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BY RICHARD C. THOMAS

The last several weeks have been somewhat hectic around the Enterprise office, but things should get a little smoother within a few days. We began about nine months ago to gather material for a special edition of the paper, planning to publish it in March as a 75th Anniversary edition — *The Enterprise* completed 75 years in March. However, as plans for Winters' 90th Birthday Celebration got underway, and momentum was gained, we decided to combine a 75th Anniversary edition with one to commemorate Winters' 90th birthday, and to touch on Runnels County's 100th birthday. We present it this week, to coincide with the celebration.

We are indebted to many people for the success of this endeavor: Charlsie Poe wrote a lion's share of the copy; Erma Eason Beal provided much copy and several pictures which had never been published; and even Fred Young got in on the act, by banging my ear with a lot of historical information, and providing some pictures. Gathering of such information is no easy task; however, the most difficult task was that of deciding what to use, and in what manner. Every bid of material we gathered called for publication. The sifting became a most difficult part of the whole project.

The sponsors — the advertisers — the businesses in Winters, have been most helpful. They have been eager to join in this effort, a fact which is graphically displayed throughout the edition. There are, we know, many more who would have been eager to join in this project, but because we had to use the staff available, for several reasons, and were unable to obtain extra help, there were many businesses we failed to call upon. For this, we are sorry — perhaps another day we will have more time.

After we got what we thought would be the maximum number of inches of material, and began putting it in type, we were beset with additional problems. One or more of the staff would come across some other story or picture which just "must be included." So we changed our minds midstream. Again and again this happened ... until we just had to call a halt; it could easily have gotten out of hand. Then by burning a lot of night oil, we got it all in type, the pages made up, and took the entire edition to our central press at Sweetwater for printing last Friday. The results have been kept under wraps since we brought them home, waiting for distribution with this week's regular edition. So closely guarded has it been, our computer typesetter operator, Sandra Radford, with only six months experience in the newspaper game, lived up to the old tradition of secrecy and refused to let her husband see a copy of the special section. That's what you'd call loyalty! (I think they're speaking again this week.) The entire project was sandwiched in with the regular work, which keeps everyone busy, and only because everyone was interested in it and was caught up in it were we able to produce it. All of us ended up more history buffs than we began.

Credit must be given those who actually did the production work — the typesetting, process camera work, layouts, etc., along with the culling and the sifting. They worked long hours, and turned out a lot of work. I personally would like to say thanks to: Loice Osborn, who drew up most of the advertising, picked many of the photos and articles, and kept the rest of us from getting everything all mixed up, and made up many of the pages; Sandra Radford, who keyboarded most of the copy, ran most of the

Birthday Celebration begins Friday

Celebration of Winters' 90th anniversary will get underway Friday evening with a big barbecue in the Community Center, sponsored by the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, and climax with a dance Saturday evening, sponsored by the Winters Young Farmers group. In between, there will be something for everyone, including tennis, domino games, exhibits, music, and contests.

The 90th Birthday Celebration

End-of-school activities beginning

Graduation exercises for the Winters High School Class of 1980 will be held at Blizzard Field at 8:30 p. m., Friday, May 30. The last day of school will be May 29.

Classes in Winters Public Schools will be dismissed at 2:30 p. m. Friday, May 23, but will be resumed on regular schedule Monday, May 26, even though that date will be a holiday for many businesses, the post office and government offices.

is being sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, with many local organizations and clubs of the area participating.

The barbecue Friday night will begin at 5:30, with tickets available at the Chamber of Commerce office, or at the door. Cost of the tickets will be \$4 per person, or family tickets for \$8.

Following the barbecue, a Community Choir will present a program in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. There will be no charge for this program.

A big parade, with more than 60 floats and entries already registered, will begin at 10 a. m. to open Saturday's activities. With John W. Norman as Parade Marshal, the parade will begin on South Main St. in the vicinity of the new Winters State Bank building, and will end at the City Park. The Winters High School Blizzard Band, the Winters Junior High Band, and the U. S. Army 2nd Armored Division Band from Fort Hood will be in the parade.

A color guard and drill team from the Ballinger National Guard unit will also be in the parade, along with the Coleman

Rodeo Assn, and a stage coach from Dublin and Jeter's six-pony hitch from Eddy, the Chuck Wagon and Riders from Tennyson, and several other out-of-town groups.

Several organizations and businesses have indicated they will have entries in the parade. All parade entries are to report to the Gulf station on South Main for parade position numbers and other instructions in plenty of time Saturday to prepare for the parade. Jerry Sims is chairman of the parade committee.

The celebration will be officially opened at the City Park at 11 a. m. Saturday, or as soon as the parade is over, with a flag raising and other ceremonies.

Pete Stack of Brownwood, country western comic and after dinner speaker, will be master of ceremonies for Saturday's activities.

A highlight of Saturday's program will be an exhibition parachute jump by four members of the Abilene Sky Divers Club. One member of the club is Kay Whitlow of Winters. Depending upon the weather, the parachute jump will be at about 1 p. m.

The tennis tournament will be held at 6:30 p. m. Friday. Chairman of the tennis committee is Bruce Black.

The domino tournament will begin at 1 p. m. Saturday, with Mike Meyer chairman. A pet See **BIRTHDAY** Back Page

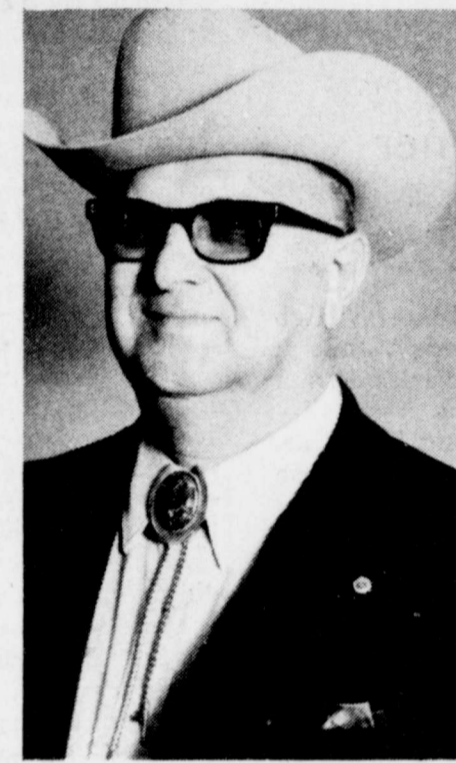
TABS results now ready for students

Parents of the fifth and ninth grade students who took the first Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests in March may pick up the results next Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium, school officials said this week.

Mrs. Lee Harrison, school guidance counselor, will give a brief interpretation of the Confidential Student Report.

Parents or guardians who are unable to attend the Tuesday meeting but who wish a copy of the results may pick them up from the 5th grade homeroom teacher, or in the case of ninth graders, they may be picked up from the counselor in her office in the high school building.

The Texas Legislature mandated the basis skills assessment testing with the main purpose being to identify strengths and weaknesses in the educational development of Texas students, Mrs. Harrison said.



PETE STACK
...Celebration emcee

School board studies energy-saving projects

Utilizing funds allocated Winters Independent School District by the Department of Energy (DOE) and Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council (TENRAC), an architect employed by the school district

Copies of early day paper for sale

During the parade downtown Saturday morning, and at the City Park in the afternoon during the 90th Birthday Celebration, "newshawks" will be selling copies of *The Winters Enterprise*, dated April 24, 1908.

That edition of *The Enterprise*—one of the oldest which has been found—was photographed exactly as it was produced in 1908, and printed for distribution during the celebration. There have been no changes in the format — an eight-page tabloid — and there have been no changes in any of the makeup or type. Corners of four of the pages had been torn away on the original copy, and the reproduction shows that. This will be a limited edition — there will be no more after these are sold. This 1908 copy is just a bit out of the history of the town and the community, and should make a nice souvenir of Winters' 90th Birthday Celebration.

The early-day newspaper will be for sale for 25 cents per copy. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the Z. I. Hale Museum Foundation.

—The Publishers.

pictures through the process camera, and made up many of the ads and pages; wife Yvonne, who pounded the pavement carrying layouts to the advertisers; daughter Kelley, who made up some of the ads. THEY made it possible for you to review some of the history of our community.

Myself? Well, as editor - advisor - executive, I filled that capacity. Executives don't mingle and blue-collar! They edit - advise - executive! Anyway, girls, I thank you and the readers thank you. (You may take Saturday afternoon off to enjoy the festivities at the City Park).

Honestly, it's been a lot of fun, resulting in a lot of satisfaction. Maybe that's why I've stayed in this game for more than 50 years.

has completed an energy audit of the elementary school, the gymnasium, and the high school building. At a May 13 board meeting, the architect reported the results of that audit, and results indicate there are only a few areas in which changes or improvements can be made that will meet the DOE requirements of a 15-year payback period.

The first building audited was the elementary-junior high building. The architect said that replacing the incandescent lighting with fluorescent lighting throughout the building, and the installation of a monitoring

Museum to be open Saturday, May 24

The Z. I. Hale Museum will be open from 2 to 4 p. m., Saturday, May 24, for those who wish to see the progress made in renovating the building.

A formal opening is being planned for later in the summer.

The museum board has invited the public to come by the new museum building to see what has been done in a short time.

system on the boiler could result in some energy savings, with a payback period of approximately 12½ years.

In the gym area, the audit revealed that the installation of hydrogen bulbs would reduce the number of light fixtures required by one-half and still provide more light than is available at the present time. The estimated payback period would be 7½ years, the architect said.

The energy audit of the high school building disclosed that the only cost effective change, based on the DOE 15-year payback time schedule, would be the replacement of the existing antiquated boiler. The estimated payback period is 14.55 years.

Vacation Bible School planned at Southside Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held June 2 through June 6 at the Southside Baptist Church.

Classes will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. daily.

Children age 5 to 16 may pre-register May 30 at the church, from 3:30 to 5 p. m.



They just may sell!

George and Cleo Brown have been cleaning up the large lot on which their new home is built. In plowing and planting grass, they turned up a lot of rocks, and faced with a big job of hauling them off, it

seems, they hit on the idea that everyone should have a "pet rock." If you would like to have a whole kennel or stable or flock of pet rocks, bet this would be a good place to begin.

—Photo By Kelley Thomas

Winters wins third in "Beauty" contest

Winters has placed "in the top three" in its population category in the 1979-80 "Governor's Community Achievement Awards" program, according to an announcement from the Beautify Texas Council.

A "Certificate of Commendation" will be presented during the BTC Thirteenth Annual Meeting,

June 18-20, in Kerrville, Texas' First Lady, Mrs. William P. Clements, Jr., will make the presentation immediately prior to the Governor's Awards Luncheon June 20. Winters Chamber of Commerce President Randy Springer, and probably other members of the chamber board, will attend the convention and accept the award.

In the notification letter from the BTC, Mary Ellen Shoop, project director, told the Winters Chamber of Commerce: "Even though your entry was not judged 'first place' in its population category, we are proud to announce that Winters placed in the top three entries submitted in your category, thereby entitling your city to a beautiful hand-lettered 'Certificate of Commendation.' Certificates are not given to every city that enters, 'but to those who show many positive, unique, outstanding accomplishments and a growing momentum and interest in the community toward cleanup, year after year.'"

Information for the entry in the Beautify Texas Council's "contest" was prepared by Pam Connor, a member of the Winters chamber board. Connor was active in last year's concentrated clean-up, paint-up, fix-up drive, as chairperson of the special chamber committee. The 1979-80 "Governor's Community Achievement Awards" first place winners, for each category, are Caddo Mills, Elgin, Fort Stockton, Lake Jackson, Longview and San Antonio.

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Poe's Corner

1939 Class Reunion

The 1939 graduation class of Winters High School will hold a class reunion Saturday, June 7, at the Community Center in the City Park north of the football field.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m., but if you arrive earlier, come on in. The hall is rented for the day writes Emma Jean (Pounds) Terry of San Angelo who has been working on plans with the help of Billie Margaret (Wetzel) Zentner and others.

Mrs. Terry invites class members to come and bring their families. They would appreciate knowing if you are coming and how many will be in your party. If you can't come please send your personal history, including birthdays, so it can be placed on the bulletin board to share with all.

Some of those who are attending plan to bring photos, scrap books, address books and other mementos.

The evening meal will be either at a local cafeteria or restaurant or members may bring their own food to eat in the Community Center.

We had no high school album in 1939, writes Mrs. Terry. "Several have helped on the planning besides Roy and myself. Marvin and Kay Jones, Fred and Frances Briggs and Cleo (Drake) Brown. We have estimated about 35, out of a class of 53, are definitely planning to attend and we hope for more. Two who are planning to come from the longest distance are Bob Gannaway, Northfield, Ill., and Mary Jane (Schnell) Kelley from Palm Bay, Fla. I plan to bring my 4-track 7" reel tape recorder to capture the histories as they are given orally June 7th."

Addresses and phone numbers have been found for all class members except Irelene Jacobs and they have just lately found a possible means of locating her.

"We began with a ten-year-old mailing list which Bertie Fay (Strother) Turner, of Pasadena and Margaret (Gerhart) Brandt of McGregor, and I worked on," says Mrs. Terry.

Achievement test results have been sent to pupils' parents

The SRA Achievement series of tests were recently administered to students in Grades kindergarten through 8 in Winters Elementary School, and the results of these tests have been received, George M. Beard, principal, said this week.

Beard said the individual skills profile on each student is being sent home to the parents or guardians of the children concerned Friday, May 23. The results of the tests are shown on the individual profile sheet.

The SRA Achievement series is a series of norm-referenced (or norm-based) tests, Beard said.

"This means that the tests are used to compare each student's educational achievement with the achievement of other students throughout the country," he said.

Many educators who are specialists in certain curriculum areas and others who are testing specialists took part in the development of the SRA Achievement series of tests, the principal said.

"I got confirmation on many addresses from the information operators of the phone company and from out-of-town city directories and phone books from Chambers of Commerce, libraries and phone companies; and some from relatives and friends living around Winters and San Angelo; some from newspaper obituaries and other stories; some I obtained while on out of town trips," she said.

Deceased members of the class of 1939 are Wayne Bedford, Franz Belitz, Weldon Collins, Merle Proctor, Davis Rodgers, Minnie (Bryant) Burleson, Phelps Lambert, and Monroe Overman.

Among the members are Gilbert Adami, M.D., Denton; T. J. Adams, San Angelo; Susie (Baker) McDaniel, Fort Worth; Conny Berry, Burleson; Evelyn (Best) Wolf, Austin; Melba (Bridwell) Soles, Midland; Davida (Briley) Neece, Big Spring; Frank W. Brown, Winters; Marjorie Gale (Brown) Gibbs, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gerald Dixon, Concord, Tenn.; Harold Dixon, Dickinson; Jerry Dry, Houston; zmlredh (Frick) Koehler, Lamesa; Ethel Mae (Fry) Bahlman, Bula; Helen (Hamor) Foulger, Salt Lake City, Utah; Harlan Harmon, Brownsboro, Ala.; Kathleen (Holmes) Wylie, Houston; Afton Hudson, Abilene; Ellis Lee, Hamilton; Jerrye (McClaran) Luttrell, Humble; Rana J (Moreland) Kuck, Odessa; Walter Onken, Frankie (Powers) Bumpers, Pampa; Alvin Rice, Mathis; Charles Douglas Roberts, Arlington; James Lavawn Smith, Manard; Doris (Sowell) Buchanan, Abilene, Franis (Tackett) Glade, San Antonio; Majorie (Tavkett) McGinnis, Rising Star; Cecil Vinson, Abilene; Ben J. Williams, Lakewood, Calif.; Vera Lee (Williams) Sneed, R. L. Wood, Jacksonville; Helen (Yates) Wilson, San Antonio.

Some of their teachers were R.V. Hardegree, Temple; Miss Marie Hill, San Angelo; Mrs. Homer Hodge, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Mrs. Joe V. Hinds, Plainview; Sara Lou Stephens, Mrs. Jim Gardner, Coleman, and Milburn Curry of Fort Worth.

Son of Winters resident in volcano-eruption area

Although Winters, Texas, seems remote from the state of Washington, which is experiencing difficulties and dangerous situations because of the eruption of Mount St. Helens volcano, there are local persons who have family ties in the affected area, and others who have friends there.

Mrs. Leila Perkins, who has been a resident of Winters since February, has a son who lives with his family at Ritzville, Wash., 65 miles from Spokane, and in the volcano-affected area. Mrs. Perkins finally was able to contact her son, Wayne Perkins, Monday night, and got first-hand information of the situation there.

Perkins told his mother they had attended church Sunday morning, and heard a sound which they at first thought was a sonic boom. However, by afternoon, the area was "dark as midnight," because of the volcanic ash. He said there was at least two inches of ash all over, and in some places, it was six inches deep. He said it was "just like being on the moon."

Perkins said the weight of the volcanic ash destroyed bushes and shrubs, and that everyone was trying to get the ash off rooftops before rains could wet it. When wet, the ash would become so heavy it would cause roofs to collapse, he said.

Perkins is an employee of Adam County in Washington, and he said road crews were unable to move equipment to clear roads of the ash and grit, because vehicles would "lock up" because of the fine ash entering the engines. He said the area is "virtually paralyzed."

Although he has two wells on his property, other people who have to rely on reservoir or city water were experiencing problems. He said everyone stays inside most of the time, and when they go out they wear dust masks or gauze over their mouths and noses. Ritzville is in the "wheat belt," he said, but residents felt that the wheat "is high enough to withstand the heavy dustfall."

Naomi Circle met Tuesday morning

The Naomi Circle of the United Methodist Women met with Mrs. Eva Kelly Tuesday with 10 members present. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Cary Foster. Jewel Mitchell led the program on The Parables. Others on the program were Lucille Rogers, Willie Lois Nichols, Ester Shook, Alene Mapes, and Eva Kelly. The circle elected to have a meeting to finish The Parables June 3.



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Ruth Circle met Tuesday morning

The Ruth Circle of the First United Methodist Church met Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. J. D. Vinson with twelve members present.

Mrs. H. E. Carroll led the opening prayer. Mrs. Ralph Arnold had charge of the program, The Parables. Others on the program were Mrs. Gerhardt and Mrs. Mayhew.

Members present were Mmes. H. E. Carroll, W. T. Stanley, T. C. Stanley, Gladys Wilson, Gattis

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks for the visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. To Dr. Rives, the nurses and for the special care they gave me, the beautiful flowers and also for the food, calls, visits and many kind deeds done in our behalf. Our family joins us in thanking you. — Eddie and Allie Voelker, Gerald and Eddie Merle Proctor. ltp

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J. W. Greer died Sunday in Roscoe

John Wesley "Buster" Greer, 72, of Sweetwater, died at 1:40 p. m. Sunday at Roscoe Nursing Home. Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at First Christian Church in Sweetwater, under direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Burial was in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Oct. 19, 1908, in Burnett County, he was a construction worker. He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of First Christian Church and a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and SNAPP. He had lived in Sweetwater since 1934.

Survivors include two brothers, Wendell of Sweetwater and Lyman of Silver City, N. M.; and three sisters, Amy Spain of Winters, Eula Ross of Bertram and Ruby Taylor of Brownwood.

NEWCOMER

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Benfer of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Neal Kent, May 13, 1980. The boy weighed 7 pounds 3/4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nelan Bahlman of Winters, and paternal grandparents are Raymond Benfer and Mrs Edwina Herron of Ft. Worth.

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The stockholders of Winters Radio, Inc. are Tom Spellman (President), Petty D. Johnson (Vice-President), Larry Henderson and Belva Prescott.

Officers and directors of MBFA Communications Corp. are Tom Gilbreath, President; Edgar Jones, Vice-President and B. A. Hyatt, secretary/Treasurer. Additional directors are Charles J. Boyle, Robert S. Rogers and Land D. Wall.

A copy of the application and any subsequent amendments or related material will remain on file available for public inspection between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, at The Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas. (May 22, 29, June 5)

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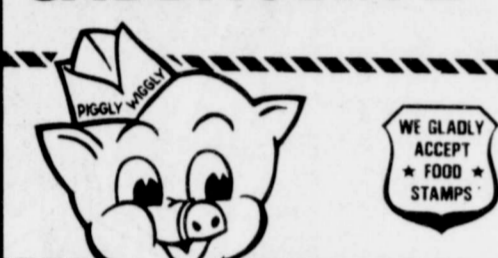
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Deadly virus hits Texas dogs

The Texas Veterinary Medical Association has called for an immediate response to a vaccination program developed to immunize dogs against the deadly parvovirus that has been sweeping across Texas.

This deadly and highly contagious virus is attacking dogs across the state, but according to the Texas VMA, the disease can be prevented by pre-exposure vaccinations. Parvovirus is a highly contagious viral disease, and is a new disease possibly caused by mutation. While the virus is most devastating to young puppies, it can attack dogs of any age group.

Dogs that have contact with other dogs are the prime candidates for infection, states Dr. Frank E. Mann, Jr., President of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. The time from exposure until the symptoms occur is from 7 to 14 days, with the first signs being depression and loss of appetite, accompanied by feverish symptoms. This is followed by vomiting and diarrhea. Bloody diarrhea may occur.

Since death can occur quickly, veterinary care should be started when symptoms occur, as dehydration is the primary concern. Treatment involves intravenous fluids to combat the dehydration, intestinal relaxants to reduce the vomiting and administration

of minerals and antibiotics. Dr. Mann stresses that with prompt treatment, many dogs can be saved. Mortality rates are much higher in puppies.

Dr. Mann said that an emergency vaccine development program has only recently produced an approved vaccine to immunize dogs against the deadly virus, and recommends all puppies be vaccinated along with the normal vaccination program; adult dogs with a probability of exposure to other dogs should be vaccinated; also that all dogs with high-exposure tendencies should be re-vaccinated at 6 months.

While this disease has not yet reached epidemic proportions, the number of dogs diagnosed this year as having parvovirus has more than tripled in number from the same period in 1979. Dr. Mann urges dog owners to vaccinate their dogs against this dread disease as the best method to bring this "mushrooming" disease under control.

CARD OF THANKS

I cannot begin to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the nice things done for Myrtle during her recent hospitalization and recuperation. Your prayers, cards, flowers, food and visits were sincerely appreciated.

My children join me in saying thank you. — Ernest Smith

Class of '39 to have reunion on June 7

The Winters High School Class of 1939 will hold a reunion Saturday, June 7, in the Winters Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p. m.

Class members have been urged to attend and bring their families. Emma Jean Pounds Terry of San Angelo has been instrumental in organizing the class reunion, and urged class members to let her know how many will be in their party. If members can't be present, she said, they are asked to send personal histories and addresses.

There have been no plans for the evening meal. Ms. Terry said, but those who wish to do so may bring lunches and eat at the Community Center.

Class members are also asked to send any corrections to the mailing lists Ms. Terry has mailed out. Thus far, she said, the name and address of only one student, Irelene Jacobs, and several teachers are not available.

Ms. Terry's address is: 2551 Culver, San Angelo, Texas 76901, phone 915-944-1891.

Miss Kroll and Mr. Isbell will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Kroll of Pasadena announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tresa G. Kross, to Mr. B. Jace Isbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Wilson of Winters.

The wedding will be at eleven o'clock in the morning, August 16, in St. Hyacintha Catholic Church at Deer Park.

Friends and family are invited to attend.

1979 expenditures for VA highest in state history

Expenditures by the Veterans Administration in Texas during fiscal year 1979 topped \$1,399,743,823, the highest in state history.

Waco VA Regional Office Director Jack Coker said that funding for agency programs in the state last year was about \$86,394,056 over the previous year, even though spending for GI Bill enrollments was down \$37,152,511.

Coker said the increase in VA compensation and pension payments of more than \$746,810,326 to eligibles in the state more than offset that drop. Other VA money goes directly to state residents for insurance benefits and medical care he said.

Literary and Service Club met recently

The Literary and Service Club met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Bedford, with Mmes. Royce McDorman, Bert Humble, R. E. Dorsett, Bill Russell and Roy Laughon as co-hostesses.

"Readjustment benefits under the GI Bill are following a national pattern that is due simply to

fewer remaining Vietnam Era veterans who have not used the program or who are no longer eligible," he said.

Still, overall agency spending is expected to increase again this year due to expanded medical service and increased benefit payments.

An estimated 1,656,000 veterans live in Texas. VA facilities in the state include 10 medical centers, 5 outpatient clinics, 2 regional offices, 5 cemeteries and a data processing center.

Mrs. Charles Kruse Jr. reported that her committee, consisting of Mrs. Earl Roach of the Diversity Club and Mrs. C. S. Jackson, met with the Commissioners' Court to request a homestead exemption for state and county taxes for senior citizens. The proposition will be considered, she said.

Plans were finalized for the 90th Birthday Celebration May 23-24.

At the spring convention in Ozona, Mrs. Charles Kruse Jr., was elected District Yearbook Chairman for 1980-82. Mrs. C. A. Lacy was elected District Creative Arts Division chairman for 1980-82; Mrs. J. S. Tierce was elected District Home Life Chairman for 1980-82.

The course of study chosen for 1980-82 was "Facing the Future."

Mrs. Kruse installed officers for the new year. Her theme was Governmental guides and club ethics. Installed were Mrs. Wayne Sims, president; Mrs. Floyd Sims, vice president; Mrs. Bill Russell, recording secretary; Mrs. Joe Irvin, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Marvin Jones, treasurer.

The historian, Mrs. W. J. Briley, gave the history of the year and presented the president and club members with the scrapbook.

Mrs. Loyd Roberson presented a book review. Members attending were Mmes. Elo Michaelis, Jake Smith, J. S. Tierce, Hudon White Sr., Charles Kruse Jr., Joe Irvin, M. G. Middlebrook, C. A. Lacy, Loyd Roberson, E. E. Thormeyer, W. J. Briley, Floyd Sims, Bobby Airhart, Wayne Sims, Marvin Bedford, Bill Russell, Max Lewis and Royce McDorman.

Recent gifts to hospital equipment total \$831.44

Recent memorial gifts and donations to the North Runnels Hospital Equipment Fund have totaled \$831.44, according to Ted Meyer, gift chairman.

Gifts have been made in memory of:

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St. John's Lutheran Sunday School	28.94
TOTAL	\$831.44

H. Vogelsang died May 8 in San Angelo

Hugo Otto Vogelsang, 82, of Ballinger, died at 9:41 a. m. Thursday in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger, with the Rev. Roy Bassett, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Plez Todd, a former pastor.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, under direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 1, 1897, at Spring Hill, he was a lifelong resident of Runnels County. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Vogelsang was a member of the Norton Lions Club. He was president of the board of directors of Valley Creek Watershed District, and a past president of Runnels County Farm Bureau.

He had been named Man of the Year by the Lions Club.

He married Edna Bailey Oct. 23, 1926, in Winters. Mrs. Vogelsang died in 1975.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Willene) Gerhart of Winters; three sisters, Mrs. Leonard (Ella) Henniger and Mrs. Edmond (Ueula) Lindeman, both of Ballinger, and Mrs. Sam (Edith) Blumentritt of San Angelo; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Raymond Pagwell, Francis Perry, O. L. Parrish, Monroe Werner, Allen Belk, Woodrow Hoffman, W. W. Ahrens and Al Dallinger.

Wingate Sew and Sew Club meeting

The Wingate Sew and Sew Club met recently with Melba Vick and Grace Smith as hostesses. Quilting was done for the hostesses.

Others present were Mayola Cathey, Marie Bradford, Mabel Hancock, Leila Harter, Lorene Kinard, Madlin King, Flossie Kirkland, Jo Lindsey, Mildred Patton, Pauline Schulz, Eura Lloyd, Edna Rogers, Ethel Polk, Fay Pinegar and Vida Talley. The next meeting will be May 27 with Lorene Kinard and Pauline Schultz as hostesses.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy in the loss of our loved one. Also for the flowers, food and memorials. — The Family of Hugo Otto Vogelsang.

"To confess a fault freely is the next thing to being innocent of it." Publilius Syrus

"Every man is like the company he keeps." Euripides

Lake got some water

Winters City Lake east of town caught some water from the rainfall received on the watershed within the past few days, the city's water superintendent, Jim Hamner, told the City Council Monday night.

Hamner estimated that the lake caught about 12 inches of water from these latest rains. Water level is now about 32 inches before spillway level, he said.

Only a few times in the lake's almost 40-year history has water failed to go over the spillway later than May each year, it has been said. One of those times was in 1974, when it was mid-summer before the lake filled enough for water to run

over the spillway. In that year, city officials borrowed a special pump from the U. S. Army to help pump water from the lake, which was dangerously low at the time. However, on the night before the pump was to be started, heavy rains on the watershed filled the lake to overflowing, and water department personnel had to work fast to pull the pump from the lakeside before it was submerged.

Microwave ovens are 40 percent energy efficient, compared to 14 percent for electric ovens and seven percent for gas ovens, according to the National Bureau of Standards, reports Nancy Granovsky, a family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



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As I write this, must say we have certainly had nice fall like rains, and sounds like we are in for more.

Mr. & Mrs. Burley Campbell have sold out their farm and have moved to Ballinger. We will truly miss them. I heard from a neighbor that Mrs. Campbell is in Ballinger Hospital for

tests and treatment.

Congratulations to the Marion Woods who celebrated their 40th anniversary Saturday night with the O. C. Fullers in Coleman.

Mrs. Ella Phipps is home after several days in the NR Hospital for tests and treatment. She also spent a couple of days with her daughter Mrs. Chester McBeth.

About 45 attended the bridal shower honoring Miss Fran Hoppe in the Fellowship Center of the Lutheran Church Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ziller and Arricka of Liberty Hill spent the weekend with the Calvin Hoppe family. Mrs. and Mrs. Lee Tabor, Andrews; visited in the McBeth home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alcorn of Ballinger spent Saturday with the Wilbertalorns and enjoyed the fish Wilbert caught, a 24 pound yellow cat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Archer returned to their home in Glendale, Calif. after visiting his sister Mrs. Morval Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Thompson and Tracy also visited with the Alexanders during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bryan came over Friday night to see the Doug Bryans.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Forty-three golfers in best ball tournament here Sunday

The team of Johnny Curbo, Sac Sprinkle, Mary McCreight, Leonard Smith and Todd Dunlap won first place in the best ball golf tournament at the Winters Country Club Sunday.

Forty-three golfers from the area played in the tournament.

Second place went to the team of Herman Baker, Beth Whitlow, Will Kemp, Dawson McGuffin Sr., and Preston Barker.

In a play-off for third place, Don Killingsworth, Billie Alderman, Donny Gibbs, Hal Dry and E. J. Bishop were the winners.

The next best ball tournament will be Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. Tee-off time will be 10 a. m. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

Bishop and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion and sons were Sunday dinner guests in the home of the Marvin Gerharts.

Gina Priddy of Winters spent Monday night with Kim Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chambliss and girls of Hawley spent the day Sunday with the Earl Coopers. Miss Clara McKissack spent Wednesday with Mrs. Effie Dietz.

MR. AND Mrs. O. Z. Foreman's children came in to visit with O. Z. who is in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Faubion attended the 4th grade play "Tom Sawyer" Friday night in which their granddaughter Melissa had a part. Mrs. Amber Fuller and Gladys Mathis attended Fran Hoppe bridal shower. Mrs. Bertie Stone of Talpa visited with Mrs. Fuller on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jacob and Mrk of Winters and Walter Jacob had lunch and played 42 with the Andrew Michal-ewicz' Sunday afternoon.

The Jerry Kraatz family attended the FHA rodeo in Winters Sunday. Wayne took part in this rodeo.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each person in Winters for their many acts of kindness shown to our family during the recent loss of our Beloved Baby Kenny. Thanks for the food, flowers, memorials and cards. A special thanks to Ted and Mike Meyer, Bro. James and Pastor Mel for the beautiful service and music. Your continued prayers and love for you family is deeply appreciated. God bless each of you. —The Loved ones of Kenny Kruse.

CARD OF THANKS

My children join me in saying thank you to all my friends and neighbors for all the kindness and love shown during my stay in the hospital; for all the cards, flowers, prayers, gifts and good wishes and a special thanks to Bruce Crampton and Doug Dennis of Dallas for the lovely flowers and visit. Thanks to Bro. and Mrs. Thomas for their visits. May I be of help to you in any time of need. —Dessie Louise Jernagan.

NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL REPORT

ADMISSIONS

May 13, 14

None.

May 15

Janie Miller.

May 16

None.

May 17

Christine Parramore.

May 18

Christine Parramore and baby girl.

Belew Vinson.

May 19

Ray Heathcott.

Sarah Tena.

Matthew Watts.

DISMISSALS

May 13

Dorothy Gray.

Kim Fry.

Allen Jackson.

May 14

Mabel Golting.

May 15

Robert Johnson.

Ella Phipps.

May 16

None.

May 17

Frances Lowe.

Christine Parramore and baby girl.

May 18, 19

None.

Dale Sewing Club met recently

The Dale Sewing Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Newt Stoecker, with club members doing handwork.

