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## Elm Creek Reservoir Project Cancelled



### Sale Planned To Raise Little League Funds

The Little League Association of Winters will begin a major project Friday, May 6, selling light bulbs, to raise funds for the Little League.

Zeb Deck Jr., president of Winters Little League Association, said, "This will be our major fund raising project for this spring."

Salespersons will offer packs containing eight light bulbs: four 60-watt, two 75-watt, and two 100 watt. A 150-watt outdoor floodlight and a

package of three 3-way bulbs will also be available.

This will be a concentrated sales period with delivery of the product in two weeks, Deck said. Team members participating in the sale will have an opportunity to earn prizes such as baseballs, bats, and gloves.

A committee of Little League mothers is helping in the organization and planning of this project.

Deck said that over 200 team members will benefit from Little League activity this year. "A Little League Softball program is being organized this year for the girls," Deck said. "This summer baseball program is expected to be the best ever. However," he said, "money is needed to take care of the high cost of charter and insurance, equipment, officiation and team maintenance. New lighting is badly needed on one of the fields. We need to raise at least \$1,000 to meet these needs.

**PROCLAMATION**—Mayor Homer Hodge signs a proclamation calling for observance of the week of May 8-14 as "Light Bulb Sales for Little League

Week." Shown with the mayor are Michael Lee, Kenneth Duncan, Dedra Barker, Lance DeBerry, Ann Baker and Richard Ortiz.

### Lions Club Mop, Broom Sale May 11

The annual Winters Lions Club Mop and Broom Sale will be held next Wednesday, May 11.

A downtown store will be operated in front of the State Theatre beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday. The house-to-house sale in the residential areas will begin at 5 p.m.

B. D. Jobe is chairman of mop and broom sale committee.

Proceeds from the mop and broom sale will be used by the Lions Club to finance the many community projects of the service organization.

Prospects for a proposed dam on Elm Creek about midway between Winters and Ballinger, and a reservoir with capacity sufficient to serve the entire county, went down the drain this week, as announcement was made that Runnels County would not receive grants or loans from the Farm Home Administration to help finance the project.

Mayor Homer Hodge told the Winters City Council Monday night that he had received a call Monday afternoon from Bill Lawson of Waco, an official of the FmHA, and had been informed that the county did not qualify for such grants or loans from that agency. Hodge said he was told that because Runnels County as a whole was not burdened with a big indebtedness, the county did not meet the requirements of the federal agency for such financial assistance.

The cities of Winters and Ballinger, with assistance from the Runnels County Water Authority and other organizations, had spent many months in studying the feasibility of such a water reservoir project, and in making plans. The two cities had jointly employed an engineering firm of Fort Worth to work up plans for the project. The engineers some time ago had submitted a comprehensive report on surveys and studies they had made, and had recommended one of four possible sites on Elm Creek which they termed suitable for a dam and reservoir. Engineers also had developed the necessary paper work—applications and specifications for use by the proper state and federal agencies. Several thousand dollars had been spent by the two cities on preliminary work on this project, it was said.

In addition, Mayor Hodge said, a virtually ironclad commitment had been made some months ago by the

Texas Water Control Board to provide, in the form of a 40-year 4 1/2 percent interest loan, to be used to finance construction of water transport lines to the two cities and necessary treating plants.

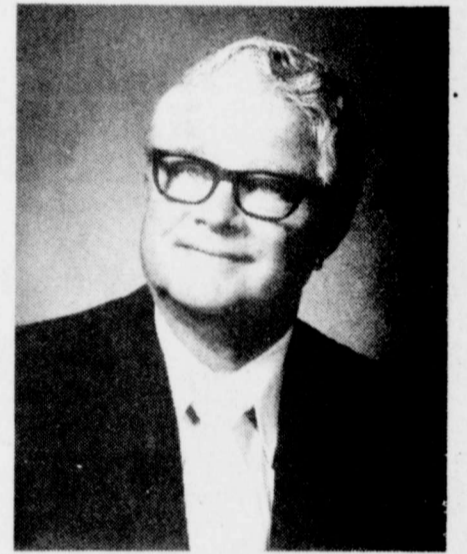
Now, Mayor Hodge indicated, in spite of the time and money spent, and the preliminary approval by state agencies, the federal agency has refused to participate, and the county is back to square one in the search for adequate water supplies.

It is plain, it was observed at the Monday night meeting, that if Runnels County was classified as a poverty area, and was burdened with huge debts, there would be no problem regarding qualifications for FmHA loans and grants.

### SLIGHT HOPE FOR WATER

However, Mayor Hodge said Monday night, the situation is not all black

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RUSSELL B. MOREY

### Sales Manager At Dry Division

Russell B. Morey has been named national sales manager for Dry Division of Wallace Murray Corporation, Hal S. Dry, vice president-general manager of the division, has announced.

Morey will be located at Dry Division headquarters in Winters. For the past six years he has held the position of national sales manager with United States Register Company of Battle Creek, Mich., and Jacksboro, Tenn., after more than twelve years as regional sales manager with this company.

Morey attended Wayne University at Detroit.

Dry Division is a major manufacturer of grilles, registers and diffusers for the heating and air conditioning industry. Wallace Murray is a diversified manufacturer of building products, cutting tools, and power components with sales of \$337 million in 1976.

### Grain Specialist To Meet With Young Farmers

Dr. Roland Smith, a grain marketing specialist with the Agriculture Extension Service at Texas A&M University, will hold a marketing seminar during the meeting of Winters Young Farmers in the ag building Monday, May 9, at 8 p.m.

## We Must Have Ambulance Service

### AN EDITORIAL

Suppose we opened our newspaper tomorrow morning, or turned on the radio, and read or heard the following announcement:

"Effective within 60 days, the fire departments and the law enforcement agencies of Runnels County will be discontinued."

It takes little imagination to picture our collective reaction to such an announcement. Because such action would be unspeakable and unheard of.

But a similar announcement was made about a month ago, and caused hardly a ripple—when a wave was really called for.

The funeral homes of Runnels County—Spill Funeral Home of Winters, and Davis-Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger—informed the Runnels County Commissioners' Court, meeting in regular session, that the two funeral homes planned to discontinue ambulance service, effective June 1.

Although there have been many straws in the wind, warning of such possibility—Runnels is reportedly one of relatively few counties where funeral homes still provide ambulance service—the announcement had a slight stunning effect. However, the four Commissioners did agree that something should be done about this serious situation, and mentioned that a committee should be named

to study the problem. No announcement has been received of further action.

There may be some who harbor resentment against the funeral homes for having the audacity to make such a decision, to discontinue such a vital service to the public. There are others who have even expressed their belief that because they haven't used ambulance service, there is really no necessity for such service.

For many years, excellent ambulance service has been provided by Spill Funeral Home in Winters, and Davis-Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Now, due to increased requirements by federal and state authorities, these two funeral homes must discontinue the service, because of financial reasons. The funeral homes have lost thousands of dollars in the past, providing this service. We cannot expect them to continue.

The towns in Runnels County are not in a position to provide the needed ambulance service. The county's hospitals and hospital districts could not, alone, provide the service. Which leaves the problem on the doorstep of the people of the entire county—in essence, hands the responsibility to the County Commissioners. It will cost money—a lot of money—but until someone comes up with a suitable alternative, . . .

## Flent McNeill Won First At Regional

Flent McNeill, Winters High School senior, won first place in the 120 high hurdle event in Regional University Interscholastic League competition in Lubbock last week. McNeill made the distance in 14.5, actually a higher time than his school record of 14.1 this year.

