

Homicide, Suicide Is Suspected In Death Of Shells, Rifle Found, Spent Cartridges Near Body Investigated

Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts is still sifting through evidence in the death of two Fisher County residents. A preliminary report from the forensic laboratory in Dallas last Tuesday

afternoon informed Counts that Cleo Shell died of three .22 cal. bullets to the head while his son Phillip Shell died from a single bullet that entered the head under the chin.

The bodies were discovered by Counts last Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the southeast bedroom of the farm house in the Royston Community. Cleo Shell, age 71,

was born on August 18, 1916 and moved to Fisher County in February of 1986. He had been a resident of Fisher County as a boy. Phillip Shell, age 34, born on November 18, 1953, had been a resi-

dent of New Mexico most recently. Sheriff Counts was first contacted concerning the shooting at approximately 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon, March 29th. Dick Gruben, who

farms the Shell land, was contacted by a sister of Cleo Shell, Mrs. A. Brown, indicating that she wanted assistance in attempting to locate Cleo. "She had been trying to call Shell by phone for several days," said Counts.

When Gruben went to the farm home, he could not get anyone to answer the door. All the doors and windows were secured and two vehicles were at the home.

Gruben contacted Counts, at approximate Commodities To Be Distributed To 470 Families

Commodities distribution will be Saturday, April 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Pink Building in Roby. Be sure to bring a signed note if you are picking commodities for someone unable.

As of the first of the year, approximately 470 families and 1200 individuals were helped by the distribution.

ly 4:30 p.m., Counts broke into the home through a back door and discovered the bodies of Cleo Shell and Phillip Shell in the bedroom, both dead.

Cleo Shell was on his back in bed with a paperback book on his chest. Phillip Shell was on the floor, face down, at the foot of the bed.

A .22 cal. rifle was near Cleo Shell. The conditions of the bodies indicated that the pair had been dead for several days, said Counts.

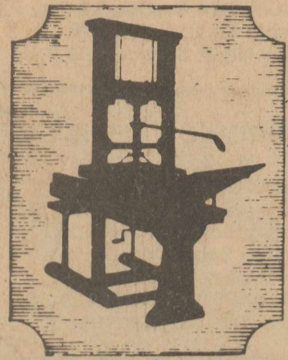
Mrs. A. Brown spoke with Cleo Shell on Wednesday or Thursday, March 25th or 26th, after Shell returned from Clovis, New Mexico where he bailed out Phillip Shell from a Clovis, New Mexico jail where he had been con-

fined and had been charged with DWI and possession of marijuana, said Counts.

Counts said he found two spent .22 cal. shells in the bedroom on Sunday and after returning on Monday found three additional spent shells under some "stuff on the floor."

Counts anticipated that the results of the autopsy would be known by Tuesday of this week. He received a preliminary call at approximately 2:00 p.m., from officials saying that Cleo Shell died of three head wounds and Phillip Shell died of a single wound.

The bodies were transported to Dallas on Sunday after an autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace Geneva Chandler.



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County Residents Will Trek To Polls, To Elect Candidates This Saturday

Fisher County residents will be voting this Saturday, April 4th for candidates to serve in school board posts, hospital board positions and for spots on both the Rotan and Roby city councils.

Each of the four Fisher County school districts will hold elections on Saturday. Polls for all elections will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. ROTAN SCHOOL BOARD: A total of six individuals are seek-

ing two vacancies on the Rotan School Board. Incumbents Larry Landes and Joe Morrow are both seeking re-election. The four newcomers attempting to unseat Morrow and Landes are James Warren, Luther Summers, Manuel Garcia and Alva Mercer. ROBY SCHOOL BOARD: Two three year terms have drawn a total of six candidates for the posts on the Roby School Board. There is only one incumbent in the race—Steve Terry. The five newcomers are Thomas Dickson, Diltzie Edmondson, Jan Clark, Becca Frierson and Richard Gaona.

HOBBS SCHOOL BOARD: Only one vacancy exists and one only will be filled. Incumbent Wayne Jones

has a term expiring and he is the only candidate to file for re-election.

McCAULLEY SCHOOL BOARD: Three vacancies exist. Filing for posts include Billy Jeffrey, Bobby Smith and David Hill.

FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD: A total of three candidates have filed for two vacancies on the

Fisher County Hospital Board. The incumbents—Glenn Copeland and Billy Jeffrey are seeking re-election while newcomer David Morris is seeking a spot.

ROBY CITY COUNCIL: Roby Mayor W.C. Carl Matthies has filed for re-election and is being challenged by

Archie Rivers. The two Roby councilmen, Murray Simmons and Melvin Thomson are being challenged by Jack McClure.

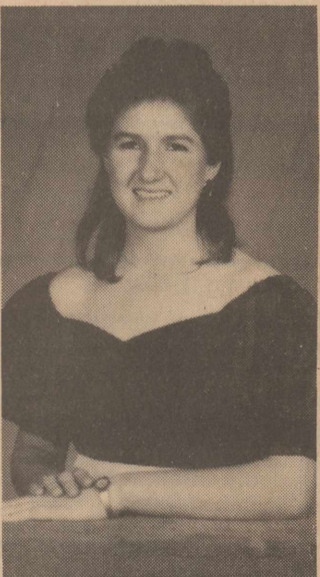
ROTAN CITY COUNCIL: A total of three candidates are seeking two seats on the Rotan City Council. Incumbents Phil Springer and Jim McCright are being challenged by Luther Summers.

State Next

Jennifer Dickson Wins In Amarillo

On March 28 and 29, the National Baton Twirling Association held its Southwest Regional Competition in Amarillo, Texas. The Southwest region in-

cludes Northern Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. Competing in the 13-15 year old novice category, Jennifer Dickson, age 15, sophomore, of Rotan, won the Southwest Regional Solo Championship and the Fancy Strut Championship. Jennifer also placed first in Parade Majorette and fifth in two baton competition. Twirling for divisional ratings, she received a number one rating in solo, two baton, parade majorette, and fancy strut. Jennifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickson, will be competing for National Baton Twirling Association State honors in June.



Jennifer Dickson

Early Childhood Screening In Roby Apr. 7 & 8

The Tri-County Co-op will conduct a screening for developmental delayed children for the Early Childhood Program. This will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday April 7th and 8th in Rotan and on Thursday April 9th in Roby. If your child is between the ages of 3 and 4, and will not turn 5 before Sept. 1, 1987, you may be interested in setting up an appointment with the school.

Children will be assessed in developmental areas including psychological, auditory, visual, language, motor and speech.

If you wish to make an appointment, please call Rotan Elementary, 735-3182 and Roby Elementary, 776-2224. Appointments will be scheduled between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Rotan Room Parents Meet On April 6th

There will be a Room Parents Association meeting Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Primary LRC. It is urgent that all parents attend. We will discuss a number of topics and plan the Easter egg hunts, a field day for second and fourth grades, the upcoming book fair, get an update on the letter machine project voted on, vote on a second project and discuss the science fair.

Roby Expected To Set Hiring Deadline Soon

Roby School Superintendent Jimmie Laurie indicated last Monday that he was getting quite a few applications for the two vacant positions just from word of mouth.

Last month the Roby School Board accepted the resignations of High School Principal George Price and Football Coach Ken Jerigan. "We're not going to get in any big hurry," said Laurie about filling the two posts. The board will meet on April 13th, contracts are due back then and we'll know more about the overall vacancies that exist, said Laurie.

Deadlines for accepting applications will probably be made by the board at the April 13 meeting.

13 Head Taken Valued At \$10,000

Preston Martin Arrested For Cattle Theft By Sheriff

An 18 year old Rotan man was arrested by Sheriff Mickey Counts last Monday and charged with cattle theft.

Preston Martin, age 18, was arrested on Monday by Sheriff Mickey Counts and Hat-

ton Moore, agent for the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, and charged him with one count of cattle theft from Eugene Hudnall in August of 1986. Martin allegedly stole

a total of 13 animals selling them in his name through a local cattle auction on two separate occasions.

"The first batch of 8 cattle were sold and a few weeks later 5 additional head were sold," said Sheriff Counts.

The description of the cattle missing from Hudnall's farm matched the description of the cattle sold by Martin. "One animal sold in the first batch had a brand on it registered to Hudnall" said Counts.