Those present were Mmes. Verge Fisher, Norbert Uekert, I. W. Rogers, Jack Whittenberg, Leland Hoppe, Clifford Lehman, Quincy Traylor, Bill Mayo, Thad Traylor, Charlie Adami, Marvin Traylor, August Stoecker, Ralph McWilliams, Carroll Stoecker, Newt Stoecker, Carl Baldwin, Clarence Hambright, Miss Emma Hennigar and Mrs. Mary Wolford.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Marvin Traylor.

"Neglect nothing that can increase your stature." Stendhal

"It is an immense advantage never to have said anything." Antoine de Rivarol

"A liar must have a good memory." Quintilian

City to call for bids on sewer line

A call for bids will be advertised within the next few days for construction of a sewer line from the construction site of the new facilities of Bishop & Sons Dirt Contractors, located on FM 53 West, on the south edge of the city, to a connection near the intersection of FM 53 and US 83, city officials said Monday night.

According to city officials, the sewer line will be available for use by any other development in that area, which is expected. Bishop is the third industrial company to locate in the area, along with Mansell Bros. John Deere Dealers, and the general offices of Dry Manufacturing Division, Wallace Murray Corp. Mansell Bros. and Dry will not be connected to the proposed sewer, but it will be available, officials explained.

Eventually — probably within a few months — city officials hoped to run a connecting sewer line from about Hamilton St. south to the planned sewer line on FM 53, completing a part of the loop recommended by Bryant Currington Engineers some years ago. Proposed housing development in the Hamilton St.-Floyd St. area call for improvement of the sewer line system, it was said.



A titmouse is actually a bird that many orchard owners rely on to help protect the fruit crop from insects.

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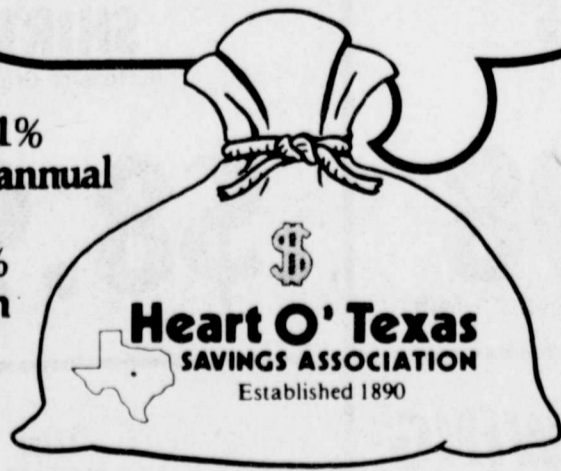
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Appointments for interviews will be arranged for the week of June 2 thru June 6 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Birthday celebration

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show, with Brenda Killough chairman, will also begin at 1 p. m. Saturday.

Ball games, with Royce McDorman chairman, will be held at 2 and 4 p. m. Saturday.

Judging of the beard contest will be held at 4 p. m. There will be several categories in this contest. George Mostad is chairman of this committee.

Exhibits which will be open during the afternoon will include a Style Show, with Rhuenell Poe chairperson; Art Show, Dolly Airhart chairperson; Flowers, Plants, Fruits and Vegetables, Frances Campbell, chairperson; and Quilts, sponsored by the Senior Citizens.

Booths will include: Information, Winters Lions Club; Balloons, North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary; Poppies and Flags, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Auxiliary; Face Painting, Winters Student Council; Pony Rides, the

Jimmy Smith Family; and Caps, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

A pen of ponies from Jno. W. Norman's Lazy N Stables, also will be set up in the area.

Saturday afternoon's program will include musical groups and bands:

1:00—Bishop Powell, Brent Scott, Ballinger.

1:30—Leroy Moore, Ballinger.

2:00—Singing Lynns, Bangs.

2:30—Barbershop Quartet, Winters.

3:00—Paul Zomora, Levelland.

3:30—James Scott, Bob Blassgame, Brownwood.

4:00—Winters String Band.

4:30—Debbie Reed, Sidney.

5:00—Chester Derrick, Odessa.

5:30—Gene Christian, Coleman.

6:00—John Loyd Band, Winters.

8-12—Roland Smith and "The Roadrunners," dance in the Community Center, sponsored by the

Winters Young Farmers.

Food booths will be operated during the day Saturday by: Young Homemakers, sandwiches.

Junior Culture Club, lemonade.

Sub Deb Club, cold drinks.

Winters Lions Club, ice cream.

Band Boosters Club, nachos.

PTO, hot dogs, frito pies.

Wingate Lions Club, hamburgers.

Firemen's Auxiliary, barbecue.

Winters Cheerleaders, snowcones.

American Cancer Society, french fries.

The DeLaCruz Family, tacos and tamales.

Diversity Club, baked goods.

Literary and Service Club, fried chicken and coffee.

Catholic Youth Organization, popcorn, cold drinks.

First Baptist Youth, homemade candy, carmel apples.

90-year-old citizens to be honored during celebration

Area citizens who are 90 years or older will be honored and receive special recognition during Winters' 90th Birthday Celebration Friday and Saturday.

Some of the elder senior citizens will ride in special cars in Saturday morning's parade; the Diversity Club will provide the cars, and make arrangements.

During the opening ceremonies at the City Park following the parade, the 90-year-old citizens will be recognized.

The elder senior citizens who have reached 90 years, who have been registered with the Chamber of Commerce, include:

Mrs. Minnie Minzenmayer, 104 years old; Mrs. Fred Tinkle, Mrs. John Curry, Mrs. Wylie Hinds, Mrs. Ettie Bishop, Elmer Shaffer, Jeff Bailey, Mrs. Pearl Hodges, Mrs. Grover Davis, Mrs. Charlie Pumphry, Mrs. Amanda Waldrop, Mrs. Auda Martin, Mrs. Era Duncan, W. C. (Brownie) Humphreys, Mrs. Matie Simpson, and Adolph Ernst.

Homecoming at Wingate June 1

The annual Wingate Homecoming will be held

at the Wingate School, Sunday, June 1.

Ex-students and others are asked to bring basket lunches. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

City gets \$10,121 from sales taxes

The City of Winters has received \$10,121.10 rebate on the 5 percent city sales tax collected during the last reporting period. Last year's rebate for the same reporting period was \$3,346.68. The total receipts for 1980 are 9 percent above total receipts for the first four months of last year, from \$30,927.56 in 1979 to \$33,910.07 for 1980.

Although most cities received larger checks this month compared to the same period last year, State Comptroller Bob Bullock said he doesn't believe it's because the state's economy is growing at a robust pace.

"We've been tinkering around with our processing system to improve it over the past few months and as a result fund allocations and rebates have shot up from time to time because of improved handling of tax accounts," he said.

Receipts by other comparable towns in the area were:

Ballinger	\$ 34,267
Cisco	10,604
Coleman	18,007
Hamlin	5,325
Haskell	8,835
Stamford	8,176
Winters	10,121

City judge collects \$1,559.50

Since his appointment in February, Winters' Municipal Judge J. C. Hodnett has collected \$1,559.50 in fines, he told the City Council Monday night.

Hodnett, who is also Justice of the Peace, was appointed Municipal Judge effective Feb. 5. In his first report to the council Monday night, he listed the amounts of fines he has levied in the less-than-four months he has been in office. These fines were for violations within the city, it was understood, and do not include fines for violations outside the city limits.

Amounts collected during the period were:

February	\$307.00
March	521.50
April	341.50
May (thru 19th)	389.50
	\$1,559.50

Hodnett did not have a breakdown on the types

Terry Thomas joins county SCS field office staff

Terry A. Thomas has recently joined the Runnels County Soil Conservation field office staff, according to Fred Perkins, district conservationist.

Ms. Thomas' home is in Magnolia, Ark., where she

graduated from high school in 1967. She graduated from Southern Arkansas University in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in business agriculture.

Ms. Thomas went to work with the Soil Conservation Service in 1978 as a trainee at the Waco field office, and transferred to the Runnels County field office as a soil conservationist, effective May 4, 1980.

Revival meeting at Southside begins Friday

Evangelist Hugh Jack Norwood of Fort Worth will conduct a revival at the Southside Baptist Church, beginning Friday, May 23, and continuing through Sunday, May 25.

Joining Norwood in the revival will be his family, his wife, Margaret, and children, Daron, Byron and Misti.

Friday services will be at 5:30 p. m. for the youth; 6:30 for toddlers through the 6th grade; 6:30 for adults; and evening services at 7.

Saturday morning services will be held from 10 to 11 a. m.

On Sunday, Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., with worship services at 10:50. Evening services will also be held.

The Rev. H. P. Morrison, pastor of the church, has extended an invitation to the public to attend these revival services.

Energy—

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construction bids up because they guarantee wages commensurate with the existing union wage scale, officials said. This guarantee also practically prohibits the hiring of local workers on the construction project and mandates that union workers be brought from outside the community, it was said. Another aspect to be considered is that DOE regulations dictate a time line or schedule that must be rigidly adhered to by the local education agency, and this usually results in loss of time, more paper work, and red tape that all combine to drive up construction costs, they said.

The architect concluded his presentation to the board by recommending that the local school board discontinue any further energy grant applications due to the fact that the excess cost created by the Davis-Bacon Act would more than offset any savings to Winters ISD as indicated by the Technical Assistance Audit.

The school board accepted the architect's recommendations and asked for further study on the physical plant needs of Winters ISD.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the cards, flowers, gifts and visits from my friends and relatives while I was in the hospital and since I've returned home. Special thanks to Dr. Y. K. Lee, the hospital staff, and the Rev. Fred Thomas, the Rev. Chester Wilkerson, the Rev. Hayward Morrison, and the Rev. Clovis Griffin.

—Mrs. Ella Phipps.

of offenses for which he levied fines. The council asked that he provide a breakdown for presentation at the second regular meeting of the council in June.

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The Winters Enterprise

VOLUME SEVENTY-SIX

WINTERS, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1980

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Town's name picked in 90

As early as 1880 two families had moved into the fertile farming country of the Winters area, calling it the Bluff Creek Valley. In 1886 they were joined by eight more families including the C.N. Currys, Randall Davises and John T. Browns.

It wasn't until 1889 that any definite steps were taken to organize a town when J.N. Winters, land agent, of Runnels City while helping to develop the country, contributed the land for some public buildings. A one room school house was erected just north and across the street from the present First Baptist Church. It was the building also used as a town meeting house and the first teacher was Arch Cochran. Later an upstairs was added and used by the Masonic Lodge.

A general mercantile store and combination post office was built in the vicinity of the Winters Variety Store by a Mr. Platte. He sold to McDonald Townsend, calling Mcd. father of Mrs. Tom Smith, the following year.

First Doctor

The town's first doctor was Dr. Robert Cooke, father of Mrs. C.L. Graham, who moved with his family from Whitewright in 1889, building his home and office just north of the present Higginbotham Lumber Company, about the middle of the block on Main Street. He sold to Dr. Rhuebottom in 1894.

In January of 1890 the town named with citizens voting by ballot on two names, that were under consideration, Winters and Wintersville. Winters was chosen. The same year saw the construction of a one stand cotton gin fed by hand south of town by I.M. Barton, a Civil War veteran, whose lone grave lies in a field three miles north of town.

In 1891, a blacksmith shop was added to the general store and run by a Mr. Higdon. A year or so later Irvin Brown and Will Murray established a "Modern" gin just north of the present Huffman House Cafeteria.

company also operates one of the most modern cattle feeding businesses in the state.

A notable event of 1911 was the organization of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, with James Holiday as chief. In the early days, Buford G. Owens fired a pistol to sound the alarm when there was a fire in town.

Early day businesses which proved profitable were livery stables. One was owned by Earl Edwards and the other by W. T. Barrett. Hitching posts lined the streets instead of parking meters.

On March 22, 1890, the first church of the community was organized, the Bethel Baptist, now known as First Baptist. There were 18 charter members with J.W. George as pastor.

Another group met in the school building on August 2, to organize the First Methodist Church with Rev. George D. Wilson as pastor. Among the charter members were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rodges, Mrs. Georgia Adams, L. N. Pike and Ollie Meeks.

The Church of Christ was organized by the late John Eoff in 1898. Services were held in the homes and the school until the church was built in 1905.

The Presbyterians organized July 23, 1901. They met in homes of members, and the Rev. M.S. Smith of Ballinger was pastor. Among the 15 charter members were the J.S. Hall and W. W. Hall families, also E. H. Sherrill, Tommie and Helen Sherrill.

The Lutherans built a church in 1903 although they were not organized until 1904 with 22 charter members. W. F. Hertel of Iowa came as the first pastor in 1905. When it was reported that Winters was to have a railroad, there was fear that the train noises would frighten the horses and disturb services, so the five-year-old church, located south of the present Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co., was traded to Concho Lumber Company for enough lumber to build a frame building west of town. The church is now known as St. John's Lutheran Church.

Dr. Fred Tinkle came to the new town in 1900 and located just south of the general store.

A frame building was erected, on the site where Foster Barber Shop is located, to house the first drug store. It was owned and operated by Tom Fannin and Albert Roberts.

Court Meeks, who came to Winters with his parents in 1894, became a business man in 1903. He owned and operated a confectionery business which had a fine marble soda fountain, the first in town. He recalled in later years there were only four businesses at the time: a grocery store run by the Jarmen Brothers,

the Fannin-Roberts Drug Store, the Markowitz Dry Goods Store, and a blacksmith shop owned by a Mr. Stovall.

The first funeral establishment was run by Ed Stone and a white top hack was used as a hearse. He sold to Albert Spill in 1905 and Ben Spill joined his brother a year later, and the firm of Spill Brothers was formed. The business still is in operation, now Spill Bros. Co., and is the oldest business in Winters operated by the same family.

The only source of entertainment for the new community for a number of years was the Winters band, which was organized in 1901.

A newspaper called *The Winters Recorder* and published by W. D. Currier made its appearance January 9, 1903. Currier was a man of vision and foresight, according to his first editorial. In it he stated that "although Winters was not on a main rail line it need not worry because it was located in one of the richest agricultural districts in the state." After two years he sold to Faulkner and Harris, who changed the name to *The Winters Enterprise*, and published the first issue April 6, 1905. Several owners followed, with the late Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hill buying out Ed P. Eason in 1925. They moved from the 100 block of East Dale Street, behind the present Main Drug Company, to the 200 block of West Dale, and in the late 1930s moved to the present location in the 100 block of West Dale. For

many years, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and their son, George R. Hill, operated the business. In June, 1955, Richard C. Thomas became associated with the *Enterprise*, and in January, 1956, Thomas purchased an interest in the newspaper from Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hill. The printing plant was completely modernized with new equipment, to include the most modern in letterpress and offset printing machinery. *The Enterprise* was one of the first weekly newspapers in the area to use automation in setting type for the newspaper. In 1963, a larger newspaper press was added to the modern printing establishment. Effective June 1, 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Thomas acquired the interest of George R. Hill and the late Mrs. George C. Hill, and became sole owners of the business. The newspaper was converted to the offset method of printing, while both letterpress and offset commercial printing continued to be offered.

In 1906 The Winters State Bank was established by John Q. McAdams, who maintained control of the business until his death a few years ago. Two years after founding the Winters State Bank, the Farmers and Merchants Bank made its appearance and was later called the First National Bank. This bank was ultimately acquired by McAdams.

Lee Bedford, in 1908, furnished the gins, oil mill and private customers with the first running water

See Name Page 12-B

Cowboy suggested name for new town

The name of "Winters" was suggested by a young cowboy named John Mackey, who came west from Georgia, leaving home on March 12, 1889, with his railroad ticket and \$10 in his pocket.

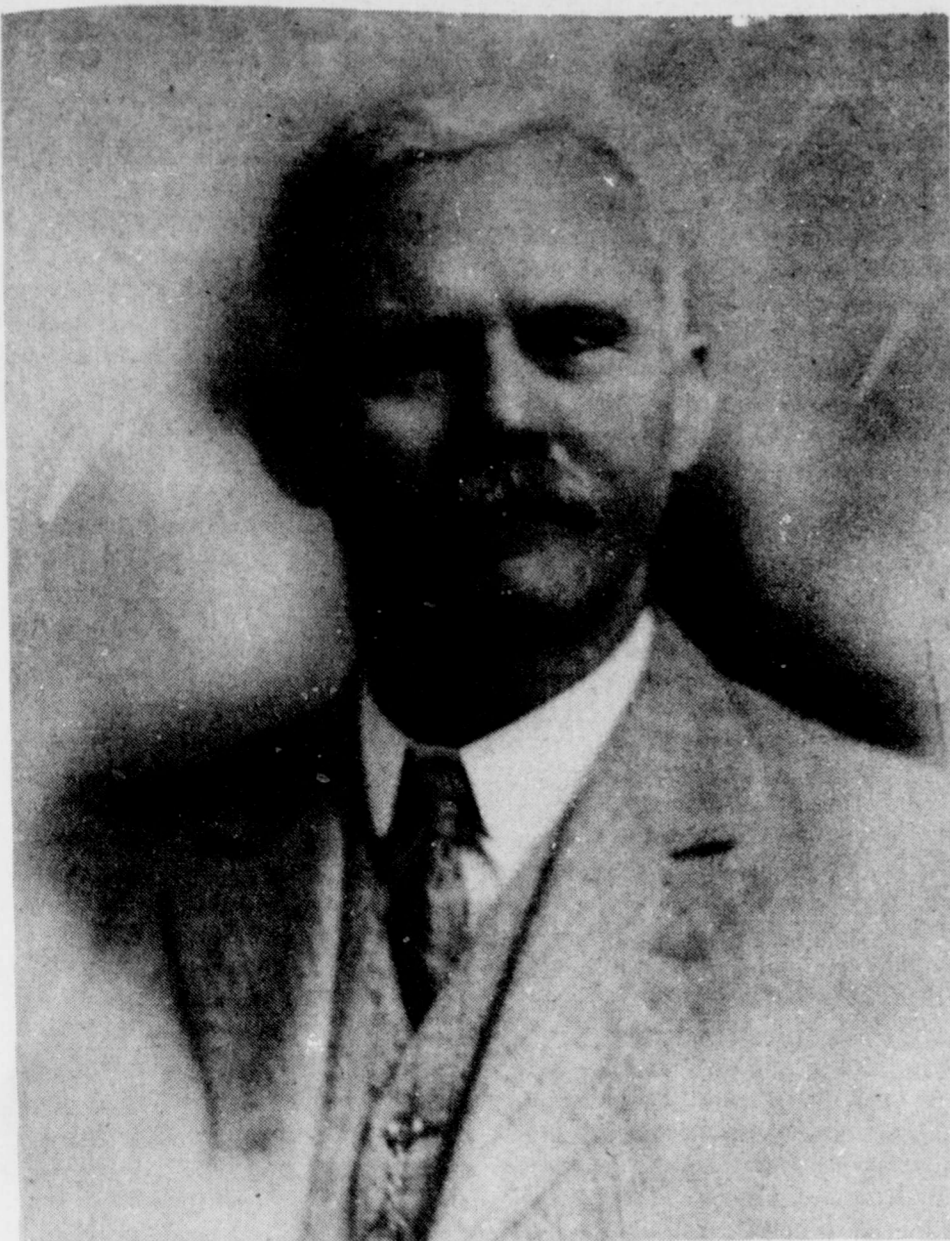
Working on a ranch near Paint Rock for \$20 a month, he saved his wages and rented 30 acres of land west of Winters, now part of the Pruser farm. Using a team of oxen it took him a month to break the sod land and with his wages he bought a span of mules.

Hauling lumber to build the first school house, he also sawed the lumber and helped to build it. When

the building was completed, someone asked, "What shall we name the school?" and he replied, "Winters," after a well-known rancher and land agent.

His interest in ranching took him to Big Spring, where he worked on the vast Slaughter Ranch. He was married there to Carrie McCamey in 1894, and they homesteaded Texas school land. Their first home was part dugout.

In 1896 Mr. Mackey moved his family to Norton where he bought land on Oak Creek for \$5 an acre. He lived there until his death on June 6, 1964, in the Winters Hospital, at the age of 94.



J. N. WINTERS

Town was named for J. N. Winters

According to an article written by Capt. B. B. Paddock, in the History of Texas, published in 1922, John Nichols Winters was one of Fort Worth's veteran real estate men, and his experience in estimating land values and handling land transactions in North and West Texas covered more than 30 years.

Mr. Winters was born near Rockport, Indiana, Nov. 20, 1858, son of J. C. and Mary (Brown) Winters. His parents were born in Ohio, his father being of German and his mother of Irish descent.

He grew up and received his edu-

cation in Indiana, and was eighteen when he came to Texas, first locating in Sulphur Springs. For a period of eight years, he was engaged in teaching, beginning at Sulphur Springs, and continuing at Ballinger and other points in West Texas. While teaching he remained in that section until 1894 when he went to Fort Worth and went into the real estate business. He was a lifelong Republican, and was an active member of the Magnolia Christian Church at Fort Worth. In 1886 he married Miss Alice Bivvins. They had a family of one son and four daughters, Jet, C., Oliver, Ona, Ivy and Una.

No townsite in early days

The City of Winters is unusual in that it never had a town site, or one that was designated as such. The first record from the Texas Land office in Ballinger is of the J. W. Murray addition laid out on Oct. 30, 1899.

Although it was not recorded, there had to be a townsite before there could be an addition, and many additions have been added through the years.

Winters began to grow about 1900, an early visitor recalls. There was a bumper cotton crop that year and the Murray gin ran day and night.

Every man who wanted to work helped build stores and residences. Main street was the public road, unpaved, from Ballinger to Abilene.

Dale Street was laid off and new stores were built on each side of the street, and new houses sprang up here and there.

The first Murray addition included the present Winters State Bank and some land north and south. Murray West which included two blocks and Murray East were added on April 12, 1901. Murray East was a large addition which included land where the present Bahlman Jewelers stands.

The town continued to grow, and the Pierce and Spill additions were laid off in 1906. The following year, Dale West Addition and School Addition were annexed to the City.

1908 seems to have been a record year, for there were six additions, including Dale, Quality, Heights, Dale and Armbrecht tract on Dec. 16, and the last was the large Armbrecht tract on Dec. 16.

Mrs. August Spill, the former Lena Armbrecht, said her father sold the city 100 acres of his farm which also included the Northview Cemetery, which was the first cemetery.

Townpeople and visitors alike were exuberant on that day in 1909 when the first train ran, and bought lots in the new College View Heights Addition with abandon, expressing their faith in the up-and-coming city.

Many of them failed to leave addresses, or they were lost, and some never returned to claim their pro-

perty, which caused many headaches over the tax rolls for years.

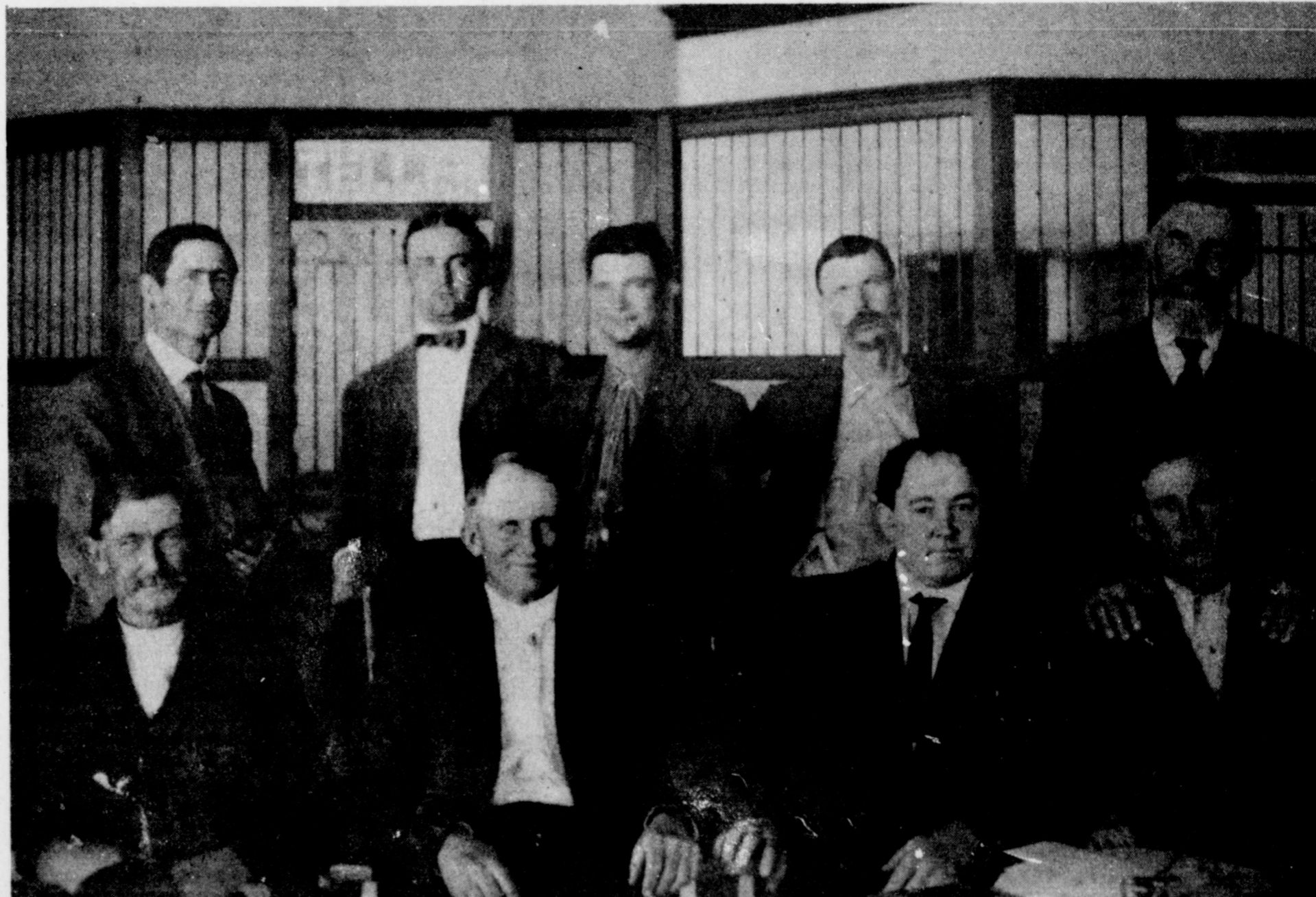
The population had grown to 600 by 1909 and in May of that year the town was incorporated with J. W. Copeland as the first mayor. The same year brought the railroad and much rejoicing by the citizens who celebrated the occasion with a picnic. A deluge of rain spoiled the picnic but did not dampen the spirits of the people.

W.M. Spiley, an early day builder, claimed credit for "blowing up" the first county courthouse at Runnels City. The rock from it was used to help construct some of the first business buildings which were erected about 1906, and some of them are standing today. The Rock Hotel was constructed soon after the railroad came through and was the social center of the town for some time, especially when the train was due.

A telephone company originated by a Mr. Nesbit and sold to Leslie David when it had 20 telephones had grown until it had more than 200 customers when the West Texas Telephone Company bought it in 1910. Another telephone company called the "Boll Weevil" existed about this time but was soon discontinued. Today, General Telephone operates the telephone system for the community.

Further advantages came when a private light plant was established by A.F. Roberts in 1910. At first the plant was operated only until midnight. Roberts sold to the West Texas Utilities Company in 1916. A municipally-owned light plant went into operation early in 1947, and today, both the municipal plant and West Texas Utilities Company provide electric services to the town.

Of great assistance to the farmers was the opening of a grain and feed business in 1911, by C.L. Green, and the addition of a milling company two years later. Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co. now operates the business, and provides a ready market for the area's grain and distributes livestock feed to a wide area of West Central Texas. The



First City Council

These men took the reins of government when the City of Winters was incorporated in 1909. This was the same year the railroad came to

town. Seated, left to right, J. T. Brown, H. L. Chapman, Councilmen; J. W. Copeland, Mayor; W. J. McFarland, Secretary. Standing, Mr.

Cogdell, Councilman; A. K. Doss, City Attorney; C. Kornegay, D. E. Bartlett and W. H. Rodgers, Councilmen.



Early county officers

About 1888. Sylvester Adams was first judge of Runnels County, and Charles H. Willingham, second judge. The two alternated in serving for a

period of years. Seated, left to right, Green Nixon, commissioner; A. M. Underwood, C. H. Willingham, and a Mr. Kemp. Standing, left to

right, Ed Dickinson, county surveyor; Sheriff John Formwalt, Judge Sylvester Adams and J. W. Clampitt.

Runnels County organized in '80

BY CHARLSIE POE

Runnels County was created from Bexar and Travis counties in 1858, but was not actually organized until 1880. The county was named for Hardin B. Runnels, one-time governor of Mississippi and later a member of the Texas Legislature.

On Oak Creek, just beyond the west boundary of the county, Fort Chadbourne was established in 1852, and was garrisoned by Federal troops until the Civil War. Under this protection a few settlers had located in Runnels County, but they were traders or wandering stockmen, and during the troublous times of the war decade, the county was practically abandoned. The fort was finally closed by the government in 1867.

The cattlemen took over the area in 1870 and enjoyed the open range,

driving the buffalo before them and establishing their camps all along the Colorado and its tributaries. They never built a permanent establishment, but rather moved with the herds and the better grazing, and to keep the Indians from locating their camps.

Runnels was considered part of Coleman County until Jan. 12, 1880, when a group of Runnels County citizens presented a petition signed by 158 legal voters to the commissioners' court of Coleman expressing a desire that the county be organized. The court ordered that Runnels be organized, divided and laid off into four precincts.

Elections were held in each of the precincts the following month for the election of county officials and com-

missioners. Voting places were at Walthall for Precinct No. 1; Davenport Ranch, Precinct 2; Pemberton Ranch, No. 3, and Wylie Ranch, No. 4. Sylvester Adams was elected first county judge; Newt Copeland, county clerk; John F. Formwalt, sheriff; and J. B. Cotton, assessor-collector. Three of the commissioners were: Prec. No. 1, Wm. Guest; No. 2, W. G. Preston; and No. 4, P. S. Turner.

On May 12, 1880, Runnels County Commissioners' Court ordered roads laid out toward Ft. Concho, Buffalo Gap, Coleman City and Paint Rock. All roads were to be marked to the county line. They were to be in the most direct line and most practical route. At that time, it was a law that everyone who lived in the district had to work on the roads.

When the first official census of the county was taken in 1880, the population was only 980, including 15 Negroes, but by 1910 had grown to 20,858, showing nearly a quadruple gain. While the great bulk of the population is native American, Ger-

many, Austria and Mexico have contributed a substantial number of their people.

In 1882, the county had about 42,000 cattle and 30,000 sheep, besides other livestock. Since the '80's the county has changed from an exclusive range to a well diversified farming country. In 1903 over 15,000 bales of cotton were raised in the county, and the first gin was built at Content in 1887.

Two places were nominated for the County Seat — Maverick on the Colorado River in the Osgood Survey, and the Willett Holmes Surey on Elm Creek. 59 votes were cast, 29 for Maverick and 30 for the latter survey, which was given the name of Runnels.

The laying off of the County Seat was placed in the hands of Z. C. Taylor, the county surveyor, and Thad A. Thompson, who donated the land. The lots in the Public Square were sold for \$50 each and other lots in the city limits for \$25.

When the Santa Fe held the famous auction sale of lots on June 29, 1886, and established the town of Ballinger, finis was written to the history of Runnels City, though all residents were not aware of it at that time and continued to struggle for the place they had built from the prairie. In 1886 the first election over moving the courthouse failed to carry and residents of the little village felt secure, as another election was not due for five years. But by some means, another was called a year and a month after the first, and the county seat was moved in 1888. With it eventually went the town of Runnels, though much bitterness was engendered and continued to exist long afterwards. Property losses were heavy.

Ballinger was named for William Pitt Ballinger, attorney for the Santa Fe. Originally, the town was to have been named Hutchins, but it was discovered that another town in Texas bore that name. The land on which the city was founded was bought for \$6,000, from W. T. and J. H. Routh, in December, 1885. The lot sale found hundreds camped on the bank of Elm Creek in dugouts, tents and brush shelters. Whiskey and gambling furnished passtime for adventurers in the group.

Judge M. L. Lynch, engineer for the railroad, spoke of "white tents gleaming in the courthouse square marked off" (though at that time the county seas was still located peacefully at Runnels). The lack of timber, which he pointed out, was no hinderance to building. He went on to tell that "the face of the earth for acres was covered with limestone suitable for building." "Great slabs, perfect for shape," he said, "lay along the river bank."

Wheat yield in the county at that time (1886) was reported as 20 to 30 bushels per acre, and cotton, where experimented with, as one-half to three-fourths of a bale to the acre. Oats brought a yield of 40 to 75 bushels to the acre.

Mesquite trees were not as prevalent as they are today. Two reasons have been given for this. Some say the buffalo kept them eaten off, while others attribute their scarcity to the fact that the Indians were said to have kept them burned

Early Runnels Judges alternated

BY CHARLSIE POE

While attention is focused on politics, it might be a good time to review the record of the two first judges of Runnels County. They seemed to take it turn-about for a while.

Sylvester Adams was the first judge from 1880 to 1884, and was followed by Charles H. Willingham for a term. Then Adams served again from 1886 to 1888.