Winning the 120 HH event at Lubbock qualified McNeill for the state meet to be held in Austin May 13-14.

In the 330 Intermediate Hurdle event at Lubbock, Flent made the distance in 39.8 for seventh place. This was a career record for him in this event. Flent had won the 120 HH

event in the District meet at Ballinger April 22, with a time of 15.1, to qualify for Regional. He also won the District 330 IH event with 40.1.

Flent's twin brother, Kent, had also qualified for Regional, by winning places in two events in the District meet at Ballinger. He made 6-0 in the High Jump event in District for first place, and was second in the 120 HH to qualify for regional.

At Lubbock, Kent was 6th in the 120 HH with 14.8, and did not place in the high jump event. The 14.8 in the 120 HH event at Lubbock was a career best for Kent.



AT REGIONAL—Flent McNeill, left, and Kent McNeill, right, Winters

High School athletes, prepare to leave with their coach, Sam Scott, for

Regional UIL contests in Lubbock last week.

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**Poe's Corner**

BY CHARLIE POE

The black-tailed prairie dog once had West Texas, including Runnels County, pretty well under his paw. He and his kinsmen were more numerous than live-stock and people combined. They created thick networks of burrows which spread over several acres and grew

into "towns". One colony of prairie dogs stretched continuously over 250 miles, and was 100 miles wide; it had numerous millions of inhabitants.

Pastures around the prairie dog towns were stripped by the pups who ate grass until the farmer's crops came

up and then they went to work on the tender grains, ranging as far as 100 yards. After the food at hand was exhausted a new entrance was made nearer the base of supplies. When anyone came in sight the little rodent would run to the door of his house, stand on his hind feet and bark. If shot he'd fall into his den.

Prairie dogs show much ingenuity in the digging of their burrows which are almost straight shafts eight to 16 feet deep, ending in a horizontal side passage and a nest chamber. Sometimes a room is made for the storage of fodder. Each family has a separate den with a mound, about four inches high, built up around the entrance to keep out water in time of rainfall. Water is not vital to their towns for the little animals don't often drink. Their favorite habitation is a place where there's much grass. They're especially fond of alfalfa and grain.

A cunning little fellow, the prairie dog is a member of the ground squirrel family. He's strong and well built, with small beady eyes, pouched cheeks and a short, flat tail. He's about a foot in length, and is covered with coarse, gray-brown hair. The more common species have black-tipped tails, others have white tips.

According to stockmen even a few prairie dogs eat as much grass as one sheep, and as they strip the soil of vegetation, they're considered a major cause of soil erosion.

It's unfortunate that these sociable, pleasant little creatures are pests by human standards, for it's a joy to observe them by the craters of their burrows leisurely stretching out in the sun or excitedly sitting up. Their chattering and high-pitched barking keeps the whole town astir with life during the day.

Their numerous natural enemies couldn't destroy the prairie dog to any great extent, no matter how many fell prey to the snakes and owls, coyotes and foxes, badgers and ferrets, also to the Navajos and Pueblos, who prized their meat. But the diminishing of these natural enemies led to their increase until the prairie dogs became a serious menace to Western farmers and ranchers.

In addition to devouring the vegetation, the numberless holes dug by the rodents were dangerous to both horses and riders. If a horse stepped in one it usually meant a broken leg. And sometimes a rider was killed if he was thrown from his horse.

The cattlemen knew right off that he didn't care for prairie dogs, fetching little fellows though they were, and he began a relentless war against them—both amateurish and scientific.

Yesterday's kids could pick up spending money "drowning out dogs."

The late J. A. Patterson told me of an incident that happened when he was a boy. After a big rain, when the hog wallows were full, he took his grubbing hoe, called

his dog, Shep, and started work on the tender grains, ranging as far as 100 yards. When the animal stuck its head out for breath, Shep grabbed it around the neck. This looked so easy that his master tried it. The rodent caught Patterson's finger and he couldn't choke it off. Its teeth were locked and he had to pull loose, leaving a gap in his finger. From then on he left catching the dogs up to Shep.

There were millions of prairie dogs to be killed and ranches set up dog crews—some of them are still in existence—who spent their time poisoning the little animals. Many were killed by poison bait and the fumes of carbon bisulphide. Early day druggists brewed all sorts of lethal doses to be used in the fight.

Those who liked the sport killed the little fellows singly with a .22 rifle. Two Wingate boys, Duncan Hensley and John Barron, followed this sport. Soon the prairie dog towns became scarce.

Grandpa worked hard, and spent a lot of money, clearing the Plains of the little range pest. He was so successful that his grandkids came along and didn't know what one looked like. So, efforts began to preserve the prairie dog and he appeared in zoos.

Mackenzie Park at Lubbock was the first to provide a sanctuary for the cute little fellows when two burrows were found on some new land added to the park. The question of how to get rid of them came up at a board meeting. The president of the board pointed out that in a region where the historic dog town had formed the most dramatic feature of the plains, the animals had been killed until now they were a rarity. In early days a traveler on the Staked Plains could ride in a straight line for 250 miles and all the way be surrounded by holes of the burrowing animals. A location was decided upon and the president and his wife contributed toward making the walled-in prairie dog preserve a reality in 1932.

Today, several hundred prairie dogs live in peace on a hilltop in the public park, the last survivors of teeming millions. Following their instinctive patterns of behavior, they enlarge their burrows, feed in the sunset, carry in bedding and give their territorial bark, oblivious to onlookers.

The cattlemen probably think that the prairie dog is much cuter behind a fence of concrete blocks, or perhaps they've forgotten the millions of grass eaters who kept their house-keeping mounds bare a half century ago. Today, for the most part, the dog towns are just a memory.

Someone said we had one prairie dog home left in Runnels County on the Vancil ranch near Hatchel. I wonder if there are any more.

**Nursing Home**

Mothers' Day marks the beginning of "National Nursing Home Week." Nursing homes over the entire nation are using this week to stimulate their residents to "show and tell" their story to people in their community.

We invite the public to visit your local facility. First because it will please our patients, many of them feel cut off from the outside world. Second, because we want the community around us to see first hand the fine work being accomplished. Third we want to involve the community groups in our work. There is a real need of volunteers.

May we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Mr. William Tatom, and Mr. W. A. Inman. We regret we

**Diversity Club Sees Pottery Demonstration**

Members of the Diversity Club last Thursday heard talks and saw demonstrations on the art of pottery making, when they visited the workshop of Richard Tadlock in Ballinger.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Z. I. Hale, Mrs. Ralph Arnold and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

Others attending the demonstration were Mesdames W. L. England, L. L. Jernigan, Earl Roach, T. C. Stanley, Roy Young, Roy Crawford, Frank Brown, Joe Floyd, Joyce Krause.

**Sub Deb Club Meeting Monday**

Members of the Sub Deb Club heard a report on a recent "Blockade Against Cancer" held by the club. A total of \$246.26 was received, and was forwarded to the North Runnels Unit of the Cancer Society.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Walker of Wingate, with Patti Walker serving as hostess.

Present for the meeting were Patti Walker, Susan Lisso, Becky McAnally, Susan Bentley, Cherie Krause, and the sponsor, Cindy Hatler.

**Wingate Sew and Sew Club Meeting**

The Wingate Sew and Sew Club met Thursday in the Annex of the Baptist Church. Quilting was done for the hostesses, Madelyn King and Flossie Kirkland.