Martin was arrested last Monday, transported to the Fisher County jail where he posted a \$10,000 bond and was released. The case will be reviewed by the Fisher County Grand Jury in April.

The cattle were estimated by Counts to be valued in the area of \$9,000 to \$10,000. This is a continuing investigation, said Counts, more people are involved. "The cattle were sold in Martin's name."

Kite Flying Contest Set April 12th

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce Kite Flying Contest, originally scheduled to be held on Sunday afternoon, March 29th was postponed and rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 12th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Trophies for 12 and under for the largest, smallest, highest flying and best decorated will be awarded as well as trophies for the same categories for those entering 13 and over.

Special ribbon for the "Hard Luck Kite" will be presented.

The event will be held in the gin lot three blocks south of the Rotan Swimming Pool.

Tyler Morrow Has Fluid Build Up Removed

Tyler Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Morrow of Rotan, had a spinal tap last Monday morning at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock to help remove some fluid build-up at the base of the skull. He recently had a tumor removed and is in the process of taking radiation treatments five days a week. He should be home soon but will have to return to Lubbock to complete an additional 18 radiation treatments.

TO ROBY FIRE MARSHALL: The space for Kim's Korner is being turned over to Roby Fire Marshall Jay Donham this week. He is attempting to explain why there is such a high rate for fire insurance at Roby.

Donham's Letter

There have been some comments recently by citizens of Roby, that they feel they are having to pay excessively high Fire Insurance Rates. With this concern, they have asked why or what is causing our city to have to pay high fire insurance.

Some people at City Hall have pointed their finger at the Roby Vol. Fire Dept. as being the source of the high rates. This copy of the deficiencies for Roby will show that this is not true, it is also intended to show some of the guidelines for fire rates which are set by the State Board of Insurance of the State of Texas.

The following is a copy of the Key Rate Analysis from the State Board of Ins. that shows the items that are charged as deficient in the fire protection of Roby.

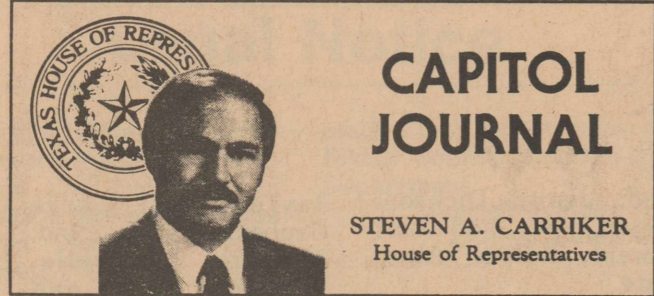
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ANALYSIS OF KEY RATE OF			
ROBY			
FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS			
ESTIMATED POPULATION 814			
6432 (13)			¢ 77
CHARGES			
1. WATER WORKS (a) Single pumping units, electric power.....			07
(b) Power for pumping units not according to standards.....			01
3. ELEVATED TANK (a) Deficient in capacity.....			02
4. WATER MAINS (a) Supply main not in duplicate.....			02
(b) Supply main deficient in size.....			02
(c) 40% of mains deficient in size in residence areas.....			04
(d) Not of approved materials.....			05
5. FIRE HYDRANTS (a) Deficient 15% in number in mercantile areas.....			01
(b) Deficient 15% in number in residence areas.....			01
7. FIRE DEPARTMENT (a) All volunteers.....			10
8. FIRE APPARATUS (a) No recognized reserve pumper.....			02
(b) No recognized reserve hose truck.....			01
9. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM (a) No electric alarm in residence areas.....			04
10. BUILDING LAWS & STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS (a) Inadequate.....			07
14. CONFLAGRATION HAZARDS (a) Overhead wires in mercantile areas.....			01
(b) Frame rafter in mercantile areas.....			02
TOTAL CHARGES.....			51
CREDITS			
16. BOOSTER TRUCKS Two of at least 100 gallon booster tank capacity in addition to requirements at 11.....			24
23. ARSON REWARD maintained.....			24
24. FIREMEN'S TRAINING SCHOOL.....			48
TOTAL CREDITS.....			96
KEY RATE.....			51
CHANGES (LIKE)			
14(0) - 04			
TCN - 04			
TCR 04 - 02			
TR - 04			

The first 9 items shown are deficiencies and the amount we are charged. None of these items are a charge against the Roby Fire Dept. as an organization or its performance of duties which are required of it by the State or City. Roby's present charge is .51 cents, this is down 4 cents from last year. The last 3 items shown, are credits given to the city to reduce our key rate. We get a 2% credit for the two small fire alarms. Another 2% is given for the Arson Reward program maintained by the city, we also receive a 4% credit for two firemen attending the A&M Fire School last year. With the 8% credit subtracted from the charges, Roby's present key rate is 47 cents. Roby is charged with a 10% penalty this year for its Fire Loss Ratio. This is also down from last year. Last year it was 15%. This charge is computed by the amount of fire losses paid to policy holders in Roby for that year. These losses are carried for 5 years on record and for the past several years Roby has paid the maximum penalty of 15% due to the Drug Store fire in '81. This year that fire loss was dropped from the record and now without anymore bad fires in the city, this penalty should continue to drop. These are the things that set our Fire Rates, they are not high, but they can be lower. It will take every resident of Roby working together to better prepare ourselves against the destruction and losses from fires, not only will we see financial gain by lower and reduced fire rate, but we will also see our city gain in stature when we the citizens of Roby work together for the betterment of our city.

If you have any questions about our Key Rate, please contact your Insurance Agent, the City of Roby, or the City Fire Marshall.

Thank You
J Donham
Fire Marshall
City of Roby

Remember: Vote On Saturday



CAPITOL JOURNAL

STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

TAX TALK, PONYGATE VETO, NUCLEAR WASTE

A new wind is blowing in Austin: Business interests are now talking about supporting a personal income tax. They see the income tax as one way to avoid broadening the sales tax to include professional services. Business is also fearful that unless they push for a personal income tax now, the legislature might adopt a corporate income tax instead (which might hit big corporations with a higher rate.)

Meanwhile, the momentum behind the move to broaden the sales tax base seems to be faltering: Governor Clements has endorsed it, but only if it results in no additional revenue to the State. While a majority of the legislature probably favors it, they see no point in waging the battle to change the tax code if it doesn't help get the state out of its deficit situation. So a stalemate continues.

In order to avoid slicing money for things like rural schools, aid to the elderly, and to pay off the deficit, the legislature must raise more revenue than Clements has said he will approve. The major obstacle to getting the revenue thus far has been the Governor's firm pledge to veto any tax bill, no matter what the consequences. However, the deepening SMU "ponygate" scandal has many legislators believing that a Clements veto might be overridden. Another perspective was voiced by one rural legislator after surveying the Governor's budget: "Someone is going to raise your taxes \$6 billion this year. If the state doesn't do it, then your local property taxes will just go up instead. Name your poison."

West Texas legislators waged a spirited fight against being "dumped" on by low level nuclear waste. We succeeded in getting several amendments on the nuclear waste bill that would restrict the siting Authority from putting it wherever they please.

Representatives Larry Don Shaw (D-Big Spring), L.B. Kubiak (D-Rockdale), and members of the Mexican-American Caucus deserve a pat on the back for helping with this issue.

Hobbs Lunch Menu

Monday: Fish, cole-slau, fries, cake, milk.
Tuesday: Steakettes, potatoes, okra, hot rolls, cookies, milk.
Wednesday: Tacos, salad, red beans, hot puffs, milk.

Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, banana pudding, milk.
Friday: Hot dogs, fries, pork & beans, chocolate cake, milk.



CROSSES FINISH LINE: Jan Posey, daughter of Carol Posey, crosses the finish line in first place during the finals at the Jayton relays.

ASCS-USDA Drops Cross Compliance Requirements For 1987 Crop Oats

To help alleviate the short supply of oats, USDA recently removed the limited cross compliance requirements for 1987 crop oats.

"This means that farm program participants may now have an acreage intended for oats in excess of the oat acreage base for their farm without sacrificing their eligibility for other program crop benefits," said county ASCS official Billy Don Atkinson.

Mr. Atkinson said limited cross compliance continues to be in effect for all program crops, including barley; meaning that the acreages of other program crops on the farm may not exceed the crop acreage bases of those crops.

