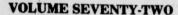
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AT HEARING-Ray Alderman, center, emphasizes a point to attorneys Frank Brooks and his son, Barry Brooks, during a pause in the ICC hearing on the railroad application to abandon the rail line from Winters to Abilene. Alderman's company would feel great economic stress if the railroad was abandoned, he said.

Few More Hurdles

Railroad Hearing Adjourned Tuesday

Winters shippers have been "... unable to use the railroad to the extent that we wish," because of the failure of the railroad company to improve road facilities and because of the "unreliable scheduling", it was brought out in testimony Monday during the first day of the continued hearing on the proposal by the railway company to abandou the line from Winters to Abilene.

In a written statement already submitted, Ray Alderman, of Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co., said his company alone would have given the railroad at least an additional 200,000,000 pounds in the past five years had the railroad chosen to accept it.

As a result, Alderman said, the company was forced to purchase some trucks to move grain and feedstuffs which could have been moved by rail. Presentation of Alderman's written

testimony, and his testimony on the stand, followed testimony by Charles

New Rules On Use, Sale of Pesticides

A meeting will be held at the Winters Community Center, Thursday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 p.m. to hear discussions on new Federal regulations concerning pesticides, C. T. Parker, Runnels County Extension After hearing testimony from several witnesses Tuesday, the hearing was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Applicants and protesting parties have 45 days in which to file briefs in the matter for submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Decision probably will not be forthcoming for some time, it was understood.

Bowman, a cost expert for the railroad, who said that the Abilene & Southern Railway Co. is not a profitable operation.

The hearing on the petition for abandonment was begun last Dec. 7, and was continued to Feb. 14 after two days of testimony. Robert Joyner, Administrative Law Judge for the Interstate Commerce Commission, is presiding for the hearing. The continued session of the hearing was opened Monday morning in the Winters Community Center, and was expected to last all day Tuesday.

"We're going to stay here until we hear it all," Judge Joyner said Monday, "if we have to stay until 6:30 Wednesday morning."

Jim Williams Completes 30 Years

The hearing concerns Abilene & Southern's application to the ICC to abandon the 39 miles of track between Winters and Abilene.

In a related application, Missouri Pacific Railroad Co., of which Abilene & Southern is a wholly owned subsidiary, is asking to operate 7.31 miles of the line in Abilene.

Bowman entered two exhibits into the record, the first showing revenue and expense figures arrived at under the so-called "old rules" of the ICC.

The second exhibit showed revenue expense figures arrived at under the "new rules" of the commission. The new rules went into effect Nov. 1, 1976. Bowman explained that under the new rules, different computations were used to arrive at revenues and expenses, resulting in different figures from ones arrived at under the old rules.

The exhibit using figures under the old rules showed the A&S lost \$25,198 in 1974; earned \$46,737 in 1975; earned \$1,481 during the first six months of 1976; and earned \$14,129 during the base year.

Bowman said that the base year figure is required by the ICC and represents the most recent 12 months

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Before Dam Start

Only a few more hurdles remain to be cleared in the long drive to provide an adequate water supply reservoir for Runnels County.

These hurdles consist mainly of acquisition of a permit for additional

Open House Planned At Business Office

The board of trustees of Winters Independent School District is planning an open house event in the school district's new administration building.

The open house will be held Sunday, March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to visit these new facilities, which were completed recently. surface water from state agencies, and completion of and approval of applications for loans and grants from state and federal agencies to finance the project.

Although the hurdles remaining are of no little importance, there are seen as only formalities, following a meeting of engineers, state and federal agency representatives, financiers, and county officials and other interested parties, held last Friday in Ballinger.

Those attending the meeting came away with a feeling that a dam and reservoir were in sight—with completion in perhaps 24 months.

The engineering firm employed by

Winters and Ballinger, Freese and Nichols, Inc., of Fort Worth, had requested the meeting of interested parties to report on studies completed by the Texas Water Development Board staff on the projected site and financial steps which need to be taken.

Topics studied at the meeting Friday included: 1. Expected water quality; 2. Project financing; and 3. Engineering and management work ahead.

A report made by the staff of Texas Water Development Board indicated that potable water would be available in a reservoir projected on Elm Creek, about midway between Winters and

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agent has announced. A second meeting will be held in the

Ballinger High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Feb. 24. This is a very important meeting for

This is a very important meeting for anyone who uses pesticides, Parker said. The County Agent said a new

Federal regulation concerning pesticides, which will affect any individual who uses pesticides. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act includes among other requirements (1) the classification of all uses of pesticides as either restricted use or general use, and (2) certification of applicators (private and commercial) as a requisite to the use or supervision of use of restricted use pesticides. Barring further amendment of the law, Parker said, these two requirements become effective in October, 1977.

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LaDell Davis Chosen "Citizen of the Year"

LaDell Davis, Winters farmer and manager of North Runnels Rural Water Supply Corp., was honored as the 1976 "Citizen of the Year" at the

annual membership banquet of the Winters Chamber of Commerce Friday night.

"This is an award I thought I'd

never see. We thank you," Davis told the C-C members and guests, as he stood with his wife to accept the award from J. W. Bahlman, last year's



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR-Mr. and Mrs. LaDell Davis show emotions of thanks as they stood before the audience at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night. Davis was named Citizen of the Year for 1976,

chosen by an unnamed committee.

recipient of the award.

In making the presentation, Bahlman said that Davis, as a stock farmer and builder, has helped in many areas to improve the community. He was active in organizing the rural water system in North Runnels, which is already supplying water to rural residents.

Davis is also active in young farmers' organizations, Winters Livestock Assn., Junior Rodeo Assn., and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also on the board of directors of the Winters Lions Club.

The "Citizen of the Year" is chosen by a secret committee each year.

At the banquet, Mike Tuggle, the new president of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, was introduced, and asked for the support of all in projects planned for this year. Tuggle is manager of the Winters office of Lone Star Gas Co. He succeeds Bill Graves as president of the business organization.

Tommy Lancaster is the new vice president; Mrs. Freddie Bredemeyer, treasurer; and Emma Marks, secretary-manager.

Dr. David Ray of Hardin-Simmons University was principal speaker at the annual banquet, a highlight of the year for the Chamber of Commerce. James Gehrels was master of ceremonies.

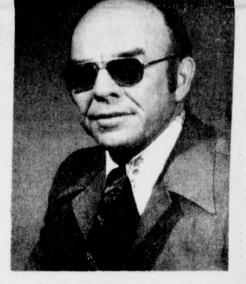
With Exxon

James F. Williams Jr., with Exxon Co., USA, observed his 30-year service anniversary Feb. 6. He is assigned as field superintendent in the Winters and Ft. Chadbourne area, Midland District.

Originally employed in South Texas, Williams' field assignments began as a roustabout at Government Wells, Freer, and in 1950 he moved to the King Ranch. Later that year, a transfer took him to Bronte, and in 1955 he was assigned to Winters as a pumper. In 1972 he was promoted from maintenance foreman to field superintendent.

