
W/Sweet Relish
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Sliced Pears
Sugar Cookies
Milk

Wednesday
Bean Chalupas W/Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Buttered Corn
Peanut Butter Cookies
Milk

Thursday
Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce
Mixed Vegetables
Buttered Corn
Prune Bars
Garlic Bread
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Friday
Hot Dogs W/Chili
French Fries W/Catsup
Pork & Beans
Cheese Wedge
Pineapple Pudding
Milk

Card Of Thanks

The family of Claude Weems wished to express our gratitude to our friends, neighbors, and relatives for the support, prayers, food and beautiful flowers showed to us during the loss of our loved one. By sharing our pain, you have made our loss bearable.

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Consolidated Report of Condition for
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Dollar Amounts in Thousands		C100	Mill Thou
ASSETS			
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:			
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	None	876	1.a.
b. Interest-bearing balances	None	None	1.b.
2. Securities from Schedule RC-B	None	283	2.
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	None	701	3.
4. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C):			
a. Loans and leases	750	4.b.	4.a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	06	4.c.	4.b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	None	4.d.	4.c.
5. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4a minus 4b and 4c)	694	4.d.	4.d.
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	116	6.	6.
7. Other real estate owned	None	7.	7.
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	None	8.	8.
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptance outstanding	None	9.	9.
10. Intangible assets	None	10.	10.
11. Other assets (from Schedule RC-F)	None	11.	11.
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	14	12	12.
LIABILITIES			
13. Deposits:			
a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E):			
(1) Noninterest-bearing	None	13.a.(1)	13.a.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing	11 617	13.a.(2)	13.a.(2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:			
(1) Noninterest-bearing	None	13.b.(1)	13.b.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing	None	13.b.(2)	13.b.(2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities under agreements to repurchase	None	14.	14.
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	None	15.	15.
16. Other borrowed money	None	16.	16.
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	None	17.	17.
18. Bank's liability on acceptances issued and outstanding	None	18.	18.
19. Notes and debentures subordinated deposits	None	19.	19.
20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)	None	20.	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	11 617	21.	21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock	None	22.	22.
EQUITY CAPITAL			
23. Perpetual preferred stock	None	23.	23.
24. Common stock	150	24.	24.
25. Surplus	550	25.	25.
26. Undivided profits and capital reserve	544	26.	26.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	1 264	27.	27.
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)	14 923	28.	28.
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)	14 923	29.	29.

NOTE: The Reports of Condition and Income must be signed by an authorized officer and the Report of Condition must be attested to by not less than two directors for State nonmember banks and three directors for State member and National banks.

1. **ZANNA ANDERSON, V.P. & CASHIER**
Name and Title of Officer Authorized to Sign Report
of the named bank do hereby declare that these Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. **Barbara King**
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Director

3. **JAMES ANDERSON**
Name and Title of Officer Authorized to Sign Report
of the named bank do hereby declare that these Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

January 23, 1985
Date of Signature

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true and correct.

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It's smart to invest in timers that will turn on lights, radios, and the television at different times of day and evening, to simulate your ordinary living patterns. Best choice are the timers with variable settings.

Stop mail and newspaper deliveries for the time you're gone. Don't leave empty garbage cans around; stow them away. Shades or blinds should be half-drawn, not down. Don't leave any lights on continuously, inside or out.

Most important: make it hard to get in. Be sure sturdy locks are installed on ALL doors and windows. Don't forget basement windows and the door from garage to house.

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Diamond Marketing; Abilene Bass Club. Outdoor Sport Show Schedule of Events

January Feb. 3
Thursday, January 31,
1985; 11 a.m. Show

Opens; 5 p.m. Freedance (Aerobic dance routine from Marine Jahan demonstrated by Fitness

World); 6 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Bobby Murray; 8 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Bobby Murray; 10 p.m. Show closes

Friday, February 1; 11 a.m. Show Opens; 6 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Bobby Murray; 7 p.m. Archery Demonstration by Abilene Bow Hunters Association; 8 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Bobby Murray; 9 p.m. Freedance (Aerobic dance routine from Marine Jahan demonstrated by Fitness World); 10 p.m. Show Closes

Saturday, February 2: 10 a.m. Show Opens; 1 p.m.