Members present were Dolly Airhart, Nellie Adcock, Marie Bradford, Opal Belew, Leila Harter, Lorene Kinard, Madelyn King, Flossie Kirkland, Eura Loyd, Jo Lindsey, Martha O'Dell, Mildred Patton, Ethel Polk, Grace Smith, Melba Vick, Minnie Williams, Mayola Cathey, Lessie Robertson, and Edna Rogers, and a new member, Fay Pinegar. Four visitors were present, Deal Low, Lena Wheat, Hazel Rogers and Vida Tally.

The next meeting will be May 10 in the Annex. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

**UM Women Met Tuesday Morning**

The United Methodist Women met in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church Tuesday morning. Mrs. Frank Mitchell was leader for the program, New Or Different Life Styles, and also led the opening prayer.

A film strip, The Future Scene Through Faith, was shown, followed by a discussion period.

Nineteen members were present.

The largest lake in Texas, Sam Rayburn, covers 178.9 square miles.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Winters, a Municipal Corporation of Runnels County, will receive sealed written bids in the office of the City Secretary at the City Hall, 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas until 5:00 P.M. on the 16th day of May for bids on oil and gas leasing the following described real estate situated in Runnels County, State of Texas, and being 661.6 acres of land, more or less, out of the Thos. R. Webb Survey No. 358, Abstract No. 503, the J. A. Henderson Survey No.

265 1/2, Abstract No. 1363, and the Juan Jose Ximenes Survey No. 265, Abstract No. 269, and being the same land as described in the oil, gas and mineral lease dated August 10, 1953 executed by the City of Winters in favor of Robert B. Cockrell, and being of record in Vol. 283, Page 154 of the Runnels County, Texas Deed Records.

The City of Winters reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid considered the most advantageous to the City of Winters.

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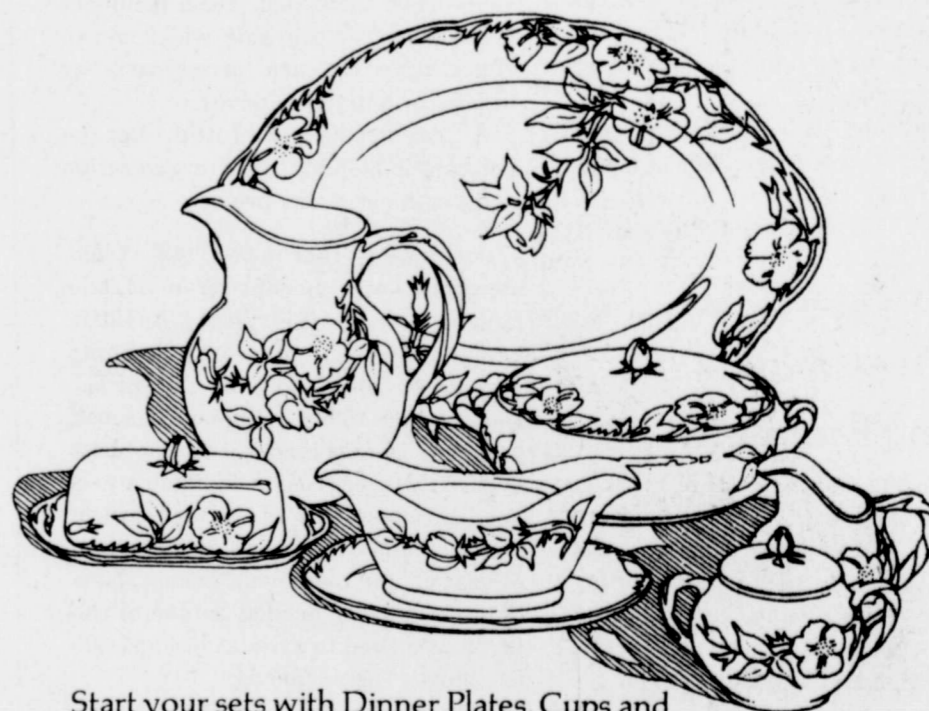
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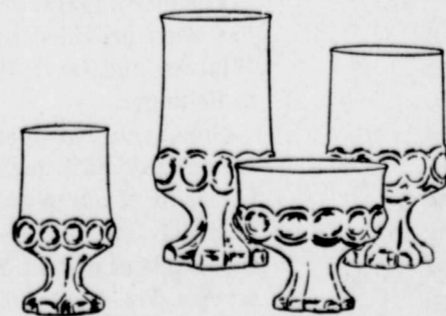


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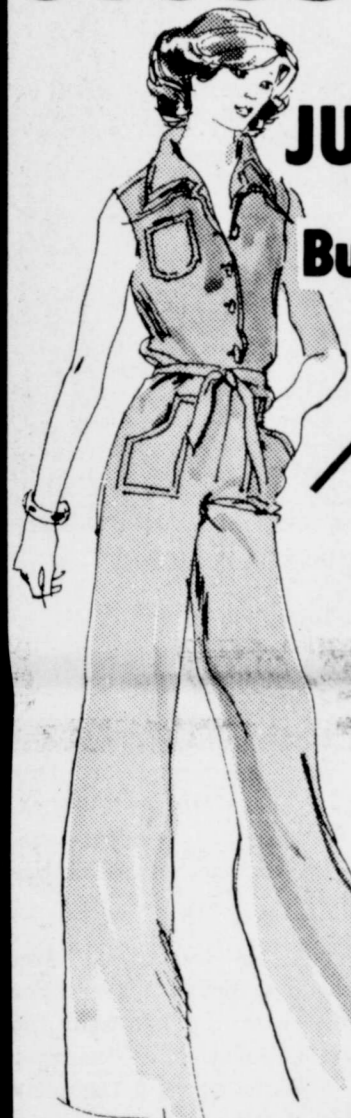


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## Krueger's Kolumn

By Cong. Bob Krueger  
21st Texas District

Summary: Krueger urges fair treatment for handicapped Americans.

### "Making Best Use of America's Resources"

Along with several of my colleagues in Congress, I recently signed a letter to Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, urging him to approve some proposed regulations which would greatly help the 28 million disabled citizens in our country. The regulations, for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, will provide that handicapped persons will not be discriminated against or excluded from participation in, or the benefits of, any program receiving Federal assistance.

The handicapped people in the United States are subject to forms of discrimination which many of us do not recognize, or are not aware of. For example, to someone in a wheel chair, a curb can

be a major obstacle. For those Americans who otherwise might have limited or no use of their legs, stairs become barriers which prevent a person's full participation in many of the benefits and pleasures of our society. In recent years, our society has become more conscious of the need to involve fully these people in our society, and subtle changes, such as the creation of ramps on curbs for wheel chairs and braille notations near elevators demonstrate the increasing awareness of the special needs of those who have some sort of physical disability.

What I and my colleagues are urging the Secretary of HEW to do is to eliminate some of the more insidious forms of discrimination which exist, namely in the participation in federally assisted programs. For example, the new regulations provide for interpreters for

the deaf in health and welfare service agencies, thus eliminating the obstacle that communication has previously presented.

President Carter has taken a strong stand on the question of human rights; surely the handicapped have rights too, and have much to offer our country. They are no less entitled to the benefits of our society than anyone else, and it would be in the best traditions of our country to knock down some of the barriers that still exist for this segment of our people. Such a stand by the Carter administration would be consistent with its own concern for human rights, and would do much toward giving disabled Americans an opportunity to participate fully in our world.

## Lee Choate Is In Western Pacific

Navy Machinist's Mate Third Class Lee M. Choate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee K. Choate of Winters, is currently on an extended deployment in the Western Pacific.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Bradley, homeported in San Diego. His ship is operating as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Choate and his fellow shipmates recently participated in the major allied exercise "Rimpac 77" in the mid-Pacific Ocean. The month-long exercise involved approximately 20,000 men with participating units from Australia, Canada and New Zealand. The fifth annual naval exercise included 38 ships and 225 aircraft and stressed anti-submarine warfare, air defense and carrier operations, plus missile firings.