His hometown is Grosvenor.

He and his wife, the former Jo Ann Wells, are parents of a daughter, Denise. The Williams make their home in Winters.



JAMES F. WILLIAMS JR.

At a dinner held in his honor Feb. 8 at Buffalo Gap, he was presented service awards by District Operations Superintendent Joseph L. Barthel Jr., of Midland.



CHAMBER PRESIDENT-Mike Tuggle, manager of the Winters office of Lone Star Gas Co., publicly was presented the gavel as president of

the Winters Chamber of Commerce for 1977, during the banquet Friday night. He succeeds Bill Graves.

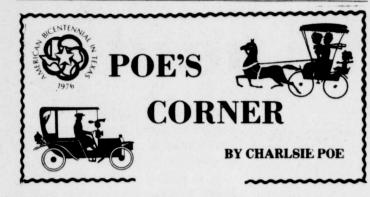
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The Gay Nineties jet set didn't have it so bad. They stirred up the dust every Sunday afternoon as the whole crowd got together in young couples from the Moro their stream-lined buggies and dressed in their finest County, to prove their

clothes to ride over the

1908, or before, of dashing

Community, in South Taylor

We have a picture taken in

countryside.

Our inventory is still too large. Prices have been reduced even more!



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Mr. Sanders and Unice Traylor

Zack and Sallie (Wood) West

Noah Bailey and Ellie Vatan Terry Tune and Lovie Floyd

Hub and Jessie Sandefer

Middleton of Abilene, came to Wilmeth. Ben moved to Ovalo and Bill to Bradshaw.

Louie Webb now lives in the Senior Citizens Nursing home because of poor health, but she smiled and said she remembered well those days. She was with another in the picture perhaps because her sweetheart, H. H. Webb, who also went with the group, had gone to Foard County in the early part of

Webb died May 30, 1975. In addition to enjoying buggy travel Mrs. Webb was quite an accomplished horseback rider as well. The first time Mr. Webb ever saw her she was riding a black mare to the Moro store, where the only telephone in the community was located, to call the doctor at Audra for her sick brother. Mrs. Webb continued to

ride horseback as she helped with work on the ranch and herded sheep when the children were in school. Wolves were plentiful in

before he performed it he

4-H Clubs To **Hear Program** At Wingate

The Winters 4-H Club will attend a countywide program on method demonstrations at the Wingate School Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. They will meet at the Winters vo-ag building and leave from there.

The program will be presented by Iris Kalich, area 4-H and youth specialist from the Extension Center in San Angelo.

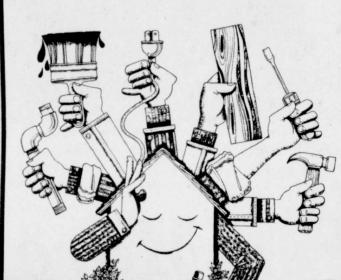
All 4-H members, parents and adult leaders are asked to attend this Wingate meeting.

CARD OF THANKS

The Winters Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and scoutmasters would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all the persons who helped with the preparations for the Boy Scouts parade in Abilene. We would like to thank Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mrs. Nadine Bedford, Mr. Carlton Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Esquivel, Mr. and Mrs. James Blackshear and the Winters State Bank for being our sponsor. 50-1tp.

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Some people once believed that the first farmer to feed his cattle on New Year's Eve would have healthy animals all year long.



activities. Two women now living in Winters can vouch Mrs. H. H. Webb is shown

Clay Elliott and Katy Howell

for those days.

thing to do."

my great aunt.)

to right:

Louie Floyd.

lives.

ton. The Floyds built a log

cabin at Moro where Louie

was born Nov. 3, 1890. They

later built a new home just

west of the cabin and lived

there for the rest of their

one of her friends, Arslee

with the group and Mrs. Marion Goble, the former Ella Griffith, said that she often went with them. But she and her boy friend, Tom Goble, broke up and he went back to Indiana. She later married his brother, Marion. "We just rode around," said Mrs. Goble. "Sometimes when we passed a peach 1908 to make a crop. orchard the boys would pick

a few peaches, but the girls thought this was an awful Mrs. Goble recalled that

Expecting a good yield, probably two bales an acre, from a 50-acre crop, Mr. Webb purchased a two horse buggy on the credit and Taylor County when the returned for his bride. They Webbs bought the ranch and

anniversary in 1968. Mr. a popular way of travel for from the country to be

formed while they sat in the

Before H. D. Pearce of Runnels City was acquainted with all his duties as a justice of peace, a couple drove up wanting to get married. They remained in the buggy while he looked up the marriage ceremony, and

many years. Lately, a friend told me that she and her husband drove to Winters

married at the preacher's house back in 1923. In earlier days many couples were so shy that the ceremony was often per-

buggy.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Drive faster, every time I see a post, all I can think of is that hole it has ta go in!"



Center

Mitchell, pouted all afterwere married at her parent's noon because her escort, Guy home on Aug. 8, 1908. Green, took a watermelon. When the couple started (It didn't turn out so bad.

on their return trip the She later married him and he Brazos River was on a rise became a preacher. She was and they had to spend the night on this side of the One reason they had such river. They went on to fine buggies in the neighbor-Margaret the next day hood was because Mrs. where they lived until the Webb, the former Louie crop was harvested. This Floyd's, Uncle Burn Floyd was no problem as the boll lived with them and peddled weevils had eaten most of it. Spalding buggies (the Cadil-Returning to Moro, the lic of carriages) and white Webbs bought land where top hacks over the country. they farmed and ranched In the picture we have the until retiring and moving to following couples, from left Uvalde in 1959. In 1965 they moved to Winters and cele-Clay Elliott and Katy brated their 60th wedding Howell; Hub Sandefer and

> **Drasco SS Class Party Recently**

Ellie Vataw; Terry Tune and Drasco Baptist held the Mrs. Webb's parents were the Joe Floyds who came to the area in 1889 along with Mrs. Floyd's three brothers, of Mabel Williams. John, Bill and Tom Middle-

> Pat Williams presided, and roll call was answered with interesting quotations.

love gift offering was taken.

The Middleton brothers moved to other places. John, the father of Dr. E. R.

he often went wolf hunting with hounds. The county paid a bounty of \$2 each for

wolf scalps and \$8 each for

hides. Rattlesnakes were also numerous when Mr. Webb was commissioner in 1935 and 1936, and he paid fifty cents each for rattlers. Mr. Webb farmed with mules as long as he did the work-until 1935. A son. Bruce, took over the ranch at that time. The two sons, Henry and Bruce and families now live in Winters, also the daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arnold.