"There is no change for farmers who are participating in the barley and oat program. The acres intended for barley and oats for grain is limited to the permitted acreage for barley

and oats on the farm," Mr. Atkinson said. Producers who are not participating in the barley and oat program, but are participating in the program for another crop on the farm, may have an acreage intended for oats in excess of the oat acreage base, he explained. "However, in this case, barley acreages must be limited to the larger of the barley base, or the combined barley and

oats base, minus the oat acreages."

Prior to dropping the cross-compliance requirements for oats, the expected carryover of 1987-crop oats was projected to be the lowest since the early 1900's. Lifting this requirement is expected to increase oat acreages by two to three million acres.

The ASCS official said the compliance adjustment for oats is for one-year only.

Amanda Moore & Brandi Murphree Attend Festival

Amanda Moore, daughter of Andy and Ann Moore, Roby and Brandi Murphree, daughter of Randy and Sheila Murphree, Rotan both attended the Texas Federation of Music Clubs Festival held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Saturday, March 28th. Both girls received superior

ratings which entitles them to attend the state competition at Arlington Baptist College, May 23rd. Both girls are pupils of Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music in Snyder. They are members of the VIVACE Music Club which is affiliated with the Texas and National Federation of Music Clubs.

Rotan Girls Track Team Places Well At Cisco Meet, Posey Wins 100 Meter

Two hundred meter dash participant Jan Posey finished first in the finals with a time of 28.16 for Rotan last Saturday at the Cisco Relays while the mile and 800 relay team each finished in second place.

The 800 meter team of Kathy Jones, Jerri Lynn Boone, Jan Posey and Denise Powell finished 2nd with a combined time of 1:57.09.

The Mile Relay team of Shannon Boone, Jan Posey, Denise Powell and Julie Pease finished second with a time of 4:31.04.

Shanna Bennett was 3rd in the high jump with 4 ft. 4 inches; Jerri Lynn Boone was 5th in the long jump with a leap of 12 ft. 3 inches. Denise Powell had a 12 ft. 2 inch jump while

Shanna Bennett had a jump of 11 feet 3 inches.

Shanna Bennett finished 7th in the discus throw.

Lucy Stinson was 3rd in the 100 meter dash with a time of 16.09 while Jerri Lynn Boone was 4th with 16.08. In the 400 meter dash

Julie Pease was 3rd with at time of 65.31; Shannon Boone was 6th with 69.31.

The sprint relay team was 4th with an overall time of 55.15. That team consists of Shannon Boone, Julie Pease, Jerri Lynn Boone and Denise Powell.

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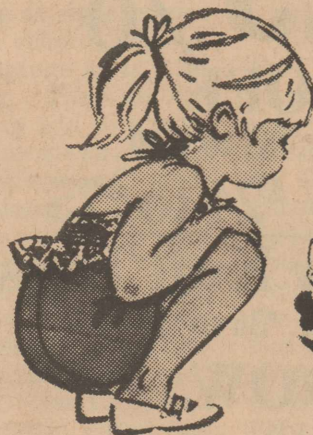


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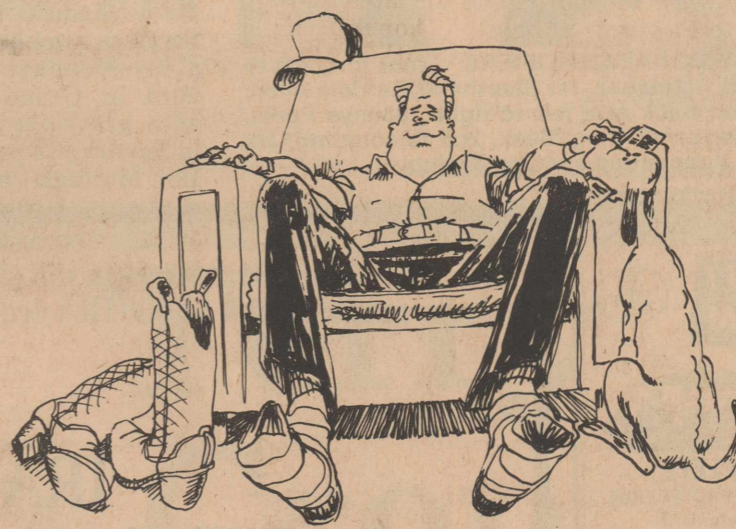
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Roby Wins UIL Meet With 185.0 Points

Rotan High School hosted a U.I.L. contest last week, March 18 thru March 20 with Roby winning First Place overall with 185.0 points; Rotan Second with 103.5 points and Jayton, Third, with 65.0 points. Eight schools participated with results as follows:

Editorial: Patrick Malone, Hermleigh, 1st place; Kathy Hunt, Roby, 2nd; Lucy Stinson, Rotan, 3rd; and Ben Smith, Hermleigh, alternate.

Prose: Latricia Allen, Roby, 1st place; Evette Gruben, Rotan, 2nd; Crystal Church, Hermleigh, 3rd; and Chuck Harris, Jayton, alternate.

Headline: Rodney Foster, Hermleigh, 1st place; Daniel Ramey, Hermleigh, 2nd; Jenna Thornton, Rotan, 3rd and Mary Langston, Roscoe, alternate.

News Writing: Debbie Everett, Roby, 1st place; Rebekah Kilgore, Highland, 2nd; Roschelle Huitt, Rotan, 3rd; and Kathy Hunt, Roby, alternate.

Ready Writing: Ben Smith, Hermleigh, 1st; Lexie Moorhead, Jayton, 2nd; Daniel Ramey, Hermleigh, 3rd; and Paulina Rodriguez, Rotan, alternate.

Spelling: Lucy Masonheimer, Trent, 1st; Jill Branson, Roby, 2nd; Mary Hicks, Roby, 3rd; Lori Freemeyer, Jayton, alternate.

Literary Criticism: Patrick Malone, Highland, 1st; Cesar Diaz, Highland, 2nd; Rebekah Kilgore, Highland, 3rd; Jenna Thornton, Rotan, alternate.

Calculator Applications: Charles Hines, Westbrook, 1st; Lousinda Ramirez, Rotan, 2nd; Dale Browne, Westbrook, 3rd; Candi Hayes, Rotan, alternate.

Team Debate: Tra Hall/Randall Harris, Jayton, 1st; James Gantt/John Everett, Roby, 2nd; Marchell Forgay/Tara Stovall, Roscoe, 3rd.

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Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Teri Morgeson, Roby, 1st; Debbie Everett, Roby, 2nd; Lori Freemeyer, Jayton, 3rd, and Steven Washburn, Jayton, alternate.

Number Sense: Hollis Browne, Westbrook, 1st; Charles Hines, Westbrook, 2nd; Jan Posey, Rotan, 3rd; Stephanie Pierce, Westbrook, alternate.

Poetry Interpretation: Lexie Moorhead, Jayton, 1st; Carye Gruben, Rotan, 2nd; Jeannie Sorrells, Highland, 3rd; and Shannon Hull, Rotan, alternate.

Informative Speaking: Mary Langston, Roscoe, 1st; Jon Burns, Rotan, 2nd; Michelle Burk, Roby, 3rd; and Debbie Everett, Roby, alternate.

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SPELLING & READY WRITING REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Left to right: Paulina Rodriguez, Alternate Ready Writing; Mary Lee Hicks, 3rd Spelling and Jill Branson, 2nd Spelling.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Rotan High School students qualifying for Regional competition in UIL Literary events. Left to right: Jan Posey, Jenna Thornton, Cindy Gaspar, Evette Gruben and Rochelle Huitt.



5th & 6th PLACE WINNERS: Front row, left to right: Karie Martin, 5th, Informative; Teresa McClure, 5th Feature Writing; Kristy Martin, 6th Ready Writing; Back row, left to right: Reggy Spencer, 5th Headline; Mary Lee Hicks, 6th Persuasive; Missy Turpin, 6th Accounting; David VornKahl, 6th Typing.



BUSINESS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Front row, left to right: Paulina Rodriguez, 1st Shorthand; Latricia Allen, 3rd Shorthand; Back row, left to right: Jonnye Parks, Alternate Shorthand; Greg Meek, 2nd Accounting; Jill Branson, 1st Accounting and 2nd Typing.