His ship, a 415-foot long "Garcia" class frigate, is equipped with guns, missiles and rockets and can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, she is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light airborne multi-purpose helicopter for long range detection and attack from enemy submarines.

A 1973 graduate of Winters High School, he joined the Navy in September, 1974.

## O'Connor's Column

### Dairy Products

Dairy foods come in so many different forms you hardly recognize the similarities. Yet high nutrition is common to all.

Milk comes in many forms including fresh, skim, dry and condensed. Then you have the cheeses, including such favorites as cheddar and cottage cheese. Don't overlook sweet and sour creams, ice cream and yogurt.

Naturally this wide selection makes for tasty eating in a variety of ways. Right now all these dairy products are in plentiful supply according to marketing officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. Milk production in May will be near its seasonal peak and considerably higher than last year.

Spring and summer menus call for crisp, cool salads. And salads call for tasty dressings that are quick and easy to make.

Fruit-Whipped Cream Dressing adds a tangy touch to fresh fruit salads, while Cheese Dressing and Sour Cream Dressing are as tasty on fruits as they are on vegetable or green salads and Buttermilk Salad Dressing goes great with giant chef salads.

Fruit-Whipped Cream Dressing. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in top of double boiler. Stir in 3 tablespoons flour, 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add 1/4 cup lemon juice, 1 tablespoon frozen orange juice concentrate and 1/2 cup canned pineapple juice. Cook over boiling water until mixture

thickens. Beat 2 egg yolks slightly; stir a little of the hot mixture into the egg yolks, then stir the egg yolks in the rest of the hot mixture. Cook about 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Chill covered. Whip cream until stiff; add chilled dressing to cream and blend well. Makes 1 cup.

Cheese Dressing. Blend 1 cup mayonnaise with 1/4 cup catsup and 2 tablespoons chili sauce. Stir in 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar or Jack cheese and dash of hot sauce. Chill. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Sour Cream Dressing. Whip 1 cup sour cream until fluffy. Combine 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Add to sour cream and blend. Chill. Makes 2 cups.

Buttermilk Salad Dressing. For 2 cups of this creamy-smooth, mayonnaise-type dressing: Combine 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 1 tablespoon dry mustard, paprika, onion salt, salt and ground white pepper in the top of double boiler. Gradually stir in 1 cup buttermilk and 2 beaten eggs. Stir constantly while cooking over hot, not boiling, water until buttermilk begins to thicken. Remove from heat.

In a separate bowl, combine 1/2 cup vinegar, 1/4 cup lemon juice and a little sugar to sweeten. Add gradually to the hot, creamy buttermilk mixture, beating well after each addition. Chill before serving atop salads featuring canned freestone peaches and cottage cheese on salad greens.

## Winters Lutheran Women Host Annual West Texas Convention

The Church Women of St. John's Lutheran Church hosted the annual convention of the West Texas Conference of the American Lutheran Church Women, Sunday, May 1.

Theme of the convention was "Reach Out." The Rev. Dennis McCarthy, of the Lutheran Social Service in Dallas, conducted a special workshop on "Reaching Out To Abused Children." He was assisted by Mr. and Mrs.

Bob Ferguson, Big Spring State Hospital, who spoke on "Reaching out to the mentally ill," and Mrs. Virginia Rodriguez, Big Spring State Hospital, who spoke on "Reaching out to the Chicano people."

Mrs. Kenneth Rannefeld, Sweetwater, president of the Conference, presided for the morning session, and Mrs. Charles Lambeth, Odessa, vice president, presided for the afternoon session.

New officers elected to

serve two years included Mrs. Rannefeld, president; Mrs. Erwin Hahn, San Angelo, treasurer; and Mrs. Bill Dendy, San Angelo, secretary of education.

All ten of the Auxiliaries were represented with six conference officers, 17 delegates, one district officer, and 57 visitors.

Delegates registered from Abilene, Haskell, Midland, Odessa, Roscoe, Sagerton, San Angelo, Stamford and Winters.

## W. O. Tatom Died In Rest Home

William Otis Tatom, 71, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday of last week in Merrill Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mr. Tatom was the father of Carroll Tatom of Brady, former superintendent of schools at Winters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. S. Tierce officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Ross Cemetery at Baird, under direction of Spill Funeral Home.

Mr. Tatom was born near Atwell in Callahan County, May 26, 1905. It was there he attended school and later was a stockfarmer, until moving to O'Keene, Okla., in 1946. While in Oklahoma he was a flour miller. He moved to Winters in 1972.

He married Viola Payne, Jan. 28, 1927, at Atwell.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Winters.

Survivors include one son, Carroll Tatom of Brady; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Flesham of O'Keene, Okla., and Mrs. Robert Cruzen of Florence, Colo.; three brothers, Alton Tatom and Roy Tatom of Cross Plains, and Mabry Tatom of Baird; one sister, Mrs. Blain Odum of Baird; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were grandsons.

## Miss Denton and Mr. Briley Plan Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Denton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ronda Kay, to Mr. Monty Briley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Briley Jr., of Winters.

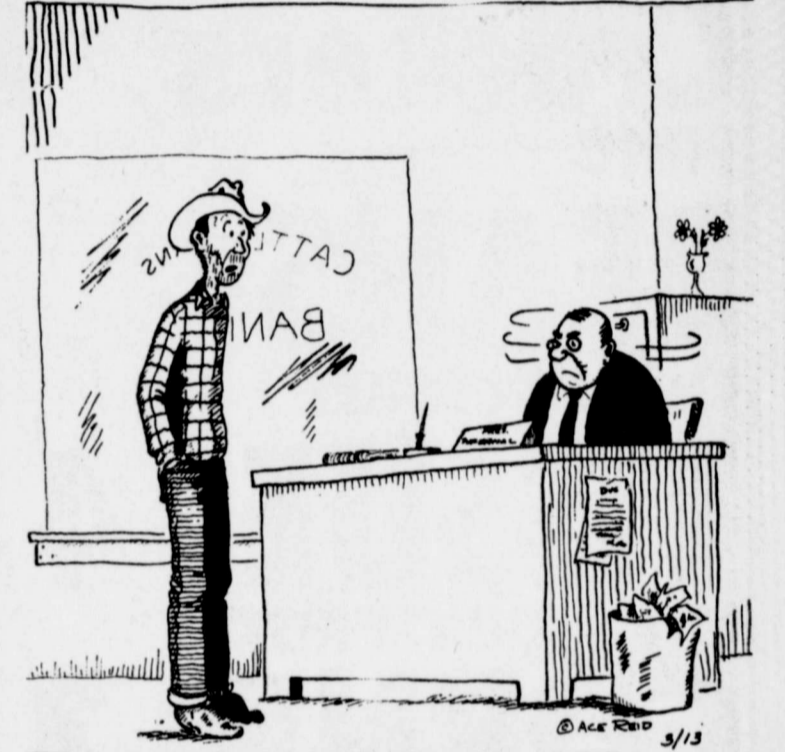
The bride-elect will be a spring graduate of Bronte High School. Mr. Briley is a 1972 graduate of Winters High School.

The couple will be married June 3.