Live Fishing Exhibition by Ronnie Young; 2:30 p.m. Archery Demonstration by Abilene Bow Hunters Association; 4 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Ronnie Young; 5 p.m. Freedance (Aerobic dance routine from Marine Jahan demonstrated by Fitness World); 6 p.m. Archery Demonstration by Abilene Bow Hunters Association; 8 p.m. Live Fishing Exhi-

tion by Ronnie Young; 10 p.m. Show Closes Sunday, February 3: 10 a.m. Show Opens; 2 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Ronnie Young; 3 p.m. Archery Demonstration by Abilene Bow Hunters Association; 5 p.m. Live Fishing Exhibition by Ronnie Young; 6 p.m. Archery Demonstration by Abilene Bow Hunters Association; 8 p.m. Show Closes

Roby Junior High Girls Defeated

The Roby girls lost to Aspermont. A close game by the score of 23-20. This makes the girls record in district 4-5. The boys rolled over Aspermont boys to tie up district 73-53. Scoring for the

boys was Carter Edmondson 15, Jerry Carreon 15, Rick Onofre 17, Ronnie Rodriguez 13, David Shipp 7, Domingo Chasco 2, Rudy Gonzalez 4. This makes the boys 9-0 in district.

Dr. Johnnie Jenkins Is First Cotton Winner

Dr. Johnnie N. Jenkins, a geneticist for the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the recipient of the first Mobay Cotton Research Recognition Award.

In making the announcement, Dr. Walter Grimes, director of research at Mobay, said, "This award goes to Dr. Jenkins because of his significant contributions to the health of the cotton industry." He will receive \$15,000 with \$10,000 presented to this research institution.

An internationally recognized leader in cotton host-plant resistance research for more than 23 years, Jenkins works at USDA's Crop Science Research Laboratory at Mississippi State University in Starkville. He was selected from 25 outstanding cotton scientists from across the country.

Jenkins' numerous contributions include development of a genetic marker strain of boll weevil, release of about 100 day neutral strains of insect resistant wild cottons, and assistance in discovery of feeding stimulants and attractants affecting boll weevil behavior.

He also developed techniques for rearing several species of insects for evaluating cotton plants for resistance, applied crop simulation to cotton host-

plant resistance research, and provided leadership in multi-disciplinary studies demonstrating interactions of various plant compounds.

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Funk said as insects become to insecticides, as application costs rise, and as regulations restrict the use of some insecticides, host-plant resistance will become an increasingly important component in insect control.

The author or co-author of about 180 publications, Jenkins, 50, is also a consultant to the Rockefeller Foundation and chairman of S155, a cooperative state, federal, and private organization formed in 1974 and devoted to the science and application of host-plant resistance.

He is also an adjunct professor of agronomy at Mississippi State. Being a full member of the Graduate Faculty he has served as an advisor to numerous graduate students.

The Mobay award is the second largest agricultural research award in the world. It is made possible by a grant from the Agricultural Chemicals Division of Mobay Chemical Corp. to The Cotton Foundation, a research and educational mechanism created to allow agribusiness companies to participate in cotton industry activities. Staff support for the project is provided by the National Cotton Council.

Social Security Update

People who had substantial income in 1984 in addition to their Social Security benefits may have to pay federal income taxes on part of their benefits, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently. He estimates that only one in 10 persons who received Social Security benefits in 1984 will actually owe any taxes on the benefits.

To determine if any tax is owed on Social Security benefits, the first step is to figure 'countable income', Hammons explained. Countable income includes all taxable income, plus non-taxable interest, plus one-half of 1984 Social Security benefits. Couples filing a joint return should be sure to include combined income and benefits, even if only one of them gets Social Security.

If the total countable income is less than the base amounts shown below for a person's tax filing status, Social Security benefits are not subject to tax.

\$25,000.00-if a person files as single taxpayer
\$32,000.00-combined income of a married couple filing a joint tax return.
(NOTE: This may include people recently widowed.)
one half of the Social Security benefits of mar-

ried people who file separate returns, who lived together during some part of 1984 is subject to tax. (The base amount is \$0.00).

If countable income is more than these base amounts, the amount of benefits subject to tax is the smaller of:

one-half of countable income above the base amounts, or one-half of the annual Social Security benefits.

Thus, never more than one-half of Social Security benefits is subject to tax.

Every person who received a Social Security benefit in 1984 will receive a Social Security Benefit statement, Form SSA-1099, by the end of January, 1985, Hammons said. The form will show the amount of Social Security benefits received in 1984 and any amounts returned or paid back. The net figure provided should be used in figuring 'countable income'. A worksheet, IRS Notice 703, which can be used to determine if any benefits are taxable, will come with the Form SSA-1099.

Beneficiaries who need information about the figures shown on the Form SSA-1099 are urged to call the toll-free SSA number provided on the form. Also, a free booklet—Publication 915, Tax Information on Social Security and Railroad Retirement Bene-

fits—is available at any Social Security or Internal Revenue Service office.

If Publication 915 doesn't provide the answer to taxable income or tax liability questions, Hammons suggested people contact local tax assistance volunteers or call the toll-free IRS number for their area provided on the back of the Notice 703.