There was an intervening period when William A. Proctor was judge, then Willingham took the reins again, 1890 to 1900.

Sylvester Adams, born in 1834 in Tennessee, came to Texas when he was quite young. He enlisted in the Confederate Army early in 1862, and remained in service until the war ended. Adams moved from Bosque County to Runnels in 1879, and took an active part in organizing the county.

Judge C. H. Willingham was born

in Washington County, in 1855. The oldest of nine children, he missed education until he was 18 when he went to Baylor University where he worked his way through, studying civil engineering. After school he worked for a railroad, locating the company's land certificates in the wilds of West Texas.

His work in the deserts and mountains ended, Willingham went to Brenham and took up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1879. His finances were exhausted, but he had selected Runnels County as the place where he wanted to practice.

Barefooted, he set out, walking a distance of 368 miles. When he got to Runnels County, he went to work surveying and running lines for the projected county.

In 1891, after his last term as county judge, Willingham was elected to the State Legislature and served four years.

A ferry across the Colorado at Ballinger offered means of getting to San Angelo. Rates were: 6 horses and wagon, \$1; 4 horses and wagon, 75 cents; 2 horses and wagon, 35 cents; 3 horses and buggy, 25 cents; one horse and buggy, 20 cents; 1 horse and man, 15 cents; head of cattle, sheep or swine, 1 cent.

The first bridge was built across the river in 1888.

The Ballinger Independent School District was organized in 1905, the Miles school the same year, and Winters in 1907. The trustees elected at Winters were H. A. Snively, W. M. Siley, L. A. Bedford, F. L. Pierce, Joe Vancil, A. L. Roberts and H. L. Chapman.

The town of Winters began growing during the later part of the 19th century. It was not until the coming of the railroad in 1909, however, that growth received full impetus. The town was incorporated with J. W. Copeland serving as the first mayor.

The two towns in the southwestern part of Runnels County are on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad. Miles or Miles City was named for Jonathan Miles, pioneer cattleman and railroad contractor. The town had 30 businesses and a population of 814 in 1940. Rowena, about eight miles west of Ballinger, was laid out as a town by P. J. Baron in 1897. It was first known as Baronville, later as Bolf City, and was changed by Mr. Baron to Rowena. In 1920 there were 16 business establishments, one hotel, five cotton gins, three parsonages and three churches in the town.

In 1927 when oil was discovered in the counties and companies began looking for more of the precious fluid, property values skyrocketed from around 10 million dollars to around 35 million and clings near the 30 million mark. Practically every landowner has benefitted from production, leases or the sale of minerals.



Third mayor

J. W. Dale, early Winters businessman and the town's third mayor.

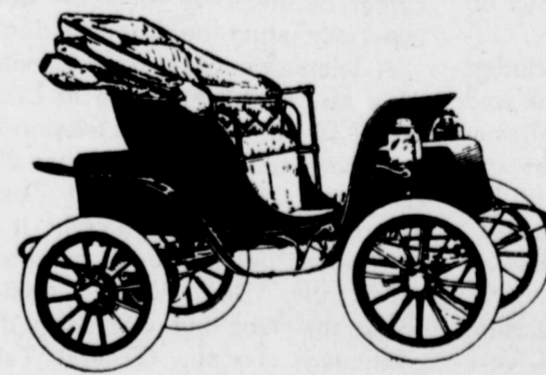
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Old Fiddlers Contest For Winters

It has been suggested that Winters have a genuine old time Fiddlers' Contest sometime in the summer. While it is a little early yet to make any definite arrangements, the suggestion is a good one and we hope those interested will talk up the matter and add suggestions from time to time, with a view of making the event one of unusual enjoyment all 'round.

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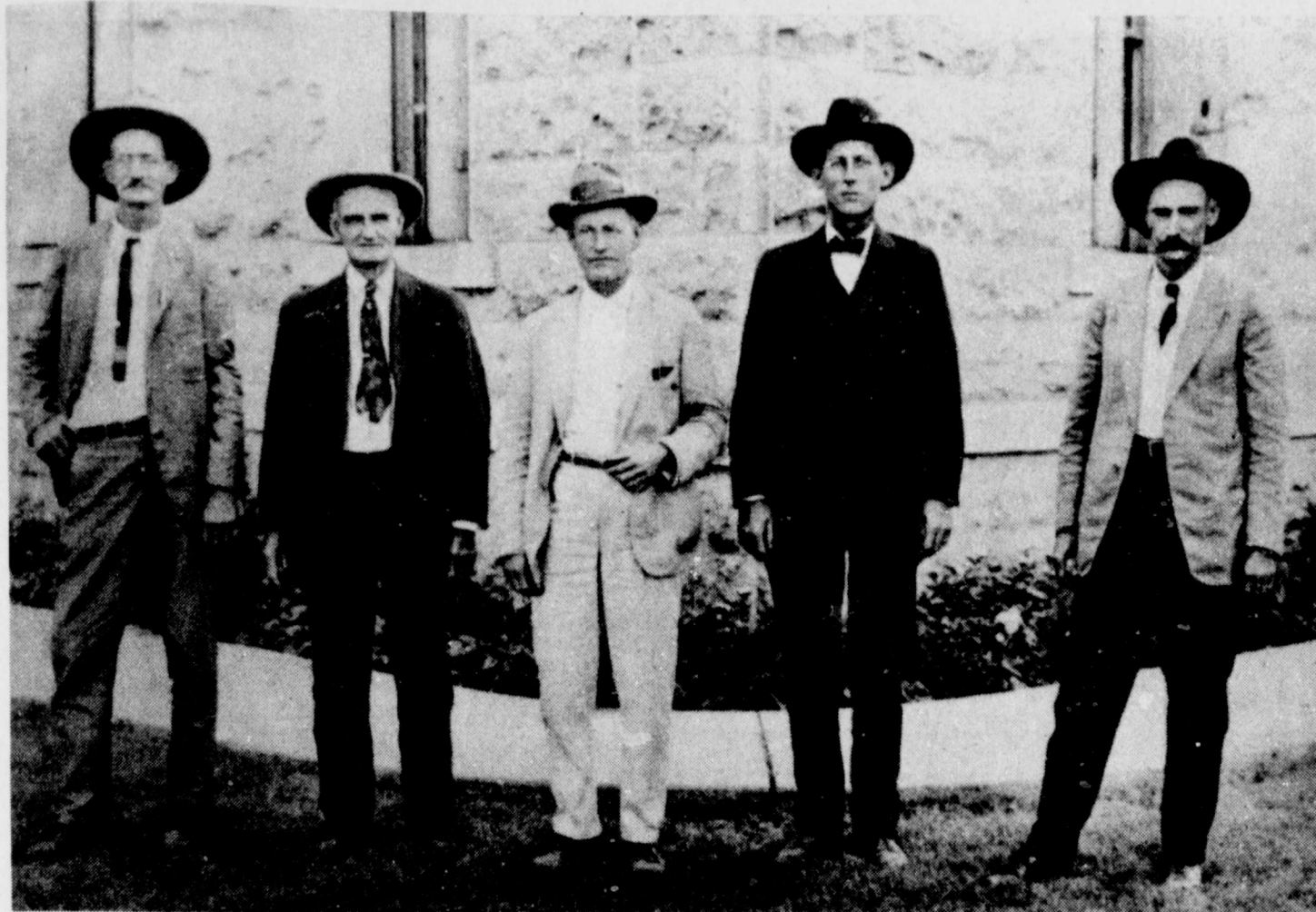
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First five sheriffs

These five men served as sheriff of Runnels County in the election of county officials held February 16, 1880, soon after organization of the county. Left to right, John Formwalt, J. W. Clampitt, R. P. Kirk, Jim Flynt and J. D. Perkins. (Photo courtesy Charlsie Poe)

Formwalt was first sheriff

BY CHARLSIE POE

John Formwalt was chosen the first sheriff of Runnels County at the election of county officials held February 16, 1880, soon after organization of the county.

A very popular sheriff, Formwalt was a rangy man about 6½ feet tall and called the "ugliest man in the county."

The second building erected in the frontier county seat of Runnels City was a saloon, and when the cowboys rode in they often engaged in the sport of "shooting up the town."

Several stories have been told about Formwalt's unorthodox way of closing the saloon. He ambled by and said "lights out boys." Then walking to the end of the street, he rolled a cigarette and smoked it. If the lights were not extinguished by that time, he shot them out. There was no complaint as he always repaired the damage the next day. Some say that he rode down the street on his white horse, Eagle.

Wayward hands who drank too much were sent home and paid their fines on their next visit into town, or if he failed, Formwalt took care of the fines himself. He may have been just one of the cowboys, but he was an efficient sheriff. The local newspaper editor wrote, "John Formwalt always fetches 'em."

Formwalt was born in 1848 at Pontotoc, Miss., among the Choctaw Indians. The family came to Texas in 1857 and settled in Hood County near Granbury. After his marriage in 1873, Formwalt moved

his cattle to the area that later became Runnels County. He served as sheriff for 10 years. In the performance of his duties he was forced to kill several men. One of them was a young saloon keeper, R. B. Midgett, who objected so violently to being charivariated on his wedding night that he shot into the ground. In an effort to stop the man he shot him in the leg, and he died as a result of the wound.

His tombstone that carried the inscription, "Stranger tread lightly round this sacred spot, for we loved him dearly," was placed there by his grieving bride and can still be seen in the Old Runnels Cemetery.

Always moving westward, Formwalt bought a cattle ranch at Van Horn, and served as deputy sheriff for 23 years before returning to Granbury.

John Walker Clampitt served as the second county sheriff-tax collector of Runnels County from 1890 to 1896. He was born in Lamar County in 1849 and moved to Denton after his father's death in 1862, where he worked on the J. Chisum ranch. He moved to the Concho area in 1877 and helped to organize the county. He was elected tax assessor in 1879.

Moving to Tom Green County, he married Elizabeth McAulay and joined his brother-in-law in ranching, 1883-1886. They moved to "Free Grass" county of Presidio and ran Chalk Valley ranch, sometimes having to drive cattle 50 miles to water. On the range, they carried their food

in a typical pioneer "greasy sack." After losing their herd in the 1885-1886 drought, Clampitt went into the hardware business with R. A. Hall at Ballinger. His first wife died in 1894 and he married Callie Mansker in 1896. He had five children by his first wife and three by his second.

Mr. Clampitt was a charter member of the Eighth St. Presbyterian church, organized in 1891. He died in 1927 and is buried at Ballinger.

Robert Pugh Kirk was born in

Fayette County, July 2, 1868, and came to Runnels County with his widowed mother in 1890. He began working for the county about 1896 when he became a deputy sheriff under John Clampitt.

Mr. Kirk was elected sheriff and tax collector in 1896 and served until 1908. Later he became head of the Chamber of Commerce and after that he was county commissioner.

After he died Feb. 19, 1920, of influenza, friends urged his wife, Virginia (Jenny), a school teacher to run for public office. She was county treasurer from 1920 until 1932. She died in 1963.

James Petty Flynt was born in Kosse, Texas, April 19, 1878. He moved to Runnels County in 1898. He served 12 years as sheriff, 1908-1914; and again from 1920-1924. Elected at age 30, he was the last man to hold the combined post of tax collector-sheriff in the county. During his first term horse thieves were numerous and the county had 17 saloons.

Mr. Flynt's activities as law officer included Texas Ranger Service in World Wars I and II. He was elected secretary-treasurer of Runnels County Fair Association at its organization in 1911. He also served with the state game department from 1924 to 1940.

In 1899 he married Carrie Jane Patterson at Ballinger. They had five children. He was a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a Baptist. He died in 1966 and his wife in 1967. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Ballinger.

J. D. Perkins followed Flynt's first term as sheriff. He served from 1914 to 1920. When the Winters State Bank was robbed, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Flynt captured the robbers at Buffalo Gap.

Since the first five, others who have served as sheriff are R. E. McWilliams, W. A. Holt, Calvin Roberson, J. L. Moreland, Don Atkins and the present one is Hershall Hall.

Furniture store in early days

Winters first furniture store was established in 1901 by Ed Stone. The building was across the street just south of the present Spill's Furniture Store. The street was only a country road.

Jim Eoff hauled freight from Ballinger and Abilene to Winters during 1901. He had a special frame built on his wagon and hauled furniture from Ballinger to stock the new furniture store.

The furniture store was in a frame building, having a porch at the east end. A balcony, reached by an outside stairway covered the porch and

was quite a favorite gathering place for young people on Sunday afternoon. Nearby, a drink called "glace" lemonade could be bought for 5 cents per glass.

Mr. Eoff often told of a near tragedy that he had with one load of furniture. At that time, there was no bridge or causeway across Elm Creek.

Mr. Eoff, then a young man of 24, was sitting on top of a high load of furniture driving the mules to his furniture van when someone yelled,

"Hey, wake up!" He had gone to sleep, and his team was starting down the steep incline. If he had not awakened there would have been disastrous results.

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Enterprise is now in 76th year

On March 6, 1980, *The Winters Enterprise* published issue No. 52 of Volume 75, completing 75 years publication. Actually, the newspaper could be dated from 1903, having succeeded another newspaper called *The Winters Recorder* in 1905. *The Enterprise* is one of the two oldest active businesses in Winters, still operating under the same name; Spill Furniture also was organized in 1905.

The present publisher of *The Enterprise*, Richard C. Thomas, has been with the newspaper a third of the life of the paper. He came to Winters in June, 1955, and became a partner in the business Jan. 1, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas purchased the remaining interests of the firm from the late George R. Hill and the estate of Mrs. George C. Hill June 1, 1974.

Along with the announcement of the purchase of the remaining interest in the business, Thomas announced a different process of printing the newspaper. It was to be printed by the "offset" method, instead of by "letterpress" as it had been in the past. The first issue under complete control of the new management was printed by the offset method.

The offset method provides a greater flexibility, and allows the use of more pictures, illustrations and art work. Also, a wider range of ideas and flexibility for advertisers is provided.

The Enterprise had always used the best letterpress equipment available, but changes come with the times — more than 85 percent of the newspapers in the country now are printed by the offset method.

The modern *Enterprise* is a far cry from that first little newspaper called *The Winters Recorder* which made its appearance in 1903, but the publisher, W. D. Currier, was a man of vision and insight, according to his first editorial. In it he stated that although Winters was not on a main rail line, it need not worry because it was located in one of the richest agricultural districts in the state. He also pleaded for the erection of a modern up-to-date hotel, which finally became a reality in 1906.

After two years Currier sold to Faulkner and Harris, who changed the name to *The Winters Enterprise* and published the first issue under that name April 5, 1905. Two other men, John Stone and Jim Rankin, each directed the paper for a year or more and Rankin sold to Ed P. Eason in 1908, who remained as publisher until 1925.

This was the year George C. Hill sold his interest in the *Hamilton Herald-Record*, and came to Winters aboard the Abilene-Southern railroad looking for a newspaper. He and Mrs. Hill bought one-half interest in *The Enterprise* and John Hill bought the other half. They later purchased Hill's interest.

The printing plant at that time was

equipped with machinery consisting of a cylinder press, a Linotype which had been purchased by Eason, and two small job presses. Advertising was sold for front page display and the owner would not accept advertising if it necessitated printing a larger paper.

Hill began at once to improve the newspaper, which was moved from

a building behind the present Main Drug building to the 200 block of West Dale, in the building now occupied by Winters Sheet Metal & Plumbing, and in about 1939, to the present location in the 100 block of West Dale. At one time, the newspaper was located in a building now occupied by Melba's Arts & Crafts and the Winters sub-office of Ballinger Radio Station KRUN, on North Main St.

In 1925, advertising was removed from the front page. An eight-page folder was bought, the size of the paper was changed from six columns to seven, and column width was standardized. New type cases, automatic press feeders, and a power paper cutter was added to speed up the work of the commercial printing department.

Mrs. Hill will be remembered as a capable assistant in the office and a writer of news stories. She was a familiar sight as she went about town gathering "personal news items" which she enjoyed having in the newspaper. She continued to work long after Mr. Hill's death in 1958.

Their son, George R., became a partner with Mr. and Mrs. Hill in 1937. In 1956, Richard C. Thomas purchased an interest in the business, and became news editor. During the next years, the commercial printing department became one of the best equipped small-town plants in the area, equalling many plants in larger cities.

A Ludlow typesetting machine was purchased and installed in 1955; a new typesetting machine, An Inter-type Model 4, with an automatic Teletypesetter was installed in 1957; a new Heidelberg letterpress cylinder press for commercial printing was installed in 1958; a roll-fed Model A Duplex newspaper press was installed in 1963, to replace the hand-fed cylinder newspaper press; a new Heidelberg offset press for the commercial printing department was installed in 1967; and much other modern equipment was added.

Under the leadership of Hill and Thomas, *The Enterprise* became a prime mover in the establishment of a local hospital district and construction of a new hospital, and for recognition of agricultural, oil and industrial progress in the community. Establishment of Soil and Water Conservation districts and improvement of the rural water situation were also promoted.

George R. Hill was on the original board of directors of North Runnels Hospital District, and Thomas was the first chairman of the board of Elm Creek Water Control District, appointed by the governor upon organization of the district.

Upon converting to the offset method of printing the newspaper in June, 1974, Thomas began acquiring the new equipment necessary for the process. In the fall of 1974, a CompuGraphic I phototypesetter was added to set the type. In March, 1975, a CompuGraphic 7200 photographic display typesetter was added, to set advertising type and headlines. In January, 1979, a com-

Early Enterprise publisher

George C. Hill, right, became publisher of *The Winters Enterprise* in 1925, purchasing the business from Ed. P. Eason. Mr. Hill sold a part of his interest in the newspaper:

to his son, the late George R. Hill, in 1937, and retired in 1956, when he sold an interest to Richard C. Thomas. Mr. Hill died in September, 1958.

puterized CompuGraphic EditWritr 7500 was added, which provides not only for setting of all phototype, with 96 sizes and faces of type available to the operator at the punch of a key, but also provides for electronic storage of the information on "floppy" discs, for later recall. In the first part of 1980, a CompuGraphic Edit-Writer 1750 was added as a companion to the 7500. This machine provides for bypassing the typewriter for composing all news articles and other matter, recording electronically on a disc which is inserted directly into the big typesetter, 7500, and does not require a second keyboarding by an operator.

In addition to the phototypesetting equipment, a large process camera was installed in 1975. With this camera, the newspaper pages are photographed in full size, and the negatives are taken to the *Sweetwater Reporter* plant, where the actual printing of the paper is done. Most weekly newspaper in the country now use "central" plants to print their papers.

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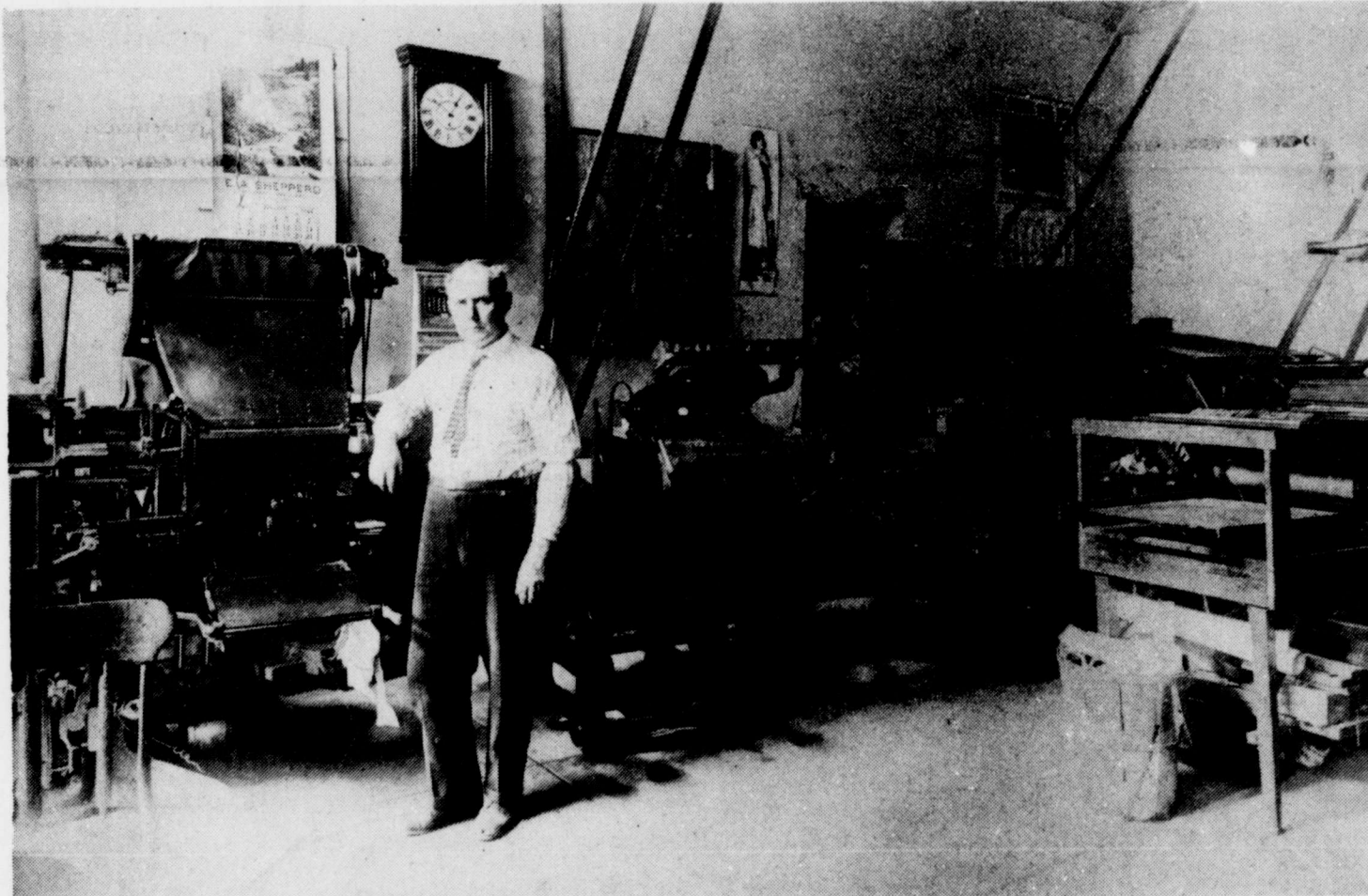
Thomas started his newspaper and

printing career on *The Texas Spur*, at Spur, as a small boy. He later worked with newspaper in Victoria, McAllen, Harlingen, Corpus Christi, and other areas in Texas.

Following World War II, when he served with the Army Air Corps, Thomas went to work with *The Gatesville Messenger*, and in 1946, he purchased *The Alexis Argus*, in Alexis, Ill. He later sold that business and was associated with the *Lenox Timetable*, Lenox, Iowa, and then the *Oakland Acorn*, Oakland, Iowa, and worked for the *Omaha World Herald*, Omaha, Nebr., before being recalled to active duty with the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War. Following his release from the Air Force, he was associated with *The Lincoln County Journal*, at Shoshone, Idaho. From Idaho, he came to Winters as a partner in *The Enterprise*.

Mrs. Thomas, a native of Iowa, is a Registered Nurse, and works part-time at North Runnels Hospital. The remainder of her time is spent at *The Enterprise*. They have a daughter, Kelley Lynne, a high school senior, who is planning a career in journalism.

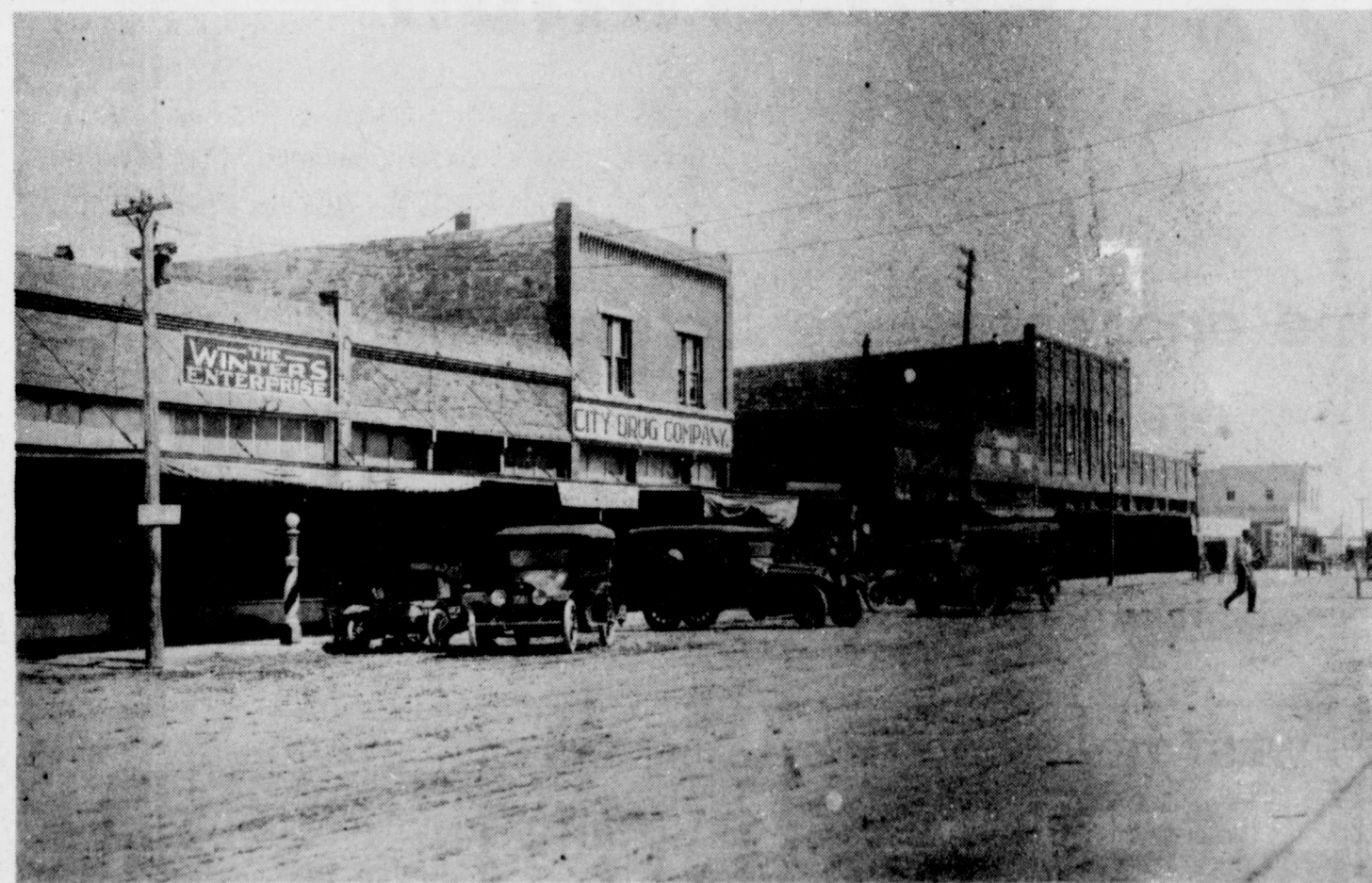
Other staff members of *The Enterprise* are Loice Osborne and Sandra Radford. Charlie Poe is a special correspondent.



In earlier days

Ed. P. Eason, early-day publisher of *The Winters Enterprise*, stands in the shop of the newspaper before the Linotype typesetting machine he purchased. Having

always set type by hand, he had to spend some time in a Linotype operators' school in New Orleans to learn how to run the new machine.



On Main Street

Sometime in the early days of *The Enterprise*, the office was located on North Main St., two doors from the two-story building now occupied by the Main Drug. It was then called the City Drug. The building used by the newspaper is now occupied by the sub-office of the Ballinger radio station and Melba's Arts & Gifts Shop. The business to the south was the Baldwin Grocery. On down

the east side of South Main, one can see the building which has been identified as the Opera Building, and on farther south, the two-story IOOF building. This picture was loaned by Mrs. Thomas C. (Erma) Eason Beal, of Lucerne Valley, Cal., whose father was Ed. P. Eason, an early publisher of the newspaper.



In 1958

The Enterprise was moved to this location on West Dale about 1939.

The building was remodeled about 1958, by Hill & Thomas, publishers.



Editor says good bye; editor says hello

The February 6, 1925 issue of *The Enterprise* was the first published by the late George C. Hill, who had, along with John Hall, purchased the business from Ed. P. Eason. Eason had been publisher for 17 years before selling the newspaper. In that Feb. 6 issue, the outgoing editor wrote a farewell piece to the people of Winters, and the new editor made his debut. Following are the two articles:

The Forks of the Road

It is with a feeling of sadness that I have come to the "parting of the ways" insofar as my connection with *The Enterprise* is concerned, as I have sold the entire business to Mr. G. C. Hill.

Seventeen years is a goodly portion of the average life of a man, yet for just this period have I had control of *The Enterprise*, directing the business to whatever success it has achieved, and sharing the adversities

and disappointments common to the lot of the average newspaper man. Yet, in all, these have been pleasant years indeed, and, as I look back on the time thus spent, I have much to be proud of and some regrets that *The Enterprise* has not been a better paper in many ways. I did not give my consent to sell to Mr. Hill until I was fully convinced that he was in every way qualified to give Winters and the Winters country a better paper than I was producing.

And, let me say in all sincerity, in retiring from the business, that I do so with absolutely no malice toward any man, woman or child either here or elsewhere. True, at one time or another in these years I have been at cross purposes with many good men and women. Their views have not been my views and as mine found expression through these columns, naturally some have gotten the impression that I was not liberal enough in giving them the right to their opinions. To these, let me say once and for all, that, although we have differed, yet I am as free today to grant them their rights as it is possible for man to be.

I have governed my policy as best I could according to the lights about me, and if I have erred, and sure I have, it has been because my judgment was wrong and not my heart.

And in closing I want to say that the best compliment yet paid me and my policy as an editor is that expressed by one of the best men I ever knew, a Christian gentleman, and a citizen of Winters for thirty years: "Eason and his paper have always been on the moral side of any question that arose." If I have merited that complement I have done well, no matter what number of errors have been manifest in my judgment.

With a prayer for the success of Winters and her citizenship, with a heart free from malice and with love for every soul that claims Winters as home, I close my work here. It matters not where my footsteps may lead, as long as the good God in Heaven permits me to remain this side of the grave, I shall treasure in my heart the warmest esteem for you people who have been so much to me in all these years.

As I close, let me offer this expression of appreciation to that one woman among all in the world who has been so much to me. In all my efforts for success, in every undertaking for betterment of the community we have called home, Mrs. Eason has stood valiantly by my side offering words of cheer or friendly criticism, and to her as to no other I owe much for the influence that has tended to keep my feet in the straight and narrow path and whose influence has been as a guiding star in achieving what little measure of material success has followed my efforts. She has been a "pal" indeed, and as we go hence hand-in-hand, we shall refer many times to the good people who have been our friends and neighbors all these years.

ED. P. EASON

It is customary with newspaper men when entering a new field of labor to write a "labored effusion entitled 'Salutatory.'" But we will spare the readers of *The Enterprise* this ordeal. At this time our acquaintance is very limited, therefore, we take it that utterance of the multiplicity of good resolutions presented to us in a new field and changed environment would in real fact be a fruitless waste

of time and space. It is sufficient to state that our citizenship dates from Monday, February 1, 1925. Just as soon as arrangements can be made our vast fortune will be transferred to this city (meaning only a good wife, two girls and a boy). We are coming to live among you; to be one of you if you will permit us and in this way our interest will be mutual, and our loves and friendships, we trust, will become strong and abiding. We came because we wanted to. Texas is a great State as well as a free country; we could have gone elsewhere, but we preferred Winters. Without stating why, we think Winters is the best place in Texas. Certainly there are as many different opinions as there are locations, otherwise Winters would be the center of Texas' population. Briefly, we want to state that we are here to cooperate in our greatest way with those who have it in their hearts to see Winters and territory continue in her swift flight toward commercial

Fall of 1918

This picture was submitted by Fred Young. He said he can identify many of the people in the picture. This building was built in 1911.

and agricultural eminence in the west. We invite the co-operation of the common interests in our efforts to serve. We shall not assume to dictate, but we shall assume the attitude of servants of the people. Just here we want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Eason for the many courtesies they have shown us during a brief acquaintance. They are truly good people; and if they determine to leave Winters, we are sure that their departure will be attended by a mutual regret. As a compliment to the soul of Winters we want to say that we already feel at home. The open arms, the happy friendly spirit of the town will do the big things that even unlimited fertility of soil cannot accomplish. We thank everyone who has been "nice" to us.

GEORGE C. HILL

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OUR PLAN

We will not make any great promises, neither will we try to display our greatness as a newspaper man. But only wish to say that we are here for personal gain and for the betterment of ourselves and friends and the general upbuilding of Winters and Runnels county. We will run a clean sheet, nonpolitical and nonsectarian. We reserve the right to think and act as we please so long as it does not effect our neighbors. We will not make war on anyone through this paper for ourselves or anyone else, our motto shall be to do all the good we can to all the people we can, always.

Yours Resp't
W. D. CURRIER

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SERVICE —

Just as dreams and ambition and hard work have built this great land of ours, so has our business been built and made to prosper by an important ingredient . . . "Service!"