The buggy continued to be

Seek To Organize HD **Clubs In Runnels County**

The recruitment commit-Topics covered in the protee of the Runnels County Council are seeking to expand membership in the Home Demonstration clubs

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changed from his working clothes to his one Sunday suit. He remarked that the occasion "called for the best." By the time Pearce was ready to read the rites, all

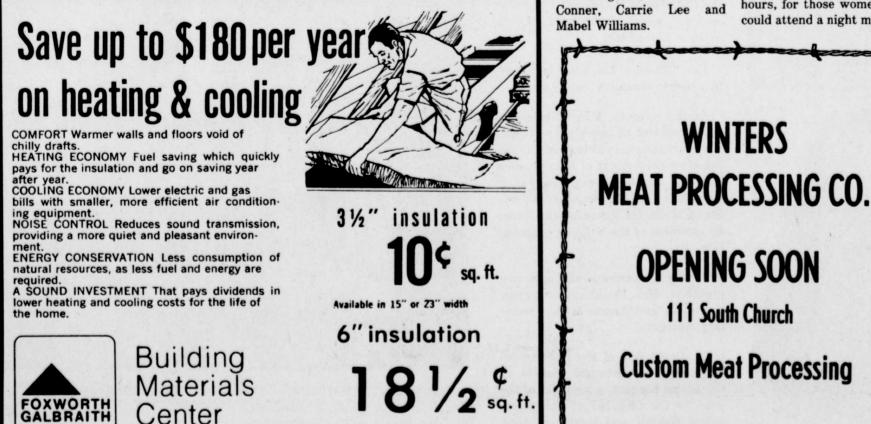
the men and boys in town were on hand to witness the event. So he passed the word around that it was a dignified occasion, and anyone displaying any hilarity would be arrested. With the principals sitting in the buggy, the marriage rites were performed with all the dignity and solemnity that the occasion merited.

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Jessie Lail, who married in 1908; a Mr. Sanders and Unice Traylor; Zack West and Sallie Wood, who also married; Noah Bailey and

The King's Messengers Sunday School Class of the regular quarterly business and social meeting Wednesof this county. day of last week in the home

The devotional was given by Carrie Lee, on Love. A

Present were Pat Wilorigin. liams, Sylvia Wilson, Billie Ruth Bishop, Viola Lewis, Edna England, Zora Hill, Ila

grams include information in the following areas: Family

and telephone number. gardless of race, creed or

There will be at least one club organized for evening hours, for those women who could attend a night meeting.

home economics information, plus helping to develop community leaders. These clubs meet at different times during the month. The membership is open to all segments of population, re-





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LEGAL NOTICE

A Trustee Election for the Wingate Independent School District will be held on April 2 for the purpose of electing members to the board. Trustees whose terms are expiring are: Hollis Dean, Raymond Lindsey, and Thurman Self. 50-1tc.

CARD OF THANKS

My family joins me in expressing my thanks to each and everyone who came by, called, sent flowers and cards during my stay in the hospital and since I have

SCHOOL MENU **Monday February 21**

Teachers Work Day Tuesday February 22 Sloppy joes, French fries, catsup, apple sauce, cheese stick, chocolate cake, milk. Wednesday February 23 Roast with brown gravy (by choice), cream potatoes, garden salad, green beans, jello, hot rolls with butter,

milk or chocolate milk. **Thursday February 24** Fried chicken, cream gravy (By choice), whipped

potatoes, mixed vegetables. salad, cake with fresh orange topping, hot rolls with butter, milk or chocolate milk. Friday February 25

Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Mexican slaw, peanut butter and crackers, lemon coconut cake, corn muffins, milk or chocolate milk.

FROM COLEMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Watson, Terry and Larri, of Coleman, were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whittenberg Sun-

day.





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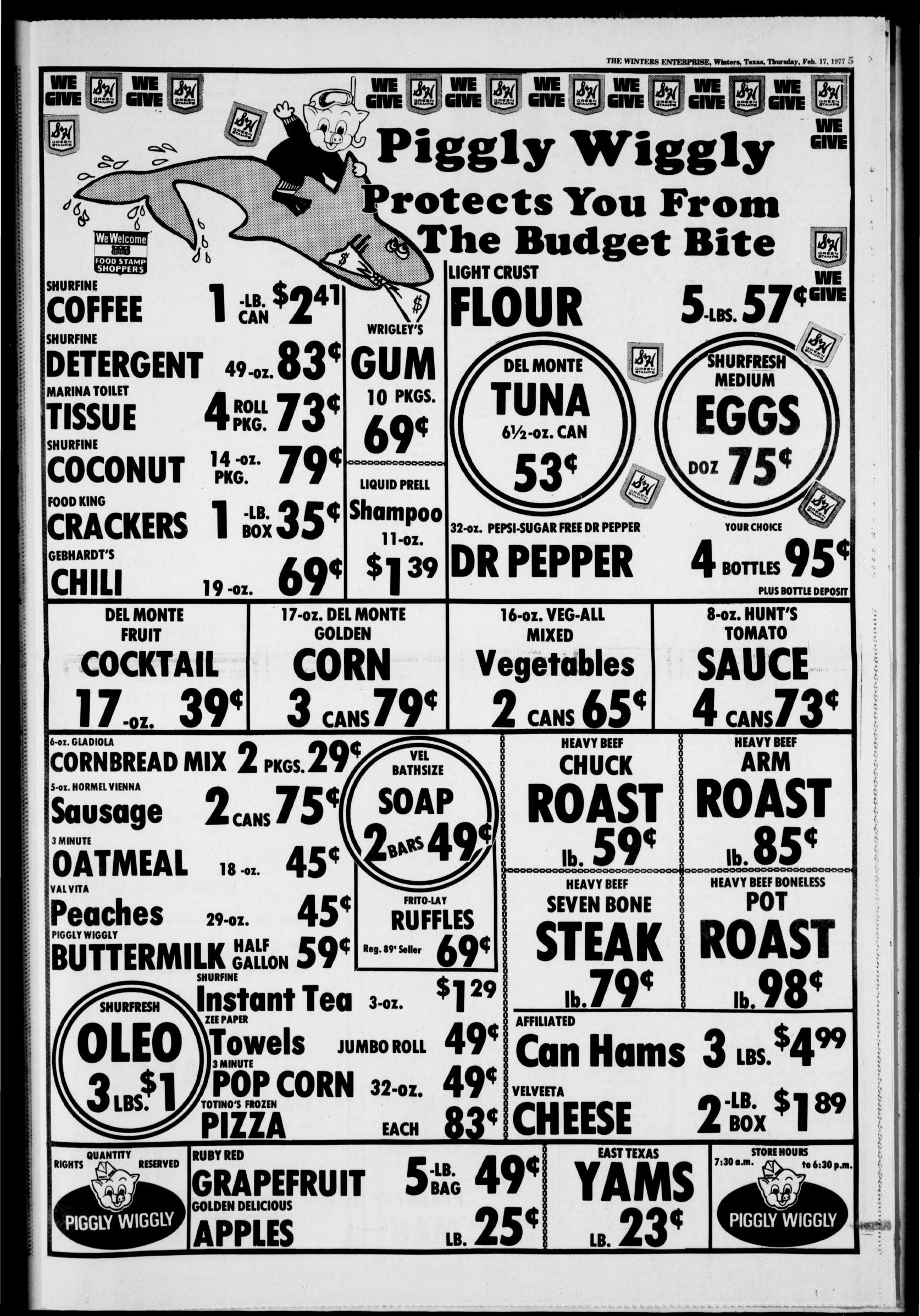
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Blackwell News

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie North had as their dinner guests recently, her mother, Mrs. Ruth White, her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Conradt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gene Conradt.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Burl Holland were called to Brownwood last week as his brother, Honnis had suffered a heart attack and a stroke. Mrs. Minta Grimes accompanied the Hollands to Brownwood to be with her daughter, Mrs. Honnis Holland and they all returned Sunday night and reported him some improved.