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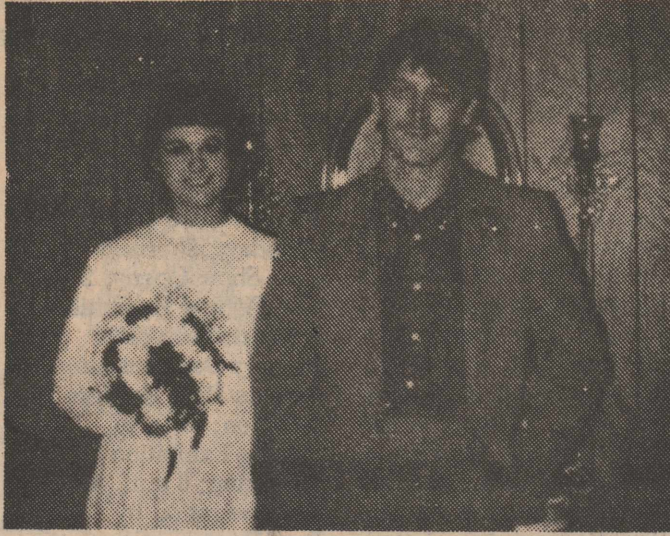
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Public Notice

EXEMPTIONS

Persons whose property lies within the Fisher County Appraisal District and who are due an exemption for property taxes and *did not sign an application in 1984*, must submit an application for such exemptions by May 1 of this year to the Appraisal District Office.

Provisions of the Texas Property Tax Code permit a one-time initial application for residence homestead exemptions rather than requiring annual application as in previous years.

However, taxpayers who have never received a residence homestead exemption on the homes in which they are residing on January 1, and those who became 65 years old or disabled during 1984, must make the one-time application this year in order to receive exemptions for 1985.

In order for a property to qualify as a homestead, it must meet four tests:

- 1) It must be owned by the person or persons claiming the exemption.
- 2) It must be designed or adapted for human residence.
- 3) It must actually be used as a residence.
- 4) It must be occupied as the principal residence of an owner who qualified for the exemption.

DISABLED VETERANS who have not received an exemption previously, must file an application before May 1, with the Appraisal Office in order to receive the exemption for this tax year. However, persons who were granted the exemption in 1984, or in previous years, do not need to reapply in 1985.

Those listed to qualify for the exemption are:

- a disabled veteran
- a surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as long as the spouse remains unmarried
- a surviving minor child of a deceased disabled veteran, if the veteran's spouse does not survive the veteran and if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.
- a surviving spouse of a person who was killed while on active duty, whether the spouse is remarried or not at the time of the application
- a surviving minor child of a person who was killed while on active duty, if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.

AGRICULTURAL VALUES

All persons who wish to have their property taxes based on open space value and *did not sign an application in 1984 or in previous years*, must file proper application this year with the Appraisal District. Persons who signed for valuation of their property under the open space application in 1984 or in previous years, do not need to sign up again. Any person who has purchased land from another person in 1984 must file an application as the new owner for 1985.

RENDITIONS

All persons whose property lies within the Fisher County Appraisal District whether it be real property or personal property shall render such property for taxation between January 1 and May 1 of this year. This includes automobiles, boats, boat trailers, etc.

Renditions and applications must be made on forms provided by the Fisher County Appraisal District Office. Forms are available in the Appraisal District Office at the Fisher County Courthouse, Rooms 113, 114, 115, Roby, Texas.