During the time we have been in business in Winters, we have endeavored to offer this service, and have come to know that that is what the people of this community desire . . . that, and friendliness . . . and we have both to offer!

Happy Birthday
Winters!

HARRISON'S
AUTO PARTS

"FUTURE"

is a place called

"WINTERS"

The spirit and progress that has inspired Winters to build and improve during the first 90 years of existence is still alive — and growing every day — to assure us of an even greater future.

The first-comers founded Winters and set to work with their hands and their hearts to make it a wonderful place in which to live. We have a right to celebrate as we look back down the years.

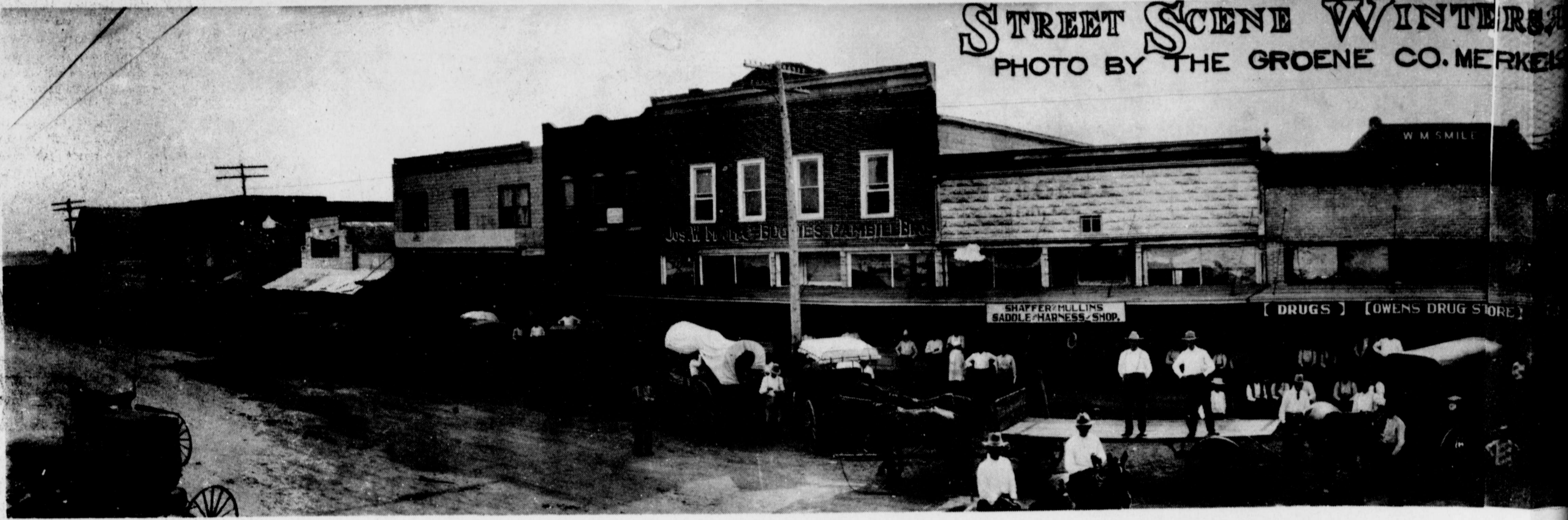
But the greatest tribute which we could pay to our founding fathers is to resolve to invest our energy, talents and money toward the improvement and further progress of our city. We owe that in respect to the memory of the pioneers of this area — and we owe it to the future generations.

The potential is here, and combined with the vision and planning and work of everyone, the future of Winters can be limitless . . . a bright star in the galaxy of Texas' progressive cities!



A 90th Birthday Salute
To Winters!

HIGGIN BOTHAM'S
LUMBER & HARDWARE



Jno. Q. McAdams was 'believer' in W. Texas

(Editor's Note: The following was clipped from the March 6, 1925, issue of *The Enterprise*, and is republished as an historical article.)

Makers of West Texas

Under the above caption in the *Western Weekly*, a supplement to some eight or ten West Texas daily newspapers, we take the following which is of interest to our readers. The article was accompanied with a full page picture of the subject of the sketch of John Q. McAdams, of Winters, Texas:

Guess his age—he looks so like a boy!
Nearly forty-one! Would you believe it? Born March 26, 1884, in

Johnson County, organizer and cashier of the Winters State Bank, and a staunch believer in the creed of the West Texan, which is that West Texas is the finest country under the sun—that much, no more or less, is the sum and substance of John Q. McAdams' life and works according to his point of view. "There is simply nothing else to say," he insisted to his interviewer; but, oh, well—
His father was A. J. McAdams, native Texan and stock farmer of Grandview. There were two boys, John Q. and Ben C., the younger, and in due time both became bankers; Ben is in the Wichita Falls State Bank. When John Q. was a year old the family moved to Cole-

man County, and when he was twelve his father died and the boy had to hustle as he had never hustled before.

But he had learned the habit of hustling. A. J. McAdams was an old fashioned father. John does not remember the day when he was not working at something.

Looking back on his boyhood, he said, "I do not remember that I did any playing, although of course I must have. Our home in Coleman County was at Content, near the Runnels County line and not so far from this place, Winters. My father bought a farm of course; he was a country man from inheritance and by choice. He was pretty well-to-do as prosperity was counted in those easy times, but you'd never have known it, the way Ben and I worked. Why, I remember we used to make weekly trips from Content to the farm, five miles away, and if we arrived there

after daybreak my father thought we had squandered the day.

"Later we moved to Coleman and my boyhood was spent there; and in 1901 we moved to Abilene, before I was seventeen. My schooling was confined to grammar and high school and a commercial course. I was mainly interested in a job and went to work in Geo. E. McDaniel's hardware store in Abilene, soon after we moved to Abilene. Mr. McDaniel was like my father; he had old-fashioned ideas about work. I worked as hard for him as if the business was my own, and went to night school all the while."

Fritz Kreisler as a boy looked forward to being a tram-car motorman, and then Fate and genius made him the greatest violinist of his day. John McAdams' boyhood ambition was to be a tailor, and he actually made a start in that direction. The first business he ever owned was a one

horse tailor shop in the town of Brady.

"I picked my location with as much care as a man with a million to invest," he said. "Of all the West Texas towns at that time Brady looked best to me. I opened that tailoring business literally without a dollar; borrowed enough to buy a gasoline stove, a goose iron and a table, and pay my first month's rent for one-half of a store building.

"Did I made good? I'll say so! I had advanced ideas: went to the county clerk's office, got the names of all the men of the town, and commenced bombarding them with circular letters. I flattered them, told them they were too good-looking and well set up not to dress well, and I set the example by dressing well myself. There was one place I did economize: I bought good clothes and plenty of them and kept them spick and span, because I did the work myself.

thought of learning the banking business. For some months he worked in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank without pay. But the experience was invaluable, as he came under the sympathetic direction of two very fine bankers, Henry James and Rich Keeble.

In 1906 came the turning point in his career. Winters was a busy little cotton town of Runnels County, thirty-eight miles south of Abilene. It had no bank; Ballinger was getting its banking business. Two of its well known citizens, T. W. Murray and J. J. Bedford decided that the town must have a bank, since it was going to have a railroad. So they came to Abilene on a scouting trip, and ran across John McAdams. He had \$9,000 saved up.

"Those two men induced me to go to Winters," he said. "I was actually given a business lot. But I would have gone anyway, as Winters looked good to me. I built the first stone building in the town, and opened the Winters State Bank, September 26, 1906. I retained the majority stock, and have always been the largest stockholder and active head.

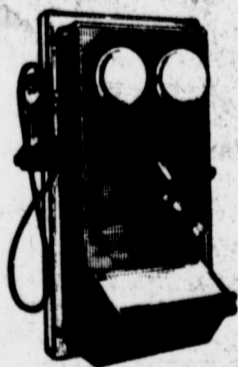
"The bank was opened with \$15,000 capital stock. W. M. Smiley, now a merchant of Fort Worth, was our first depositor, with \$1,500. Our bank quarters were quite primitive—a high picket fence stretched across the room, with one of those tall standing desks, second hand at that; but we had a fine burglar-proof safe, the best money could buy. I had already learned that the way to make money was to save money. I had no assistant; I was the whole thing—cashier, teller, runner and bookkeeper. J. M. Johnson was the first president."

The bank grew slowly. Whatever chance it had for a running start was knocked out by the financial stringency of 1907, when, throughout the nation, script took the place of cash.

A HEARTY HANDSHAKE

... and a "Thank You" for Our Success!

We are youngsters, we admit, when compared to Winters . . . ! As a business, we are 32 years old, but we have set our roots deep in the development and progress of Winters. We have attempted to follow the example of those who engineered the original development of this area . . . We have worked constantly to expand — and improve our facilities and service. The confidence and patronage of the people of Winters and this community have enabled us to do just this — build an auto supply, hardware and appliance business that is second to none in quality and service. It is obvious that such achievement does not come from hard work and integrity alone — it takes the public's faith and confidence. For this faith we humbly and gratefully say, "Thank You!"



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"Hats off to the Past . . . Coats off to the Future!"

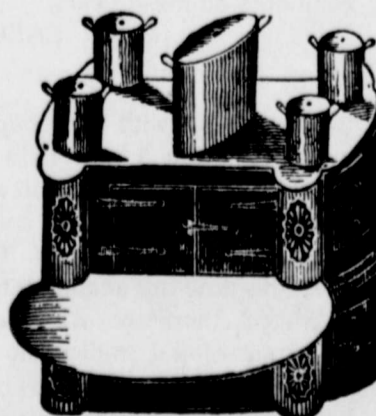
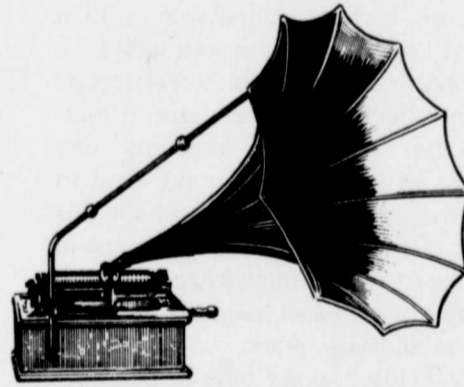
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1890 Craftsmen —

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We have acquired much skill from yesterday's craftsmen . . . and you'll find that quality alive in the things we sell.

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BAHLMAN Jewelers

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Winters — 1911
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H. P. Harkins,
Winters, Texas.

One fine resident lot fenced, and a well on it; all for fifty dollars, how it that? Do you want it?

J. W. Dale, Winters.

We don't mean to claim the world when we speak of the Winters country. We gladly strike hands with our sister towns, Wingate, Norton, Pumphry, Crews, as our and neighbor and friend. We don't mean to cut Ballinger out, but then she is too far to borrow (a) mean and a country editor must and will eat.

L. E. Jarman went to Abilene this week.

Winters has three daily mails in and out. How is that for a small town.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. J. H. Rowtramble with about one hundred children in attendance.

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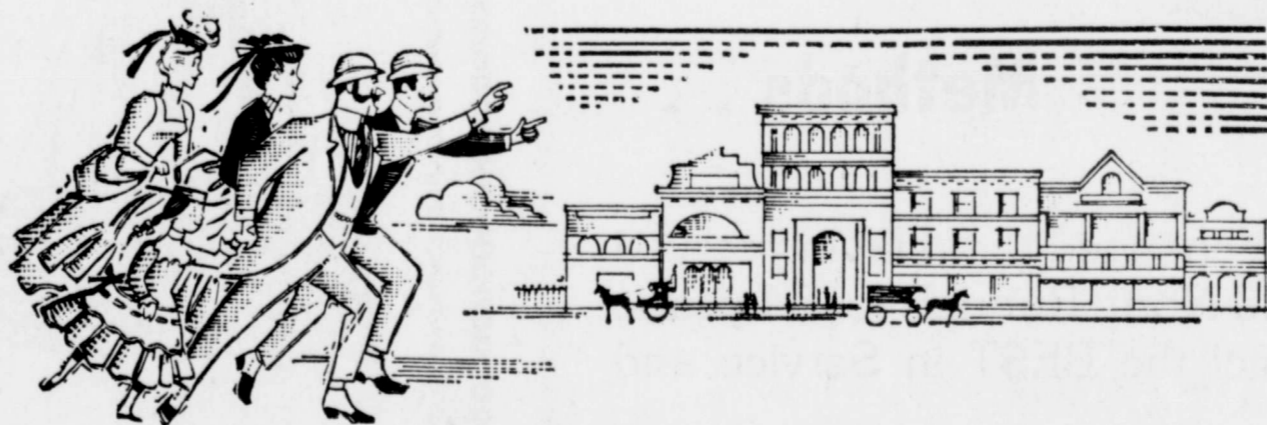
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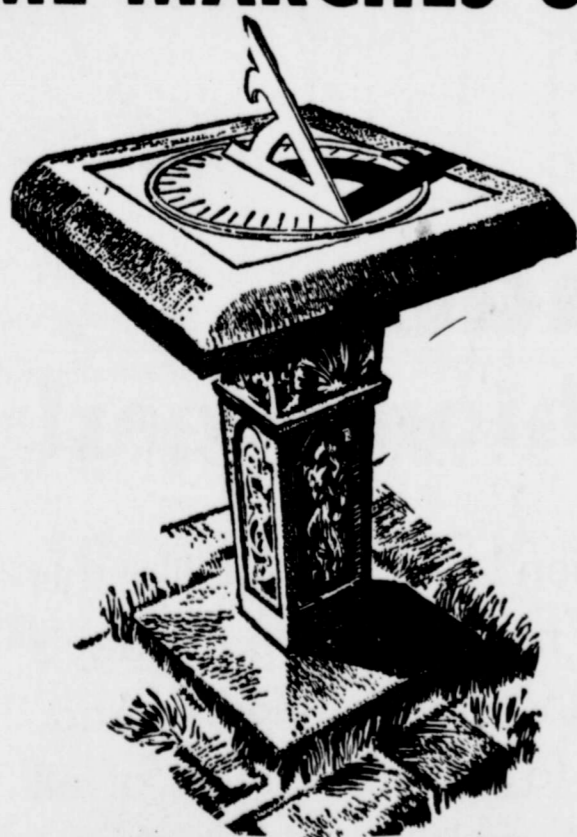
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As Winters celebrates its 90th Birthday, and looks into the future, we take our cue from those who pioneered our community and plan to follow their example in building an even greater Winters for those who follow!



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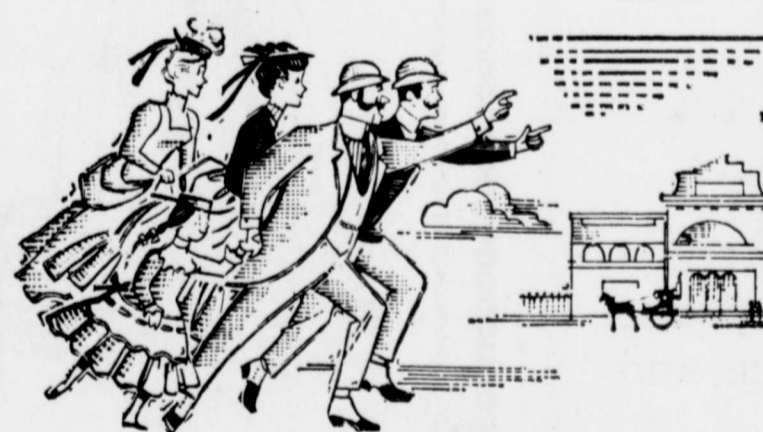
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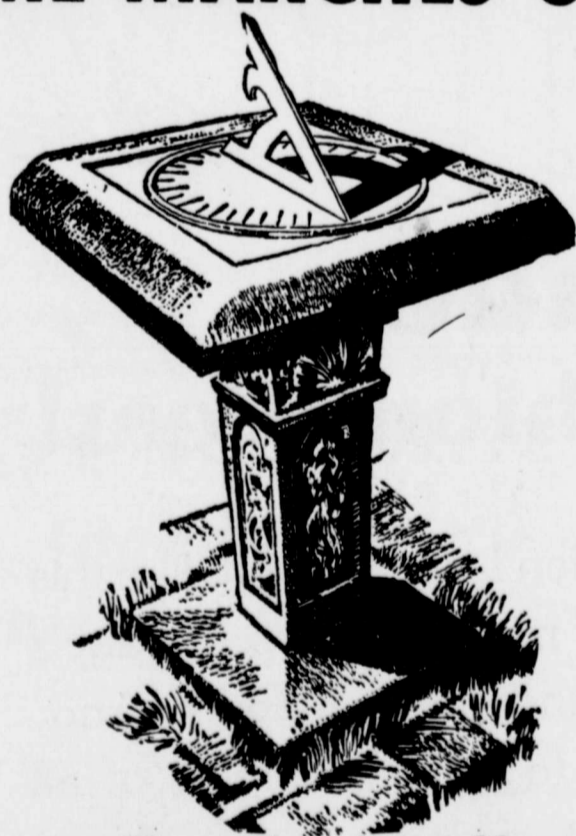


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Blue Gap Post Office could tell many tales of frontier

BY CHARLSIE POE

Although just a few miles off the highway, the cabin surrounded by verdant hills and dense woodlands, seems remote in time and space. But if the log cabin structure could talk, it probably could tell many tales of the raw frontier it served in the beginning.

One can almost hear the wheels of the stage coach as it rumbled over the old stage road that ran along the base of the mountains, bringing mail from Round Rock every two weeks. But visitors to the old cabin these days should be aware of the rattlesnakes.

The log cabin, located 16 miles east of Winters, once was the Blue Gap Post Office, the first post office in Runnels County. It is situated in an out-of-the-way site on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, who live nearby. They say that many people

stop and visit the little cabin, and register in the book kept there for that purpose.

Rankin Pace, former Winters postmaster, who sponsors the building with Mrs. Loyd Roberson and Mrs. George Poe, and other Winters members of the Runnels County Historical Commission, were instrumental in getting the building repaired and directional signs erected. It was equipped with a few mail boxes, a postal clerk's station, and tables. The roof and floor were repaired, and the logs chined, and a fence built around it for protection. A Texas Historical Medallion was presented and installed in about 1973.

When the Blue Gap Post Office was built, settlers were few and far between, living in dugouts, log cabins or picket houses. There were no good roads, just winding cow

trails; before wire fences had been built and the soil had known the plow.

The log cabin post office was established Feb. 14, 1878, in Coleman County but two years later when Runnels County was organized, the structure was found to be in Runnels County.

Postmasters and their dates of appointment are as follows:

James K. Paulk, Feb. 14, 1878.
B. F. Sullivan, Sept. 16, 1878.
J. J. Craig, April 15, 1879.
James K. Paulk, June 1, 1879.

A. A. Hanscomb, Jan. 26, 1880.
Hanscomb came west from Boston, Mass., for his health in 1865, and was postmaster until Dan W. Hale founded Content two miles away in 1881, and the Blue Gap Post Office was discontinued on March 2 of that year.

The post office was then moved to Hale's store where he served as postmaster. By that time, there was a railroad through Abilene, and mail came about every three days to the Content Post Office.

Hanscomb, who died in 1909, sold his land to a Mr. Goetz. Roy Smith bought it from the Goetz heirs.

An earlier history says that Hanscomb was well liked as a postmaster, because he kept the whiskey, which the stage brought along with the mail, until it could be called for, without drinking any.

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Three Young Men Enrich City \$34.10

Three young men, who were in the city last Saturday night were inclined to "take in" the town and after making their plea in city court Wednesday, by special request of the judge, each donated \$11.70 plus mileage to the city exchequer.

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IRRIGATION WITH CITY WATER MUST BE DISCONTINUED

Notice is hereby given that irrigation with city water must be stopped immediately owing to the existing shortage. Those who fail to observe this order will find their water privileges discontinued. —J. W. Tanner, Acting Mayor.



Picture from space

During a banquet in August, 1965, on "Davy Jones Day," honoring U. S. Air Force Maj. Gen. David M. Jones, the general presented to *The Enterprise*, "for the people of Winters," a photograph taken from the space craft Gemini 4, from more than 100 miles in space. The picture was accepted by the late George R. Hill, copublisher of *The Enterprise*. Seated at the table is the late Harvey Dale Jones, then mayor of Winters. Gemini 4 was flown by James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White, and the pictures shows a wide area of this section of the state, and one can make out the Abilene and San Angelo

areas, the rivers, lakes, and a close search reveals the Goodyear test track near San Angelo. Gen. Jones, who was one of the B-25 pilots who bombed Tokyo, taking off from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, early in the first year of World War II, married Anita Maddox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Maddox of Winters, and called Winters his home town. At the time of the banquet in his honor in 1965, he was Deputy Associate Administrator for Manned Space Flight, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Dale-Bright

Wednesday, December 31st, 1902, J. W. Dale and Miss Carrie Bright were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents at Content. L. O. Dale officiating. Miss Bright is one of the belles of Content and Mr. Dale is one of Winters leading young merchants. May their path in life be strewn with flowers is the wishes of many friends here they were at home to their friends Jan. 1st. Follow is a list of presents presented by their friends:

Dr and Mrs Grant, waterset; Mrs Sheeley, waterset; Mr and M A Hunter, tea urn; Mr J M Chumbley bedsprings; Mr Ed Stone, lamp; Mrs L E Jarman, oat meal disher; Misses Claudia and Linnie Hunter, dresser set;

Miss Mat Albert, quilt; J W Patterson and wife, dining table; L E Jarman and F L Pearce, set chairs; Mr and Mrs Smiley, center table; Mr and

Mrs Fannin, rocking chair; Mr A Spill, table linen; Mr and Mrs Mullin, table linen; Mrs F L Pearce, bowl and pitcher; Miss Nina Landreth, set plates; Mr Alfa Hauscomb, Content, wool duster; Mr and Mrs Harkins,

glass set; Mr and Mrs David, set glasses; Miss Captola Landreth, Cake plate; Mr R A Terry, Ballinger, Rug; Mr and Mrs Vancil, Rug; Mr and Mrs T W Murry, picture; Misses Mamie and Claudia Patterson, cake plate;

Mr and rs. Chapman, fruit bowl; Mr L O Jarman, cake and ruit stand; Miss Minnie Small, cake plate; Mr and Mrs C T Grant, cream ladle.

Lee Maddox was here Tuesday doing business for policy's sake. Lee is a hustler and understands his job. Come again Lee.

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Winters' post office in general store

The first post office in Winters was housed in the corner of the general mercantile store, built by Frederick Platte, on the corner of Main and Dale Streets.

The post office was established March 7, 1891, and Platte served as postmaster from then until September 17.

McDonald Townsend, called Mcd., bought the store from Platte and was the next postmaster until Feb. 24, 1898.

In 1965, it was recalled by Mrs. Tom Smith of Ballinger, the former Agnes Townsend, that the post office was a 7 by 10 foot enclosure, boxed up waist high, in the southeast corner of her father's store. Entrance was through a gate on the west, and mail was handed out through a small window facing north. A homemade desk and a few wooden mail boxes, with no fronts, completed the furnishings.

In addition to the post office, the general store housed groceries, plow tools, harness and dry goods, consisting mostly of bolts of cloth and thread. Barrels of syrup and sides of pork were kept in a shed room on the back of the building.

In January of 1891, the first mail was carried from Ballinger to Abilene by Land Cade in a two-horse hack. Horses were changed at Winters and Guion, and the return trip was made in the afternoon. Prior to this time, people had to make a trip by buggy or wagon to the courthouse at Runnels City for their mail. Runnels City, now called Old Runnels, was a stage stop located between Abilene and San Angelo before the towns of Winters and Ballinger were built.

In an interview recorded by Charlsie Poe of Winters in 1965, Mrs. Smith recalled that, "After my father bought the store in Winters, it took him all day and until late at night to bring home a load of groceries from Ballinger. A trip to Abilene took two or three days. We often had blizzards in the winter that would freeze the potatoes and fruit so country merchants carried very little fruit, but had plenty of Arbuckle coffee with a stick of candy in each package for the children. Twenty pounds of sugar or beans could be bought for \$1."

Taking care of the post office and store was not the only duty of Mr. Townsend. When illness was

reported, he would saddle his horse and ride for the doctor. Sometimes it was difficult to find the doctor as he might be gone for several days on calls. There was no hospitals and neighbors came in to help care for the sick.

Mrs. Smith told Mrs. Poe, in the interview, that the family residence was built onto the southside of the store. "Mother usually boarded the school teachers, and served meals for 25 cents to travelers and drummers. Once Will B. Hogg, son of ex-governor Hogg, stopped for breakfast. He ordered canteloupe and we children thought it very odd. Our parents had told us, as was then believed, that if we ate anything like that before breakfast it would make us sick."

"When cotton went to five cents a pound, during the administration of President Cleveland, my father sold everything to pay his debts," Mrs. Smith said in the interview. He sold the store and post office to Robert L. Hulsey and moved to Ballinger to manage a dry goods store for Winkler.

On Feb. 20, 1901, Thomas W. Murray became postmaster, succeeding Hulsey and the office was moved across the street. He was followed by Thomas B. Dillingham on April 5, 1910, and the office was located just north of the Winters State Bank, in a space later included in the bank when it was remodeled.

W. F. Flynt succeeded Dillingham on July 10, 1913, and he was followed by Benjamin F. Huntsman on April 18, 1922. The office was again moved in 1926 to the corner of Church and Dale streets, and T. D. Coupland followed as postmaster on Jan. 13, 1931. He was succeeded by H. O. Jones on Aug. 26, 1935.

In 1938 the office was moved to Main Street, where the Fashion Shop now is located, and the former Laura Kittrell, now Mrs. Rankin Pace, took charge on April 1, 1947. Rankin Pace became postmaster on Oct. 4, 1949. A new building, built especially for the post office, was erected in 1959, on the corner of State and South Church streets.

Pace retired in 1968, and H. M. (Jiggs) Nichols became postmaster Oct. 24, 1968.



Land sold for \$4 an acre

By CHARLSIE POE

In 1899, four men from Coryell County, Luther and Howard Mitchell and Charlie and Claude Thomas, started out in a covered wagon on a prospecting trip to West Texas.

When they arrived at Copperas Cove, they met four other men who were also going west, and they traveled together. These men were Jim and Henderson Norman, brothers of Mrs. Claude Gooch; Vandell Kendrick and George Brown, a relative of the Pace family.

Camping along the way, they stopped at Lampasas, the San Saba River and the Kickapoo Creek, west of Paint Rock, before they arrived at San Angelo and came from there to Ballinger.

Leaving Ballinger, they rode through open prairie in what is now known as Mann, Poe, Wingate and Pumphrey communities. Occasionally they would see a house. Some land at that time could be bought for \$4 an acre.

While camped on Coyote Creek the travelers ran out of feed for the horses. Seeing a house in the distance, they went to buy oats for their teams and discovered the man was an old acquaintance from Coryell County.

As they passed through Winters, the Mitchell and Thomas brothers recalled seeing some stores, a post office and school house. The mail route was from Ballinger to Abilene. They returned home by the way of Crews, Glen Cove and Coleman and the trip took 17 days, traveling about 30 miles a day.

Luther Mitchell bought land and moved to the Pumphrey community in 1904. Both he and Mrs. Mitchell were active in church and community affairs during their life time.

Howard Mitchell moved to the Pumphrey community in 1908. His property joined the church and school property.

Owen Ingram left his ranch at Mart and came West prospecting for land in 1907. Coming by train to Ballinger, he took a stagecoach to Winters. Walter T. White, real estate agent, drove him in a buggy to look at different places and the wind and dust were so bad that the visibility was less than a half a mile. Ingram spent a few days with some friends he had known at Mart, the W. T. Middletons, grandparents of Dr. Edwin Middleton and Weldon Middleton.

Buying land between Pumphrey and Drasco which was to be their home for the next 40 years, Ingram moved his livestock, implements,

feed and his household goods in two immigrant cars and arrived in Ballinger on Jan. 3, 1908.

The first night in Ballinger someone left the gate open to the stockpens and Ingram hunted for 4 days before he found all his stock. Moving all his things in a wagon to his farm 27 miles away was a real task.

Mrs. Ingram and baby came later on the train. The letter telling of her arrival was missent and she had to remain in the hotel at Ballinger until her husband learned she was there. They were in a severe sandstorm on the way to the farm, the first Mrs. Ingram had ever seen. It blew Mr. Ingram's hat off and they never found it.

It was a relief to the Ingrams when the train came through Winters, they could trade in Winters instead of going once a month to Ballinger in the buggy or wagon.

First Post Office

Winters' first post office was in a general store at the corner of Main and Dale streets.

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The Winters Enterprise
April 24, 1908

Winters' old school building is being torn down, thus removing an old landmark of the town. Having been the home of our school for 18 years makes the old house dear to the hearts of many, old and young, but all find consolation in the fact that our school has a new and better home and so can better part with the old.

Since the town has grown to its present size the old house has stood in the middle of our main street and its removal will greatly help that part of town.

The old lumber is offered for sale by Mr. Dale.



'Neither rain nor sleet . . .'

Jim Smith, early-day mail carrier, making a delivery at Jim Eoff Farm.

We've come a long way
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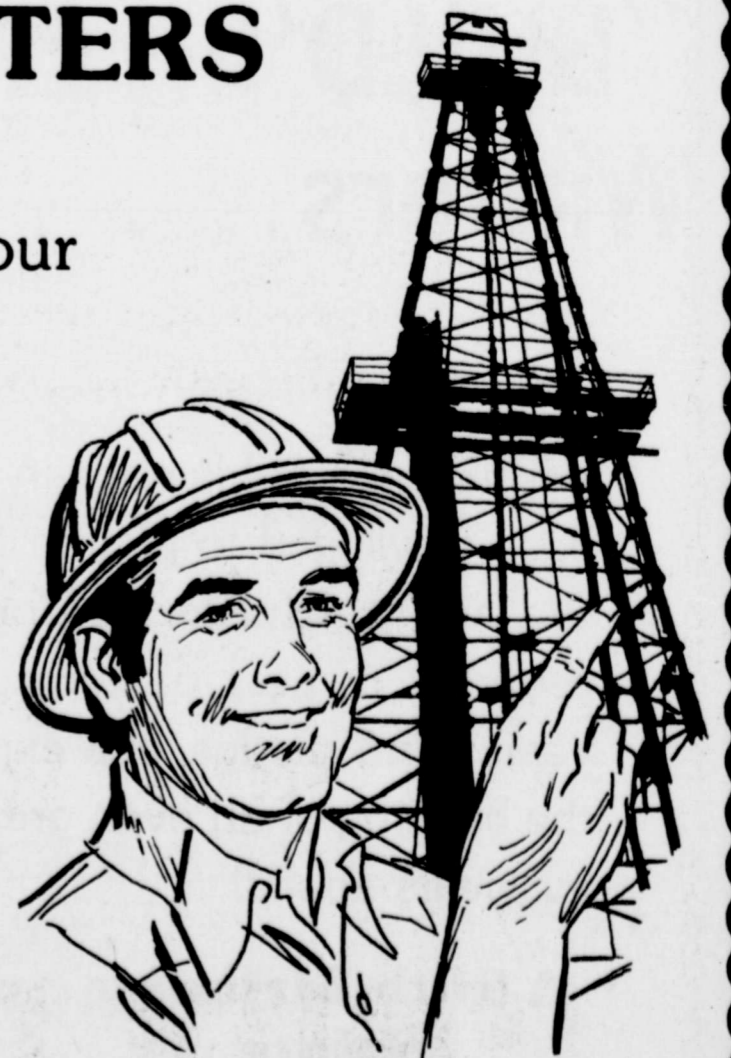
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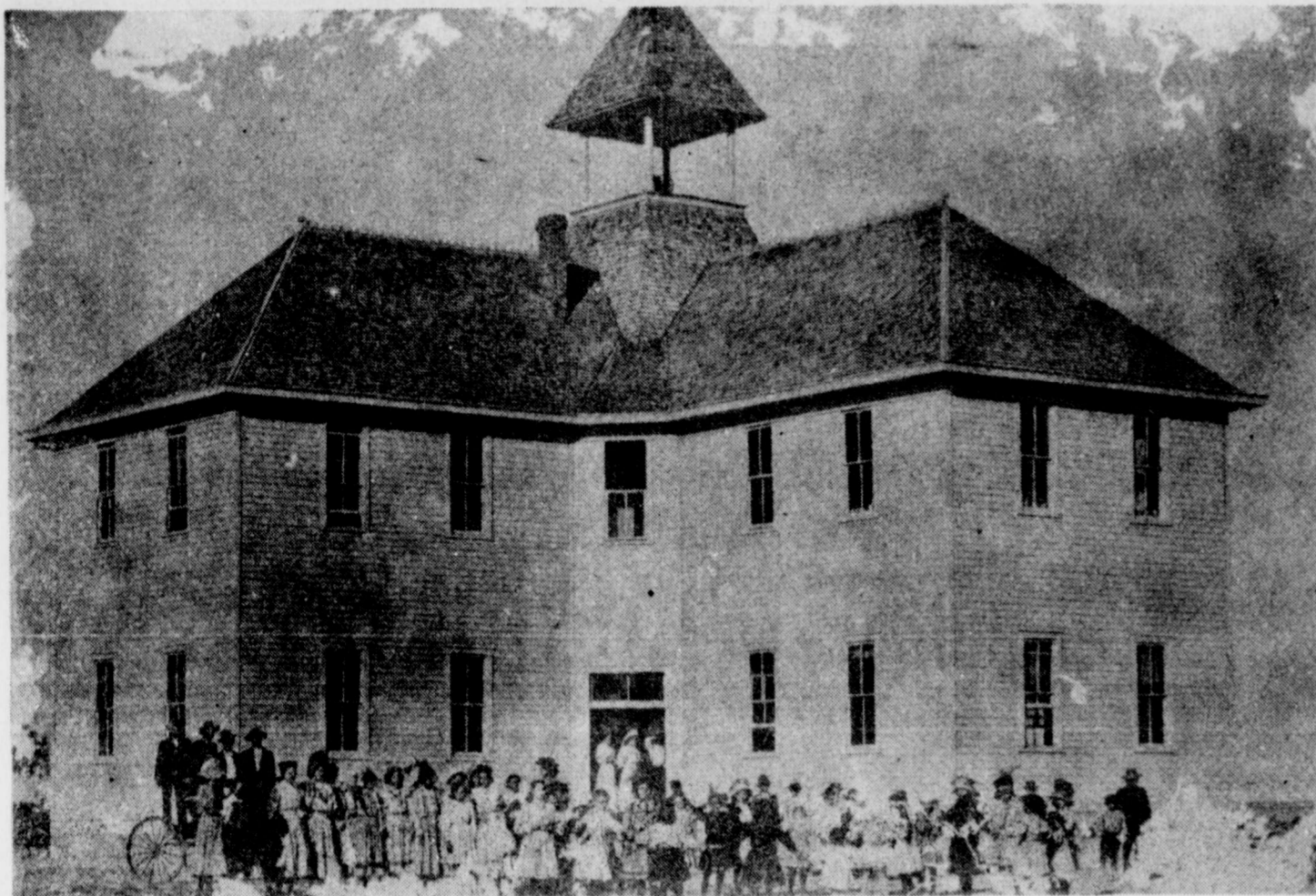
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Second school

This building, constructed in 1907 or 1908, was called the "school on the hill," near the present elementary school.