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## Blackwell

The United Methodist Women of the Blackwell United Methodist Church met Monday, April 25, in the home of Mrs. John McRorey with nine ladies attending and with Mrs. McRorey as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chew visited over the weekend in Stephenville with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lively and her sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Musick and daughter, Susie in Hico and they also visited Mr. Chew's brother, Dual Chew of Hico, who was a patient in the Hico hospital. Mr. Chew went for his check up and got a good report.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Vivian Taylor was her niece and her family, Mr. and Mrs. George Whatley and son Casey of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cleckler of Roscoe and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bramlett of Lubbock.

Mrs. Minta Grimes is visiting in the home of her daughter and her husband,

Mr. and Mrs. Honnis Holland. Mrs. Grimes is with her daughter who has had major surgery, but is reported to be home and doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Paterson and her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Turner visited Sunday afternoon in San Angelo with the ladies brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eckles and daughter, Dawn and had supper with them.

The Family Night supper was held Wednesday evening, April 27, in the Fellowship Hall of the Blackwell United Methodist Church with thirty-one in attendance.

Mesdames Billy Burl Holland, L. C. Strickland, Eula Nabors, E. K. Finley, Ben Noble, Gordon Montgomery, Bama Sliger, and the Rev. and Mrs. Mike Holmes attended the Associational Prayer Retreat at Camp Boothe Oaks at Lake Sweetwater Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth Walls is a patient in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Blackwell has had nice, cool and cloudy weather all week and at news time Friday morning they were getting a nice, slow and steady rain which was highly needed in the yards and gardens.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the people of Winters for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended our Dad while he lived there. We thank you for each concern and response during his illness and death. We sincerely appreciate those who responded with food, floral offerings, and other remembrances. Our special thanks to Dr. Rives and the staff at Senior Citizens Nursing Home, and to Rev. Tierce, Karlene Eastman, Susan Conner and James Gehrels for the beautiful service. May God bless each of you. —The Family of Otis Tatom. 9-1tc.

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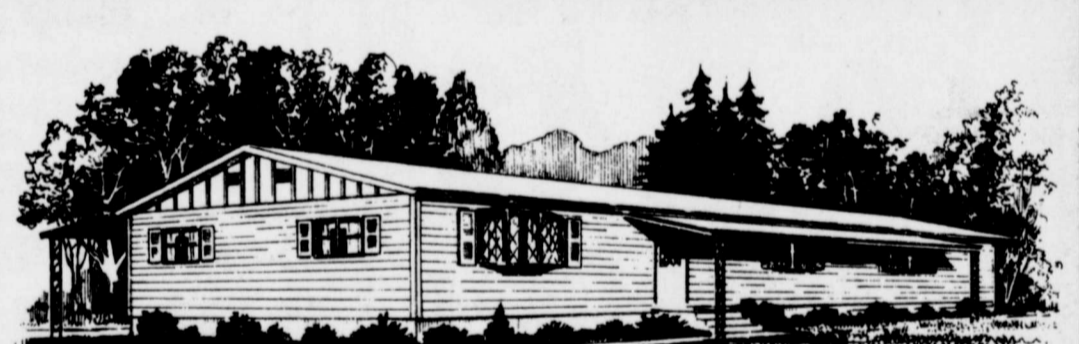
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**Alpha Pi Delta Chapter Meeting**

The Winters Alpha Pi Delta Chapter met May 2 in the home of Vickey Harrison. Priscilla Condra introduced Susan Conner who presented the program on Popular music.

Following the regular business meeting, Ann Eckols was honored with a surprise baby shower. Kay Mills won the swape-roo.

Those members attending the meeting were Cindy Cathey, Mary Browning, Zeldia Spill, Mona White, Ann Eckols, Dena Griffin, Dollie Airhart, Kay Mills, Linda Stubblefield, Linda Dry, Pat Blackwell, Priscilla Condra, and Vickey Harrison.

The next meeting will be May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dollie Airhart. Officers will be installed at this time. The Executive Committee is asked to be there 30 minutes early.

**W. A. Inman Died Thursday In Hospital**

William Alva (Bud) Inman, 77, died at 3:05 p.m. Thursday in North Runnels Hospital in Winters following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday in Spill Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Roy Bassett of the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger and the Rev. Leroy Burris, pastor of the Norton Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Norton Cemetery under the direction of Spill Funeral Home.

Mr. Inman was born at Roby, Aug. 21, 1899, son of the late Jim and Maggie Williams Inman. In 1905 the family moved to Runnels County, settling at Norton. He later moved to Anson where he lived for a number of years.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was discharged in 1946.



**NEWCOMERS**

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Miller are parents of a son, Lesley Jeff, born April 27, 1977, at 4:10 p.m. in North Runnels Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Garland Crouch of Lamesa. Paternal grandparents are Roxie A. Miller, Winters, and Wayne Miller, Novice.

He married Fannie Foy. She died in 1942. On Jan. 16, 1946, he married Mae Stubblefield at Ballinger.

Mr. Inman was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a longtime farmer.

Survivors are his wife; one brother, Ira J. Inman of Pomona, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Edward Rowland of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Randell Underwood, Billy Ren Lee, Turner Lee, Randy Fiveash, and Jay Fiveash.

There are four possible chances of holding a royal flush in a poker hand. However, the odds against it are 649,739 to one.

Albert Einstein developed his relativity theory in 1905.

**Young Couple Honored At Shower Recently**

An old-fashioned pounding and wedding shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Terry Davis of Coleman was held Thursday, April 28, in the Winters Housing Authority Building.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and featured a centerpiece of yellow daffodils.

Special guests were the honoree's parents, Mrs. Johnnie Spence of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davis of Coleman.

Mrs. Davis is the former Susie Spence. The couple was married March 12.

Approximately 15 guests registered.

**J. O. Y. SS Class Meeting Recently**

The J.O.Y. Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. L. D. Herrington. Mrs. Truett Smith led the opening prayer, and Mrs. Cliff Poe presided.

Roll call was answered with "superstitions."

Mrs. Kenneth Rosson was co-hostess.

Present were Mmes. Cliff Poe, Joyce Krause, Monroe Boles, Lillian Roberson, Bert Humble, Bill Russell, Carson Easterly, Robert Paschal, Truett Smith, Emily Pendergrass, Earnest Cooke, Jack Pierce, Kenneth Sneed, Pyburn Brown, Ronald Cooper, Ray Laughon, Kenneth Rosson and L. D. Herrington.

**Wingate**

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bachman have bought the Bagwell home and have moved into Wingate. Her parents, the Kurtzs, and other relatives have helped them move. We are glad to have them as neighbors.

The Overmans have moved to Wingate and they bought the Scott home. That was once owned by Willard Middleton. We are always glad to have new folks moving in.

Hazel Rogers of Colorado City has been visiting her mother, Madalyn King.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Seals and the Gene Wheats dropped by Mrs. Wheats for a while after attending the pancake supper Friday night.

Mrs. Ruby Henson has returned home after visiting her son in Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Barnes and baby of Floydada were guests with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Folsom.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Hensley of El Paso have been here to visit her mother, Mrs. I. G. Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elward Hensley of near Guadalupe Mountains were also visiting his mother, Mrs. I. G. Hensley.

A bus load of senior citizens have just returned from a trip to Old Mexico. They went by way of Del Rio, Eagle Pass then on to Old Mexico. Those on the trip were Rosemary Bennie, Ethel Polk, Pete Polk, Madalyn King, Grace Smith, Jo Lindsey, Raymond Lindsey, Nellie Adcock, B. B. McNeill, Alva Talley Emma Talley, Sherry Ivey, Linda DeLaCruz, Eddie Bennie, Ethel Harkin, LeBelle M. Michaelis. They all had a wonderful time on this field trip.

Mrs. Lee Blackwell of San Angelo has been visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green. Sunday guests with Mrs. O. D. Bradford were Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt McCorvin, Mrs. Becky Poe, Mae Mills, Inez Mills and Lorene Bradberry.