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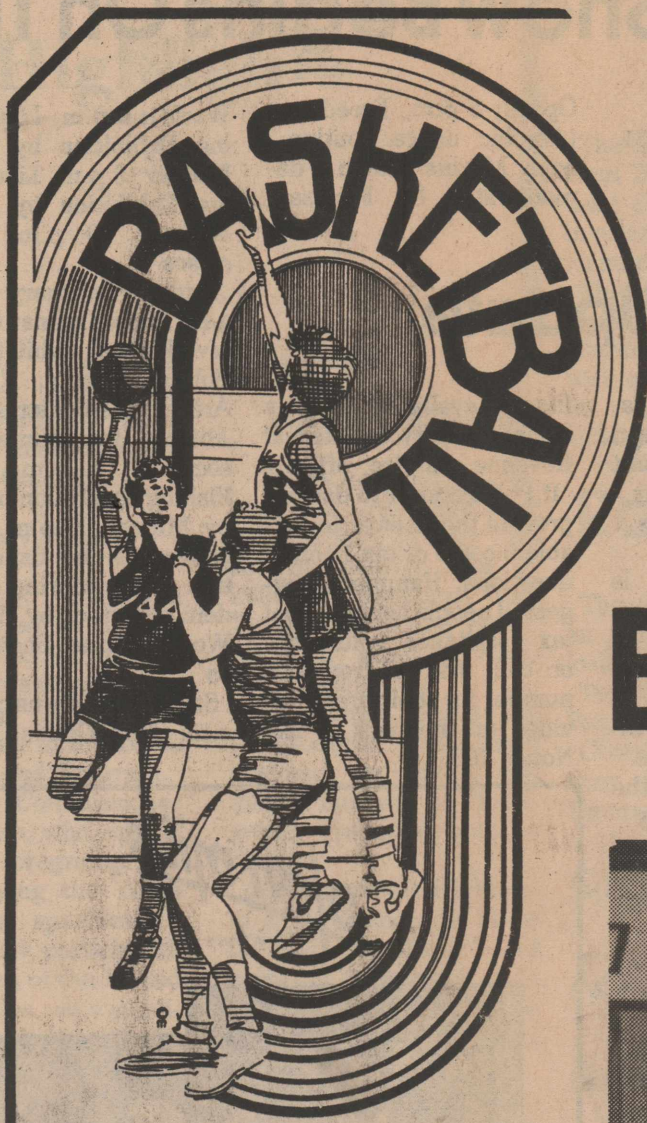
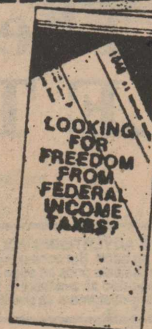
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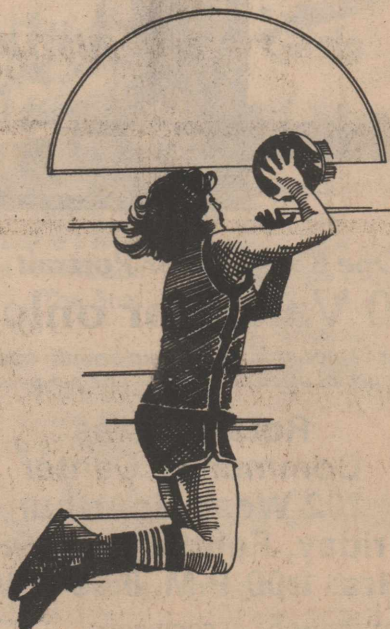
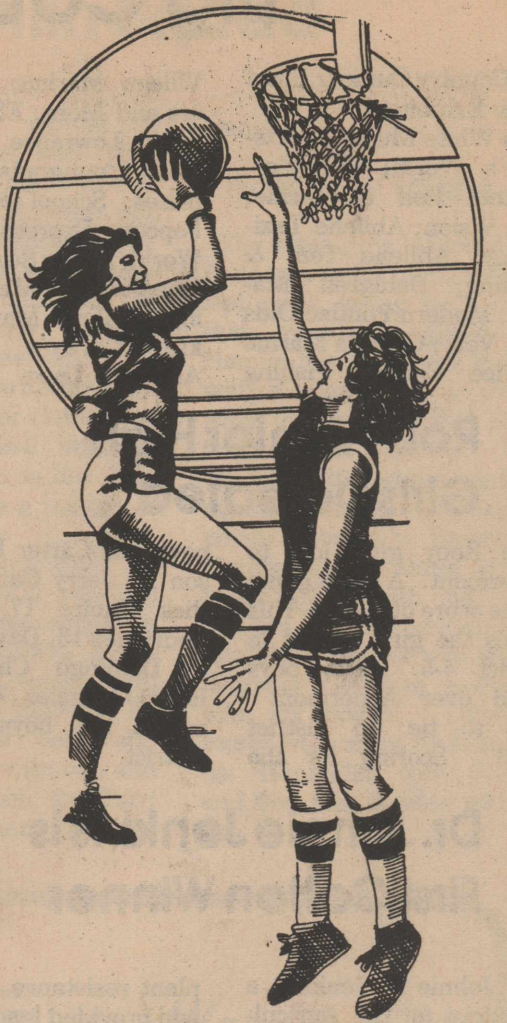
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Fisher County Basketball



Roby Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & 2-Boys Jayton JV Tournament
- Feb. 1-Rule-Here-6:30-V-B&G
- Feb. 5-Aspermont-There-5:00-V-B-V-JV-G Jr. High
- Feb. 4-Old Glory-Here

Rotan Basketball Schedule

- Feb. 1-Anson-4:30-Here-V-B&G--JV-B&G
- Feb. 5-Hawley-4:30-There-V-B&G-JV-B&G Jr. High
- Feb. 4-Hawley (Boys-Here-Girls-There)

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