Fannie Mae Wilson and her sister, Miss Ruby Pinckard visited Sunday afternoon with her grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and children, Terri Dee and Chad at Nolan, and they were met there by her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson of Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chew had as their visitors their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Chew and son Jody of Lewisville, Mr. and Mrs. George Chew and children, Donna Sue, James

DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT Feb. 19 8:30 til? **VFW POST** For Members & Guests

Music By **Country Sundowners**

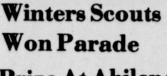
Lynn and Carrie Ann of Bronte and other visitors in the Chew home Sunday afternoon were his nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Poston of Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. Chew went to Stephenville Thursday to his sister's, Mrs. Clara Lively and he will get his check up while there. They will also visit with her sister and her

family. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Musick and daughter, Susie at Hamilton. Fannie Mae Wilson and Miss Ruby Pinckard visited Thursday afternoon in

Sweetwater with their cousin, Mrs. W. A Hazelwood. The Women's Missionary Union of the Blackwell First Baptist Church met Thursday afternoon, February 10, at the church with Mrs. Billy Burl Holland presiding and with twelve ladies attending. Mrs. Susie Bryant is in the

North Runnels Hospital where she underwent major surgery last Monday and is reported to be improving nicely and will be home in a few more days.

The Rev. Floyd Richardson, pastor of the Blackwell United Methodist Church,



Prize At Abilene

Eleven members of the Winters Boy Scout Troop were awarded a \$50 cash prize for their outstanding float in the Abilene Boy Scout parade in Abilene Saturday. Winters Boy Scouts at-

tending were Perry Bedford. Emilio De La Cruz, Luis Lugo, Tony Blackshear, Ilis Arispe, Mike Wetsel, Ralph Austin, James Blackshear, Andy Smith, Clay Bailey and Robert Lefler.

Cub Scouts attending were Greg Nichols, Mannie Esquivel, Paul John De La Cruz, Stacy Rose, Eric Belk, Robert Vera, Archie Austin, Tomas Luga, Terry Strambler, Andy Luna, Mark Blackshear, Billie Lopez, Joe Gonzales, Chris Osborne, Eloyd Santoya and Robert Simpson.

returned home Saturday after spending five days in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Amy Holmes, daughter of the Rev. Mike and Sandy Holmes, is in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder.

Blackwell had two-tenths of an inch of rain Thursday night, which was very much needed and also welcomed.

Alpha Pi Delta

Valentine Supper **Monday Evening**

The Winters Alpha Pi Delta chapter held a Valentine supper for members and their husbands Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Airhart. Kay Mills presided for the

Those attending were

Dena Griffin.

Mills.

Thelma Mayo, Eula Cook, Clara McAdams, Charlsie business meeting, and the Poe, Miss Eunice Polk, and a chapter presented an envisitor, Mrs. Bangs. graved silver baby spoon to

devotional.

Diversity Club Party room decorations included floral centerpieces Supper Monday trimmed with red hearts.

Members of the Diversity

Randall Kurtz Initiated Into Psi Zeta, WTC

Randall C. Kurtz of Winters has been initiated into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College, Snyder. Kurtz, a sophomore auto

mechanics major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz Jr., and is a graduate of Winters High School.

Phi Theta is the only nationally recognized honor society for students in twoyear colleges. Qualification for membership is based on the student's overall grade point average and is by invitation.

C. T. Parker's Weekly News Column

Watering Critical for House Plants

Many home gardeners may be wondering why their favorite house plants die when they have been getting plenty of water. C. T. Parker Jr., county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says the problem may be that the plants are being drowned.

Watering indoor plants is really a matter of restraint. Most people feel their plants should be watered the minute the topsoil even looks dry. A few simple steps will keep your plants from wilt-

ing away. The first item to keep in mind is that although the soil on top may be dry, the bottom layer where the roots are may be sufficiently moist. It is easier to tell the water level of a potted plant that has a good drainage system.

Soil in clay pots tends to dry out faster, reminds the agent, while soils in larger containers have a longer period of "drying out". When is overwatering evi-

dent? The first signs are the

Southside WMU **Meeting Recently**

The Women's Missionary Union of the Southside Baptist Church met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Fred Young.

A general study was held, and the group discussed plans for "Focus Week." Mrs. Juanita Bentley read the roll call and the prayer, and Mrs. V. E. Fisher led the closing prayer.

Others attending were Mesdames Robert White, Bob King, John Baty and Cecil Hasty.

Valentine Party Sub Deb Club

The Sub Deb Club held a Valentine party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatler Monday. Before the business session, the girls visited Merrill's Senior Citizens Home. During the business meet-

ing, those elected to fill vacant offices were Pattie Walker, vice president; Jeree Isbell, recording and corresponding secretary; and Becky McAnally, treasurer. Valentine cake and punch were served to Becky Mc Anally, Debbie Austin, Cherie Krause, Susan Lisso, Patti Walker, Jeree Isbell, Debbie Carey and the sponsor, Cindy Hatler. The next meeting will be

Feb. 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lisso.

adds.

A tree or shrub can be a welcome addition to any landscape, and proper planting is important, points out C. T. Parker Jr., county Extension agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

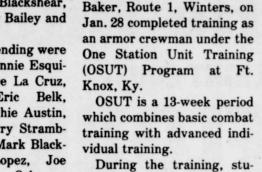
the tree or shrub to its new home is to prepare a hole that is plenty deep and wide enough to easily accommodate the root system.

> A bare-rooted tree should be placed in a hole large

OES To Honor Masons, Wives At Dinner

Winters chapter, Order of dinner Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 the Eastern Star, will honor p.m., in the Masonic Hall. members of the Masonic All Masons have been Lodge and their wives at a invited.





TRAINING-Army Pri-

vate Carl R. Baker, 18, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R.

dents learn the duties of a tank crewman, including the firing of the tank's armament and small weapons. They also receive instruction in field radio operations, map reading and tank maintenance and repair.

Pvt. Baker entered the Army in September 1976. He is a 1976 graduate of Winters High School.

Martha SS Class Meeting Recently

Church met recently in the

home of Mrs. Ernest Marks.

Mrs. Cook led the opening

prayer, and roll call was

answered with Bible verses.