**4-H Clubs Planning Hayride**

The Winters Joint 4-H Club met recently in the ag building.

The group planned a hayride for May 20.

Rhonda Carter, Fran Hoppe, Janet Jacob and Laurie Pruser presented a skit, Females Are Beautiful.

**Homemakers Plan Produce Program**

Winters Young Homemakers will sponsor a program featuring freezing of summer produce, Monday, May 9, in the school Home-making Cottage. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

A home economist from Lone Star Gas Co. will present the program.

Everyone interested in produce freezing is invited to attend this presentation. There will be no admission charge.

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## Crews

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We will have our last supper and fun night Saturday night until next fall. The hostesses will be Mrs. Marvin Gerhart and Mrs. Allan Bishop. Bring either sandwiches or ice cream or cake.

Clyde Brevard reminds you who are interested, there will be cemetery work all day Saturday the 7th at Glen Cove. Some folks bring their lunch.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Effie Dietz is in the Ballinger hospital. Glad to hear she is coming home this Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Dietz returned from a sightseeing trip through Tennessee and Arkansas. They spent one night with a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Herrington had his folks, the Leeman Herringtons of Winters out for supper Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gibbs of Brownwood came Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Brevard, Mrs. Lemma Fuller of Coleman, Mrs. Hoarce Stokes of Talpa, Mrs. Hazel Mae Bragg enjoyed 84 in the home of Mrs. Alta Hale Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hale of Miles came out on Sunday.

Mrs. Henneritta Lewis returned Saturday after a 3 week visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis at Homestead Air Force Base Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fisher had Sunday

dinner together in the Fisher home in Winters. Mrs. Fisher will be getting her walking cast on her leg today.

The Connie Gibbs spent some time Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jodie Gibbs in the Cisco Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion had cake and ice cream for their son Brian on his 2nd birthday Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion and Paula, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gerhart and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Osborne and Bradley Pape were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion had their grandchildren over the weekend from Norton, Jana and Sammy Brown. The Faubions visited in the L. A. Faubion home on Friday night.

Over the weekend with the Marion Woods were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote and son Jim of Snyder, Mrs. Maloy Bryant and sons. At this writing the Woods are in Temple to attend a friends funeral, R. H. Wood. They will be home on Tuesday.

During the week with the Raymond Kurtzs were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slaton of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Kat Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerhart, Mrs. Truman Deike. Then on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bill Villers, Jimmy and Peggy of San Angelo were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hale of Abilene were down to see the Arthur Allcorns Sunday afternoon.

Monty Briley and Ronda Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Brook Parks of San Antonio were weekend visitors in the James Earl Cooper home. Mrs. Cooper killed 2 rattlesnakes this week and R. C. Kurtz got the one up our road. They are out and crawling so watch out.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bishop and boys visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Curry in Norton Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson and girls of Ballinger were out with the Bishops on Sunday.

Bro. Bob Underwood and Mrs. Underwood and Bobbie and Lee Ann of Coleman were Sunday dinner guests with the Theron Osbornes.

Mrs. Effie Dietz visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hambricht, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoa and children, Miss Eunice Polk, all of Winters and Mrs. Chester McBeth.

O. Z. Foreman of Abilene spent Tuesday through Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Foreman.

Left over from last week

District superintendent Rev. Riley of Brownwood filled the Crews Methodist Church pulpit Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, Mrs. Hazel Mae Bragg were Mrs. Cora Petrie company Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard were down in East Texas and had a nice long visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Davis in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Morrison were up from San Antonio and stayed with mother Kirby while the Brevards were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slaton of Robert Lee visited in the Raymond Kurtz home Sunday afternoon.

The Marvin Hoelschers of Ballinger came and had a visit with the Kat Grissoms Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion and Mrs. Alta Hale attended the Echo musical jamboree in Echo Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Play Brevard and Miss Willie Hale of Ballinger were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McBeth visited the Chester McBeths on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob were in San Angelo with their daughters, Brenda and Cookie and had dinner with them Wednesday.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Walter Jacob has her cast off and is doing nicely after a slight accident and a pulled socket in her arm.

Sunday with the Doug Bryans were Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bryan, Doris and Brent.

During the week in the Marvin Hambricht home were Mr. and Mrs. Burley Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hambricht, Mark and James of Bronte, Mr. and

## Inducted Into Fraternity

Billy Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Hord of Winters, was inducted into Gamma chapter of Alpha Zeta fraternity at Tarleton State University April 18.

Alpha Zeta is an organization for outstanding students in the college of agriculture.

Hord is a 1974 graduate of Winters High School.

## Dale Sewing Club Meeting Recently

The Dale Sewing Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Alvis Waldrop. Members worked on a club quilt.

Present were Mmes. Carl Baldwin, Clarence Hambricht, Marvin Traylor, Carroll Stoecker, Alvis Waldrop, Thad Traylor, Lloyd Compton, I. W. Rogers, Bill Mayo, Jack Whittenberg and Ralph McWilliams.

Mrs. Clint Hambricht, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. George Lange and Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Arbury Faubion and Clint, Dean Taylor, Mrs. Douglas Bryan, Mrs. Ralph Hightower of Albuquerque, N.M., Alton Hambricht was a over night guest Thursday.

## Wm. Burns Died Tuesday At Odessa

Wallace (Red) Burns, 65, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday of last week in the Deering Nursing Home in Odessa, following an illness of several months.

Graveside services were held at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Wingate Cemetery. Officiating were H. B. Terry of Abilene and Paul Wallace of Winters. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery under the direction of Spill Funeral Home.

Mr. Burns was born at Wingate Oct. 9, 1911. He attended school and later farmed in the Wingate Community until 1963 when he moved to Midland where he worked in the oil fields.

He married Ruth Busher in 1936 at San Angelo.

Survivors are a son, Robby Burns of Abilene; two brothers, Ralph Burns of Winters and Jack Burns of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Mrs. Inez Danford of Winters, and Mrs. Era Hickham of Woodville; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Hoppe, Bud Busher, Doc Modisett, R. A. Busher, Hollis Dean and Pat Pritchard.

## Combined Piano Recital To Be Sunday, May 8

Sunday, May 8, Karlene Eastman and Susan Conner will present a Sacred Music Recital featuring organ and piano duos. The Music performed by the duo will consist of many sacred favorites and will include gospel, classical and current religious songs.

This recital will be held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Winters at 3 p.m.

Miss Eastman is a 1973 graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a major in Music Education. She is active in Texas Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, and the Abilene Alumnae association of Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional music fraternity. Miss Eastman has been a church

## IN COUPLAND HOME

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Lora Coupland have been her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ritch of Grass Valley, Calif.; her sister, Mrs. J. H. Oliver of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Ritch will visit her brother, Horton Smith in Sweetwater, before going to Alabama to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gunter and family.

holding a Bachelor of Music degree in piano. She is a member of Abilene and Texas Music Teachers Association, Music Teachers National Association, and the National Guild of Piano Teachers. She has been the pianist for the Winters church for the past two years. Mrs. Conner teaches private piano in Winters.

## WINTERS SCHOOL EQUALIZATION BOARD NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the Winters Independent School District will convene on May 17 and 18, 1977, at the School Administration Building in Winters, Texas.

All persons interested in meeting with the Board of Equalization to discuss oil values should be present at 3:00 p.m. on May 17, 1977.

All persons interested in meeting with the Board of Equalization to discuss local values should be present between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. May 18, 1977.