First school was in middle of street

"The people of Winters have always been interested in their schools and this writeup in the April 24, 1908 issue of *The Winters Enterprise* proves it:

"The pay school of Winters — so called, because one has to pay to go; and it pays one to go — began last Monday with an attendance of some sixty pupils, to which a few more

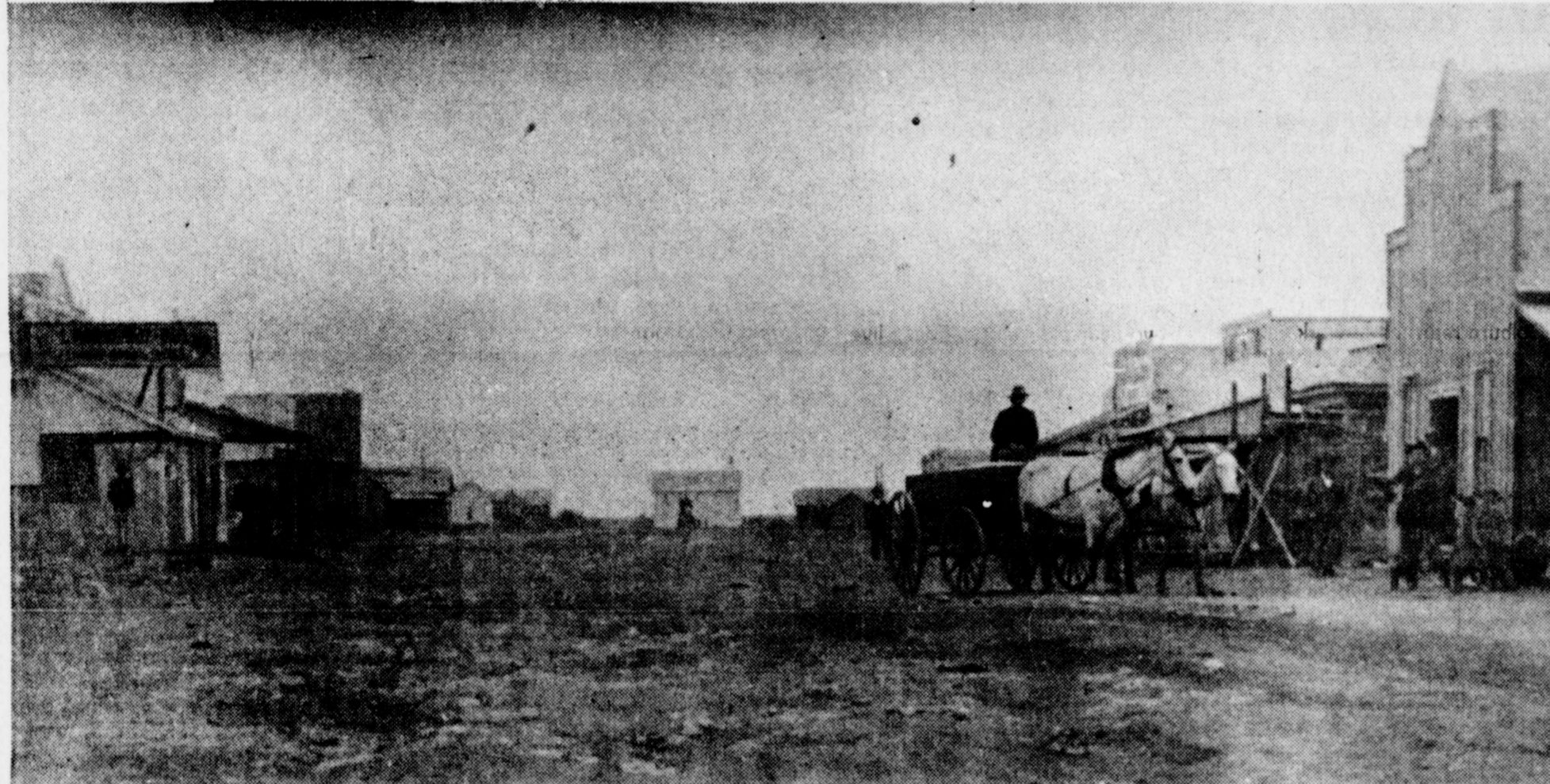
have since been added. Miss Maude Shelton is the pedagogical mistress, and right well she deserves the name; every grade from 0 to X infinity is represented, each representing several studies, or over forty in all. This was the problem that confronted her Monday, but she has arranged everything very nicely and the school is going like

clockwork. The people of Winters are to be thanked for their unusual interest taken in the subscription school, the pupils approved for their diligent work and the patrons and pupils congratulated for their luck in securing such a proficient teacher. **THE KID**"
By this time Winters did have a new school building. It was a two-story frame structure built on the hill north of town where the present school plant is located, and this article tells what happened to the old: "Winters' old school building is being torn down, thus removing an old



Early-day students

Students in Winters' first school, located on a site which is now the intersection of North Main and Truett Streets.

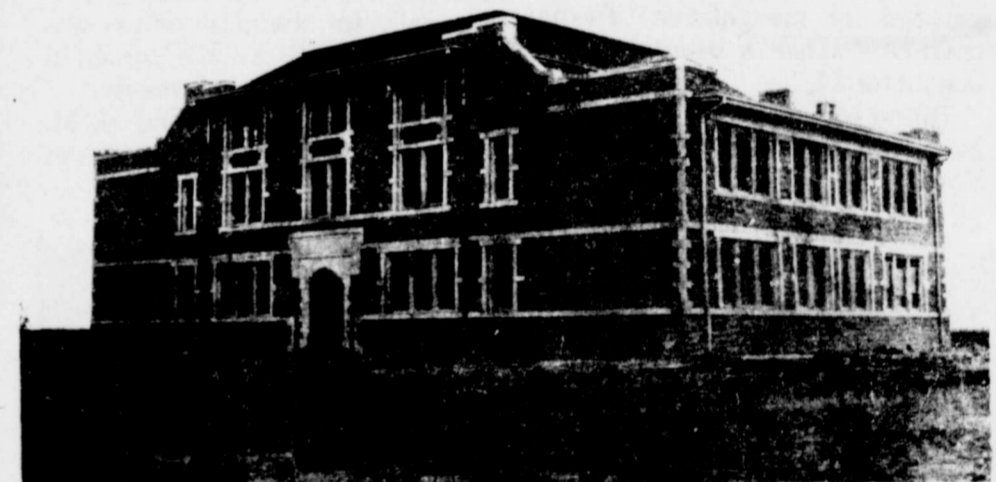


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"The old lumber is offered for sale by Mr. Dale."

The first volume of the high school annual, *The Glacier*, as we know it today was published in 1925. However, the first year book ever attempted by Winters High School students was a small paper back booklet called the "Cockle-Burr."
Ralph Lloyd has a copy of the *Cockle-Burr* which is dedicated to the superintendent, C. O. Minatra, and shows the faculty to be A. W. Cherry and Miss Flossie McDowell.
Seniors have individual pictures with their positions and activities in school listed as they are today. Paul Williamson, now deceased, was the class president. Lloyd Cooke was vice president.
The *Glacier* of 1925 was published by the Senior Class of Winters High School. It was dedicated to Superintendent A. H. Smith, who had been a faithful promoter of the *Glacier* in publishing this first volume.
From the calendar of events a few dates of special significance have been selected:
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1924 — The

Winters Blizzards is the name of our athletic men of Winters High, the name winning over a large number of others, suggested in the naming contest. Truett Barber, has the honor of naming them.
Dec. 11 — "The *Glacier*" is the name of the annual. This was decided by the naming committee, the name chosen being submitted by Glee Ingram.
Feb. 13 — The Winters Blizzards play Ballinger their 13th basketball game of the month, on Friday, too. We knew this meant bad luck for Ballinger, and it was, the score being 34-7 in our favor.
March 2-6 — was "Good English Week" and ended with a High School parade featuring class floats, school athletics and activities, also all kinds of stunts. The parade was a success in every way. The class with the best float was given \$5.00 by the Chamber of Commerce.
Sunday, May 24 — Baccalaureate sermon.
Thursday, May 28 — Commencement exercises.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1924 — The



Third school

This building, built in 1911, was the first masonry school building. It was located just west of the present school cafeteria, on what is now the elementary playground. Fred Young said he sat in the classroom of this building, and watched the older school building to the east being torn down. (Photo courtesy Fred Young.)

Main Street

... looking north. The first school is in the center background.

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The little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wood got his arm broken near the elbow last Sunday. Dr. Tinkle dressed the fractured limb and reports that it will only be a short while until he will be all right.

Miss Avis Chamberlain left for her home at Burnett. She was second assistant in the Winters Public School the past term and won many friends among the pupils and patrons who would be very glad to have her as teacher again.

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March 20, 1925

FAILED TO STOP CAR WITH THREE SHOTS
Last Saturday evening about 11 o'clock a young man in an automobile went through on Main street at the rate of about 75 miles per hour. City Marshall Sam Kirby decided he would like to know just what kind of "corn" the young man was transporting and attempted to stop the car but when the occupant paid no heed to his jestures he pulled out his gun and fired three shots at the car and Sam says he knows the last shot hit the back end of the car, but this only served to give the occupant of the car a desire to put on more speed if possible and when last seen it was going toward Ballinger and according to Sam the young man was certainly "stepping on the gas."

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American Farmer degrees to four Winters students

When speaking at a banquet in Albany last year, Rep. Charles Stenholm was introduced as one who had received the highest degree obtainable in FFA: the American Farmer Degree.

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization for farm boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools. It was launched in Kansas City, Mo., in the fall of 1928.

The American Farmer Degree is limited to one in 1,000 among the total FFA national membership. And Winters has been honored to have four native sons who have achieved this award. The Winters FFA chapter holds the No. 1 charter in the state.

American farmer degrees awarded to Winters students have been to Morris Robinson, in 1943; Bobby Penny, in 1957; Ronald Colburn, in 1966; and Rex Marks, in 1977.

MORRIS ROBINSON

Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Robinson, said it had been so many years that he couldn't remember much about his projects. But a clipping found among his mother's souvenirs told the story.

Robinson was one of 14 boys and six Texans to receive the coveted award at the 16th annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. The degree key was mailed to him here. He didn't go to receive the award as he had made the trip before as a member of the state band, his wife said, and he did see any use in going again.

Robinson looked back on five years of participation in the FFA program and declared it was this training and guidance that put him "in business" at 18.

"As a result of my taking vocational agriculture in high school, I now own 13 Jersey cows, three Jersey heifers, 10 head of calves, a boar and two gilts, and 300 White Leghorn pullets," he said.

Robinson graduated from Winters High School in 1942. He was president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes, president of the high school band in his senior year, president of the local FFA chapter in 1939-40, and parliamentarian for Area II, FFA, in 1941-42.

During the five years his projects included: pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves, Jersey breeding, and field projects of cotton, corn and milo. He gives credit for winning the award to his former vocational agriculture teacher, Wallace Martin.

Robinson married Flona Laxton, in Ballinger, in 1949, and they lived on a farm northwest of Ballinger for seven years. They bought a farm east of Winters in 1957 and moved in 1959 after their new home was completed.

He has always practiced soil conservation methods, but was the first participant in the Great Plains program. A member of the North Runnels Water Corp., he has served as secretary-treasurer almost since the beginning. He also has been a member of the North Runnels Hospital board for six or eight years.

BOBBY PENNY

Bobby Penny was the second candidate for the degree of American Farmer from the Winters FFA chapter, which was chartered in 1930, the first in the state.

Receiving his state degree in 1956, the year he graduated, Bobby carried on an outstanding program in four years of high school and year out of school to receive his American Farmer degree in 1957.

While working for his degree, Bobby had a flock of 33 Southdown ewes, 3 Southdown rams, and 27 lambs. His herd was recognized as one of the best in Texas.

One of his lambs was named grand champion of the junior division and reserve grand champion of the entire Houston Fat Stock Show that year. Another lamb of his breeding was grand champion at Ballinger the preceding year. He had finished at the top of the junior breeding show at Houston the previous two years.

To improve his flock, Penny continually looked for better stock. He started a careful system of selection and culling and built his flock around those he kept. Assisted by his father, R. P. Penny, he bought Southdown sheep from many states and from Canada.

Starting in FFA work with six acres of wheat and two pigs in the 1952-53 school year, Bobby began raising Southdown sheep in 1954 with three ewes and seven lambs. He was active in all phases of FFA work with emphasis on raising sheep.

Penny showed lambs and breeding sheep at all major shows as well as carrying on an extensive breeding program. He built his flock to 150 head of Southdown breeding ewes, and sold wether lambs as well as breeding sheep to 4-H and FFA members.

He began his work under Elwood Harris and received his American Farmer degree under R. A. (Swede) Hanson.

Behind all the honor were many hours of hard work, may sleepless nights while lambing, and two wonderful parents, Skeet and R. P., who worked as a team with Bobby all the way. And Skeet attended the convention with him at Kansas when he heard an address by former president Harry S. Truman of Independence, Mo.

Bobby now operates the family farm and has worked for Dry Division, Wallace Murray, for eight years.

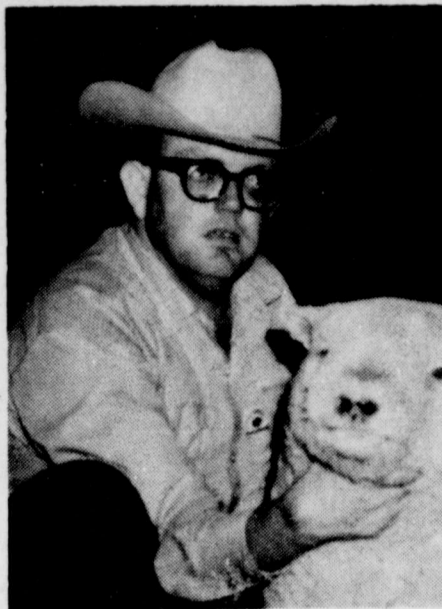
RONALD COLBURN

Ronald Colburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Colburn, was the third graduate of Winters High School to have received the American Farmer Degree at the FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. on Oct. 11, 1966.

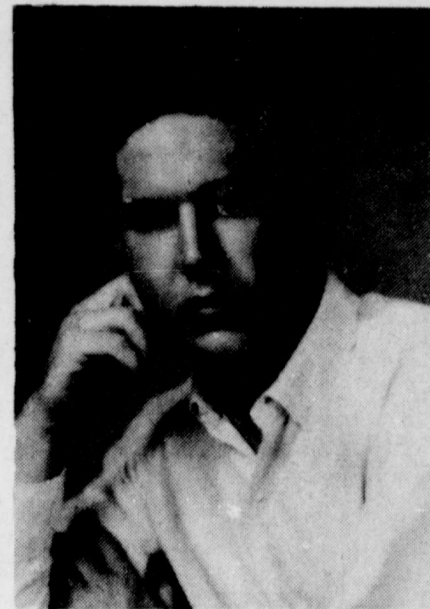
Colburn, then a junior student at San Angelo State College was majoring in Agriculture. He held practically every office in the Winters chapter while he was in high school. He is past president of the district and past vice president of Area IV, FFA.



MORRIS ROBINSON



BOBBY PENNY



RONALD COLBURN



REX MARKS

He received the highest state award, the Lone Star State Farmer Degree. As a freshman in high school, he was Star Greenhand for Area IV.

In his supervised farming program, Colburn bred and fed registered swine, and had exhibited champion hogs and sheep in many livestock shows.

Transferring to Texas A&M in 1967, Colburn graduated from there in May of 1969 with a BS degree in Agricultural Education. He was a member of the Collegiate FFA Chapter at A&M and did student teaching in Hondo in the spring of 1969.

During the summers of 1967 and 1968, Colburn worked as a student trainee for the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service in Ballinger. After graduation, coincidentally, he was assigned to Hondo as a full-time employee of SCS. He worked there as a soil conservationist September of 1969 when he was inducted into the army. Following basic training at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, he was transferred to Ft. Eustis, Virginia for advanced individual training as a transportation movement specialist.

Upon completion of his training, Douglas was assigned to a tour of duty in Korea for 13 months. He received the Army Commendation Medal and Occupation Forces Medal. Returning to the U. S., he was sent to Dundalk Marine Terminal in Baltimore, Maryland for almost a year and was discharged from the Army in March of 1972.

Colburn returned to work with the Soil Conservation Service in Victoria. He worked in Victoria and Goliad Counties until July of 1973 when he was reassigned to Taylor, Texas. While in Taylor he received an Outstanding Performance Rating. In July of 1975 he was reassigned to his present position as District Conservationist in Victoria.

Douglas married Debbie Hulto on March 7, 1970 and they have two children: Shannon Kay, 7, and Todd Douglas, 4. They are members of the First United Church in Victoria.

In a letter, Colburn says, "I am an assistant superintendent in Victoria Livestock Show Assn. Through this project, job related duties such as conducting annual soils and grass judging contests for local FFA and 4-H youth and being an adult leader for local 4-H Club I maintain a close contact with FFA students and their program. I am also a member of the vocational agriculture advisory group for Victoria High School. In May 1978 I was honored by the FFA Chapter with the Honorary Chapter Farmers Degree. This award means a great deal to me because it was presented by the students.

"In my talks to local FFA Chapters, I always encourage the students to reach for the highest. Even though only a few are lucky enough to have the backing of Ag teachers like W. A. McDonald, Leland Robinson and Kenneth Durst and most of all parents like I had, the rewards received for the effort are well worth it. As I grow older the American Farmer Degree is more meaningful to me, especially as I work with a good group of FFA students and realize that even though they may be every bit as deserving as I and others were, they may never be able to receive the honor of the American Farmer Degree because the competition seems to get tougher each year.

"In my talks to local FFA Chapters I always find some way to tell them that I am, or was, a member of the Number 1 Chapter of Future Farmers of America in Texas, both by the Charter issued and in my memories."

REX MARKS

The fourth recipient of the American Farmer Degree was Rex Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Marks, who received his degree on Nov. 10, 1977. He and his ag teacher, Charles Allcorn, flew back to Winters that night and he was married on Nov. 12 to Jackie Brosig in Rowena.

After graduating from Texas Tech in December 1979, he was employed the following February by the Texas Department of Agriculture as an inspector. He and his wife and two-year-old son, Eric, live in Midland.

Marks' job in the department is with the regulatory commission and helping to promote Texas agricultural products.

Rex was a member of the 4-H Club from the time he was nine years old until he reached high school where he participated in FFA for four years graduating in 1974.

He and his brother, Ricky, were partners from the beginning and showed as the Marks Brothers. Ricky graduated when Rex was a freshman and he had it to himself the last 3 years in high school.

In his freshman year, Rex was Greenhand president and Star Greenhand of the local chapter. As a sophomore he served as 2nd-vice president and received Star Chapter farmer.

Marks was on the chapter conducting team and the meats team all four years and in his junior year they competed at state. This same year he received his Lone Star Farmer Degree and also the Lone Star Award for Area IV. He was presented an annual award from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. on the state level. He was sentinal for the district.

During his senior year he was chapter president and competed in the local public speaking contest. He also received the local beef cattle award.

From the beginning Marks raised livestock and showed lambs, steers and pigs through high school. He raised cattle for three years after he graduated and probably his highest placing was at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show with the Carcass division, the steers are judged on hoof and then from the hook.

In 1967 his Black Angus received Reserve Grand Champion and brought \$650. In 1972, a shorthorn won Reserve Grand Champion and sold for \$800.00. Both steers were raised by his father. In 1974 his Charolais Angus Cross, raised by B. J. Colburn, won Grand Champion and sold for \$2,000 — and the Charolais Ass'n payed \$1,100 prize money.

Other than agriculture in high school, Rex played football in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades and was FFA Sweetheart his senior year. After graduating from high school, he attended Sol Ross State University for two years where he was a member of the Chip and Brand Club and on the junior livestock judging team. He transferred to Texas Tech where he finished his Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Education. While at Tech, he was a member of the Collegiate FFA Club.

We salute these four young men, Morris Robinson, Bobby Penny, Ronald Colburn and Rex Marks who have done their best for their community and for themselves.

Winters, a village in Runnels County, 16 miles north of Ballinger the judicial seat, banking and shipping point. Stage daily to Abilene and Ballinger. Population 163.

F. Platte, postmaster
R. Cooke, physician
Griffin & Murray, cotton gin and corn mill

Prof. Merz, music teacher
F. Platte, general store, land agent, notary and farm implements

N. Rhubottom, physician

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April 24, 1968

Jones Improved cotton seed at 45c per bushel, H. P. Hudgens.

Prof. J. H. Beard is assisting I. L. Beard in the grocery business this week.

All farmers who have fences of any kind on the creek in this country have been busy this week putting them up where the recent heavy rains washed them down.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hood returned this week from Nolan county where they spent several days visiting their son E. R. Hood.

J. M. Johnson, president of the Winters State Bank, who ranches eight miles north of Winters was in the city Tuesday and made the Enterprise a pleasant call. He says his part of the country is thoroughly soaked.

J. V. Davis and J. H. McCombs were business visitors to Ballinger on Wednesday of this week.

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of the community!

As we pause at this 90th milestone for Winters and look back over the history of growth and development, we join in all modesty with the pioneers and builders of this splendid section of West Texas in the pride of their accomplishments.

May the future of Winters continue to reflect the rich heritage of the past and the spirit and courage of its pioneers.

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A 90TH BIRTHDAY SALUTE
TO WINTERS!

JNO. W. NOR
The InsuranceMAN

'64 homecoming featured 1911 WHS graduate

BY CHARLSIE POE

The late Rev. Roy Crawford, retired Methodist minister and one of the first four graduates from the 1th grade in Winters High School, crowned the queen at halftime during the homecoming celebration at a football game Nov. 13, 1964.

The queen was to be selected from four nominees of the senior class. They were June Puckett, Ann Bean, Elaine Beard and Shirley Lindsey. The candidates were escorted onto the field by ex-presidents of the student council.

Miss Bean was chosen "Homecoming Queen for 1964." She was escorted by Larry Rives.

The Rev. Crawford was one of a class of four who graduated in 1911, the first year there was an 11th grade, from a building erected in 1908. His classmates were James Huffines, Ora Griffith, and Leska Hinde.

There were no graduation exercises in 1911, and the students had "graduated" written across their report cards by the superintendent, P. L. Stone.

Coming from Lockney with his parents in 1905, Rev. Crawford recalled that they came in two covered wagons and stayed in White's wagon yard, located in front of the present Methodist Church, until they could find a house. His father had been a school teacher for 14 years but farmed and carried the mail after moving to Winters. They bought a farm near Baldwin where Rev. Crawford finished the school year in 1905, but returned to Winters the following year.

There were no roads nor traffic problems surrounding the first school building erected in Winters, which stood about the middle of present Main St. in the vicinity of the First Baptist Church. If students on the playground were too numerous, farmers passing by in wagons went around them; if not, the boys and girls got out of the way.

Rev. Crawford also recalled that a

football was bought. They knew it was a football and was supposed to be kicked, which they did, or someone's shins — then someone found a book of rules.

Citizens were proud of the two story frame building, with many classrooms, located at the site of the present school, which was erected in 1908, but it was soon replaced with a rock building built in the summer of 1911 which served as a high school through 1925.

Rev. Crawford recalled that the rock building was financed through public subscription and that he gave a hundred dollars.

After finishing Winters High School, Rev. Crawford attended Stamford College for two years. The college burned and records were transferred to McMurry, which was built in its place. Carrying the mail from 1915 until 1924, Rev. Crawford then went to Brownwood as an assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Rev. Crawford's pastorates included Robert Lee, Joshua, Palmer, Winchell, Mayu, Grayford, West, Moody, Crawford and Seguin, a total of 40 years.

Rev. Crawford and his wife returned to Winters in 1964 to live after his retirement. He was married to the former Ava Pace in 1917. She is another pioneer who came with her parents to the Pumphrey community in 1900.

Oil play started in 1922

As early as 1922 one of the chief topics on the street was oil. The first well came in the southeast of town but proved to be a poor producer and was soon abandoned. It wasn't until 1949 that a well brought in on the B. A. Jacob place four miles northwest of Winters brought great excitement. Subsequent discoveries have brought the well in the Winters vicinity to several hundred.



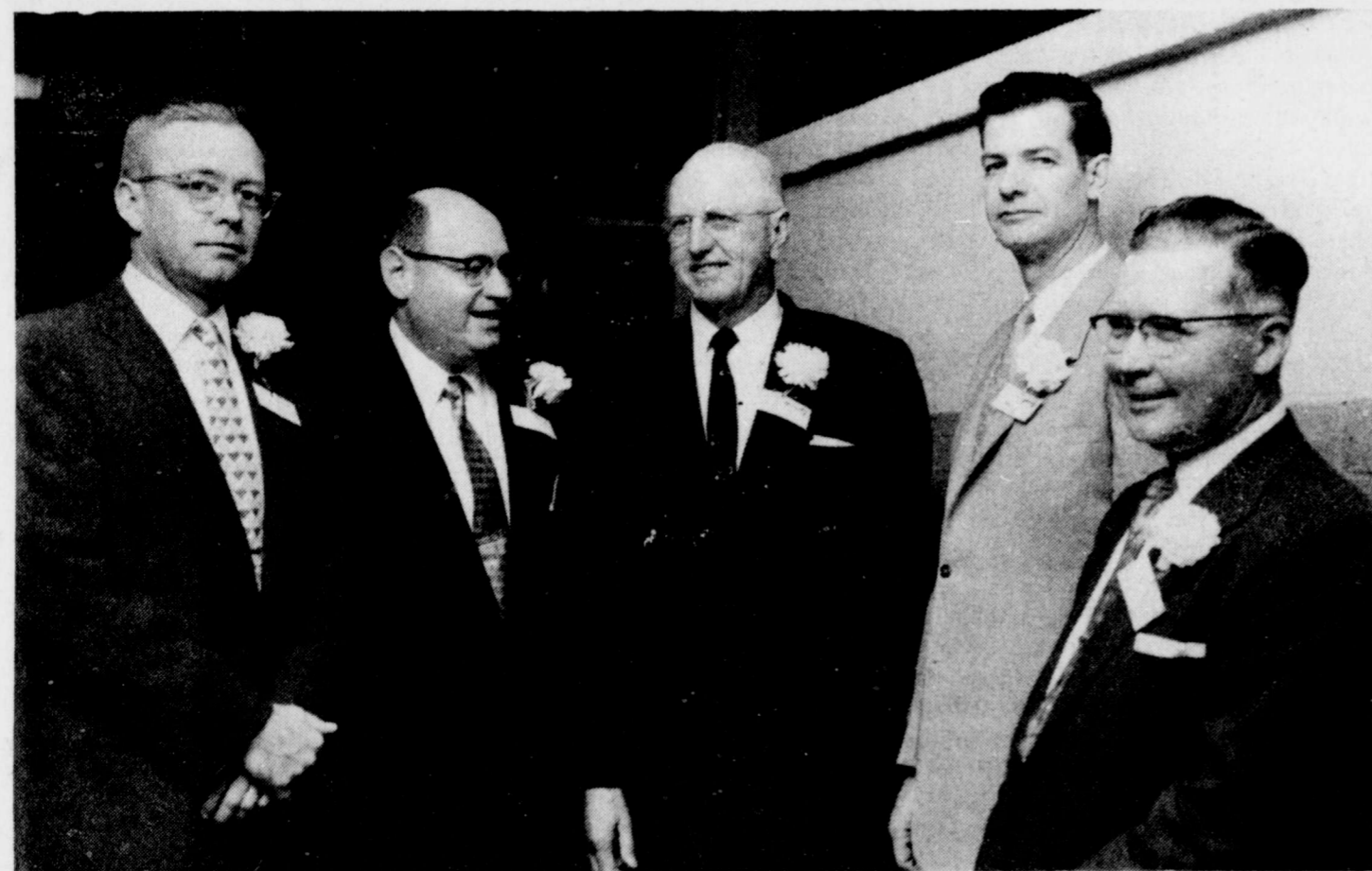
Chamber of Commerce Board, '59

Members of the board of directors of Winters Chamber of Commerce in 1959. Seated, left to right, Lillian (Mrs. B. B.) Bedford, secretary-

manager; G. R. Voss, Jno. W. Norman, Russell Mote, and Homer Hudgins. Standing, Mr. Everett, Al Libbe, Tab Hatler, Dr. John Griffin,

Bob Loyd, Harry Herman.

—Photo courtesy Chamber of Commerce



Chamber function in '50s

These Winters businessmen were photographed by the late Eddie Little during a banquet of the Winters Chamber of Commerce in the late 1950s. Left to right, the late Dr. H. H. McCreight, Winston Heidenheimer,

now of Cisco; J. B. Gladden, now of Abilene; Richard C. Thomas, editor and co-publisher of *The Enterprise*, and Neal Oakes, owner of Piggly Wiggly Store.

—Photo courtesy Chamber of Commerce

Name—

(From Page 1-B)

for the town, from wells which he dug. He also built a swimming pool, which was abandoned several years after he sold the business to J. K. Battles. A city lake was built north of town in 1911 while the late Dr. W. D. Sanders was serving as mayor. When the water supply proved insufficient for the population of the growing town, the present lake site of 611 acres, located east of town, was bought and when the lake was completed in 1945 it had a capacity of a billion gallons.