SPEAKING UIL QUALIFIERS: Front row, left to right: Terry Morgeson, 1st Cross-Ex Debate; Michelle Burk, 3rd Informative Speaking; Latricia Allen, 1st Prose; Back row, left to right: James Gantt, 2nd Cross-Ex Debate; Debbie Everett, 2nd LD Debate and John Everett, 2nd Cross-Ex Debate.



REGIONAL JOURNALISM QUALIFIERS: Left to right, front row: Michelle Burk, 2nd Feature Writing; Kathy Hunt, 2nd Editorial, and Alternate News Writing; Back row, left to right: Debbie Everett, 1st News Writing and Rachel Petty, 1st Feature Writing.

Eleven In County Receive Certificates

A total of eleven Fisher County residents have completed the training to become certified United Methodist Lay Speakers it was announced recently.

The eleven members of the Northwest Texas Conference, Abilene District of the United Methodist Church from Fisher County include: Henry Ellis, Keifer Cumble, Mrs. Floy Jim Hughes, W.P. Schubert, Elizabeth Billingsley, Joe Hull, Mary Ann Marshall, William Duke, Karen Gruben, Dr. Jerry Marshall and Kim Pease.

Funeral Services Held For Amy B. Hawkins

Amy B. Hawkins, 83, of Grand Prairie, and former resident of Rotan, passed away Friday, March 20th at DFW Medical Center. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 23rd in Grand Prairie with graveside services in Snyder at 4 p.m. Rev. Bob Mertzger, pastor of

the First United Methodist Church, officiated. Brown Funeral Home of Grand Prairie and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder were in charge of arrangements. Born in San Saba, Texas, Aug. 10, 1903, she was a homemaker and member of the

Englewood United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie. She is survived by a daughter, Doris Phillips of Grand Prairie; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister, Viola Hawkins of Rotan and one brother, Thomas Roberts of Bridgeport.

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GETTING READY: Terrye Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Rotan, prepares for her leg of a relay team as a member of the Rotan Jr. High track squad.

Hargrove-Rivers Attend Annual Clerk's Seminar

Bettie Hargrove and Bettie Rivers, District Clerk and County Clerk, joined some 450 other officials for the 15th annual County and District Clerk's Seminar, March 17-19. Theme of the seminar was "Striving for a Better Tomorrow Through Continuing Education." "The responsibilities of our office are quite extensive and that was reflected in the seminar program," said Bettie Rivers. "A variety of workshops, roundtable discussions and presentations were offered—in all, some 35 sessions involving about 75 speakers." Major topics included local option elections, probate law, criminal and civil appeals process, child support enforcement and family law, management of court records, computerization and personnel management. The annual seminar is an educational program of the V.G. Young In-

stitute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Institute provides a forum of mutual support between county officials, the Extension Service staff and various government, academic and business leaders in Texas.

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Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

How did everyone like that terrible windy day we had last Monday? I had to go to the Blood Drive and it literally rained mud on the way over to Rotan and it was pretty hard to keep the pickup on the road. Then it was so cold Tuesday and Wednesday, and then it began raining. We had light rain all evening Wednesday with some heavy showers during the night, and thunder and lightning, and then it rained off and on all day Thursday. We measured about 1 1/4 inches altogether so it's wet again. Then on Saturday it was so cold and windy and Sunday was the coldest day we have experienced in March in many a year; they reported 19 degrees in Snyder Monday morning, and said that would probably be a record. Of course, that got all the fruit trees and most of the spring flowers, but my Narcissus is still standing straight and tall and the blooms look fine so maybe it didn't kill them, sure hope not as they are sure pretty.

The Rudolph Martinez heard from their son, Jeffrey, who is now stationed in Germany; he will be there for two

years, but hopes to get a leave and come home next March. The Rudolph Martinez visited with Brian Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Warren of Andrews during the Canyon Reef Tournament in Snyder. Mrs. James Ratliff went to Abilene on Saturday and met Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Knipe and baby, Taren, from Snyder there. They all watched Jim Ratliff play wheelchair basketball against the Abilene Jaycees. Mrs. Ratliff spent the night in Abilene with Jim and Trese Ratliff, returning home Sunday morning. Mrs. Opal Phillips went to Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Thorntons for lunch on Sunday. They celebrated Mrs. Pat Porter and little Michael Porter's birthdays. Happy birthday to them both. All the Porters, Phillips and Hyers were there, so they had a big crowd.

Mrs. Sue Medrano, and Mrs. Bea Hardin went to Snyder on Thursday and spent the day. Mrs. Opal Phillips and Bea went to Rotan Friday. Sunday Kenneth Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hardin from Merkel ate lunch with Bea Sunday, and W.B. Hardin, from Rotan and

Doug and Damon from Throckmorton, all visited Sunday evening. Jim and I went to San Angelo on Friday and visited all evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sig Lloyd. Mrs. Lloyd is Jim's sister, and we rarely get to go down there and visit with them. Saturday we went to Cisco to another track meet, and it was really cold that morning, but wasn't too bad that afternoon, and we bunched up and sat in the bleachers. Glad it wasn't as cold that day as it was Sunday, as it was the times were not as good on account of the wind. Anyway Donnie Carl won both the 800 and the mile, so it was worth sitting out in that cold. Yesterday (Sunday) we built a big fire in the fireplace, and watched the National Finals from Las Vegas; Melody had taped the

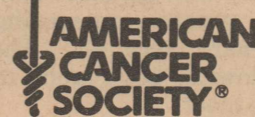
finals of the rodeo and sent it to us, and we really enjoyed watching it on our VCR which we got for Christmas. There wasn't very much on T.V. so we decided it would be a good time to watch the rodeo finals.

Not too much news this week. Lots of folks are sick, and the weather has been so bad this past week, everyone has been staying close to home. It will soon be good weather we hope and we have spring and summer to look forward to. See you next Thursday.



UP AND OVER: Paul Carrillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carrillo, Jr. of Rotan, clears the high jump bar during recent competition at Aspermont.

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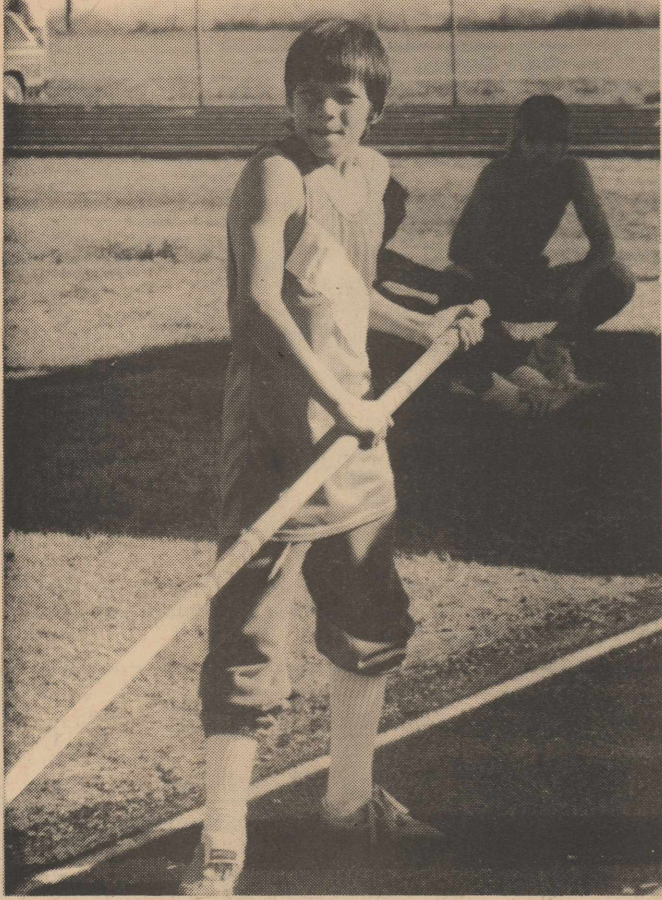
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POLE VAULT: Landon Ails, son of Brenda Ails, prepares to vault during a recent Rotan Jr. High track meet.