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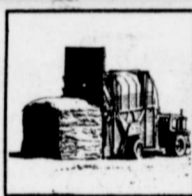
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# BISHOP BOYS FORD



**GOOD CATCH**—These young men had good luck fishing "McGee's Tank" last week, bringing in 10½ pounds of striped bass. The largest one weighed 2½ pounds, and was caught by Lee Evans. The fishermen, left to right, are Richard Cavanaugh, Lee Evans, Elmer Buckelew and Kenneth Tankersley.

## Band To Present Concert Next Monday

The Winters High School Blizzard Band, and the Junior High School Breeze Band, will present a combined pop concert Monday evening, May 9, in the high school gymnasium. The performance begins at 7 p.m. The stage band also will be featured

during the evening performance. The concert will be an informal affair, and pop music will be played by the combined bands.

There will be no admission charge for this concert.

## Dam Project—

(Continued from Page One)

and not totally hopeless. He said he had been approached by the mayor of Sweetwater, suggesting that Winters study the possibility and feasibility of purchasing water from Sweetwater's Oak Creek Lake. It was understood that Sweetwater is negotiating with

Spence Lake authorities for purchase of water, to be piped from Spence to Oak Creek. It was suggested that there would be a possibility of Winters building a pipeline from Oak Creek to the city's treatment plant, a straight distance of about 19 miles.

Winters City Council Monday night gave the mayor authority to enter into discussion with Sweetwater officials on such a proposal.

Water purchased from Sweetwater, and resold to consumers in Winters and those connected with North Runnels Water Supply Corp.'s distribution lines, would cost slightly more than is being paid now, it was explained, but there would be adequate water for all. The Cities of Winters and Ballinger have contracted with the rural water supply corporation to supply water for rural consumers.

## May Get \$37,000 For Parks, Recreation

The State Parks & Wildlife Department has approved Winters' application for funds for a parks improvement project, Mayor Homer Hodge told the City Council Monday night.

The city had made application for about \$37,000, to be used in upgrading and improving the city park area. The City must provide "in kind" financial support for the project, which may be use of city personnel and equipment.

Plans are to add two more tennis courts, upgrade the present courts, install lighting, fencing, curbing, paving and walks, and outdoor playground equipment, Hodge said.

Final approval must be made by a federal agency, and is expected within a few weeks, the mayor said.

## Winters Boy Scouts Second In Parade

Troop 249, Winters Boy Scouts, won second place with their float in the Ballinger Ethnic Parade Saturday.

The boys did all the work on the float under the supervision of Manuel Vera and Ray Heathcott. They have expressed their thanks to E. J. Bishop for the use of a trailer for the float, and Bishop Boys Ford for the pickup used to pull the float.

## Cancer Unit Elected Officers For New Year

The North Runnels Unit of the American Cancer Society elected officers for the new organizational year during a meeting last week. Officers will take office in September.

Homer Hodge was named president; George Garrett, vice president; Noma Eoff, secretary; Margaret Bell, treasurer.

Randy Loudermilk will be chairman of the educational committee, and Addie Beth Stanley, publicity chairman. Memorial chairman will be Margaret Bell. Emma Marks and Floy Hodge will head the Crusade committee. Dickie Lloyd and Lura Lee Garrett will head the service committee. Betty Pinkerton will be in charge of special events.

It was announced that the Cancer Crusade is near completion and should be over within the next two weeks. The Sub Deb Club held a blockade on Main Street recently and collected \$246.26.

The next meeting will be May 24 in the Chamber of Commerce office.

## VA Mobile Van To Visit County Next Wednesday

Jack Coker, director of the Veterans Administration Regional office in Waco, has announced that a mobile van manned by two veterans benefits counselors will be at the Runnels County court house Wednesday, May 11.

Information and counseling services will be available for veterans and their dependents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Coker, the objective of the van program is to reach veterans and their dependents who are not taking full advantage of their benefits.

## Hospital Equipment Fund Climbs

The special fund to purchase equipment for North Runnels Hospital has climbed by \$235.50 with memorial gifts and a pledge completion reported within the last few days by Ted Meyer, chairman of the fund committee.

Gifts were in memory of:	
Leonard H. Alger	\$8.00
Elmer Bryan	26.00
Tenna Goetz	3.00
Bill Hogan	5.00
Howard Hurt	24.00
E. L. Hutcheson, father of	
Mrs. J. W. Bahlman	10.00
W. A. Inman	8.00
Otis Tatom	13.00
Camille Way	118.50
Total memorials	\$215.50
Pledge completion	20.00
Total	\$235.50

## Public Hearing For Federal Funds

The City of Winters is required to hold at least two public hearings per year to discuss spending of monies received through the Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.

The next public hearing has been set for June 20, and the public will be asked to make suggestions for use of the federal funds. Mayor Homer Hodge said it is expected that Winters will receive about \$47,000 dollars this year. This money must be spent within guidelines issued by the federal government.

## Comptroller Rep To Visit Winters Next Wednesday

A representative of the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts will meet with Winters taxpayers Wednesday, May 11, at 1 p.m. in the City Hall.

Comptroller Bob Bullock, who initiated the plan of visiting representatives, announced the representative will remain on duty as long as needed. Those having questions concerning the Comptroller of Public Accounts office are invited to bring those questions to the City Hall on the designated date.

## Book Collection Given To Library

The personal collection of books of the late Mrs. H. L. Way have been presented by her children to the Winters Public Library. The books, about 35, have been catalogued and shelved and are ready for circulation, Kathy Bredemeyer, librarian, said.

A memorial for Mary Frick has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jacob and Ricky Dunlap.

New books in the library include "Roots," "Oliver's Story," and "Raise the Titanic."

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**NEWCOMERS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mitchell are parents of a son, Jason Owen, born April 30 in Hendricks Medical Center, Abilene. The baby weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owen of Orange. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Audra L. Mitchell of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Davidson of Big Spring announce the birth of a son, Jeremy Prentiss, born April 15, 1977. The baby weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kobert Paschal of Shep. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Madalyn Davidson of Miles and Pete Davidson of Winters.

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**RETIREMENT GIFT**—Emma Marks, who retired the last of April after serving twelve years as manager-secretary of the

Winters Chamber of Commerce, was honored at a retirement coffee in the chamber office last Friday. Mike Tuggle, president of

the Chamber of Commerce, presents her with a retirement gift.

**Two History Markers To Be Dedicated**

Two Texas Historical Markers will be dedicated in a ceremony Sunday, May 15, at the site of Walthall, the first permanent community in Runnels County.

Earnest Jennings of Arlington, son of Mrs. T. V. Jennings and great-grandson of Capt. A. B. Hutchison, one of the first settlers of Walthall, will give a history of the settlement.

These attending the dedication will meet at the Ballinger Community Center at 2 p.m. and go from there to the site, five miles southeast of Ballinger.

Sponsored by the Runnels County Historical Commission, the Walthall Cemetery marker reads as follows:

"Walthall Cemetery. This burial ground is the last surviving evidence of Walthall Community. Situated west of here, just across the Colorado River, Walthall was the first stable settlement in Runnels County. It was located on land claimed in the 1860s by the John W. Guest family, and surrounded a stagecoach stop on the Camp Colorado-Fort Concho Road in the 1870s. The cemetery contains at least one unmarked grave. The oldest marked grave is that of infant Penny Cotton (1877-1878). Mrs. John W. Guest (1820-1878) was another early burial. A stone from the river marks her grave."