Citizens were proud of the two story frame building, containing many classrooms, located at the site of the present school, which was erected in 1908. But this building was soon replaced with a rock building built in the summer of 1911, which served as a high school through 1925. At present, Winters has a separate high school, a primary and elementary building, a vocational agriculture building, a home-making building, a band hall, an industrial arts building, a modern gymnasium, in addition to the old gymnasium, a well-equipped football stadium, a good cinder track, and a cafeteria.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES Community Center and City Park

FRIDAY, MAY 23

5:30 p. m.—Barbecue
Winters Volunteer Firemen
Entertainment:
John Loyd Band
Jennifer Harrison
Winters Community Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 24

10:00 a. m.—Parade Downtown
11:00 a. m.—Winters City Park
Opening Ceremony
Flag Raising
National Anthem
Welcome

12:00 Noon
1:00 p. m.—Bishop Powell, Brent Scott
Ballinger Texas
1:30 p. m.—Leroy Moore
Ballinger, Texas
2:00 p. m.—Singing Lynns
Bangs, Texas
2:30 p. m.—Barbershop Quartet
Winters, Texas
3:00 p. m.—Paul Zomora
Levelland, Texas
3:30 p. m.—James Scott, Bob Blassgame
Brownwood, Texas
4:00 p. m.—Winters String Band
4:30 p. m.—Debbie Reed
Sidney, Texas
5:00 p. m.—Chester Derrick
Odessa, Texas
5:30 p. m.—Gene Christian
Coleman, Texas
6:00 p. m.—John Loyd Band
Winters, Texas
8:00 p. m. to 12:00—Roland Smith and
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May 23 & 24



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EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 23

6:30 p. m.—Tennis Tournament
Bruce Black

SATURDAY, MAY 24

1:00 p. m.—Domino Tournament
Mike Meyer

1:00 p. m.—Pet Show
Brenda Killough

2:00 and 4:00—Ball Games
Royce McDorman

3:00 p. m.—Beard Growing Contest
George Mostad

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1st Vice President Mike Meyer
2nd Vice President Barry Sullivan
Treasurer Rhuenell Poe
Secretary-Manager Edna England
Celebration Director Patti Robinson
Co-Chairpersons Prissy Dozier,
Mildred Gardner
Parade Director Jerry Sims
Chairman Rick Dry
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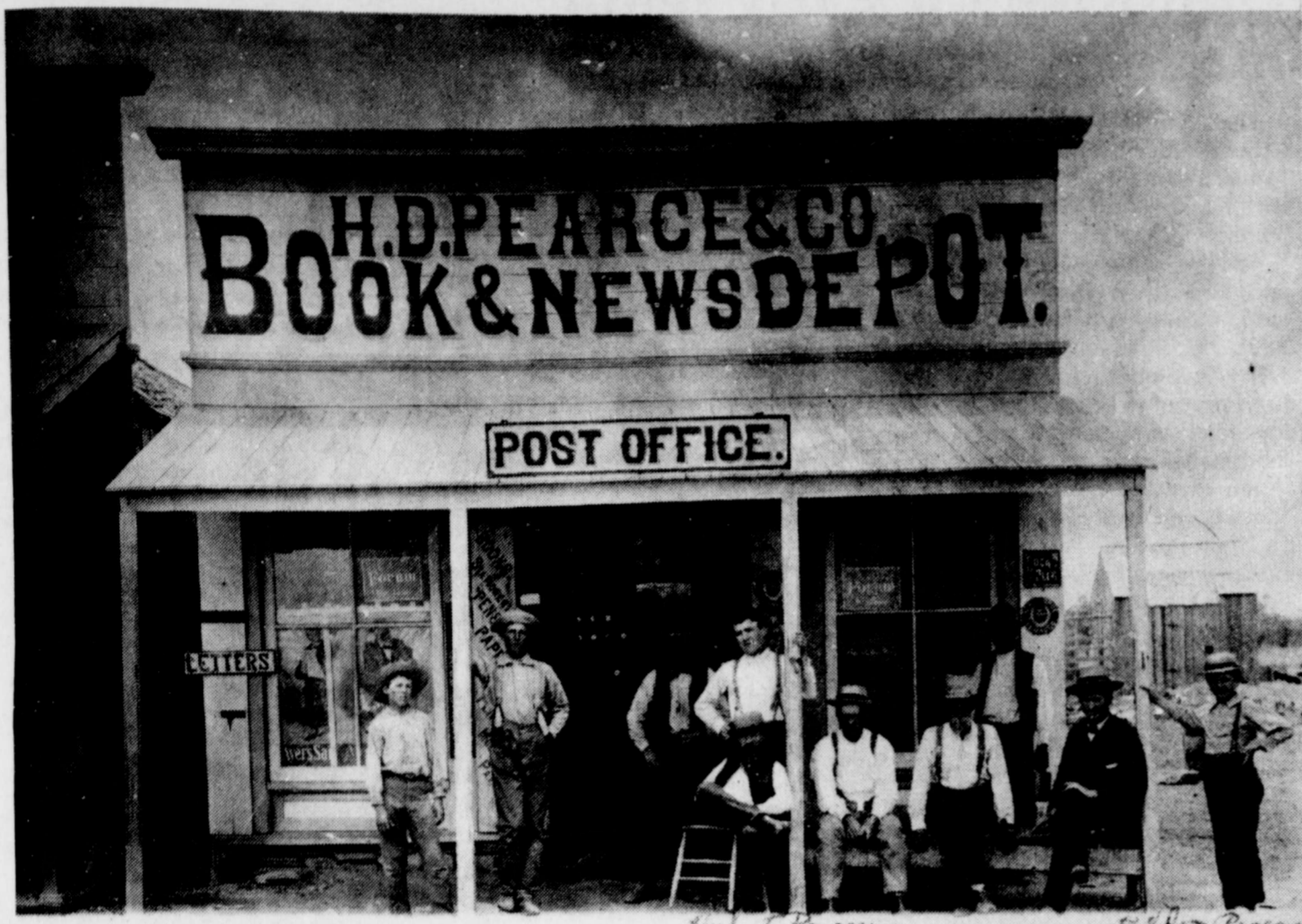
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..... Frances Campbell
Historical Z. I. Hale Museum
Quilts Senior Citizens

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WINTERS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Runnels City, Texas . . . Early 1880s
No sixshooters...?



Early day band

A band was organized in 1901 in Winters, and played most any place in the community. Seated, John Overly, George Murry, Will Pierce, Porter Murry, Will Burk, Mr.

Crews, Wilder Hunter. Standing, Mitchell Overly, Dr. Grant, Ben Spill, Charley Grant.

Runnels City— First County Seat

BY CHARLSIE POE

When the H. D. Pearces moved from their Valley Creek farm to the new county seat of Runnels, all they found besides brush and grass was some stakes stuck into the ground where officials of the county had put them when they staked off the townsites.

One of the first things Henry did after getting settled in their new location was to have some lumber he had on the Valley Creek farm brought in and built an outdoor toilet. This was the first wooden structure to be erected in Runnels City, and it was the only one for many weeks.

A committee was named to see about a town well for Runnels City. Henry was on this committee and helped to dig a well in the town square. His daughter, Ethel, mentioned many times in her writings the blessing of the cool water from this well. Many people carried their drinking water from this well in those early days. Water for household uses had to be hauled several miles from

Elm Creek.

The Pearces were the only inhabitants of the new town for more than two weeks. Then a young lawyer named George Perryman appeared. He was in a hurry to have a place where he could start practicing law. He arranged, at once, to have lumber brought in and a house built. It was only a one room structure, but it served as his living quarters as well as his office. It was just large enough for his bed, desk and chair; the walls were lined with bookshelves holding his many law books.

George painted a sign and put it above his door. It read, "George Perryman, Attorney At Law."

It looks like a lawyer's services were needed from the very first for land was being bought and sold. Deeds were made and recorded. Titles had to be examined for many flaws were found in titles to the land.

Perryman persuaded Mrs. Pearce to board him by telling her he would starve if he had to eat his own cook-

ing. Since she was the only woman living in town for four months, Mrs. Pearce was drafted into cooking for early prospectors and cowboys.

The next settler to arrive was J. C. Bowman, a saloon keeper from Coleman. The first thing he did was to ask Lizzie Pearce if she would feed him. Next, he put up his tent and ran his saloon for the cowboys who came to town.

Runnels City now had eight inhabitants, and three places of business: George Perryman's Law Business, James Bowman's Saloon, and Mrs. Pearce's Home Eating Place.

There was no end to the needs of this new town or to the opportunities it offered. Enterprising men were able to see these opportunities and soon began to come in.

It wasn't long until there was a hustle and bustle in the infant town, as buildings started going up. Men were busy making ready for the businesses they would establish and for the families they would soon bring in.

Pearce had hauled lumber and started to build soon after he arrived in Runnels City. Then he kept finding other things to do and the work on the house would be postponed. Finally, in early August of 1880, he hired a man to help him haul lumber and finish building his house.

The Pearce's home had three large rooms. The floor was laid on a foundation made out of sawed off cedar posts, and the house covered with a shingled roof.

The front room was rented to the county for ten dollars per month to be used for County Court. Court was held in this room for three years. The middle room was used for Lizzie's Home Restaurant and the post office. The back room was partitioned off by curtains to make bedrooms for the family, the only private room. They had more room than most of the early families who lived in one large room at the back of their stores.

By the end of 1885, the future prosperity of Runnels City seemed a certainty. Crops were good that year

Band was in great demand in early days of Winters

BY CHARLSIE POE

Winters people have always been resourceful and as the pioneers fought hardship, loneliness, droughts and blizzards for a new town and a new way of life, they furnished their own recreation by organizing a community band in 1901, which was the main event in the social life of the people for many years.

Although the town consisted of only a few stores and the one-room school house, the only public meeting place until 1905, the band was well known throughout this section.

"We were proud of our band," said the late Mrs. Albert Spill. She recalled a program they had at the school building for a New Year's celebration. The band was playing, firecrackers going off and everybody carried dinner in a basket which was spread and served at midnight.

The band was organized by Charlie Grant, who directed it for some 15 years. He had lived in Mexico for a time, and spoke Spanish fluently. His brother was an early day doctor in Winters, and his sister, Miss Attie Grant, played with the band, as did

Miss Mattie Curry, whom he married. He later moved to Austin.

A band stand was built on a lot on the corner of West Parsonage and North Church streets, on the site which later was occupied by the John G. Key Oil Co., and which is vacant in 1980. Every Friday was practice night and the citizens turned out to hear the band practice as well as to attend concerts. In later years the band stand was moved to Tinkle Park, which was donated to the city by Dr. Fred Tinkle and located east of his home.

The band uniforms were blue with gold stripes and cost \$14 each, the finest that could be bought at that time.

Traveling in a band wagon drawn by four white horses, trips were made to Crews, Wingate, Ballinger, Bronte, Maverick, Robert Lee, Fort Chadbourne, and other places. The band played for picnics, weddings, box suppers, old settlers reunions and political rallies.

For long trips, the band went to Ballinger, the nearest railroad, by wagon, and continued on by train.

Brownwood, San Angelo, Coleman, and Big Spring were included in the itinerary. Any trip out of town required at least three days and more often than not, the celebration lasted that long.

Once they played an engagement in San Angelo, staying in the Landon Hotel. About an hour after they left, the hotel burned and eight people were killed in the fire. One of the band members had stayed behind to visit some friends, and he escaped by climbing out a window and sliding down a post.

The most exciting trip they made, recalled by the late John Curry, was to Brownwood for the first prohibition campaign in Brown County. "We were hired by the pros and the Granbury band, a third larger than ours, was hired by the antis. We were furnished band wagons and each side had parades for three days.

"The father of Cyclone Davis was the pro speaker, and a man named Anthony spoke for the antis. He announced he would speak at the court house, and we broke up the meeting by marching around the court house, carrying kerosene torches and yelling at the top of our voices. Needless to say, the pros won the election."

The county seat also boasted of having a four-teacher school with "near 100 pupils," but the methods of teaching were far from our modern system of graded schools. The small children just learned the ABCs, then were advanced to McGuffey's Readers and the Blue Back Speller. The older students studied Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, including definitions, the histories, geography, grammar and arithmetic.

When the Santa Fe railroad held

the famous auction sale of lots in 1886 and established the city of Ballinger, four miles to the south, "finis" was written to the history of Runnels City, though all residents were not aware of it at that time and continued to struggle for the place they had built from the prairie.

(Information for this story was taken from "Runnels Is My County," by Charlsie Poe, and "The Pearce's Pioneering Days In Texas," by Zelma Hayley Strom).

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Early baseball team

First organized baseball team, according to Mrs Lewis (Ola Butts) Heard, and sister of one of the players, the late Homer Butts. Baseball was a chief athletic activity in

the early days. The famous late Rogers Hornsby, a Big League professional baseball player, once called Winters his home town.

Early day wedding described in first Winters newspaper

BY CHARLSIE POE

The first copy of Winters' first newspaper, *The Winters Recorder*, published Jan. 9, 1903, carried an account of the wedding of my great aunt, Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Mitchell to Ame Flache (pronounced Flocker).

An account of the wedding follows:

"On Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the home of the bride's parents in Taylor County, Mr. A.M. Flache and Miss Lizzie Mitchell were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Dr. Cooke officiating. The contracting parties are loved by all who know them and the *Recorder* joins their many friends with best wishes."

Mrs. Flache was born Oct. 21, 1877 in Warren County, Kentucky. She moved to Grayson County, Texas with her family when she was three years old. In 1888, they came to Runnels County and later moved to the Moro Community where she was living when she married. She was a school teacher and had taught at Moro and Content.

When Miss Lizzie was teaching school at Content there came a big snow and it was impossible to have school for several days. One of the trustees loaned her a horse to ride home on. She had a difficult time reaching her home at Moro as all the landmarks were covered with snow. Ame Flache was an old time trail

driver and 18 years older than his wife. He was born Feb. 25, 1859 at Seguin and spent his boyhood at Gonzales. As a young man, he worked on ranches in south and central Texas. One ranch was James Parramore's in Runnels County. He participated in the early trail drives from Texas to Kansas.

One cattle drive that Flache participated in for James Parramore was described by a son, D.D. Parramore:

"In June 1886, 2,500 cows and heifers were started on trail out of Runnels County to be delivered to Capital Syndicate Cattle Co., or XIT outfit, on Yellowhouse Canyon in the northern part of what is now Lubbock County. Jim Johnson, foreman, Jim Lewis, Ame Flache, Bush Stell, Charley Bradshaw, Jeff Hanna, Pete Nations and two or three Negroes were with the herd. The cattle were driven up Valley Creek, across to Silver Creek, across the T & P Railroad at Loraine, on to Snyder, to the Salt Fork of the Brazos and up it to Yellowhouse Canyon where they were delivered."

Today's motorist hardly notices it when he drives up on the "High Plains" of Texas. But it used to be quite a climb up the "Caprock."

While working for Parramore, Ame Flache served as a lookout on Moro Mountain. When he saw a cloud of dust in the distance, as other ranchers were driving their cattle to market, he came down off the mountain and alerted the cowboys to cut out the Parramore cattle from the herds as they passed by. This was common practice among cattlemen.

In 1900, Mr. Flache drove his own herd of cattle through Terry County to Portales, New Mexico. He said that Terry County was the finest looking country he had seen. At that time he had no idea of finally living there. The country was all ranch land and fenced. There were a few shacks but no farms or towns. Coyotes were on the prairie. One night when he made his bed on the ground he heard coyote howls and knew it was necessary to protect the bacon from the prowling coyotes. He decided to



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Uniforms for early team made by wives

The people of Winters have always enjoyed sports. Ed Kellum, a Harvard student who came west for his health, organized and was manager of the first baseball team.

Kellum, who boarded with Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff, did not live long, it was recorded. He died about 1898-99.

In November of 1900 the Jim Eoffs moved to Winters and Mr. Eoff immediately became a member of the baseball team.

Jim Flynt of Ballinger was team captain, and Dick Oliver, pitcher.

Other members of the team included Hyson Eoff, back stop; Jim Eoff, first base or center field; Luther Adams, Will Meeks and John Overby.

The baseball field was in the Will Murray pasture back of the present old John Curry home.

In 1902 the team had its first uniform it under his saddle which he used for a pillow. Next morning the bacon was gone, and he had no breakfast.

He left his cattle in New Mexico and returned to his home in Texas. Then after three years, he brought the cattle through Terry County on the way to Howard County.

The Flaches lost all of their cattle during the drought of 1917, in Howard County, and they moved to Brownfield in 1918. Mr. Flache had bought six sections of land in Terry County from A.R. Gray in March, 1904. This land is southeast of Brownfield in what is now the Union Community. After 1918, part of their land was made into farms.

The two sons, Mitchell and Truett, continue to operate the farms today. Truett has recently been named "Man of the Year" for Terry County.

In 1927, Mr. Flache broke a hip, and after that he no longer rode horseback. He bought a buggy and traveled about in it to see his farms and rangeland. His buggy was perhaps, the last one used in that area. He bought a car but never learned to drive it.

The Flaches lived in Brownfield where he died Dec. 18, 1942. Aunt Lizzie continued to live in the home until her death when she was in her 90's.

In addition to the two sons there are four daughters: Mrs. Lucille Hill of Brownfield, Mrs. Lula Ford of Hamilton, Mrs. Nellie White of Big Spring, and Mrs. Sue Parish of Hobbs, N.M.

The suits had elbow length sleeves and the trousers came just below the knees. Narrow red ribbon was used to outline the name "Winters" across the breast. Ladies' black stockings, instead of socks, completed the costume.

Uniforms were made by wives of the players. Some of the games were with Red Lake (also known as Audra). Lindsey Pratt was one of the Audra players. Games also were played with Ballinger and Wingate.

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The Winters Enterprise
April 24, 1908

BRANHAM-GREEN

Mr. O. H. Green and Miss Susie Branham of the Moro mountain country arrived in Ballinger on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are well and favorably known in their community and have many friends in this coun-

CLIPPED FROM

The Winters Enterprise
April 24, 1908

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Overton L. Parish presents his name to the Enterprise readers asking for their support in his race for the office of county and district clerk. Mr. Parish is a young man, ambitious to succeed on the road of right living, and should the clerk's office fall into his hands, he will, no doubt, be equal to the task. He believes two terms in office is sufficient and on this and his fitness for the position he asks your consideration.

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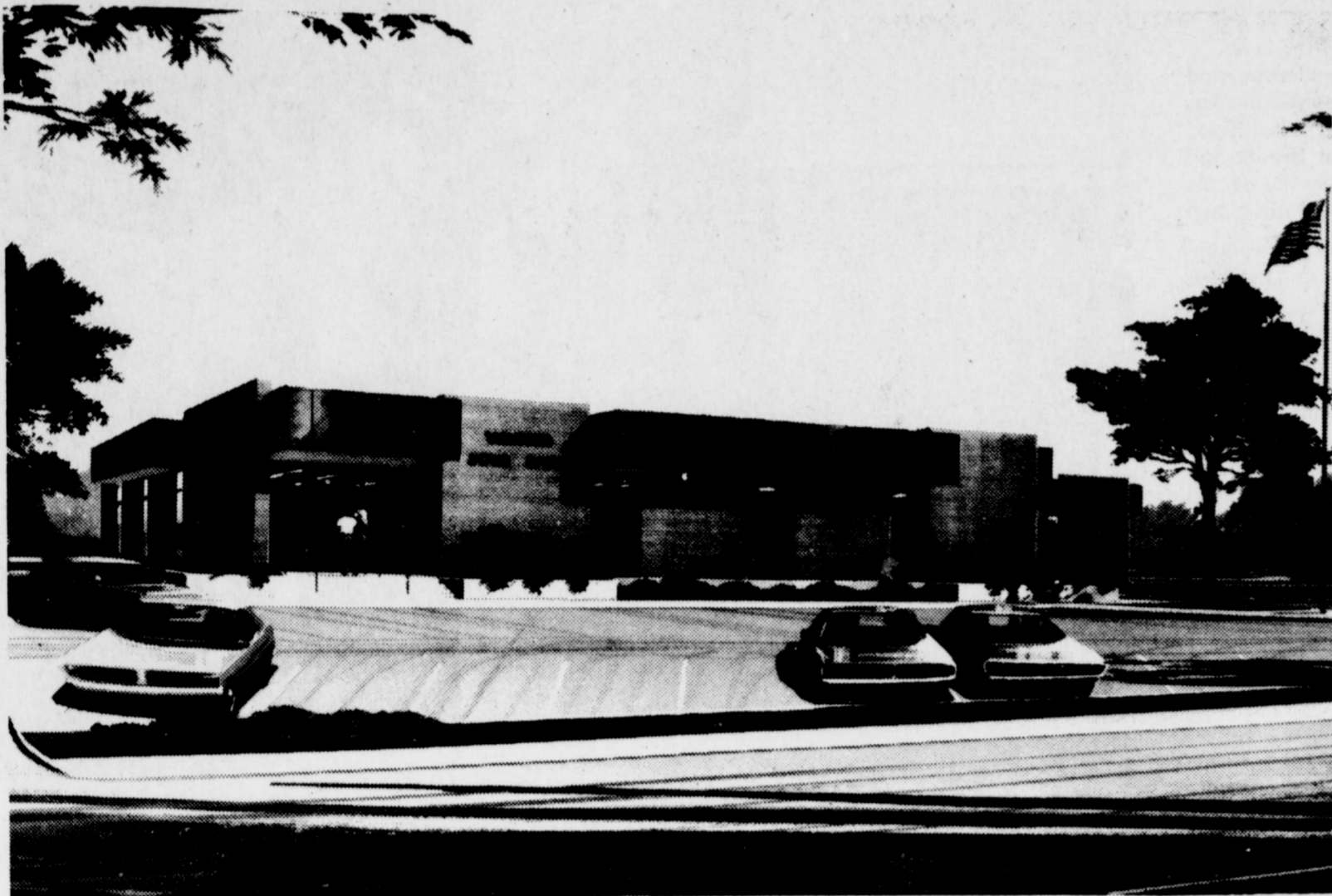
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WINTERS STATE BANK — 1980

STATEMENT
THE WINTERS STATE BANK
Established 1906

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS
MARCH 31, 1980

DIRECTORS	OFFICERS
J. W. Bahlman	CHARLES D. HUDSON President
Charles D. Hudson	DONAL L. HARRISON Vice President
W. F. Minzenmayer	ESTELLA BREDEMEYER Vice President
Audra L. Mitchell	LANIER BAHLMAN Cashier
Gattis Neely	MARY BETH SMITH Assistant Cashier
Jno. W. Norman	MARGARET BELL Assistant Cashier
*T. A. Smith	JIM JORDAN Operations Officer
M. R. Williams	
Fred Young	
*Chairman of Board Emeritus	

RESOURCES	
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 2,531,148.93
U. S. Government Bonds	3,650,477.38
U. S. Agency Bonds	2,904,853.03
State and Municipal Bonds	6,758,063.71
Loans and Discounts	11,402,691.06
Banking House	3.00
Furniture and Fixtures	30,612.28
Other Real Estate	19,352.00
Other Assets	629,637.59
TOTAL	\$27,926,838.98

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 300,000.00
Surplus	1,100,000.00
Undivided Profits	419,613.80
Reserves	526,367.65
Interest Collected Not Earned and Other Liabilities	383,320.44
Dividend Not Yet Payable	225.00
Deposits	25,197,312.09
TOTAL	\$27,926,838.98

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- MARGARET BELL Assistant Cashier
- JIM JORDAN Operations Officer

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
The Winters State Bank
WINTERS, TEXAS
At the Close of Business May 1, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$104,787.50	Capital	50,000.00
Overdrafts	None	Surplus and Profits net	12,737.09
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	20,000.00	Bills Payable (note assumed)	1,350.00
Other Real Estate	13,226.84	Deposits	208,033.73
Interest and Assessment	2,243.93		
Guaranty Fund	112,797.27		
Cash—With Banks	13,097.76		
In Vault	5,007.52		
Cotton	131,862.55		
Total available cash	272,120.82		

The above statement is correct.
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(Ed. Note: Erma Eason Beal, now living in California, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed. P. Eason, who published The Enterprise in the 1900s and early '20s. In the following article, she relates some of her childhood experiences in Winters and around the newspaper office.)

BY ERMA EASON BEAL

Shorty Dodd was the janitor. He swept this whole building with a broom and "floor sweep", an evil smelling sawdust. He built the fires in the coal burning stoves in each, took out the ashes and kept coal in the shuttles.

On wintry days we ate our lunches with our backs against the wall of this building. Sharing and trading from lunch boxes and paper bags. The farm children had homemade sausage and ham between cold biscuits, fried pies and cold baked yams that were worth trading for.

At the bell call we lined up after recess and lunch hour in rows to enter the building with admonitions to keep a straight line and be quiet. During World War I we learned the pledge of allegiance and to salute the flag.

Girls played jacks in the entrance of the building. There were 2 entrances on the north side, but they were likely to be cold and one was on the boy's side. This was the only cement surface available. It was cold to sit on but we could fold coats and sweaters for insulation or play on bended knees and wear out our long black stockings.

The toilets were out back a short distance from the building.

Mrs. Ed Proctor was my first grade teacher and taught all four of the Easons at one time or another.

Snow was so rare that it was impossible to keep classes. All the children wanted to throw snow balls, build snow men and just be out in the snow which melted quickly.

When a sudden norther came up, the country children often stayed in town with friends as it was too threatening for them to get home.

Such disasters were accepted as fun and an opportunity to have company overnight.

When the first airplane landed in Winters it was during school hours and landed in Meadows pasture. We almost broke down the doors getting out to run as fast as we could to see our first plane and pilot. He took passengers up. Ruth Eason was the first to go, for \$5. She was substitute teaching at the time, and happened to have the price.

Some students got a good education here, some a smattering and some none!! The building did not really matter.

Nicknames were colorful and most of the times they were given with affection. There were many but here are a few for remembrance.

"Crowbar" Gresham whose father was a section foreman for the A. and S. "Hacker" Farnes, who hacked off a finger working in a meat market. "Squirt" Likens who could spit the farthest. "Hamburger" Hall whose father bought a farm from profits of 5 and 10 cent hamburgers. "Shorty", "Skinny", "Fats", and "Spunky" might have been better than their

Christian names.

Children were teased, sometimes beyond fun and pranks were a means of entertainment. Beatty played with electricity and built shocking machines with magnets and ran a wire into a pan of water, put a nickle in the pan and told me I could have it if I would reach in and get it. I would get it repeatedly and yell at the shock.

Games were spontaneous and exciting. There always seemed to be enough children in the neighborhood for a rousing game, especially on long summer evenings. Hide and Seek, Kick the Can, Ante-over, Run Sheep Run, Wolf Over the River, Pussy Wants a Corner, London Bridge, Blind Man's Bluff, Truth or Consequences, I Spy, Pop the Whip, Tops, Jacks and Marbles. There was no need of compulsory physical education.

Exploring recently vacated houses was fun. As soon as the occupants and their belongings left the premises the neighborhood boys and girls would come out of their hiding places and race into the unlocked empty house. Houses were never locked, few people even had locks on their doors or could find their keys if they wanted to lock up.

We competed to see if anything of value had been left, anything we found was a temporary treasure. Empty houses had a strange smell of lingering food and people odors. We'd heard ghost stories of empty houses but found no ghosts, to our disappointment.

We did not have blacks in Winters until World War I. They came to pick and hoe cotton and harvest the crops. Many of the women were employed as household help.

I was fascinated by their remedies, a mixture of voodoo, herbs and using material on hand. Soot was put on a cut or laceration. Rags dipped in turpentine were tied around a wound

and not removed until it was considered healed. A wound from a rusty nail was treated by holding the foot over burning rags that had been dipped in kerosene. Asofetida in a wad and tied around the neck was said to ward off contagious disease and should ward off anything from its smell, especially when you were hot from playing ball.

I often had earache. Miss Anna B. who had four children, Roselia, Cordelia, Ophelia and Cornelius was our household help at the time I had a very bad earache. She said the cure was for a little boy to urinate in my ear. There would be no middle man, strictly producer to patient. I got over my earache right away, as I would have had the remedy been tried.

One night a young woman reported that as she got into bed a black man crawled out from underneath her bed. Her screams routed him and he was easily found as there were so few blacks in town he was conspicuous.

A group of men found a man answering to his description, judged him guilty and decided to hang him. My Dad got wind of it, arrived on the scene as the noose was being tied. He quietly and quickly took out his pocket knife, cut the man down, and told him to run and as the saying went "his pockets picked up sand." This was never mentioned in our home.

CLIPPED FROM
The Winters Recorder
Friday, Jan. 9, 1903

A Statement

In view of the slanderous and malicious report that some one has seen fit to circulate to the effect that I had started a paper at Bronte and had gotten a bonus from the people there, I have this to say: I never had anything to do with starting or running a paper at Bronte in any manner, I never received a dollar from any man at Bronte or vicinity at any time, I never saw the town in my life until the paper had been running for some two months or more. I bought the plant from Mr. Howell as anyone else had the right to do, and I have saw fit to locate it at Winters. And here I will say that Winters shall have a paper for at least one year. My honor, reputation and all that I have shall back this promise up and I do with pride refer you, one and all, to the good citizens of Miles, my home town to learn whether I will do to trust or not.

Resp't,
W. D. Currier,
Prop. Winters Recorder

Flaunche-Mitchel

On Wednesday Dec. 24, at the home of the brides parents in Taylor county Mr. A. M. Flaunche and Miss Lizzie Mitchel were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Dr. Cook officiating. The contracting parties are loved by all who know them and the Recorder joins their many friends with best wishes.

J. M. Young an up to date farmer living just east of town was in town the first of the week and left a nice lot of old time country sausage and yed editor is faring fine just now.

A traveling man was writing his name on a hotel register in Austin when a bedbug put in its appearance and slowly meandered across the page. The traveling man gazed at it a moment or two in surprise, and then expressed his disapproval in this manner: "Well, I'm d—d! I have been bled by St. Louis greybacks and connected with southern spiders, but I'll be hanged if I ever sleep in a hotel where the bedbugs came up and examined the number of my room. I guess I'll go down and sleep on the railroad bridge."

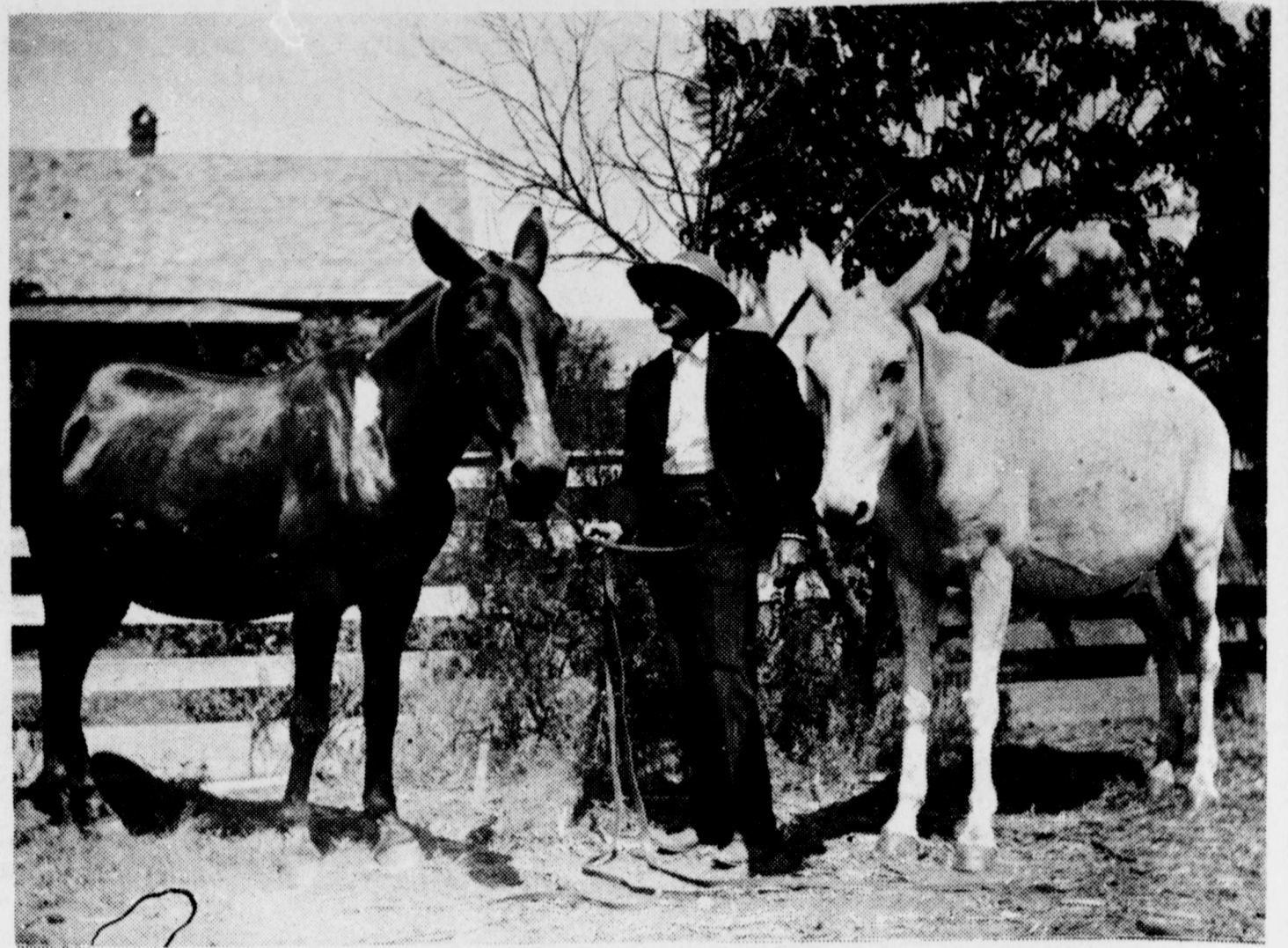
Winters has the best all round band in West Texas. You did not know that did you?

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The Winters Enterprise
March 6, 1925

Buck Jones In Fast Western At Mission

Recent Buck Jones vehicles have been hitting a high average of entertainment value and "The Trail Rider" at the Mission next Thursday and Friday, his newest Fox is no exception, and it is a picture that will please the majority of "western" fans.

Buck appears as a wandering cowboy who in a strange town meets with unusually exciting experiences revolving around the keeping of diseased cattle from crossing a deadline. It is a well-knit story skillfully handled.



Early moving power

The late W. F. Meadows, with two of the mules which

pulled wagons bringing the Meadows family to Winters in the early days.

When you are in Winters don't fail to drop in and give us the news from your section of the country, we are always glad to meet our friends.