Rotan Jr. High Girls Place Second In Aspermont Stinger Relays On March 20th

The Rotan Junior High girls track team placed 2nd in the Aspermont Stinger Relays held Friday, March 20th. Those placing in the finals in individual

events were as follows: Sherrie Conner, 4th-200 meter dash; 2nd long jump; 1st triple jump; Elizabeth Jones, 1-100 meter hurdles; Vanessa Peck 2nd-800 meter run;

Jennifer Martinez 6th-800 meter run; Czrena West 5th-1600 meter run; Tiny Carreon, 6th-shot put; and Shawna Speck, 4th-

discus. The following relay teams also placed: 400 meter relay-3rd, Terrye Warren, Kay Roddy, Vanessa Peek, Sherrie Conner; 800 meter relay-1st Tracy Williams, Laurel Pizaro, Julie Parr and Kay Roddy; and 1600 meter relay-2nd Vanessa Peek, Sherrie Conner, Terrye Warren, Elizabeth Jones. Other members of the track team are: Kristie Martinez, Bonita Perkins, Pat Alvarado, Misty Gruben, Debra Martinez, Cathy Sepeda, Sharilyn Murdoch, Christi Parr, Jody McClain, Leticia Martinez, and Joanna Perales. Coach Adriana Cox was very pleased with the performance of all the girls in the track meet. The Rotan Jr. High girls will participate in the Jayton Track Meet on Saturday, April 3rd.



PARTICIPATES: Misty Gruben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gruben and Letecia Martinez, daughter of Linda Randolph, at a recent track meet in Aspermont.

Roby Boys Track Team Comes In Second In Stamford And Wins Sterling City Meet

The Roby boys had a very rewarding spring break. Prior to the break, they came in second overall at Stamford, and then this past Saturday, the boys won the Sterling City meet. Roby won the meet with 97 points, outscoring Menard with 95. The following boys went to the meet.

3200 run, James Gantt, 1st, 10:41; Mike Reeves, 3rd, 11:03.

400 Relay, Shalon Thompson, Greg Meek, Rodney Green, and Paul Hyer, 3rd, 46.0.

800 run, James Gantt, 1st, 2:07; Paul Hyer, 3rd, 2:08; and Domingo Chasco, 2:27.

100, Shalon Thompson, 12.2; Jason Terry, 12.5; John Everett, 13.6.

400, Greg Meek, 1st, 52.3; Rodney Green, 2nd, 55.4.

300 Hurdles: Jay Linn Helm, 48.7; Domingo Chasco, 50.7.

200 Shalon Thompson, 24.9; Jason Terry 25.6; John Everett 29.2.

1600 Run: Mike Reeves, 1st, 4.55.

1600 Relay: James Gantt, Paul Hyer, Greg Meek, and Rodney Green, 3:37.

Long Jump: Shalon Thompson, 4th, 17' 8"; Jason Terry, 6th, 17' 7".

The boys were trailing Menard by 2 points going into Mile Relay which meant they had to beat Menard. They did by an overwhelming margin.

James M. Parker Elected To Board Of Directors Of West Texas Utilities

James M. Parker of Abilene was elected to the Board of Directors of West Texas Utilities Co. during the company's annual stockholders meeting Tuesday. He is president of Parker and Associates of Abilene and is former owner of Super Duper Food Stores, Inc.

As a new WTU director he succeeds Cearly R. Kinard, retired partner of David Kinard & Co. of Abilene, who is retiring from the board. Kinard was elected a WTU director in 1969 and had served longer than any current member of the board.

Parker is a native of Roby and is a 1947 graduate of Newman High School in Sweetwater and a 1951 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University.

He serves as a director of First Abilene Bankshares, First National Bank of Abilene, Chaparral Airlines, Abilene Aero, Inc., and of Westico Energy.

He also is a director of the Abilene Industrial Foundation, a director of Hendrick Medical Foundation and is past-president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Foundation and the Better Business Bureau. He is past-chairman of Hen-

drick Medical Development Corp. and the H-SU Board of Development.

Parker is a member of the Abilene Rotary Club and is a deacon at the First Baptist Church.

Others on the 13-member WTU Board are Robert H. Alvin, Richard Bacon, Glen D. Churchill, Ralph N. Hooks, Jerry Johnson, G.H. King, Randal Meador, Tommy Morris, and Don Welch, all of Abilene; F.L.

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ROBY SOCCER ACTION: The above action shot of Roby soccer participants.

Rotan Nursing Center News

We are in the process of making some changes in the home. Our meal serving time has been changed to 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This will give our residents 30 more minutes to stay in bed and with long evenings coming up this will make waiting for the next not so bad. It will take time for all of us to get used to our new change but it will

benefit all of us at the end. The afternoon activities will start a little later at 2:15. Austin and Empress Bagwell of San Antonio visited Nancy Bagwell. Steven and Carolyn Ann Carson, Stuart and Christopher of Edmond, Okla. visited Helen Warner. Christy Alaniz and Kathy Sepeda visited San Juana Sepeda. Ann Rush of Galmon, Texas, visited

Faye Neves, Elsie Daniel, Jewell Price and Helen Warner. Vickie Freeman and Sandy Brown visited Elsie Daniel. Kathleen Hicks of Roby visited Jewell Willingham, Roy and Helen Noles of Roby visited Fannie Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Valton Gruben visited his mother, Maude Gruben. We would like to thank Bobbie McKinney and Celia Peace and Celia's two children for our birthday party for March and Eli and Rachel for entertaining us with songs at the party, and the residents are looking forward to Eli and Rachel coming back to sing for us again.

Lora Cleveland

Hicks Takes Part In Government Program

Jennifer Hicks, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cave of Roby recently took part in the Students In Government Program held in Austin and sponsored by the YMCA. Jennifer, who is a student at Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth was chosen one of three from her school. The three presented a bill they had written

concerning drug abuse and calling for testing for drugs in schools. During the three days spent in Austin the students from all over the state elected a governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, and committees. They acted out a session of the legislature, debating and voting on bills to become more familiar with the workings of our state government.

A week after their return home all students who attended from Fort Worth schools were honored with an awards banquet at the YMCA building in downtown Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Cave attended along with Jennifer and her parents, Tom and Sue Hicks.



Jennifer Hicks

Funeral Services Held For Mr. Aub Hamric

Mr. Aub Hamric, 81, of Roby, died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, March 28th at the Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29th, at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan. Rev. Terry Lowe, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Rotan officiated with burial in the Roby Cemetery.

Mr. Hamric was born April 24, 1905 at Greenville, Texas. The son of a Nazarene minister, he attended schools in Hamlin and Cabot, Arkansas. He then attended Hendricks College at Conway, Arkansas. He followed the wheat harvest throughout the U.S. from 1922 to 1925 with an Indian friend. He and Grace Bryant were united in marriage October 29, 1926 at Sylvester. They moved from Roby to California in January, 1938 and then back to Roby in December the same year. Shortly thereafter he opened a service station and has operated it since. A dance slab was

added in 1940 and many had a wholesome meeting place, dancing to a juke box, six nights a week. It was closed on Sunday. In 1941 he and his wife moved a trolley car on to the property and she operated Grace's Snack Bar along side the station, first in the trolley and later in the native stone building.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Grace of Roby; a son, Rudy of Rotan; and a grandson, Conrad of Abilene. He is also survived by two sisters: Margarette Collum of Santa Maria, California and Rebecca Taddy of South San Francisco, California.

Casket Bearers were Cecil King, Zanna Anderson, Jack Morton, Wendell McWhirter, James Putnam and Claud Redden.

Mrs. Jerry Marshall and Mrs. Tom Collins rendered music selections.

County Agent News

By Richard Spencer

About this time of the year home lawns need a boost to get them in shape for the upcoming spring season.

First scalp the lawn and then fertilize.

Scalping a lawn in early spring serves to revitalize it and promote early spring green-up.

Begin the operation by lowering the blade of your lawnmower 1/2 to 1 inch below the normal setting. Then mow the lawn in two directions that are at right angles to each other. Remove the clippings after each mowing. They are excellent to add to a compost or to use as a mulch for garden and landscape plants.

After scalping the lawn, apply a complete fertilizer (one containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) to promote leaf and root growth. Use 1.5 pound of nitrogen per 1,000

square feet of lawn area. This is equal to 18 pounds of an 8-8-8 fertilizer or 12 pounds of a 12-4-8 fertilizer. Repeat the application in the early summer and fall.

For a dark green lawn apply nitrogen every 50 days at the rate of one pound to 1,000 square feet. Monthly applications of iron chelate or iron sulfate during the spring and summer promote a healthy color in St. Augustine lawns.