Mrs. Perrie Carwile read the

Present were Mmes. Pearl

Jackson, Margaret Gideon,

Erma Marks, Parrie Carwile,

Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist



Do you know of a handicapped child between the ages of 3-21-who is not in school?

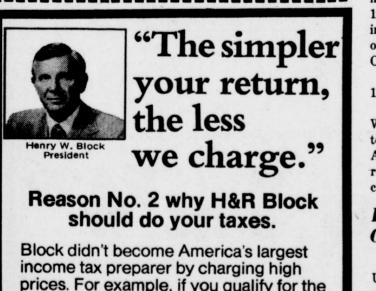
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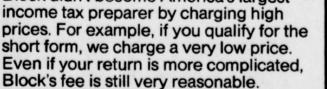
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essrs. and Mesdames Mike Club honored their husbands Condra, Van Spill, Phil Farr, at a salad supper Monday Joe Eckols, Larry White, night in the recreation room Rick Dry, Tom Griffin, Bob of the Winters Housing Browning, Dennis Poe, Bill Authority. Cathey, James Spill, Mrs. Hostesses for the affair

Kay Mills and Mrs. Phil were Mrs. Weldon Middle-Harrison, and the hosts. ton, Mrs. M. L. Dobbins, The next meeting will be Mrs. Roy Young, and Mrs. March 7 in the home of Kay Wayne Roberts. The serving table was

decorated with a large Mrs. Sam Harter Valentine, and hearts, cupids, arrows and azalias **Died In Abilene** were used to carry out the red and white color scheme Sunday on game tables and in the

entertainment room. Mrs. Sam (Eliska) Harter, Members and their hus-88, of Abilene died at 10:05 bands present were Messrs. a.m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith, Abilene. The Rev. Jack Ridlehoo-

ver, pastor of the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery. Born Sept. 4, 1888, in Hamilton County, she marr-

ied Sam Harter there. They moved to Eastland County in 1930. She moved to Abilene in 1952. She was a member of the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

Her husband died in July, 1952

Survivors include a son, W. R. of Abilene; a daughter, Mrs. R. C. Taylor of Abilene; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Levi Lee U-MW **Group Meeting**

The Levi Lee Group of the United Methodist Women met at the church recently for a program followed by a luncheon. Mrs. M. E. Leeman led the opening prayer. Mrs. M. L. Dobbins presented the program, Discipleship. Taking part on the program were Gladys Wilson and Mrs. Thad Traylor. Others present were Mesdames W. T. Nichols, Cary Foster, Paul Gerhardt, Roy

Crawford and W. T. Stanley.

USE THE

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and Mesdames Ralph Arnold, Joe Floyd, Earl Roach, J. E. Smith, C. R. Kendrick, Clarence Ledbetter, Fred Young, Z. I. Hale, Roy automobile. Young, M. L. Dobbins, Wayne Roberts, Weldon Middleton, and Mrs. Roy Crawford, Mrs. Addie Beth Stanley, Mrs. Joyce Krause and Mrs. Louise Jernagan. **READ AND USE THE ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIEDS!** HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TOMMY

(A week late)

Sorry about that!

INSURE

What You Have

Fire-Life-

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Property

color change in the upper leaves of the plant from rich green to a pale green or yellow tinge. This is due to damage to the plant roots. To prevent overwatering,

Parker offers a few more guidelines for those difficult plants.

Often a container that has a capacity for a quart of soil requires only one-half pint of water for adequate moisture. Of course, this also depends on the soil mixture, cautions Parker. For larger containers, one

aid may be to extend a 3/8-inch copper tube through the soil from the bottom of the container to an inch or so above the soil. The water level in the pot can then be checked like oil in an

When saucers are used under pots to catch drainage water, such excess water should be discarded to prevent lower soil from becoming water-logged, he

enough for the roots to spread through the soil. Balled-and-burlapped plants should be placed in a pit that is about one-and-a-half times as wide as the diameter of the ball, advises Parker.

All plants should be placed at the same depth as they were previously growing. Bare-rooted trees usually have a line of discoloration at the depth they were planted. A balled-and-burlapped plant should be covered to the top of the root ball, notes the agent.

The soil used to cover the root system should contain one part peat moss and two parts topsoil. The covering soil should be thoroughly watered so that it settles around the plant.

Fertilizer should not be applies until after the plant's first growing season, he adds.

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JNO. W. NOR MAN The Insurance



AWARD-R. T. O'Dell, left, top picture, was presented the top dealer award by Eddie Chambers, district sales manager for Funk Seeds International, during a banquet in Lubbock recently.

J.T. Gallaway **Died Sunday**

J. T. Gallaway, 67, died at 2 a.m. Sunday in his home. Services were Tuesday at the Doran Funeral Home Crews News

Coleman are doing well after

the young folks at Hopewell

Church went to Abilene

Saturday night for bowling.

Sponsoring the party were

some of the parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Allen Bishop, Mr. and

Mrs. Marvin Gerhart, Mr.

and Mrs. Jerry Kraatz, Mrs.

Sam Faubion and Mrs. Fred

Tryee. The young people

who attended were Paul

Bishop, Keith Kraatz, Scott

Gerhart, Kyle Kraatz, Sam-

my Brown, Sherri Gerhart,

Terry Davis, Jana Brown,

Carrol Clayton and Melinda

Page Bishop spent Satur-

Brent Bryan was a supper

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ivey and

Judy of Mason came late and

spent the night Saturday

with the Allen Bishops.

guest in the Doug Bryan

home Friday night.

day night with his cousins,

Laura and Paula Johnson in

Kraatz.

Ballinger.

Osborne.

For their Valentine party

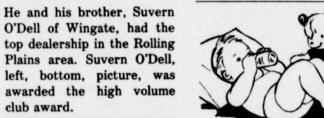
seeing their doctor.

The exercise that wears most people out is running out of cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion honored their son, Gene on his 4th birthday with a dinner in the Crews gym Sunday. Those guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Noble Faubion; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Prater, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gerhart, Scott, Sheri and Keith; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gerhart: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion, Jana and Sammy Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jacob, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Theron Osborne. Mrs. Osborne helped serve the dinner.

Ray Cooper returned home Friday from Brazil for a visit with his folks, the Earl Coopers. They honored him Sunday with a dinner. The guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Corbert Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chambliss and girls of Hawley and John Keg as a guest. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Prater of San Angelo visited in the Jerry Kraatz home Sunday afternoon.

On our sick list are Mr. Ralph Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Foreman, Mr. Raymond Kurtz. Hope they'll soon get to feeling better.



NEWCOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Reagan of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Justin Chane, born Feb. 1, 1977, in Abilene. The boy weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. He has a sister, Tandy. Grandparents are

Woods were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walters and Mrs. Katie Bodine of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote and Jim of Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. William Mr. Clyde Brevard and Grissom, Russ and Monty of Mrs. Bob Underwood of

Weekend with the Marion

Hamlin spent Friday through Sunday in the Boyd Grissom home. Mrs. Bessie Tinsley of

Fort Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DuBouse, spent the weekend. The DuBouse purchased the Ed Talley farm about a year ago and are making their home here. They moved here from Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Villers,

Jimmy and Peggy spent Sunday with the Raymond Kurtzs. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hill

and Shane of Andrews spent the weekend in the Robert Hill home. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hill of Drasco and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hill and

girls of Sweetwater were Sunday night supper guests. With the Chester McBeths were Asa McMillon of Lawn, Mrs. Monroe Boles of Winters, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hallford of Ballinger, Rev. J. S. Tierce, Mr. and Mrs.

Andy Broyles of Talpa. At Hopewell Church Tues-Visiting with Mrs. Effie day and Wednesday night Dietz were Mr. and Mrs. Bro. Bob Underwood will Clarence Hambright; Mr. bring a special talk on how to and Mrs. C. D. Berry of be a better witness for Ballinger; Stella McClure Christ. and Clara McKissack; Cecil Mrs. Odie Matthews re-

Hambright, Mrs. Theron ceived a call Sunday that her

mother, Mrs. George Coleman was admitted to a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Campbell attended the funeral of a friend, Mrs. Irne Griffe at Brown Ranch Thursday.

Mrs. Don Faulkner and Mrs. Ronnie Faulkner and their children of Abilene spent Thursday with the **Odie Matthews.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morton, who is ill, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Morton on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Hill spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Elsie Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wood wrecked their pickup when they hit a calf on the Ballinger and Crews highway. The Woods have bruises, no bones broken. The pickup was damaged pretty bad.

Ladies that belonged once to the long ago Home Demonstration Club met and visited in the home of Mrs. Ralph McWilliams in Winters Wednesday. They were Mrs. Hazel Mae Bragg, Mrs. Cora Petrie, Mrs. Alta Hale, Mrs. Marion Wood and Mrs. Sam Faubion.

Mrs. Cora Petrie and Mrs. Hazel Mae Bragg attended the Concho Porcelain Art Club Saturday in San Angelo. Mrs. Petrie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hambright in Winters. Those playing bridge Mon-

THE WINTERS ENTY RPRISE, Winters, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1977 7

day afternoon in the home of Mrs. Alta Hale were Mrs. Nelon 'Iudson, Mrs. Ruby Beall of Coleman and Mrs. Sam Faubion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kozelsky attended the birthday dinner for their granddaughter, Kathryn, 4th birthday on Sunday.

The Walter Jacobs attended a supper and 42 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holle Saturday night.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jacob: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schafer; Mr. and Mrs. Dub Byler; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen and Mrs. Hattie Minzenmeyer.

Mrs. E. C. Smith of Nigera, Africa, is visiting relatives including Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kirby and will go on to California to see a brother, Mr. Stovall.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS





Chapel in Del Rio. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery.

Born Sept. 30, 1909 in Glen Cove, he married Bernice Norris Jan. 6, 1929 in Brownwood. He has lived in Big Spring for the past 25 years.

He was a rancher before going into the border patrol. He was with the border patrol for 12 years before coming to Big Spring. In Big Spring, he operated the Speedy Reproduction and Gallaway Gun Shop.

Survivors include his wife: a daughter, Mrs. Sparks Rust Jr. of Del Rio; four brothers, Presley of Wingate, Ransom of Spur, Ira of Peoria, Ill. and W. M. of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Merrill Nursing Home News

Our combined Valentine party and monthly birthday party was a huge success on Monday afternoon Feb. 14th at 3 o'clock. We only had two birthdays, they are Mrs. Esther Hill on Feb. 19th and Mr. Alvie Best on Feb. 23rd. The W.M.U. from the First Baptist Church brought refreshments and provided the program. The Winters Flower Shop gave the corsages and boutonnieres for the occasion. Carl Smith was crowned King, and Nannie Brooks was crowned Queen of Hearts to reign for the next year. First runner up was prince, Ollie Hamilton, and princess Rachael Seldon. We have two new residents, they are Mrs. Roxie Miller and Mrs. Fannie Freeman. We hope their stay with us will be a pleasant

Among out of town visitors were Archie Nelson and his wife Marguerite from Groover to visit his mother, Carolyn Nelson.

The Rev. Armo Bentley brought the Sunday afternoon message with Karen McGallion at the piano and Clyde Reid leading the singing.

The Winters String Band will be here this Friday evening at 7 o'clock. You are invited to come and enjoy their music with us.

when several friends and relatives came in and brought refreshments and gifts. They also brought song books and had singing. Cookies and punch were served. The hostesses were Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Mrs. Dewitt Bryan and Mrs.

He and his brother, Suvern O'Dell of Wingate, had the

Plains area. Suvern O'Dell,

left, bottom, picture, was awarded the high volume

WINGATE

NEWS

On the occasion of their

35th anniversary, the C. J.

Cornetts were surprised

club award.

Bennie Lou Walker. Mrs. David Bryan is a patient in the Ballinger Nursing Home. Mrs. Sam Harter of Abi-

lene passed away Sunday. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery 'luesday. She was an aunt to Leila Harter and lived here several years ago. The Tom Nixon family have moved into Wingate in

the Mrs. Alva Talley house. A brother to Press Galloway passed away in Big

Spring Sunday. Mrs. L. R. Hancock has returned home after spending several days with her daughter, Arlee, who has been having dental work

Mrs. Roper Saw "Historic" Snows

done.

Mrs. M. G. Roper "saw the ground" for the first time in several weeks, when she returned home last week from a visit to New Mexico and then on to Ohio to visit her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion D. Roper in

Strongville, Ohio. Mrs. Roper said she was present when the record snows and cold weather hit the northern mid-West recently, and that there was snow on the ground much of the way from Ohio back to Texas. She showed pictures of some of the record snowfall and resultant traffic tieups and other hardships experienced by residents of the stricken area.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all the wonderful friends, neighbors, and relatives for the beautiful flowers, lovely cards, and encouraging phone calls and prayers during my long stay in the hospital. May God bless each of you in a special way is my prayer. My family joins me in expressing my thanks. -Mrs. Pat Pritchard. 50-1tc. Mrs. Dorothy Carpenter of Abilene and Mrs. J. T. Reagan of Shep.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Brown of Abilene announce the birth of a daughter, Jamie Suzanne, born Jan. 25. The baby weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nixon of Bronte.

Baby Shower Honors Mrs. Burton Feb. 10

A surprise baby shower honored Mrs. Tommy Burton in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church Feb. 10. Special guests included the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Avis Caudle of Ballinger, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Burton.

Others attending were Mmes. Stan Kvapil, Bill Milliorn, Phil Harrison, R. C. Thomas, Ronnie Poehls, Dean Maas, Larry Donica and Joe Eckols.

New Books Being Added At Library

New books are regularly being added to the thousands of volumes on the shelves at the Winters Public Library. Ollie Lou Cole, librarian, has announced.