W. A. Mayo a staunch farmer living six miles West of town was trading in Winters Wednesday.

Help your town by helping your newspaper, it will help you.

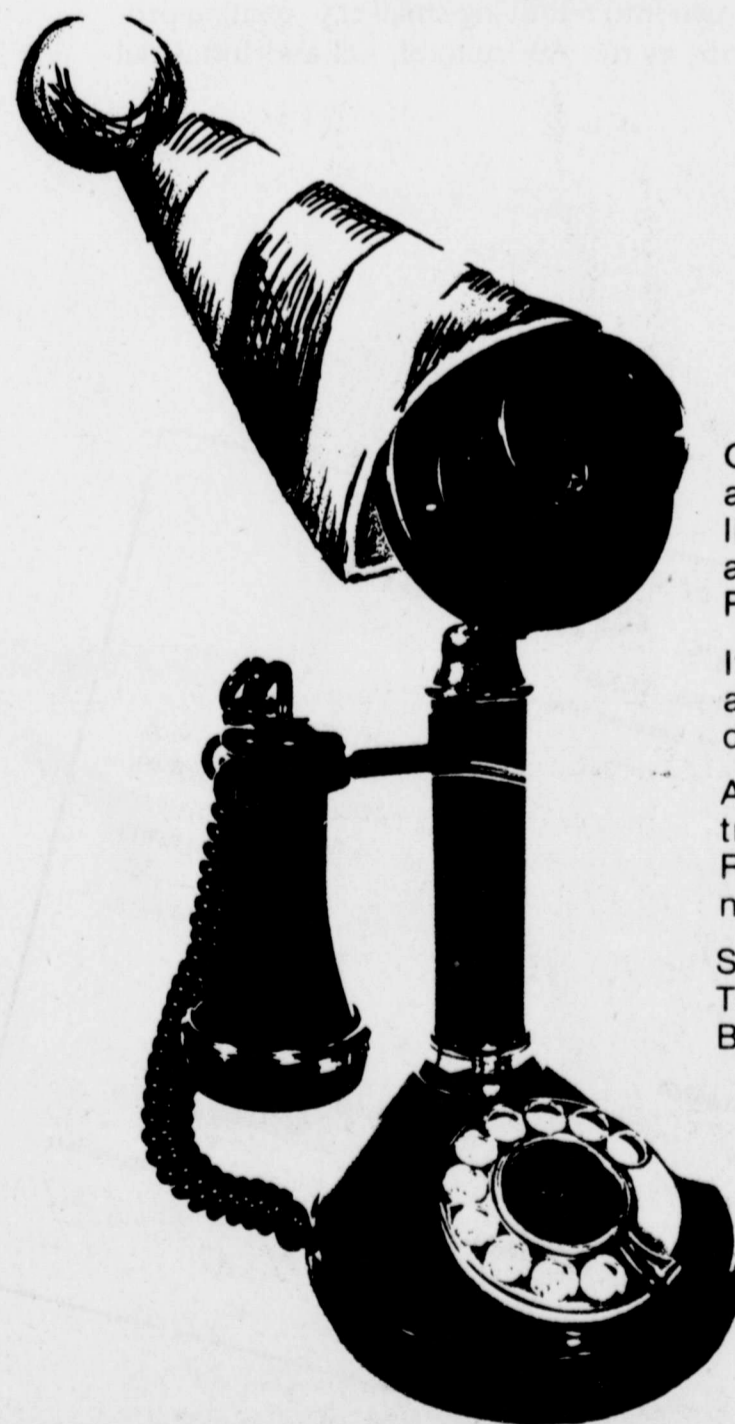
A good 10 room hotel for sale cheap. Conveniently located to business part of town, good run of trade. Cause for selling have other business. For further particulars write the Recorder at Winters, Tex.

We have been here nearly a week in Winters and have not smelt whiskey nor seen the effects of it on any man here. This is something that Winters should be proud of. Let us strive to keep this a dry town you all shall have free access to the columns of the Recorder if you have a word to say along this line. If the other fellow wants to drink and have a good time let's ask him to go to some other town we don't want him here at all so we give this hint.



The first Ford automobile had to wait over an hour for its first test run, since it was built in a shed, and was wider than the shed door.

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Winters Lions Club: A history of service to the community

In 1974, the Winters Lions Club celebrated a half century of service to the community, one of the earliest Lions Clubs to be chartered in the area. Since the beginning, the Winters club has been foremost in the promotion of commercial and social development of the community. Although records through the decades indicate some "lean" years, the overall picture of service is quite outstanding. Much of the work done by the club was done without fanfare, group endeavors as well as work done by individual members of the organization. The recorded history of the club also indicates that the realization of goals has been the objective, rather than the publicity to be gained therefrom.

Records are thin for the first few years of the young club, but indications are that the Winters Lions annually had promotional programs in progress. During 1927-28, for example, the Lions promoted a good roads campaign, a clean-up cam-

paign, and a paving program. In 1928-29, they worked on a program to secure consolidation of rural schools, sponsored a Lions Club at Bronte, and helped to establish an airport for Winters, in a day when aviation was just getting off the ground, so to speak.

In following years, the Winters Lions promoted programs to beautify the city, continued to work on road projects, sponsored banquets for high school seniors, and assisted in census checking. They also cooperated in a smallpox control project. Sponsorship of a lamb show for the vocational agriculture class in Winters High School was a main project during 1931-32, but a most outstanding program of the service club for that period was providing of milk to undernourished school children, and helping to conduct surveys to determine the number of families in need and their various requirements.

During the Depression years, the

Winters Lions Club was in the front lines, dispensing aid to destitute families when possible, and distributing food baskets to at least 45 needy families at Christmastime.

In 1934-35, the Winters Lions Club was influential in securing a PWA appropriation of \$27,000 for constructing a rock fence around school buildings and the athletic field, and the fences stand today as a monument to the club's endeavors.

They also sponsored movements for the appropriation of federal funds for building a lake to increase the city's water supply, the establishment of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp near Winters, and secured a canning factory in Winters to help provide employment for many people who were out of work during those hard times.

In 1935-36, the Lions Club raised funds to complete the construction of the rock walls and fences in the school area, and began promotion of

a new hospital in Winters, in addition to the everyday projects they promoted.

In 1937-38, the Winters Lions Club raised \$25 to send a 4-H Club girl to a short course at A&M College. In that year, they also purchased new shades for the Winters Hospital, at a cost of \$50. The club also provided \$215 to help buy uniforms for the high school band, and sponsored a drive and raised \$300 to be used to provide food, fruit and clothing to needy families at Christmastime, and also sponsored a drive and raised \$1,500 for construction of a bridge over Coyote Creek.

In 1938-39, the Winters club extended a helping hand to a neighbor city, Clyde, which had been hit by a tornado, according to records. The club sent \$183 to help Clyde, and also sent a boy to Dallas for medical treatment. This year, they also raised

Lions Club presidents since 1924

Fifty-six men have served as president of the Winters Lions Club since the service club was organized and chartered in 1924. Some of these men served less than a year. Jno. W. Norman served two separate terms, 1934-35, and again in 1948-49.

- Pual N. Holcomb* 1924-26
- R. T. Thornton 1926
- S. H. Nance* 1926-27
- R. E. Bacon* 1927-28
- A. H. Smith* 1928-29
- J. Fank Paxton* 1929-30
- G. E. Nicholson* 1930
- A. Kraus* 1930-31
- E. A. Shepperd* 1931-32
- R. L. Stokes* 1932-33
- T. D. Copeland* 1933-34
- Jno. W. Norman 1934-35
- E. D. Stringer 1935-36
- C. L. Green* 1936-37
- George C. Hill* 1937-38
- A. L. Afflerbach* 1938-39
- J. W. Dixon* 1939-40
- Jno. Q. McAdams* 1949-41
- J. S. Bourn* 1941-42
- H. J. Hodge* 1942-43
- Harry London 1943-44
- C. N. Korngay 1944-45
- C. R. Kendrick 1945-46
- E. E. Thormeyer 1946-47
- B. G. Owens* 1947-48
- Jno. W. Norman 1948-49
- L. D. Braun 1949-50
- I. L. Lasater 1950-51
- Roy C. Maddox* 1951-52
- H. H. Lewis* 1952-53
- J. W. Dixon* 1953-54
- Charlie West* 1954-55
- J. C. Martin 1955-56
- Fred Young 1956-57
- Eltzie Coz* 1957-58
- Joyce Wilkerson 1958-59
- James B. Nevins 1959-60
- Wesley M. Hays 1960-61
- Richard C. Thomas 1961-62
- J. W. Bahlman 1962-63
- Mord Tucker* 1963-64
- Bob Christian* 1964-65
- Walker Tatum 1966-67
- Dr. Z. I. Hale* 1966-67
- G. Rankin Pace 1967-68
- Lee Harrison 1968-69
- Homer Hodge 1969-70
- Ted Meyer 1970-71
- Gene Wheat 1971-72
- George Beard 1972-73
- Dr. T. L. Russell 1973-74
- Woodrow F. Watts* 1974-75
- Kirke McKenzie 1975-76
- Randy Loudermilk 1976-77
- Stanley Blackwell 1977-78
- Arnold Thormeyer 1978-79
- LaDell Davis 1979-80

*Deceased

Main Street

Looking north. Evidently taken in the fall of the year, as at least two farmers have been to the gin and are

\$260 to purchase 18 uniforms for the high school band, and sponsored a bond issue for road improvement.

In 1939-40, the club assisted a rural community in securing improved telephone service, and provided a building for Home Demonstration Clubs, and arranged for an eye operation for an elderly resident. They also assisted in lighting the high school football field.

In 1940-41, the club sent the school band to a state convention, and gave support to highway work. They continued promotion of extended telephone service, and sponsored a WPA playground project, and helped several persons obtain eyeglasses.

In the early years of World War II, the Winters Lions Club assisted in an aluminum drive, participated in USO drives, and in defense programs. Members also assisted in Selective Service registration, and helped to entertain men entering the armed services. They staged patriotic meetings, and sponsored War Bond drives, and assisted with the sugar rationing program.

The war years were marked with constant and dedicated service by members of the Winters Lions Club, who continued to assist in War Bond drives, helping service men, and conducting clean-up campaigns. In 1944-45, they planted shrubbery at the high school, and financed a trip for the football team to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. In 1946-47, the Lions sponsored a Cancer Control drive, backed Red Cross and March of Dimes campaigns, and assisted with school athletic programs. In 1947-48, they worked with city and county health authorities for citywide rat extermination, and financed a trip to a state meeting for Home Economics class girls.

In 1948-48, the Lions did special work with the local school athletic association, sponsored a rodeo, and sent a high school girl to the National Future Homemakers' convention, and helped a girl enter nursing school. They also promoted a Better Educational Program for the high school music department, home economics and vocational agriculture departments, and contributed \$100 toward purchase of an audiometer for use in the schools.

The Lions provided \$100 to the softball fund, and assisted with the rodeo in 1950-51. The club also

perhaps looking for one of the many cotton buyers who were in Winters in those early days when cotton was king.

gave \$50 to help purchase a two-way radio system for the police department, and donated \$50 to the high school piano fund. Meanwhile, they collected \$290 for the Crippled Children's Camp.

The Lions Club in 1951-52 voted to urge passage of the White Cane Law in Texas, to aid the blind, and paid for art lessons for a crippled girl.

An outstanding promotion by the Winters Lions Club headlined activities during 1952-53. That year, they collected \$5,000 and constructed the Scout Hut on North Main street, and also donated \$108 to the Crippled Children's League, and sponsored FFA and 4-H Club stock show.

In 1953-54, the club gave \$50 to the Boy Scout troop for equipment, and sponsored a visit by the Bloodmobile Unit, and sponsored advertising in *The Enterprise* to promote passage of a new school bond. In 1956-57, the Lions assisted in obtaining a building for the public library, and resolved to support Up-Stream Flood Control for Runnels County, and installed a backdrop for the baseball league field. They also provided glasses for seven residents that year, and sponsored a rabies vaccination program for dogs.

In 1957-58, the Lions Club voted to serve as a sponsor for the Valley Creek Watershed Flood Control project, and sponsored a boy and girl to Boys State and Girls State.

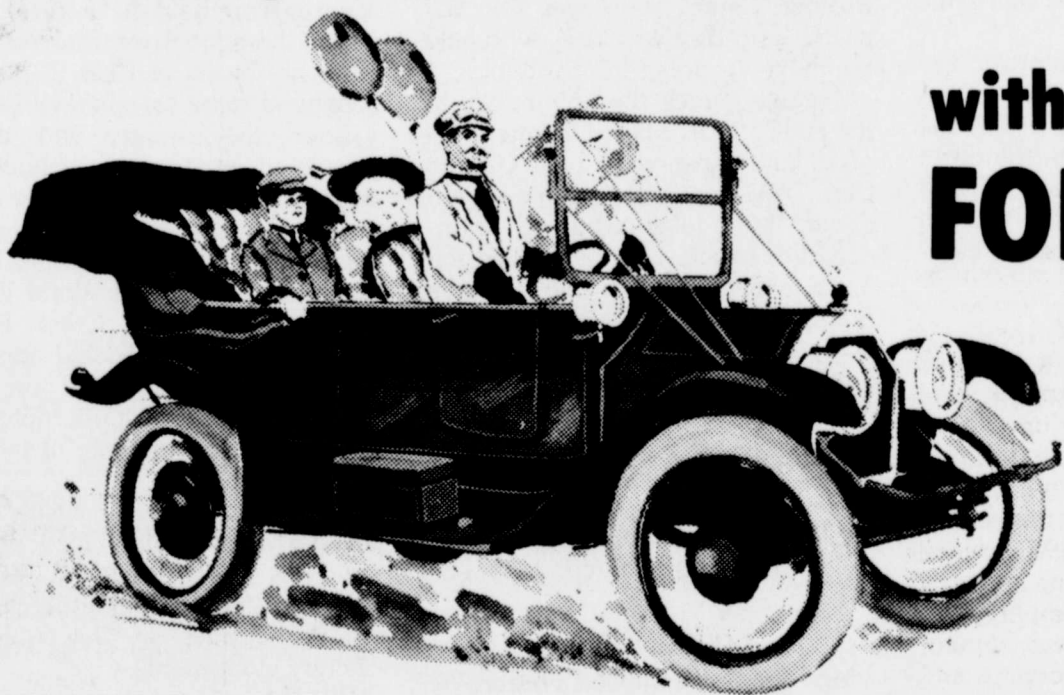
The club paid transportation for an FFA boy to the National FFA convention, and noted Public Schools Week with a special luncheon, in 1958-59.

In 1962-63, the Winters Lions Club sponsored a mass oral polio inoculation program, and sponsored two children to the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville. They also furnished a desk for the library, and honored all high school National Honor Society students.

Also in that year, the Lions Club purchased aluminum windows for the Municipal Hospital, \$350, and purchased book shelves for the Winters Public Library, \$350, and sponsored sale of rodeo flags.

Down through the years, to the present, the Winters Lions club has stepped in to lend assistance to all manner of projects for the good of the community and individuals, emphasizing the organization's slogan, "We Serve."

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(Editor's note: A history of Winters—and a history of Runnels County, for that matter—would not be complete, without adequate mention of the many outlying communities, the history of their growth, and in some instances, their decline and eventual disappearance. Those communities were, and even though some of them have about disappeared, closely linked with the birth, growth and development of Winters. Along with Winters, they make up the entire community, and the roots of Winters' beginning can be traced to them in some cases. Even today, their presence and their prosperity are a big factor in the social, political and economic balance of the city of Winters. They are part of the "family" of North Runnels county. In the following columns can be found short histories and accounts of these communities and their peoples, collected and compiled by the "Dean of Runnels County Historians," Charlsie Poe).

BY CHARLSIE POE

The Homestead Act of 1863 triggered a great mass migration to the prairie regions. Any citizen—he needed only a pocketful of courage—could cross the Mississippi and travel west until he saw a parcel of 160 acres he liked. He then staked it, fashioned a crude shelter of sod or stone, tilled, planted — and prayed for a harvest. He had to live on his claim five years to "prove it up," before it was his, free and clear.

Many pioneers lost their gamble for a new way of life, but others fought through years of hardships — loneliness, fear, droughts, floods, blizzards — to establish thriving farms.

Runnels was one of the last counties to be organized because of the Indians who were a constant source of danger and heavy expense. The last Indian battle reported in the county was on Buck Creek north of Content in 1874. Four Indians were said to have been killed, one captured and one escaped. W. H. (Billie) Brown, a Texas Ranger, is the last white man reported to have been killed by Indians in the county. He was buried at Maverick and his death was Sept. 19, 1875.

As the railroads were built farther and farther toward the plains and civilization was pressing the frontier westward, the Indians and the buffalo made their last stand. Prairies were first fenced, then cut up into increasingly smaller sections of land until Runnels County is now noted as

an important agricultural, oil producing and industrial area, with much stock farming.

As the settlers came in, they gathered in little communities where wood and water were easily accessible. They improved their farms, built small schoolhouses, then churches, and perhaps some enterprising citizen would build a store. These communities played an important part in the development of the county, but most of them have now ceased to be. Some of the communities in the northern part of the county are:

HATCHEL

The first post office was established at Hatchel on April 21, 1904, with Elijah W. Hatchel as postmaster. On June 5, 1909, the office was moved south and a little west, about one mile from the original site.

When the Abilene & Southern Railroad was built from Ballinger to Abilene, the little town of Hatchel moved some eight miles south of Winters, and the people built a school and organized a church.

The Baptist Church was organized in the Bowman School building, one mile north of Hatchel in November, 1909. Rev. John R. Hardesty was the first pastor.

On March 23, 1914, the post office was moved 60 feet east of its previous location; 125 yards west of the Abilene & Southern tracks. Again the post office was moved 100 feet west of the railroad tracks on May 4, 1915. At one time, Hatchel had two stores. The stores are now gone, and the post office was closed several years ago.

NORTON

H. D. Pearce, who owned and operated a hotel at Runnels City, told J. A. Patterson that he took George W. Norton, a native of Kentucky, out to the divide between Valley and Oak creeks, to look over a block of land owned by Burnett Company, and known as the Burnett school land. He later purchased the acreage at 50 cents per acre, in about 1888 or 1889.

The land was then put on the market in small tracts of 100 and 200 acres. C. S. Miller was agent and

prices were \$8 per acre.

The drought of 1893 caused a good many people to give up and leave. One man rented his land and later bought it back for what he owed.

When Patterson came to Norton in 1897, the following families were living there: Jim Eastland, Tom L. Duncan, L. C. (Cal) Proctor, Tom L. Patterson, Captain A. B. Hutchison, B. F. Bogart, J. S. Hall, Will Lykes, J. M. McMaster, J. Matlock, Bill Maxey, and C. Gilliland. John Grimes lived on Oak Creek along with John Mackey, W. Culp and Jim Osgood.

There were several vacant houses. Improved farms could be bought for \$6 per acre. The post office which had been established Nov. 27, 1894, was in a small room, on the porch at Marion A. (Zan) Wilkerson's house, and he was the postmaster. The mail came twice each week, Tuesday and Friday, from Maverick and was transported by a man on horseback.

The one-room school building was on the Duncan farm. There were three or four months of school each winter. The Methodists had church services in the building once a

month. The Baptists had church at Maverick once each month. The first store was built in 1901 by a Mr. Turner, on the present site of Norton, about the time another school building was constructed about three miles north of the store. For a time it was North Norton and South Norton.

In 1901 a Baptist Church was organized in North Norton school building. The year 1900 saw the first big cotton crop made in the county. The new (sod) land made one-half bale to the acre. Norton country began to grow and land offered for \$6 per acre was soon sold. Unimproved land sold for \$3.50 and \$4 per acre.

The community had its first doctor in 1901, Dr. W. W. Mitchell. He and Fes Trimmier built the first two houses in the present town of Norton. Turner moved his store to Marie and T. J. McCaughan opened a general store in 1903. A gin was built by a Mr. Spontz. He later moved it to Ft. Chadbourne and Rayburn built one which was being run by Holloway when it burned.

Norton kept growing. More stores opened, roads were laid, and the Methodists who had erected a building in 1901, moved it into Norton. The Baptists built a church. In 1909, Bob Dorsett built a telephone exchange which had five telephones; there was no charge to call the doctor. A blacksmith shop owned by Graves and later occupied by Crockett's garage is the only original building still standing. In 1923 a bank was added and the first oil well came in 1949.

On Oct. 13, 1903, the post office was moved 1½ miles southwest of its original site. On May 4, 1920, the post office was situated in the north part of a 640 acre tract of land known as Abstract No. 274. Norton continues to be a nice sized community.

PUMPHREY

In 1870, Oscar Puckett freighted from Abilene to San Angelo, and made his camping place on Coyote Creek, in what was later to be called the Pumphrey Community.

Charlie Awalt came to this section about 1894, and by 1898, several other families had come, among them William Morgan Pumphrey, for whom the community was named. The S. L. Alexanders, Morgans, and Lewis Pumphreys came a little later.

The country of that day differed greatly from the scenes of well tended farms of today. Cities of prairie dogs dotted across acres of land,

some of the mounds being shared by dog owls, so called because they made their homes with the prairie dogs. The howls of the wolves were common sounds at night. Dreaded rattlesnakes slid across trails so much so that settlers were wary about getting out at night. Badgers, too, were inhabitants of the region.

For several years, the children of the community attended the Stone school in the Independence Community. Wagons with lumber began to come in 1900, and one could frequently see small houses spring up on the prairies. About this time the citizens realized the need of a school of their own and erected a one room building which they called New Hope. For roads there were dim wagon trails across the prairie. On foggy mornings it was often that the children lost their way while going to school.

In 1907 the community became so thickly settled that it was necessary to erect a larger school building, which was a two story structure.

As the school grew, so grew the town. The post office was named Pumphrey, so the school left off the earlier name and adopted that also. Along with the post office came a barber shop, blacksmith shop, grocery store, drug store and a doctor whose name was Franklin.

Baptist and Methodist churches were built in 1905 and 1906. Revivals were held in a brush arbor, the most memorable one being a time when 56 were baptized in Valley Creek with two preachers, Brother Carter, who was the first pastor, and Brother Crow, who held the meeting, doing the baptizing.

Tragedy struck the community in the early 1900s. Five of the men had gone land prospecting near Garden City. They were traveling in a wagon drawn by mules when a thunderstorm struck. Lightning killed the mules and four of the men, Charlie Stamp, Jerry Rich, a Mr. Ashley, and a Mr. Peterson. Only a Mr. Andrews was left to tell the story, and 21 children were made orphans in a moment's time.

In 1924, a four room concrete school building was erected.

All that remains of Pumphrey today is the Baptist Church.

VICTORY

Mrs. Jim Eoff compiled a history of the Victory Community where she lived 37 years before moving to Winters in 1954. The community is now gone.

According to Mrs. Eoff's history,

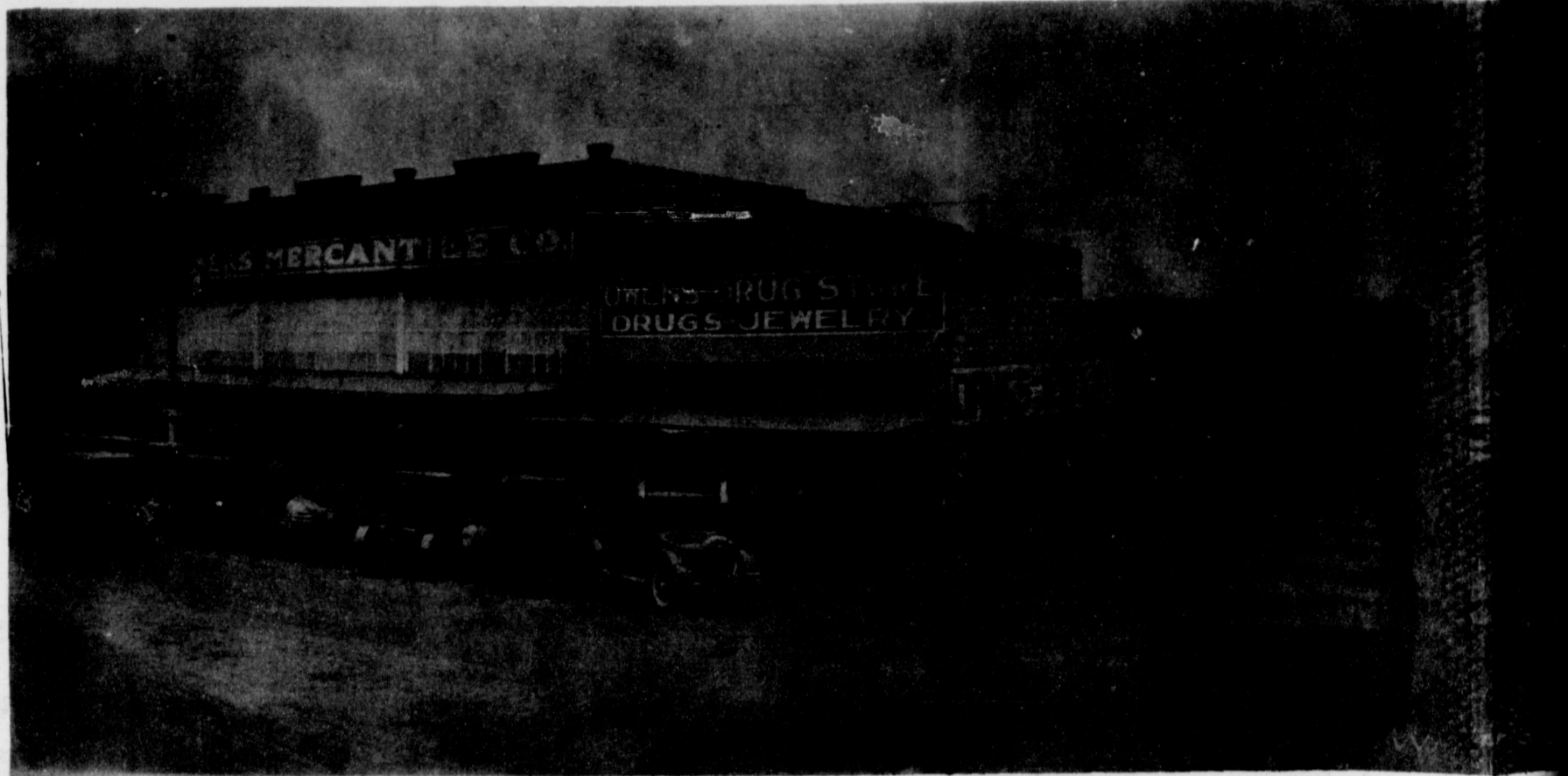
TRUITT

Just off FM 1770, about 10 miles east of Winters, lies a lonely cemetery. No other trace remains of the active village that was once nearby.

When a post office was acquired in 1902, some of the citizens met to give their town a name, and decided to call it Truitt, for the baby son of one of the town's general mercantile owners. Truitt Billups for many years lived on his ranch near the site of what was once his namesake town. He and Mrs. Billups now live in Central Texas, while their son, Lynn Billups and his family live on the family place.

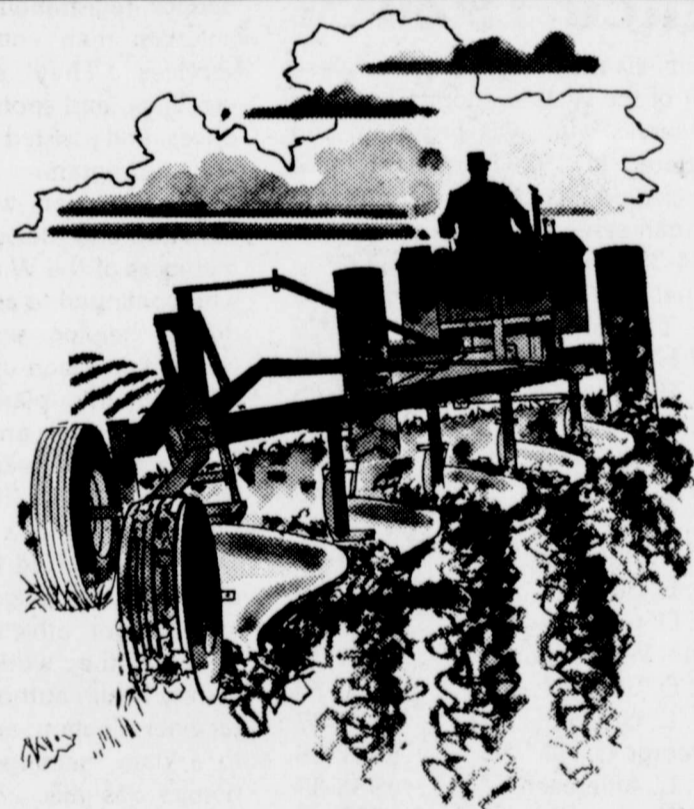
The one street ran north and south and the Billups General Mercantile store was on the west side. The other general store owned by John Golden was on the east side of the street, and also housed the post office. John Brown delivered the mail from Winters to Truitt, using a horse and buggy.

Billups' store burned in 1908. He was at home ill after suffering a heart attack. Gad Ash later put in another general store. These were the stores that had the sugar barrel, cracker barrel, cured meat hanging from the



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Rev. L. Overman and his family lived a few miles south of the community and came in 1905. He was a pastor at Norton and Mazeland. The J. J. Hood family came in 1906. The Wilmeth school was consolidated with Winters in 1947. The school building was moved across the road from the Baptist Church and is now used as a barn.

neighbor killed one and the meat tasted like goat meat.

Patterson recalled that in 1902, Wingate had a small gin owned by W. P. Hawkins, who later moved to Winters and operated a dry good store. Moore & Son operated a large mercantile store, Street & Holehouser had groceries and dry goods, and the drug store was operated by Dr. Wyatt, who also practiced medicine. There was a Smithson blacksmith shop, a Whitfield barber shop, and Jim Flynt brought the mail from Winters on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Wingate had its heyday in the 1920s, when there were three grocery stores, a dry goods store, a hat shop, a bank built in 1917, and a fully accredited high school. Dr. Boone and Dr. Shook were early day doctors, and were followed by Dr. J. W. Dixon and Dr. J. L. Barron.

Today, Wingate has a grocery store, gin, bank, filling station, elementary school and several churches.

Towns and cities have sprung up as industry flowed into the region with development of improved transportation facilities. The transition has been especially fast moving in recent years . . . and new landmarks loomed on the once unbroken horizons.

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Ye editor and the devil went to Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Annie Brown of Antelope was in town shopping this week.

Come to Winters where your boys will not have the temptations found in other towns thrown around them.

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North Runnels history

rafters, the bolts of cloth and candy that you got a good sized sack of for a nickel.

E. T. Branham was owner of the drug store. Dr. Ash and Dr. Poole had offices there. In 1909 Dr. C. A. Watson had his first office there and moved to Crews in 1911. Leslie David established a telephone system in 1904. His office was in the Billups store and later in the Golden store. Widow Bishop ran the telephone exchange.

There was also a hardware store and blacksmith shop on the east side of the street. John Brown's father was postmaster and justice of the peace. Elmer Burke was the Baptist minister. School was taught for a while in a one room building but with two teachers.

Truitt's citizens had great dreams for the future of their town when they heard of the plans for the new railroad to come nearby, and the survey was made but plans were altered and Truitt was doomed when the railroad was laid through Winters instead.

Church services were held at the school house at Truitt and often in the summer under a brush arbor. This was near the little creek that ran south of town. "There were eleven dwellings in Truitt," says Truitt Billups.

In 1915, the school was consolidated with Long Branch, a one room building about six miles south of Truitt, and the combined school became Harmony with three teachers.

Arthur Nichols ran a store and gin in Truitt in 1906. Pruitt later ran the gin and it was closed in 1911 or 1912. The last store was the general store run by Alexander and it was closed in 1916. All the buildings were moved away and many people in the county today have never heard of Truitt.

DRASCO

Known as County Line, because it was located near the Raylor-Runnels county line, the community later changed its name to Drasco because there was another place in Runnels County that was called County Line. That was back in 1906.

The first road was a furrow, plowed for a distance of 15 miles from the Bluff Creek cemetery to Winters. The cemetery provided free burial ground for several Runnels County communities, including Moro and Shep. The first person buried there is believed to be a young boy who died while making the journey over the Butterfield Trail.

Farmers moved into the area. Fences were built and the grasslands were plowed into fields, and it wasn't long until a one room school building was constructed in Drasco, in 1902.

The pioneers soon organized a Baptist Church, and the town grew. The school building had to be enlarged, and soon a new building was constructed. In 1914, a Methodist Church was organized.

Fine cotton crops caused the construction of a gin in Drasco and now cotton and milo maize are the predominant crops in this section.

The late Tom Puckett gave land for the school building and money was donated to build it. An ice cream supper was held to raise money. A cake belonging to the former Nattie Mayhew, later Mrs. D. Horn, brought \$117.

The community was named Drasco when the post office and general store was built in 1906 by Prof. Robert Kerr, a music teacher. At one time, two stores were in operation.

First settlers in the community were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wood, who bought a farm east of Drasco. Their daughter, Mrs. Zack West, was born there in 1889.