**** In research done by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, it was found that feeding mother cows and heifers in the afternoon, the chances of calving in the daylight hours increases. A study was conducted by feeding in the morning, afternoon and free choice. 60% of these fed in the evening calved during the daylight hours.

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6:3tc

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To avoid penalties for filing later than April 15th, certain steps must be taken. You must file for an extension and show an estimate of your tax liability.

If your estimate of the total taxes due exceeds the amount you have already paid in, you are required to send the difference along with your extension request. If your tax estimate on the extension request is less than the tax on your final return, you may be subject to penalties.

The "automatic" extension period is from April 15th to August 15th. Additional time can be obtained by filing a request for further extension. This second extension requires that you state the reason for the delay. You will also be asked whether or not your tax returns for the three prior years were timely filed. You'll have to state whether or not your estimated tax payments, if any, were made on time.

If you are not in the United States on April 15th, you have until June 15th to file your return. This does not require the filing of an extension form. When you file your tax return, you attach a statement showing your whereabouts on April 15th. Since the "automatic" extension is available to everyone, there is no longer a tax reason to be out of the country on April 15th.

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News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Well, about one more week of cold weather then we can all start complaining about how hot it is. And it has been cold.

Sally Hobbs of Roscoe celebrated her 87th birthday Sunday with coffee, cake, friends and relatives at her home. About 25 gathered to wish her a happy birthday including her daughter, Helen Thornburg and four other daughters. Helen said they all had a great time. We want to wish Mrs. Hobbs happy birthday and hope she has many more. Lowell and Helen went to Pecos two weeks ago to visit Eddie and Andi Thornburg along with their daughter, Barbara Scrivner of Snyder.

Agness Bunn has been in Houston with her daughter, Toosie Bates, for the last few days. We hope it has been a little warmer in Houston so they can do the things they planned to do.

Rachel Warren of Roswell, N.M. had knee surgery last week and is reported doing as well as she can be right now. It's still very painful but she hopes to go home in the next couple of days. Her daughters, Charlotte Van Driver of Roswell, and Nancy Shepard of Wilkerman, Arizona, are staying with her.

Damon, Shelby, and Sunni Shipp spent the weekend with C.W. and Sue Dulin in Maryneal. The Shipp's live north of Snyder.

John and Gena Whitlock of Ruidoso, N.M. stopped by Jewell Ratliff's on their way to Weatherford and Ft. Worth and had supper with her and Gena's dad, and family, Bill Ratliff of Snyder. Their three children were with them also, John D., Desari and Dara. They will be coming back through Tuesday on their way home.

George and Bobby Boen along with their mother, Mildred went to Dublin and stayed a week with relatives. Mildred had a birthday the 26th. Happy birthday.

Anna Lee (King) Martin had an accident in her home about four weeks ago and broke her arm and shoulder. She is recuperating but very

slowly. Her brother-in-law, Joe King, passed away Thursday. Funeral services were at Ballinger and burial was at Brad on Saturday. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Hazel and the rest of the King family.

Timothy Glen Pinkerton spent a couple of days with his grandparents, Walt and Judy Cave of the Hobbs Community. Edna Ruth Cave of Snyder along with Walter, Lynn, Britany and Brandy Cave of Midland visited last weekend and Lynn and two children visited again this weekend. Lorena Cave spent her spring break in Midland with Walter and family. Matt spent some time in Snyder with his grandmother, Edna Ruth and his sister, Mary Ellen Pinkerton. Matt just had his 18th birthday and Kenny Lee Cave has just turned six, happy birthday to these young men.

Wanda Justiss will host the quilting Thursday at the community center. Hope the cold weather doesn't keep the ladies away.

Anna Key and two of her children, Wesley and Robin of Sparkman, Ark., are spending the week with her mother, Eugena Rogers. They are on spring break and will get to stay until Friday.

Scott and Sheila Ogden of El Campo visited George and Carolyn Ogden in

ASCS-Atkinson Cites Certification Rules

To qualify for 1987 farm program benefits, Billy Don Atkinson, County Executive Director of the Fisher County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said farmers must certify that they will not violate sodbuster and swampbuster provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 during the 1987 crop year.

Sodbusting is the production of an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land that was not used for the production of an agricultural commodity in at least one of the years 1981 through 1985. Swampbusting is the production of an agricultural commodity on wetlands converted for agricultural production after December 23, 1985.

"When the first request for program benefits is made in the crop year, farmers must certify that highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions will not be violated on any land in which they have an in-

terest as owner, operator, or producer. If a farmer requesting benefits does not accurately certify that these provisions are not violated during the crop year in which benefits are requested, he or she will be ineligible for program benefits for the crop year," said Mr. Atkinson.

He said that producers who have recently cultivated highly erodible land that is not exempt, must certify that they are producing the crop under an approved conservation plan.

USDA program benefits include price and income supports, disaster payments, crop insurance, Farmers Home Administration loans, farm storage facility loans and other program benefits.

According to Mr. Atkinson, Fisher County has about 80,000 acres of highly erodible agricultural land, of which 79,000 acres are existing cropland, and 1,000 acres are wetlands with a medium-to-high potential for conversion to agricultural use.

The ASCS official said the conservation certification is made when producers apply for the 1987 farm program benefits.

Pink Ladies Thank Area Blood Donors

The Pink Ladies wish to thank everyone that came to donate their blood on Monday, March 23rd. The following persons participated: Wendell McWhirter, Mildred Parks, Greg Rains, Dot Harris, Carlos R. Aguirre, Norene Kersh, David Posey, Robin Graham, Jeff Posey, Charlynn Kidd, Lester Greenway, Jeff Anderle, James Carter, Beth Martin, Sue Shipp, Harold Roberts, Patricia Rains, Paula Verden, Karla Roberts, Ysabel Almanza, Joe Almanza, Janice Copeland, Mike Hull, David Ferrell, Carol Posey, Vernie Coan, Letha Lee, Hortencia Perales, Tony Perales, Kevin Copeland, Robyn Anderle, Sherry Anderle, Jay Hendon, Joe Teague, Billy Speck and Carol Roberts.

Hospital Report

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital from March 24 thru March 30 were: Dolores Carrillo; Marcos Basquez, Jr.; Bill Starnes; Mary E. Aguirre; Eric Nicolas Aguirre; all of Rotan; Aliosa Ramon, Roby; and Verona Younger, Sweetwater.



Annika Nicole Aguirre is proud to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Eric Nicolas. He was born Monday, March 30 at 12:33 p.m. Eric weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and is 21 inches long.

The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Aguirre. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Saucedo, Sr. Paternal grandparent is Mrs. Antonia Aguirre of Fredonia, Texas. Great grandmother is Demetria Yanez of Rotan.



COMES IN FIRST: Mary Williams of Rotan wins her heat of a recent race.

Results Of Rotan Tennis Tournament

Rotan hosted a tennis tournament last Friday, March 27th. Eleven area schools participated.

Events were: Masonheiner Trent def. Phan Stamford, 7-5, 6-4. Girls Doubles: Hatfield-Louis Aspermont def. Moore-Hall, Hamlin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Boys Singles: Green, Anson def. Wilson, Haskell, 6-1, 6-1.

Boys Doubles: Todd Gruben-Leo Castillo, Rotan def. Cooper-Lewis Hamlin, 6-3, 6-2.

Other Rotan players: Girls Doubles: Cecilia Hernandez-Lucy Stinson Rotan were defeated in the quarter finals by Gilly-Gibbs, Haskell, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

Boys Singles: Mike Garcia was defeated in the semifinals by Wilson of Haskell, 6-4, 6-2. Jeff Cave was defeated in the quarter finals by Green, Anson, 6-0, 6-0.

Boys Doubles: Blake Morrow-Billy Speck were defeated in the quarter finals by Mata-Hawthorne, Anson, 6-4, 6-3.

The next tournament that Rotan will be participating in will be held in Sweetwater, April 10th and 11th.

Extension Homemakers

The Rotan Extension Homemakers Club met March 5 with Mary Posey.

We had a guest from Snyder, Joyce McCoy. She brought the program on "How to make cloth and rope baskets." We were glad to have her. Nine members were present.

March 19, the club met with Nell Park. Alice Ballenger, our County Agent was there to bring the program on "How to save \$\$\$ when you don't have a dime to spare."