The Rev. Thomas Wadlington Cotton grave marker gives the following information:

"The Rev. Thomas Wadlington Cotton, Nov. 29, 1817, May 24, 1888). A native of Illinois and Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church, the Rev. Thomas W. Cotton moved here from Grayson County in 1877. He helped organize Runnels County's first church, the Colorado Baptist Church, in 1878 and served as first pastor. When Runnels County was organized in 1880, his stone house was the temporary courthouse. He married Mrs. Catharine Shaw (McComb) Hobson (1816-1886) and had six children who reached adulthood."

**Dates Set For Beef Referendum**

Tentative dates for the national Beef Referendum, in which all cattlemen will have an opportunity to vote on a self-help program, have been announced by the USDA. The dates are June 6-17 for registration and July 5-15 for voting.

"Cattle industry leaders have been waiting three years for these dates," says J. D. Sartwelle of Houston, who is chairman of the Texas Beef Development Taskforce. "That's how long we have been working to get a self-help program aimed at stabilizing and improving the beef market."

The program, known as the Beef Research and Information Act, was put together by cattle industry leaders and approved by Congress last year. If approved by two-thirds of the cattlemen voting, it will authorize a uniform collection of 3/10 of 1% of the value on each animal sold.

This rate will raise \$30 million to \$40 million a year for beef research, promotion, consumer education and foreign market development, according to Sartwelle. The funds will be administered by a 68-member Beef Board, comprised of cattlemen nominated by existing cattlemen's organizations.

"We have just begun an extensive educational program, aimed at reaching every cattleman in Texas," says Sartwelle. "In addition to the 60-member Texas Beef Development Taskforce, representing beef and dairy organizations throughout the state, we have a county Taskforce in each of Texas' 254 counties. We're all working to explain the merits of the program to cattlemen and encourage them to register and vote. Helping to spearhead the educational effort is the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, plus other cattlemen's organizations and general farm organizations."

**Producers Should Be Alert For Anaplasmosis Problems**

Texas livestock producers should be on the alert for anaplasmosis in cattle, which may cause problems in herds again this year, warns C. T. Parker, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Now is a good time to start thinking of preventing this infectious disease, which can be spread by biting insects or careless surgery with contaminated equipment," he says.

Anaplasmosis can be spread when blood cells infected with a small parasite find entrance to the circulatory system of a susceptible animal, the county Extension agent explains. Large blood sucking flies—such as horse and deer flies—and in some areas ticks help spread the disease.

Man also can infect animals through the use of such equipment as vaccinating needles, dehorning tools, nose tongs and the like. Every effort should be made to sterilize these tools before use, and as each animal is worked.

An animal that has survived an attack of the disease may become a "carrier," from which biting insects may draw blood before biting other animals.

Control measures that livestock owners can practice include testing and segregating "carriers" from other cattle, testing and treating infected animals to prevent spread of disease, vaccinating prior to the season when vectors can spread the disease, and low-level feeding of antibiotics during the insect season to help prevent the disease and reduce severity of new cases.

Cy Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buchanan of Van Horn, former residents of Winters, recently was awarded the FFA Outstanding Senior Award, in Van Horn High School. Buchanan is president of the Van Horn High School FFA chapter.

**Winners In Guys and Dolls Tourney Named**

Pat and Marlene Wood took the honors Sunday in the Guys and Dolls golf tournament at the Winters Country Club, with a score of 89. The team of Jiggs Nichols and Mary Bauer won second with an 85 in the first flight.

First place winners in the second flight were Wilson and June Marks, with 69. Second place was won with a score of 67 by George Brown and Lillie Heath.

Scotty and Peggy Belew, and Bob and Irene Farmer of Ballinger, tied for third flight honors with 53.

Fourth flight winners were won by Bob and Mary Browning, 41. Hal Dry and Mary White won second place with 39 points.

Scores of other teams were: McAdoo and McAdoo, 81; Gray and Gray, Ballinger, 71; Folsom and Rogers, 66; Robinson and Robinson, 59; Cummings and Cummings,

56; Griffin and Griffin, 52; Underwood and Underwood, 51; Bean and Bean, 39; Fuller and Moreland, 34; Bishop and Bishop, 33; Alderman and Alderman.

**Piano Students Audition At Abilene**

Nine piano students of Susan Conner recently participated in the National Piano Playing Auditions in Abilene.

Students performed seven memorized pieces and demonstrated musicianship skills before a judge to become national members of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

Students participating were Grady and Michelle Bryan, Mike Lee, Neva Lewis, Don and Melinda Kvapil, Roger Young, Douglas and Bill Wheat.

**District 6-AA Track Meet Results**

**GIRLS**

440 yd. dash: 3. Deanna DeLaCruz, Winters, 68.0. 6. Becky Guevara, Winters, 72.0.  
Mile Run: 5. Julie Rosson, Winters, 7:00.3.  
Mile Relay: 4. Winters, Jill McNeill, Paula Davis, Dena DeLaCruz, Christi Edwards, 4:52.9.  
Shot Put: 5. Teresa Dean, Winters, 31.4 1/2.

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

440 yd. Relay: 6. Winters, Mary Santoya, Kim Fry, Irma Santoya, Lisa Bryan.  
660 yd. Dash: 5. Vicki Bryan, Winters.  
330 yd. Dash: 4. Leann Hall, Winters.  
880 Yd. Relay: 5. Winters, Anna Vera, Leann Hall, Tammy Gibbs, Melody Murphy.  
1320 Relay: 2. Winters, Mary Santoya, Kim Fry, Irma Santoya, Lisa Bryan.  
Shot Put: 6. Bobby Walker, Winters.  
Discus: 5. Leann Hall, Winters.  
Triple Jump: 5. Anna

Vera, Winters.  
High Jump: Pam Grey, Winters.

**BOYS**

Winters athletes made 54 points to win fourth place in the district. "We are very happy with these young men's efforts, and happy with their position in the district," coaches said. Only three seniors were on the teams; most were juniors and sophomores, and coaches are looking forward to a good season next year.

440 Relay: 6. Pat King, David Esquivel, Reggie Boles, Ruben Esquivel, 47.6.  
880 Dash: 5. Chuck Evans, 2:10.0; 7. Mark DeBerry, 2:15; Ruben Esquivel, 2:19.  
120 HH: 1. Flent McNeill, 15.1; 2. Kent McNeill, 15.1; 7. Pat King, 16.7.  
440 dash: 6. Carey Jobe, 54.5; Carl Schaffrina, 63.2.  
100 Dash: Johnny Plumley, 11.4; David Esquivel, 11.2; Reggie Boles, 11.2.  
330 IH: 1. Flent McNeill, 40.1; 6. Kent McNeill, 42.2; Pat King, 46.4.

220 Dash: David Esquivel, 25.4; Reggie Boles, 25.4.  
Mile Run: Elmer Bucklew, 5:43.  
Mile Relay: 5. Flent McNeill, Kent McNeill, Carey Jobe, Chuck Evans, 3:42.0.  
Shot Put: Phil Colburn, 41; Carl Schaffrina, 35.  
Discus: Gary Schwartz, 108; Carl Schaffrina, 105.  
Long Jump: 3. Flent McNeill, 20-1 1/2.  
High Jump: 1. Kent McNeill, 6-0.

**FRESHMAN DIVISION**

660 Run: 2. Pat Salas; 3. Roger Cortez; 6. Doyle Barker.  
1320 Run: 5. Tony Garcia.  
220 IH: 6. Pat Salas.  
100 Dash: 7. John Krause.  
1320 Relay: 5. Pat Salas, John Krause, Tommy Chambliss, Doyle Barker.  
Shot Put: 1. Scott Stubblefield.  
Discus: 4. Scott Stubblefield.  
Long Jump: 4. Doyle Barker.

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