In addition to the books purchased, the library has availability to many other books through the Interlibrary Loan project.

The board of directors of the Winters Public Library plans to begin a membership drive, and a campaign to raise funds through public subscription. The funds are needed to meet the costs of operation of the library. Those who wish to help in this project may contact any of the board members, or simply send contributions to the Library Fund, Winters State Bank. New books added recently

include "Touch Not the Cat." Eden; "Price of the Pea-Holt; "Golden Unicock." Whitney; and "Docorn," lores," J Suzanne.





Railroad Hearing

(Continued from Page 1)

of records available. In this case, the base year is from July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976, because figures for the last six months of 1976 are not available.

The second exhibit, using figures compiled under the "new rules' showed that the railway lost money in all the years on the exhibit.

Bowman was called to testify for the Missouri Pacific by the railroad's attorney in the case, John P. Legendre.

Following Bowman's testimony, Ray Alderman, co-owner and general manager of Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co., was called to testify by attorney Frank Brooks, representing the people protesting the abandonment.

Alderman's testimony had already been submitted in written form. In summary it stated the following:

Alderman-Cave's usage of the railroad has been increasing the past three years.

Agricultural producers in the area would suffer serious economic loss if the railroad were abandoned.

The Abilene & Southern has lost substantial outbound tonnage of wheat and milo due to its failure to provide cars for loading at harvest time.

The railroad has lost substantial inbound tonnage due to its refusal to handle jumbo hopper cars (cars which can load 180,000 pounds or more). Alderman stated that his company had been told that the use of jumbo cars would be possible as soon as the bridges were fixed to accommodate more weight. He said the company had even been told that the bridge material had been received at Abilene and that the work would be accomplished as soon as a bridge crew was available but that the work was never done.

Alderman stated in his written testimony that several years ago when the Abilene & Southern filed it application to abandon the 16 mile segment to Ballinger, his company was asked not to file a protest of the abandonment. He said his company

He said his company decided not to protest the abandonment based on the promise to upgrade the trackage to the north and to improve the service.

"Our trust was misplaced," he stated. "The project was never completed and we have been unable to this date to use the railroad to the extent that we wish."

He said that his company alone would have given the railroad at least an additional 200,000,000 pounds in the past five years had the railroad chosen to accept it.

He continued that the funds spent on the track and roadbed had been completely wasted since the bridges had not been fixed.

He said he had been told by railroad officials that strengthening of the bridges would be a relatively inexpensive undertaking.

Alderman stated that the Abilene & Southern does not have a 34-car average per mile per year on the south 31 miles of the track because it has failed to commercialize on the tonnage available from Winters shippers.

"Shippers should not be made to suffer as a result of the railroad's poor planning and bad management," he stated in his written testimony. "For these reasons, I feel that the railroad should be upgrading its facilities and operation in order to handle all the available traffic rather than abandoning this trackage," he concluded.

In verbal testimony given in addition to the written testimony, Alderman said that Abilene & Southern has "unreliable scheduling" which has also caused the railroad to lose business.

Other written testimony was presented by John R. Whisenhunt of the Transportation Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Whisenhunt was called as a witness by David Hughes, as assistant attorney general representing the State of Texas.

Whisenhunt's written testimony stated that the Railroad Commission opposed the proposed abandonment primarily because the "abandonment of this line would almost certainly ult in the irretrievable loss of a transportation corridor in a relatively isolated area where transportation alternatives to rail are few, if any."

Whisenhunt, in his written testimony, stated that if the abandonment is granted, the Railroad Commission requests that the ICC withold the issuance of a final order until:

The Texas Rail Plan has been completed and approved by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Or, alternatively, the Secretary of Transportation establishes a rail bank consisting of rail trackage and other rail properties for the purpose of preserving existing service to certain areas characterized by fossil fuel natural resources or agricultural production.

Whisenhunt explained in the written testimony that Gov. Dolph Briscoe had designated the Railroad Commission as the state agency to initiate the state rail planning process in Texas. The state was required to have such an agency in order to be eligible for financial aid for rail freight assistance programs.

The Railroad Commission is asking that, if the abandonment is approved, the final order be delayed until the funds become available.

Monday morning unexpected testimony was given by a Sweetwater man who said that he and his business associates are considering opening a wholesale building materials firm in Winters.

The witness, Lanny Brentz, said that the proposed railway abandonment is a main consideration in determining whether the firm will locate in Winters or in another town. He testified that he and his associates want to locate in Winters because of its proximity to prospective customers.

State Tax Rep To Be In Winters Feb. 23

If you have a question about state taxes or need some assistance, circle this date on your calendar: Feb. 23, 1977.

Comptroller Bob Bullock will have a representative in Winters on that date to meet with local taxnavers heginn-

The Comptroller's assistant will

remain on duty as long as needed.

ing at 2 p.m. in the City Hall.

Winters Man **Arrested In Shooting**

Mickey Robert Balkum, 25, of Winters, remains in the Runnels

County jail in Ballinger, arraigned on charges of felony assault with a deadly weapon, following a shooting incident in Winters early Saturday morning.

Curtis Wayne Adams, also of Winters, is in Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene, in critical condition. He was apparently shot once in the head with a .22 caliber rifle, according to County Sheriff Hershal Hall.

Adams reportedly had an argument with the suspect and was shot shortly after midnight Friday night. Adams, about 35, was treated in North Runnels Hospital, then transferred to Hendrick Hospital where he was placed in the intensive care unit, the sheriff said.

Balkum was arrested by Abilene Police Officers James Berry and Jimmy Seals at an Abilene motel after apparently eluding authorities in Winters. He was later transferred to Runnels County jail by Sheriff Hall.

Balkum was arraigned on charges of felony assault with a deadly weapon before Ballinger Justice of the Peace Oliver Petty. Bond was set by Petty at \$25,000.

Dam-

Ballinger. The proposed site would yield a reservoir about the size of Hords Creek in Coleman County, and would provide suitable water for Winters, Ballinger, and the rural water supply system which is now under construction, to supply a big portion of the county.

It was indicated at the meeting that once all requirements are met-receipt of a permit from the Water Development board, and finalization of engineering studies-that loans and grants from the Farmers Home Administration and the State Water Board, would be forthcoming. As one interested person who attended the meeting and who has been working on the project for many months has observed, "Finances are apparently 'locked in'."

The entire project, including procurement of land, construction of the reservoir proper, treatment facilities, and transporting pipelines to Winters

Winters Received \$57,812 In Sales Taxes In '76

The one-cent sales tax collected by local businesses during 1976 provided the City of Winters with \$57,812.60 in additional funds during the year. That was the amount returned to Winters by the State Comptroller's office during the year.

The amount received during 1976 was an increase of 15 percent over the amount collected and rebated by the Comptroller during 1975, \$50,167.54. The local city sales tax is collected by businesses, forwarded along with the state sales taxes collected to the Comptroller, and then is returned to the city. The Comptroller sends the rebates back to the city each month, according to what has been collected and reported.