Wanda Floyd presided. Gaynell Henry brought the fun time. Hazel Floyd called the roll and read the minutes. Dollie Curry, a member for years, visited the club. Alice Ballenger and Bettie Helm were the other visitors.

Others present for refreshments and fellowship were Effie

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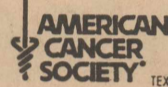
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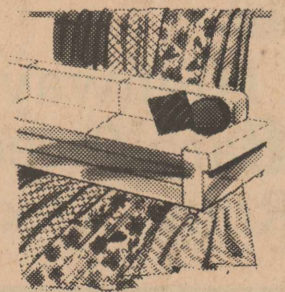
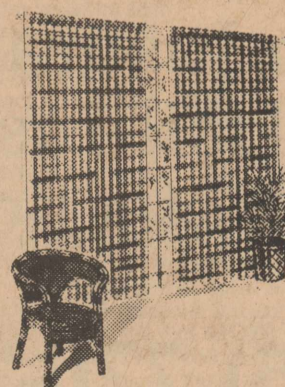
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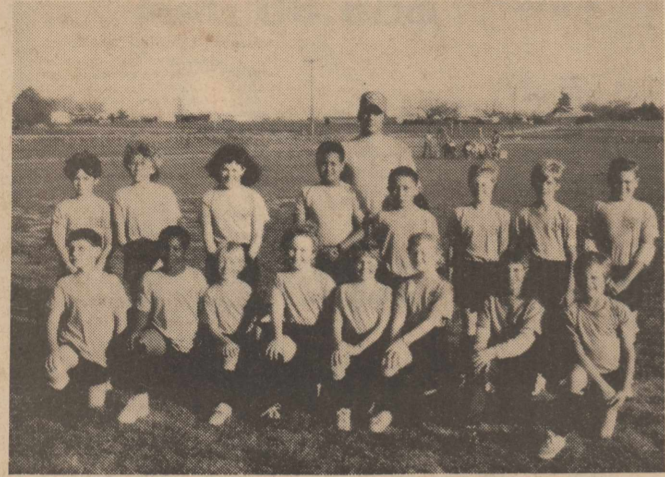
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MAVERICKS: Front row, left to right: Travis Deen, Coby Moore, Shana Schooley, Dawn Tandy, Elaine Soliz, Bryce Moore, and Matt Mercer. Back row, left to right: Eric Smith, Joe Gonzalez, Pete Garcia, Jr., Brandon Weaver, Dee Dycus, Clay Hargrove, Steven Warren Lee Yanez. Coach in back: Pete Garcia, Sr., not pictured, Marcus Gonzalez.



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Boys Track Team In Competition At Cisco Meet

Donnie Carl Gruben lowered his time in the 1600 meter to about the time he was running at the end of last year, winning 1st in 4:54 at Cisco. Earlier in the day, he had won 1st in the 800 meter in a slow 2:08.

The weather was not helpful during the meet, cold and windy. Leo Castillo was the only other Yellowhammer to score points in the varsity division. Leo won 4th running into a strong, cold wind in 12.0. He

was 5th in the 400 meter in 56.5 and 3rd in the 200 in 24.0. George Pat-

erson competed in varsity division in the 100 meter (12.8) and 200

meter (27.1). David Carreon varsity shot put with 36'9" and 87 ft. throw in discus.

Competing in Jr. Varsity division were Jr. Almanza, Aaron Porter, Randy Randolph, and Kevin Smith. Almanza shot put 32 ft. and discus throw of 72 ft. Randolph 7th 100 in 12.8, 400 meter in 65 and 800 meter in 2:36.

Porter 2nd in 400 meter in 57.5 and 3rd 200 meter in 25.5. Smith 2nd in 200 nudging Porter in 25.5; 300 I.H. 5th in 50.0 and 100 meter in 13.8.

Team points for Rotan Varsity 32 points for 5th place.

This Saturday, the boys and girls teams will compete at the Post, Texas Relays.

Roby Soccer Teams In Area Competition Play

The weather was windy and cold but the Roby Strikers, 4-5 year olds, were hot. The Strikers defeated Snyder's Cosmos, last year's tournament championship winners 3-1. Ermando Barrera scored 3 points. We played with 8 players and no substitutes. Four players were out with illness. Team members are Monroe Moore, Autumn Daniel, Chance McClure, Matt Gaona, Sarah Boyd, Ashley Smith, Michelle Elliott, Shaun Brown, Joshua Griffith, Keisah Stidham, Mondo Barrera and Shelton Waldon. Coaches are Rhonda Boyd, Terry Gruben, and Karan McClure. The Strikers will play the Rotan Hammers at 10:00 a.m., Field A, Saturday, April 4th.

Roby Bluebombers, 8-9 year olds scrimmaged a mixed team from Snyder. Their original game had been cancelled with no notification to the coaches, Marie Henry, Matt Floyd and Diane Feagan.

Bluebombers will play the Tornados at 11:00 a.m., Field D, Saturday, April 4. Good Luck Bluebombers.

Team members are: Matt Counts, Amy Beauchamp, Travis Clark, Patrick Cortez, James Arnwine, Chad Arnwine, Donnie Barrera, Mario Barrera, Rhonda Henry, Justin Smith, Vivian Elliott, Ty West, Shae Feagan, Billy Floyd, and Kendra Kiser.

The Roby Dragons 10-11 year olds defeated Rotan's Mavericks 1-0. Jason Gruben scored the Dragons point in the last few minutes of this

hard fought game. This was the Dragons first game of the season and all the players did an outstanding job. The Dragons will play Saturday, April 4, and will be playing the Eagles at 11:00 a.m., Field E. Good Luck.

Team members are Mike Counts, Jeremy Stidham, Jason Gruben, Alfred Rivas, Ralph Amador, Zachary Clark, Reuben Moreno, Teddy Current, Robert Vahlenkamp, Ben Singletary, Mike Elliott, Esequiel Anay, and Thomas Cortez. Coaches are Butch Sorrell and Larry Gruben.

All games will be played on the Snyder Soccer fields, 37th and El Paso Streets. See ya there!!!

Funeral Held For Mrs. Santos Garcia

Mrs. Santos Garcia, 97, longtime Rotan area resident, died at 4 a.m., Sunday at Rotan Nursing Center. Rosary was held at 8 p.m. Monday at Weathersbee Chapel and funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Austin Kittredge. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Mrs. Garcia was born Sept. 27, 1889, in Mexico and came to Texas in 1923. She married Augustine Garcia April 2, 1926 at San Angelo. They moved to Rotan in 1929. Mr. Garcia died January 11, 1981. Mrs. Garcia was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by two brothers-in-law: Joe Garcia of Sweetwater and Henry Garcia of Rotan; one sister-in-law: Maria Velez of Rotan; and several nephews and nieces.

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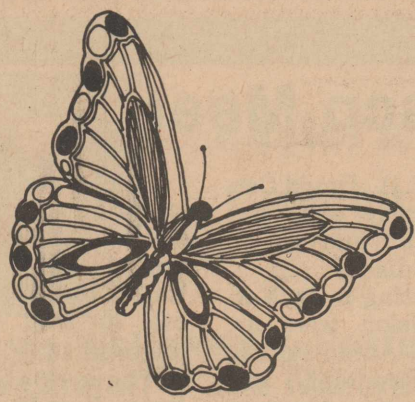
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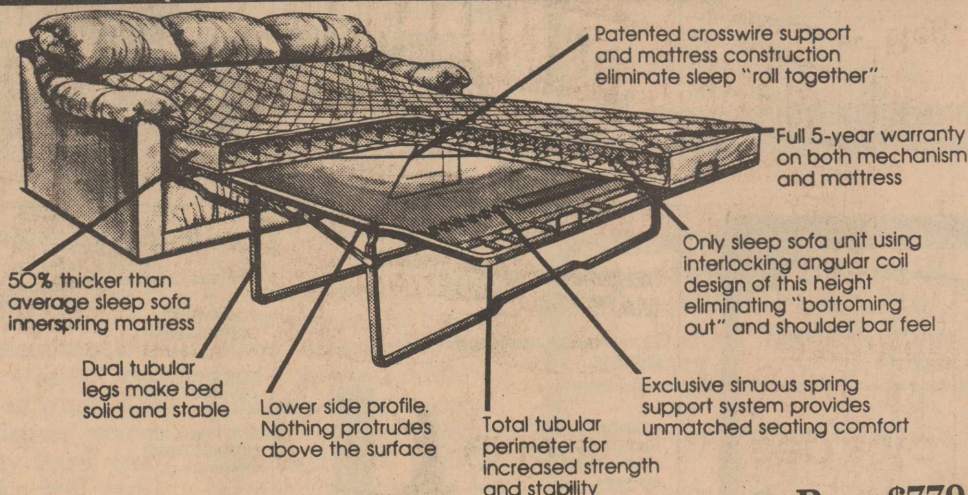
Reg. \$999.95

sale! \$799

"Dreamer" Contemporary
queen size sleep sofa

Superb styling and comfort in a sleeper that features
a padded bustleback, pillow arms and sumptuous seat.

LA-Z-BOY ...featuring the new
Uni-flex™ comfort system.



Patented crosswire support and mattress construction eliminate sleep "roll together"

Full 5-year warranty on both mechanism and mattress

Only sleep sofa unit using interlocking angular coil design of this height eliminating "bottoming out" and shoulder bar feel

50% thicker than average sleep sofa innerspring mattress

Dual tubular legs make bed solid and stable

Lower side profile. Nothing protrudes above the surface

Exclusive sinuous spring support system provides unmatched seating comfort

Total tubular perimeter for increased strength and stability

Reg. \$779.95

Matching Love Seat

Sale! \$629



Reg. \$539.95

sale! \$439

"SUBURBAN" Reclina-Rocker Recliner

Give a gift they'll open more than once. This deep-tufted design is as luxurious as it looks.



Reg. \$419.95

sale! \$339

"DANBURY" Reclina-Rocker Recliner

You'll be remembered for giving this gift of comfort whenever it's time to settle back and relax.



Reg. \$539.95

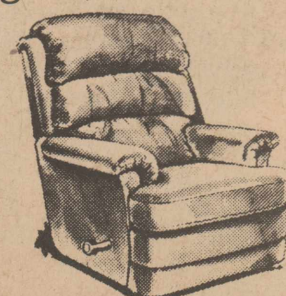
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"AVENGER" Reclina-Rocker Recliner

A design that's sleekly styled and softly cushioned to pamper your special someone in total luxury.

Special savings
from our **LA-Z-BOY**
Leather Gallery:

Reg. \$1,099.95



Reg. \$649.95

sale! \$499

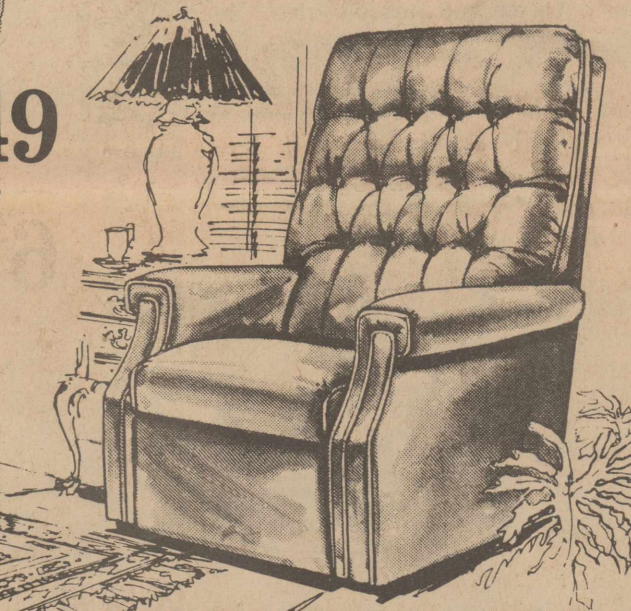
"DANBURY" LEATHER-FINESSE RECLINA-ROCKER RECLINER

This handsomely tufted recliner lets you sit in the lap of leather luxury for less. Covered in genuine top grain leather wherever the body contacts the chair with matching vinyl sides and back.

Sale! \$849

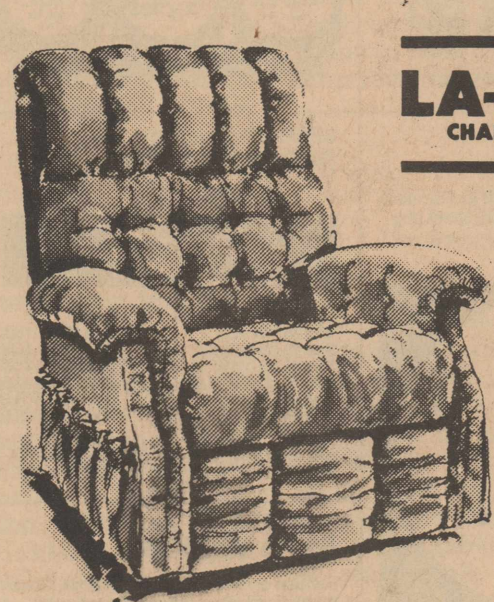
"AVENGER" RECLINA-ROCKER RECLINER

Pamper your senses relaxing in a top grain leather design. With tuck back and padded arms.



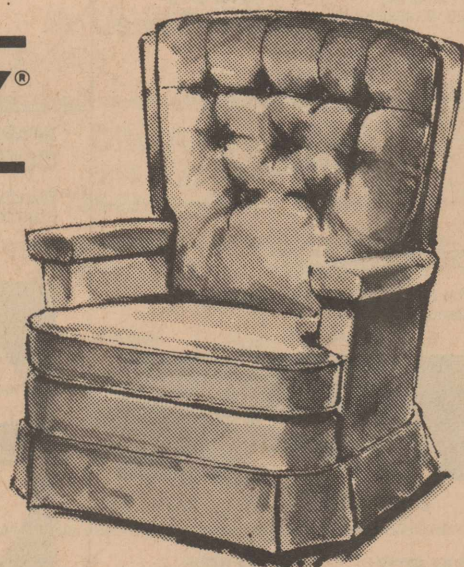
... more unbeatable buys on top grain leather recliners!

More savings on these
La-Z-Boy best sellers!



Luxury supreme, in this rich velvet rocker recliner with marshmallow soft, deep, oversize cushions and headrest. Available as Reclina-Rocker® chair and Reclina-Way® wall recliner.

Reg. \$569.95 **Sale \$469**



La-Z-Boy® chair in a popular traditional style features tufted back, padded arms and T-cushion seat. Available as Reclina-Rocker® chair and Reclina-Way® wall recliner.

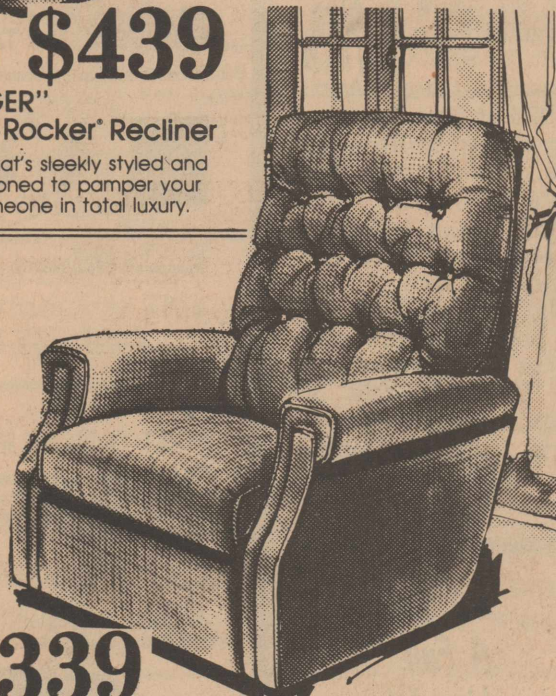
Reg. \$499.95 **\$399**

Reg. \$419.95

sale! \$339

"DANBURY" RECLINA-ROCKER® RECLINER

Ease into the button-tufted luxury of this chair and you may never want to leave it. Featuring an extra thick seat, padded arms and deeply cushioned back.



Reg. \$559.95

sale! \$459

"DIMENSION" RECLINA-ROCKER® RECLINER

Softened contemporary. With pillowy comforting curves on the channel-stitched back and arms. So impeccably tailored, So affordably priced.



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