However, the total \$57,812.60 returned to the City of Winters during 1976 represented only \$19.89 for each resident during the year. This is far below the per capita return for many cities of the same size and economic structure in this section of the state, indicating that many residents of Winters do not do their shopping in Winters. This fact, according to several business leaders, "is something we should become more aware of and indicates that we should take action to promote and stimulate local shopping habits. We are losing out in

and Ballinger, would cost about \$7 million. Some of this cost would be covered by grants, with the remainder in long-term loans at 4 percent interest. It was expected that an engineering report on the projected cost would be obtainable within the next two weeks.

Work on the project is now in the lap of the Runnels County Water Authority, which entered the arena several months ago at the request of officials of Winters and Ballinger. The two cities had several months before employed Freese and Nichols to make the engineering studies and to work this area," they said, "and our own local municipal projects are suffering, adding to the burden of other taxes."

A comparison of the sales tax and per capita returns follows:

SALES TAX REBATES

A Comparison

City Total Rebate Per Capita			
City T Abilene	\$3,378,377	Per Capita	
		\$36.57	
Anson	40,566	15.51	
Ballinger	130,556	31.06	
Big Spring	723,372	25.17	
Breckenridge	180,558	30.38	
Brownwood	533,674	30.73	
Cisco	77,965	18.74	
Dublin	36,481	12.98	
Eastland	82,359	25.92	
Hamlin	51,287	15.42	
Haskell	79,044	21.63	
Ranger	59,609	19.27	
Seymour	73,551	21.20	
Snyder	403,861	36.15	
Stamford	107,402	23.56	
Stephenville	292,900	31.57	
Sweetwater	296,555	24.67	
Winters	57,813	19.89	
Roscoe	13,762	8.37	
Rotan	38,508	15.40	
Roby	10.604	14.06	
Goldthwaite	28,399	16.51	
Knox City	32,490	19.69	
Clyde	23,055	11.52	
Baird	17,347	10.39	
Coleman	170,825	26.24	

up the project.

Among those attending the meeting last Friday were Arnold Frerich. chairman of the RCWA; Ray Alderman, vice chairman; Barney Puckett, member; E. E. Thormeyer, member; and James Mueller, secretary, RCWA.

And Mayor Homer Hodge, Winters; Mayor Bud Everett, Ballinger; Gary Reeves, project engineer for Freese and Nichols; W. E. Tinsley, of Underwood-Neuhouse & Co. of Austin. financiers; Eb Grindstaff; LaDell Davis, manager of North Runnels Rural Water Supply Corp.; and others.

was led to believe that it could rely on improved service from the north if the line to Ballinger were allowed to be abandoned.

Texans Pay More For Gas Than Other States

Comptroller Bob Bullock said that a study of natural gas prices by his office showed that, to nobody's surprise, Texans are paying more on the average for their own natural gas than residents of other states.

Bullock said his Division of Planning and Research found that 68 percent of the natural gas produced in Texas during fiscal 1976 was sold on the intrastate market, while 32 percent was sold on the interstate market.

Nearly three-fourths of the interstate sales were for 40

The monthly statement shows the state spent \$556.2

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Comptroller said.

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state, it is also the largest

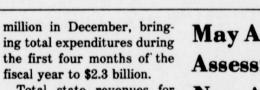
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much gas as the number two

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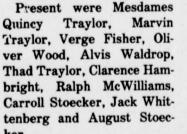
the Comptroller's February



Total state revenues for December were \$497.3 milcents per MCF (thousand lion, pushing the year-to-date cubic feet) or less, while only total revenues to \$2.1 billion. about 40 percent of the Bullock said the state intrastate sales were at closed out its books at the these lower prices, the end of December with a total cash balance of \$1.3 billion. Bullock said the analysis

Dale Sewing Club Meeting Tuesday

Dale Sewing Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ralph McWilliams. A quilt was finished for the hostess and members worked on the club quilt.



The club will meet Feb. 21 with Mrs. Quincy Traylor.



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May Appeal Assessments Now At Angelo

> Comptroller Bob Bullock announced that taxpayers served by his San Angelo Field Office now can have oral appeals of tax assessments heard at that office instead of having to travel to

Austin for the hearing. "We just didn't think it was fair to require aggrieved San Angelo-area taxpayers to travel all the way to Austin for an oral hearing, so we have decided to take the hearing to them," Bullock said.

Any taxpayer who feels that the taxes assessed him by the Comptroller's Office are wrong or unfair has the right to appeal, Bullock noted. The aggrieved taxpayer may request an oral hearing or present his arguments in writing.

In the past, taxpayers who have requested an oral hearing have had to come to Austin to present their case. Now they can request the hearing to be held in the nearest field office if they live roughly 200 miles from Austin or more.

Because of the trouble and expense involved, many aggrieved taxpayers probably have paid taxes they felt were unfair rather than travel all the way to Austin for an oral hearing.

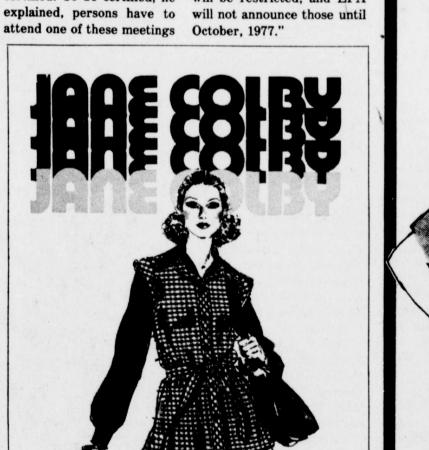
"These taxpayers deserve the same consideration as those fortunate enough to live close to Austin and we're going to see they get it by moving the hearing to them," Bullock said.

Bullock urged taxpayers to contact the nearest Comptroller's office to see if they are eligible to have their appeal heard locally.

The San Angelo Field Office, headed by Tom Goff, is located at 1900 Sherwood Way. It is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on week days. The telephone number is 949-0575.

or if impossible to do that, Pesticidesstudy a book available at the Each person who uses extension office and take a

pesticides has to be certified, test. Parker said, "As yet, we Parker said. Dealers cannot sell to anyone who is not do not know what chemicals certified. To be certified, he will be restricted, and EPA explained, persons have to





PUT TOGETHER YOUR SPRING SUIT. D-G separates are good companions in double knits of polyester. Here, the blazer with twin stitching trim, to wear with the 8-gore skirt, and the engineered stripe shell. Sand, or middy blue. 3-17, 4-18.

#1756 Jacket \$29.95 #8965 Skirt \$14.95 #8963 Shell \$14.95



Check out Jane Colby's spring-into-summer suit

with a sleeveless vest that caps the solid long

sleeve shirt or can go its way without it. The

matching checkered pant is cut with a

haberdasher's finesse. All in wrinkle-resistant

Style #3502 Blouse \$14.95 Style #3585 Pant \$12.95

polyester.