CREWS

The Crews community is located in the northern part of Runnels County at the crossroads of FM 53 and FM 382.

When the Sims family moved to the area, Crews had not been founded, there was no post office, and Mrs. Sims rode horseback to Glen Cove after the mail. There was no school in the area, and Mrs. Sims taught the neighbor children in her home. These included the Hales, Browns and Daltons.

When the first settlers came to the area, there were few mesquite trees and the land was covered with tall grass. There were hog wallows, prairie dog holes, rattlesnakes and coyotes. Antelope roamed the prairie, but the herds grew smaller as the years passed.

In 1892, a store was built at Crews by two men, Wise & Broughten, and a post office was established June 28, 1892, with Jefferson D. Wise the first postmaster. I. S. Baldwin moved to Crews in 1894, and bought the store. He also became postmaster. Several postmasters followed, and the office was discontinued April 15, 1922.

When the post office was established, names were suggested, and Crews was selected, after C. R. Crews, a Ballinger businessman.

From 1888 to 1890, children of the community attended school in a one room log structure, with a dirt floor and split log benches. It was 1 1/2 miles northeast of the present site of Crews. The teacher was Dan Fannin, and the school was referred to as the Pig Pen. About 1890, a building made of lumber was erected near the townsite, and was called the Lone Star School until 1901 it was moved two miles farther away and a school house was built one mile west of Crews. In 1905, the house was moved to Crews, and in 1907, a two room building was constructed and used until 1922, when a four room brick building was built in the west part of town. In 1930, the Dietz School was consolidated with Crews, and at one time, seven teachers were employed.

In 1940 a gymnasium was constructed, and serves as the community center today. The school was discontinued in 1947.

A. D. Talley was justice of the peace, and performed many weddings for people in an early day. Stephen F. Hale was an early operator of a blacksmith shop.

A peddler's wagon was a familiar sight in the rural areas. A frame built on the wagon with shelves on the sides made it possible to display wares. The peddler would trade merchandise for chickens, eggs and other produce.

Crews had numerous doctors, including Myrick Jones, Hale, Crandall, Watson, Matthews, Zachery Ligion and Burrus.

An epidemic of typhoid fever started in the Crews area in 1904, and was not completely under control until 1915, during which time many people died.

In 1907, Dr. Hale established a telephone system with the switchboard at his home, and his wife was the operator. It was later bought by Mr. and Mrs. Ola Johnson and operated until 1920. In 1961 a modern dial system was installed with 75 members.

At one time the town had three streets running north and south with residences along each side. A group of rock buildings housed the firms of Crews. Today all that is left of the town is two churches, and the gymnasium. The Methodist Church was organized in 1889, and the Baptist Church in 1894. Both churches were destroyed by a storm in 1922 and later rebuilt.

CONTENT

One of the earliest towns in the county was Content, founded by Dan W. Hale in 1881. The post office was moved from Blue Gap to Hale's store and he served as postmaster. Gibbins and Counts operated the store after Hale, and they later sold to J. E. Chandler, who kept the store for many years.

The first school was taught at Content in 1882, the second in the county. Back in 1888, the town boasted of a two-story hotel, and in 1896, a teachers' convention was held there.

Content had a claim to fame which few Runnels County citizens know of today. The first woman doctor to be licensed by the Fort Worth Medical School in Texas practiced there. Dr. D. Emery Allen, who in 1897 became the first woman graduate of a medical school in Texas, moved there from Oklahoma in 1902, with her husband, Dr. J. W. Allen. Her sister, the late Mrs. Jim Bright, lived there.

When the railroad was built through Winters in 1909, it missed the town of Content by a few miles, and stores and homes from there were moved out of Runnels County to the town of Goldsboro.

WILMETH

Capt. A. B. Hutchison, the grandfather of Mrs. T. V. Jennings, moved his family to the Wilmeth area before 1900 where he owned a ranch. He built the first store and established the first post office on his ranch about two miles east and a half mile south of the present Wilmeth. Some think it was called Mazeland because it was a good maize country.

Capt. Hutchison sold his store but continued to live at Mazeland until moving to Midland in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash bought the store and ran it with the help of their two children.

Realizing the need for a school, the pioneers of the Mazeland community erected a one room building in 1904.

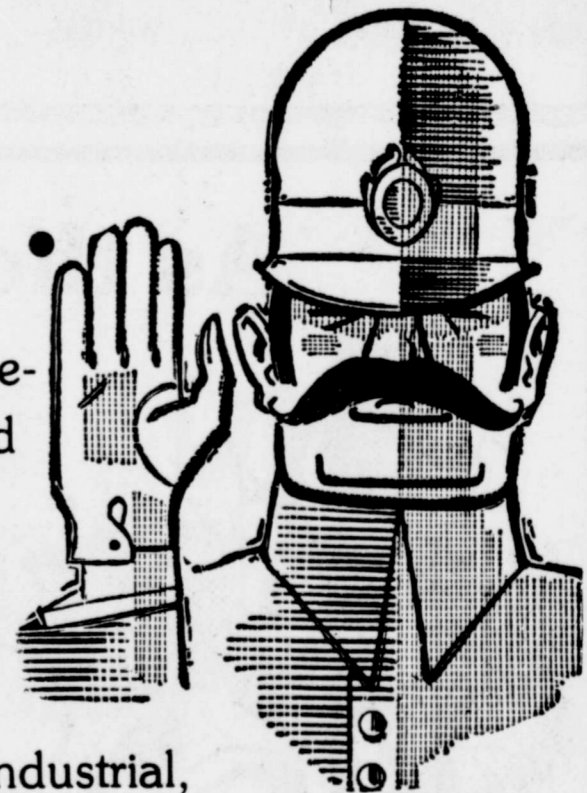
In 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Smith built the Wilmeth store where the building now stands. Not long afterwards, the Nash store of Mazeland was moved to Wilmeth to the location of the F. E. Berryman home, but after a few years the store was closed and the building moved away.

The community was renamed for Joe Wilmeth, a banker in Ballinger, who was interested in the county's being settled and was a good promoter. At one time, Wilmeth had a telephone Office, barbershop, two stores, garage, blacksmith shop, two churches and a gin. Only the Baptist Church remains.

Some of the very early settlers in the Wilmeth Community were the late Mr. and Mrs. John McNeil. The

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Now 46 Historical Markers dedicated in Runnels Co.

According to Charlsie Poe, secretary of the Runnels County Historical Commission, there are at least 46 official Texas Historical Markers which have been dedicated in Runnels County.

Location and subsequent dedication of the historic sites in the county could not have been accomplished without the assistance of property owners and others in the county, members of the commission said.

RUNNELS COUNTY
Courthouse grounds. Organized Feb. 1, 1880. Named in honor of Hiram G. Runnels, 1796-1857. 1936 Texas Centennial Marker.

SITE OF THE TOWN OF RUNNELS
Five miles north of Ballinger on FM 2887. First county seat. Established in 1880 as Runnels City. Declined after 1888.

SITE OF SAN CLEMENTE MISSION

On private property off Highway 83, seven miles south of Ballinger. Established March 16, 1684, by the Mendoza Expedition for Christianizing the Indians.

GERMAN-METHODIST CHURCH

420 Strong Ave., Ballinger. Native stone structure built in 1893 for German settlers, now privately owned.

LYNN-HATHAWAY BUILDING

800 Hutchings Ave., Ballinger. O. Ruffini was architect and S. R. Fulton contractor for the native stone, two-story structure of classic simplicity with arched doors and windows, erected in 1890.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

204 N. 8th, Ballinger. The composite Greek-Roman structure was



Content marker

This official Texas Historical Marker was put up in the old Content Community and dedicated July 4, 1966, by the Runnels County Historical Commission. Shown, left to right,

Sheila Allen of Fort Worth, who, with her sister, Frances, sponsored the marker. Charlsie Poe, Commission secretary, and Rankin Pace, chairman of the commission.

built in 1909 on the site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jo Wilmeth. The two-story native rock building is on national register and being restored.

RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Courthouse square. Constructed of native stone in 1888-89, after hotly-contested battle for county seat. On one of the largest courthouse squares in Texas. Extensively remodeled in 1941. Interpretive plate added to medallion in 1967.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.

301 Broadway, Ballinger. Main sanctuary and bell tower are original structure built in 1888 of native limestone, much of it quarried from the site. Several additions. Art glass windows are noteworthy.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

503 8th St., Ballinger. The building of wood and native stone was started in 1900 and dedicated in 1904. Site

deed conveyed by railroad to trustees of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1899.

BLUE GAP POST OFFICE

Sixteen miles east of Winters on FM 382, 1.3 miles off road. First post office in Runnels County, Feb. 14, 1878. Named for gap in Table Mountains. Transferred two miles to Content in 1882. Last postmaster was A. A. Hanscomb. The one-room structure has cedar rafters, hand-made shingle roof and rough-hewn log walls.

OLD COTTON OIL MILL

710 N. Melwood, Winters. First local industrial plant. Processed cottonseed into cake, meal, hulls, oil. Gave city a good payroll. Built in 1909-10, with stone quarried from Gap Creek, southeast of city. Closed in 1939 after cotton farming declined. Plate added in 1971.

BALLINGER

Named for Judge William Pitt Ballinger (1825-1888), railroad attorney and townsite official. Distinguished Texas statesman, veteran of the Mexican War. Ballinger is county seat and farm-ranch center.

MAVERICK

Northeast of Ballinger on Hwy. 158, founded in 1870s. Named for Samuel Maverick (1803-1870), who came to Texas in 1835. Fought in war for Texas Independence. He had land in this important ranching area.

CONTENT

Sixteen miles east of Winters on FM 382, one mile off road. Old townsite of Content, named because of contentment of this valley. Founded in 1881 by Dan W. Hale. Michael C. Bright, 1882 settler, early county commissioner, had general store at this site. Renamed Token in 1905. Bypassed by railroad in 1909. Post office closed in 1916.

CHARLES H. NOYES (1896-1917)

Statue on courthouse square, Ballinger. Charles H. Noyes, 21, died when his horse fell while rounding up cattle on Noyes ranch. Parents erected monument in 1919 as a tribute to son and all Texas cowboys. Pompeo Coppini of Chicago was sculptor.

POE CHAPEL

Six miles west of Winters at intersection of FM 53, 384 and 2111. Named for William Watt Poe, who came to Texas from native Alabama in late 1870. Married Jerusha Evaline Cline in 1885; had 10 children. Moved family to Runnels County in 1904. Gave land for school and church buildings. Family active in farming, civic and church affairs.

WINTERS STATE BANK

Main Street and Dale Ave., Winters. Founded by John Q. McAdams, who served 17 years as cashier, and later as president. Original capitalization \$15,000. First location south, moved to this site in 1909. Bought Farmers and Merchants State Bank, 1913; First National Bank of Winters, 1937. Building was enlarged 1924-1954.

ROBERT COOKE, M. D. (June 19, 1857-May 13, 1936)

Marker in Northview Cemetery, Winters. Dr. Cooke moved to

Winters from Kentuckytown in 1889. Became town's first doctor, and deacon in First Baptist Church, and later pastor. Married Sallie Mitchell, 1886, had five children.

W. H. BROWN

(Oct. 21, 1853-Sept. 19, 1875)
Marker at Maverick, 1.1 miles off Hwy. 158. He came to Texas from native Georgia in 1857. He and brother John were Texas Rangers. W. H. (Billy) Brown served June to December, 1874. Billy Brown was last man killed by Indians in Runnels County.

VFW POST 9196

Marker on Depot St., Rowena. Oldest rock building in Rowena. Completed in 1903. 24-in. walls made of sand and lime mix mortar. Originally used as grain and feed store.

ALEC SIMMONS

Marker 15.3 miles northeast of Winters on Hwy. 382. Civil War soldier from Lemon Gap. Buried by roadside in unmarked grave prior to 1897.

OLD THIELE BUILDING

Marker on Citizens State Bank, Miles. Built 1904 by Joe Thiele (1850-1940), sheep rancher and civic leader. Native stone was dug at Willow Creek, two miles west. First floor housed bank, upstairs was Miles Opera House, social and cultural center of town. Second interpretive plaque added, building owned after 1929 by Henry W. Bigler (1878-1966) and wife (1886-1961) who operated it as a hotel.

CREWS

Intersection of Highways 53 and 382, 12 miles east of Winters. Settled in 1880s. Named for C. R. Crews, Ballinger businessman. School built 1890, post office established 1892. Town grew to 11 businesses and two churches. Post office closed 1922; school merged with others, 1948.

JAMES PETTY FLYNT

(April 19, 1878-Feb. 26, 1966)
Marker at Ballinger Cemetery. Sheriff of Runnels County, 1908-1914; 1920-1924. Youngest man elected to office and last to hold combined post of tax collector-sheriff in county. Texas Ranger Service in World Wars I and II. In 1924 he became a game warden.

DRASCO COMMUNITY

At crossroad of FM 2595, marker in center of Drasco community site. Originally called County Line. Named changed when post office was opened Dec. 16, 1904. First school built in 1902, merged with Winters in 1947.

SITES OF OLD COMMUNITIES OF MAZELAND AND WILMETH

Marker at Wilmeth Baptist Church, FM 383, 10 miles west of Winters. Mazeland (2 1/2 miles southwest) was founded in 1903 when a post office and store opened on A. B. Hutchinson's Ranch. Probably named for "maize," which grows in area. School built one mile west in 1904, later served both places. By 1906 the settlement had enlarged and new section was named in honor of Jo Wilmeth, Ballinger banker.

SAN CLEMENTE MISSION

Site located 10 miles southeast of Ballinger. Marker on Hwy. 83, 7 miles south of Ballinger. The first mission known to have been established in Texas east of the Pecos River. San Clemente was a hastily built two-room structure located on a hill about 17 miles south of present town of Ballinger. Founded by Mendoza and Father Lopez, at request of Jumano Indians, who desired Christianity. The mission lasted only from March 15 to May 1 in the year it was built.

SYLVESTER ADAMS (March 9, 1834-Feb. 3, 1889)

Marker at Runnels Cemetery, north of Ballinger. He helped organize Runnels County; was first county judge, 1880-1884; also served 1886-1888.

COMMUNITY OF PUMPHREY

Marker at site on FM 1677, 10 miles northwest of Winters. Founded 1899. Named for William M. Pumphrey (1849-1937), early settler. The community came to have a post office (1901-1912), several stores and two churches.

J. W. CLAMPITT

(Nov. 25, 1849-May 20, 1927)
Marker at Ballinger Cemetery. Pioneer Texas cattleman and law officer. After losing herd in 1885-1886 drought, Clampitt went into hardware business in Ballinger. Served as second county sheriff - tax collector 1890-1896.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF WINTERS

Located at corner of Church and Parsonage Streets. The first church building, a frame structure, was erected on this site in 1899, eight years after congregation was organized. The fourth building, a modern brick structure, now stands on the site. Worship has been held here each Sunday since 1899.

TOWN OF NORTON

Marker on original town square. Named for George W. Norton of Kentucky, who in 1882 bought and later developed the divide between Oak and Valley Creeks. Town was platted by O. C. Bevins in 1903.

NANCY PARKER CABIN

Marker on Hwy. 382, in clearing 300 yards off road, 16 miles northeast of Winters. Home of Grandma (Mrs. John) Parker, local herb doc-



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WINTERS LODGE AF&AM, NO. 743

Marker at 102 Main, Winters. Lodge founded in upper room of school house. Chartered Dec. 7, 1892. After a 1910 fire, lodge moved to the upstairs over the Winters State Bank. Lodge now located in a ground-level building on West Dale St.

COLORADO RIVER FERRY CROSSING

Marker located one block west of Hwy. 83, at south end of 8th street, Ballinger. used in the 1880s for travel on the Ballinger-San Angelo road. Rates fixed by county court ranged from one cent for a head of livestock to \$1.00 for six horses and a wagon. Ferry in use until first bridge built, 1888.

SONS OF HERMANN LODGE NO. 216

Marker on Edwards St., Rowena. Organized in 1904 as Rowena Chapter of the Sons of Hermann, worldwide benevolent fraternal organization. There were 10 charter members. Named for German national hero and tribal leader, Hermann the Defender (18 BD-19 AD), who helped break Roman power east of the Rhine River in 9 AD.

ABILENE & SOUTHERN DEPOT

Marker on Hwy. 83 near Ballinger. Morgan Jones, a Welsh-born railroad builder, and his nephews, Morgan C. and Percy Jones, built the A&S line in 1909 from Abilene to Ballinger. This stone structure with octagonal twin towers was finished soon after first train arrived Sept. 9, 1909. Passenger service ended in 1941 and freight service in 1966. (The Abilene & Southern now operates north from Winters to Abilene, with the route from Winters south to Ballinger discontinued in 1966).

COUNTS CEMETERY

Marker located on Hwy. 382, one-quarter mile off road, 15 miles northeast of Winters. In January, 1884, Andy and Christian Fannin sold four acres to Content citizens for a cemetery. The plot was named for R. F. Counts, who bought surrounding property in 1889. Four acres were donated by Sidney Bright in the 1930s.

SWEET HOME SCHOOL

Marker located five miles southwest of Rowena on local road south of US 67. In 1902 a two-room school was built on Emil Helm's place, 1.5 mile northwest. The name Sweet Home was chosen by Henry Kriegel, one of first trustees. In 1922 the school was moved to a better location. John Simecek (1878-1964), a farmer and banker who served as trustee 1922-1964, donated a two-acre tract of land. School closed in 1944.

THE REV. THOMAS WADLINGTON COTTEN

Marker at grave in Walthall Cemetery. He moved here from Grayson County in 1877, helped organize county's first church, the Colorado Baptist Church, in 1878, and served as first pastor. When county was organized in 1880, his stone house was temporary courthouse.

RANGER CAMPSITE

Marker on Hwy. 382, 16 miles northeast of Winters. One-half mile east of marker, 25 to 30 Texas Rangers of Co. E were stationed in 1874, under command of Capt. W. J. (Jeff) Malby. They kept sentries posted on Nearby Ranger Peak to guard against Indians. Remains of a dry well they dug are still visible.

RANGER PARK

Marker on Hwy. 382, 16 miles northeast of Winters. Named for Company E, Texas Rangers, stationed one-half mile east of peak in 1874. Outfit was part of the Frontier Battalion, organized to protect Texas settlers on frontier from Red River to the Nueces. Camp was abandoned in 1876.

COTTON PRODUCTION IN RUNNELS COUNTY

Marker on Hwy. 382, 16.5 miles northeast of Winters. In 1884, R. F. Counts (1838-1892) planted an experimental cotton field near this site. His success encouraged other farmers, who raised 88 bales in 1888. The county had 40 gins to process its peak harvest of 78,172 bales in 1932. Cotton boosted property values in county and remains principal crop.

WALTHALL CEMETERY

Marker on country road off Hwy 67, 4.7 miles southeast of Ballinger. This gural ground is last surviving evidence of Walthall Community, first stable settlement in county. It surrounded a stagecoach stop on the Camp Colorado-Fort Concho Road in the 1870s.

CONTENT CEMETERY

With 12 19th century graves, one unidentified. Marker located 8 iles east of FM 382, 16 miles northeast of Winters. Opened 1883 with burial of cowboy, James Hanna. Confederate Veteran John C. Hanna of Co. A, 8th Rgt., Texas Cavalry, Army of Tennessee, was buried here in 1889. Fenced by Mrs. J. W. Barr, daughter of John A. Hanna.

SITE OF PICKETVILLE

Marker on US 67, 1.7 miles northeast of Ballinger. County's first settlement. Founded 1862 by John W. Guest, R. K. and Henry Wylie. They built picket houses and resided here four years. The larger marker replaces the one of 1968 which was located at roadside park on Hwy. 83 and was taken and never recovered.

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Winters - Its present and Future.

It is a nice clean town of about 350 people. It is situated some 20 miles north of Ballinger, the county seat of Runnels county and forty miles south of Abilene the county seat of Taylor county and is the richest and most fertile country in West Texas. It is a high open prairie country, with a deep heavy soil, ranging from a chocolate to a deep heavy soil, with a clay foundation, it is watered by Oak Creek, Valley Creek and we get plenty of water by digging from twenty to one hundred feet. This is a very healthy part of the country, and we have as a start for what we consider the coming town of Runnels county, three dry goods and grocery stores, two drug stores, one furniture store one grocery and produce store, one hardware store, two barber shops, two blacksmith shops, one restaurant, and last but not least one of the best equipped gins in the country which has already put up near one thousand two hundred bales this season, among other enterprises we have a telephone exchange a good school building with something over one hundred and ten children enrolled with four or five church organizations here, one church building. We need and must have an up to date hotel, a bank, and a livery stable we have no railroad and we don't need one situated as we are, between two, the G. C. & S. F. and the Texas & Pacific if you want to locate in a healthy country among as pleasant a set of white people as is to be found anywhere. Come to the famous Winters country and be happy all the days of your life.

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In this special Historical Edition of *The Enterprise*, published to coincide with Winters' 90th Birthday Celebration, May 23 and 24 — and to commemorate the 75 years *The Enterprise* has been published — we have endeavored to include as many historical photographs and articles as time and space permits. Choosing which old photographs to run, of the many made available to us, and the many articles which record the history of this community and the county, has been quite a chore in itself, but we have attempted to pick those which would show graphically the beginning of our town and community. We hope the information accompanying the pictures is correct, as the years tend to erase or dim memories about certain happenings and scenes, and in some instances our information was sketchy at best. In the event we have placed wrong names and dates with some of the pictures, we are truly sorry, and hope there is no disappointment or embarrassment for anyone.

We are indebted to many people for their interest and efforts in this special edition. Without their help, it would have been impossible:

—Charlie Poe, who wrote most of the historical articles in this issue. Some of these articles are based on information she gathered for her book, "Runnels Is My County," published by The Naylor Company, and from many articles and stories she has written over the years. We are also grateful to her for the loan of many photographs of "The Beginning" of Winters.

—Erma Eason Beale, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed. P. Eason, who published the newspaper in the late 1900s and early '20s. She has provided much information which had not been available before, in addition to some pictures which had never before been published.

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—Many others who have offered help and encouragement in this endeavor. We thank each and every one of them for their interest.

—And finally, we are indebted to the late Nancy (Mrs. Dean) Maas, who began several months ago to assemble some of the material which appears in this issue. Therefore, we most humbly wish to dedicate this Special Historical Edition to the memory of

NANCY MAAS.

RICHARD C. THOMAS
Publisher.

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Winters is a prohibition town with no inclination to have it otherwise. See!



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First running water

Lee Bedford wells was the source for the first running water for the fast-growing city of Winters in the early 1900s. The wells were abandoned many years ago, but there still are some who

remember returning to these wells during some of the dry years, when lake water was not sufficient to supply the needs of the town.

Lee Bedford called 'Father of Winters' water system'

Efforts of Winters' city fathers in 1980, continued from the '70s, to find a source for additional water supplies for Winters — and residents of North Runnels and even into South Taylor county who are receiving water through the North Runnels Rural Water Supply Corp. — could be a re-write of the story which has become familiar to oldtimers of the area, and especially to many who worked for adequate water supplies through the decades. With an additional water supply almost assured through loans and grants from the Federal government, the area should have, within not too great a span of time, adequate water for several decades to come.

But the picture has not always been so rosy, and to those who worked so hard down through the years, there were pitfalls on the road to water...always.

According to writings by the late Mrs. Eddie (Ruth) Little, the story of water in Winters can be closely associated with the story of Lee Bedford, for it was he who brought the first water system to the town. "Because of his foresight years ago," Mrs. Little wrote almost 35 years ago, "wells were dug upon which Winters relied in emergencies until a few years ago."

Bedford came to Winters as a stock farmer in 1890, Mrs. Little wrote, when the town consisted of a store and two houses. In 1905 he entered the hardware business. Being blessed with long time vision, he realized that water would mean the life of this community, so in 1908 he had the wells dug which laid the foundation for Winters' first running water.

According to Mrs. Little, and others who in later years helped to clean out the wells during dry years when the North Lake was low, the "wells" were really one continuous well 26 feet long and four feet wide. Their depth was only about 30 feet. Three storage tanks held the water which supplied the oil mill, the gins, and a number of private residences.

Mrs. Little said the cottonoil mill was the first to give Bedford's dream of running water in the town a real test, by declaring that his idea was practical and by furnishing its own pipeline and meter. The cotton gins soon followed suit, and residents who appreciated the convenience and better quality of the water tied on. As there were no meters available for individual users, a flat rate charge of \$1.25 per month for each family was made. In connection with the water system, Bedford furnished a horse-drawn water sprinkler, to which the merchants contributed from one to four dollars each month, to keep the

dust down and the streets in good condition.

After proving that Winters could be successfully supplied with water and seeing a small city lake begin operation, Bedford traded the pool and water system, then valued at \$9,000, to J. K. Battles, who operated it less than a year and sold it to Charley Miller.

In 1910, a \$20,000 bond issue was voted, and in 1911, with the late Dr. W. D. Sanders serving as mayor, the first municipal system came into existence with a small lake two miles north of town. C. L. Green, owner of a milling company, sold the city one of the first engines to be used to pump water, Mrs. Little wrote. The early minimum rate was \$1.50 for the first thousand gallons. For several years heavy rains gave trouble, and meant work for the citizens, she said. After spring floods, the dam would be threatened, and all able bodied men available would work day and night reinforcing weak spots with bags of sand. Finally, the dam gave way a little in 1915, and a \$6,000 bond issue was voted for repairs. These were completed under the administration of Mayor H. O. Jones, father of Mrs. Little. Jones later became Winters postmaster.

A few years later, as the town grew and more water was demanded, Mrs. Little wrote, an overflow dam was started on Bluff Creek. However, there was constant trouble with washouts, and the project was eventually abandoned. Things went well for a while, Mrs. Little continued, but trouble came again in 1922 when the dam was partially washed away and \$30,000 in bonds was issued to rebuild it. The late Frank Paxton, a druggist, was mayor at that time.

For a time Winters was amply supplied with water, but in the late twenties, losses from seepage and an increased population produced another desperate shortage. With Mayor Jones in office for another

term, the problem of a diversion dam was tackled again. This one was placed on Bluff Creek a mile and a half above the earlier abandoned one, and was a success.

In the early 1930s, the dam on the North Lake was raised four feet in an attempt to supplement the reservoir. Most of the time during that decade the town managed well enough, Mrs. Little wrote, but during dry years water was carefully rationed.

During the drouth of 1944, the situation grew desperate. The little water that was in the lake was soon exhausted, and the city was forced to rely on the old wells with which the Winters water system originated, and even had to dig new ones. However, these were not sufficient to furnish ample pressure for the increased demand, and citizens used individual wells and cisterns, or hauled water. Housewives took their washing to Ballinger laundries and brought it home to dry and finish.

Finally, a mass meeting of citizens was called by Mayor T. A. Smith, a druggist, who continues to operate

Smith Drug Co. in 1980, to discuss the situation, and a \$200,000 bond issue was soon voted.

Engineers made careful surveys and picked a lake site of approximately 300 acres, five miles east of town. The drainage extends all the way from Ovalo, most over ranch lands. After some difficulties brought on by shortage of materials and machinery, caused by World War II, and other legal difficulties, the lake was finished Jan. 7, 1946, and the plant went into operation. Spring rains filled it to capacity — a three-year's supply even without rainfall in those years — and when a full year of operation had rolled around, 71,000,000 gallons of water had been used, Mrs. Little wrote.

The city council employed W. D. Waggoner as water superintendent. He originally came to Winters from Gatesville, in 1943, but entered the Army soon after, during World War II. He saw service on New Guinea, Okinawa, and in the Philippine Islands. Waggoner retired a few years ago, and Jim Hamner became water superintendent. Waggoner remains as a consultant.

The present (1980) city council has completed much of the work to obtain additional water supplies, and with funds assured, it is anticipated that construction of a new dam and reservoir will begin next fall (1980). The new dam and reservoir will be located south of the present Winters Lake, and the present lake will serve as a settling basin.

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With present prospects it is assured that the Winters country is going to be short on farm hands in a few weeks time. If you want work turn your nose toward the Winters country and get a share of the sheekles that are waiting for your labors.

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Smith have a little Miss Smith at their home.

Charlie Chapman returned this week from Waco, where he took a course in a business college. He states that the recent rains did much damage where he was and he was glad to get back to Winters.

Parties interested in our cemetery are planning for a day to meet and clean up and improve this "home of the dead." We are hardly at liberty at this time to name a date, but announcement will be made later on in plenty of time to give all due notice. The ladies are asked to give their assistance to this laudable work. Let everyone who can, take hold and not neglect this last resting place of friends and loved ones.

Will Mullins of San Angelo spent several days in the city on business this week. He says he has cotton that has six leaves on it and everything is looking good in the Concho land.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sawyers have a new girl at their home.

Rev. and Mrs. Smith of Winters are assisting Paster T. A. Moore of the Robert Lee Baptist church in a meeting. Mr. Smith is a splendid preacher and great interest is being manifested in the meeting. —Robert Lee Observer.

R. H. Price and J. P. Flynt visited Ballinger Wednesday.

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SOME MORE RAINS
Added to the rains reported last week, the flood gates opened on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Elm, Bluff and Coyote creeks with all their tributaries were higher than since 1899. Up to today we have had four days of sunshine, to which is added a strong west wind. Planters are running all over the Winters country and things are beginning to hum. Keep your eye on the Winters country.

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This isn't a dieter's dream, but was an actual reality at the City Hotel in Winters for eleven years, from 1908 to 1919. This first hotel in town was torn down in 1957 to make room for a service station operated by Roy Young, and presently operated by Virgil Awalt, on North Main Street.

The hotel was built in 1906 by Rev. W. I. Dunn, a Baptist preacher. The late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huffhines bought it in 1908.

The Huffhines always kept four cows and had plenty of milk and butter for their table, getting up at 4 a. m. to milk. They served fresh vegetables from their gown garden but bought the chickens at 25 cents a piece. They served turkey twice a week, on Wednesday and Sunday.

The slicing of meat was all done by Mrs. Huffhines. A hindquarter of beef was bought from a truck twice a week. Other meat was supplied by the local meat market. In addition to fried chicken three times a day, there was ham and bacon for breakfast, roast for dinner and steak for supper.

With no bakery in town, bread was baked twice a week to provide toast for those who wanted it. Cakes and pies were baked every Saturday and ice cream was served on Sunday, made with a hand turned freezer. A large bell was rung to call people to meals.

The original hotel faced south, but when the prohibition election came on in 1908 and the town was filled with pros and antis, the hotel was enlarged to accommodate the crowds. Four rooms were added downstairs and six upstairs. No one remembers any fights but a lot of squabbling and arguments aplenty lasted until far into the night.

A small house called the "sample

room" was built south of the hotel where "drummers", as salesmen were then called, could show their merchandise. The drummers came in big hacks with drivers to take care of the horses. After the railroad was built in 1909 they came on the train bringing as many as 20 trunks each.

Hotel business was good in those days. The Huffhines paid for the hotel and the improvements and had saved \$1,000 in 11 years by serving meals at 25 cents and charging 50 cents a night for a bed. Many mornings they took in \$100. Later the food charge went to 50 cents a meal.

Mrs. Huffhines kept a girl to help in the dining room but girls were not accustomed to working out and refused many times because they thought they were degrading themselves. There was no laundry in town and the family did the washing on tow machines, having a hundred sheets on the line by sun up in the mornings.

The hotel was always rushed trying to care for the crowds. There was a lot of cotton raised here and a lot of money changing hands. A new gin was built every year until there were 10 and they would have to run all night. Ginned cotton was carried to a yard west of the railroad and cotton buyers came from everywhere. They cut, sampled and bought from the yard.

Few women ate in the hotel in early days. If country women came to town with their husbands they and the children ate fruit or did without. It was thought too expensive for them to eat at the hotel but the men always came.

WEDDING IN HOTEL

Ed Dickinson was County Surveyor for Runnels and Coke counties, and moved his office to Ballinger but retained his residence at Runnels City. The wedding of his daughter, Gertrude, to Vermont Van Zandt, on Jan. 25, 1920, was the last wedding to take place in the parlor of the Runnels City Hotel.

Neighbor too close, he threatened to move

BY CHARLSIE POE

Rich Coffee, an early day rancher who came from Coleman County to Runnels in 1870, bought a track of land on the Colorado River across from the mouth of the Concho in the vicinity of the settlement of Walthall.

With the help of his three sons, he established a cattle ranch. They had many a brush with the Indians but always beat them off, as the ranch buildings were heavily stockaded on all sides.

The Lew Ginger Pioneer Minstrels made a tour of the military post playing to the soldiers in 1873, and on their way to Ft. Concho, which was 150 miles beyond any civilization they stopped at the Coffee ranch.

Coffee invited the group to stay a few days at the ranch to hunt and fish, which they were glad to do as the Colorado River was heavily wooded and abounded in game such as deer, wild turkey and occasionally panther and black bear.

Col. Lewis Ginger, who organized the Pioneer Minstrels, and Coffee became great friends. In a story written for the True West magazine in 1926 by Col. Ginger and reprinted in the June issue of the magazine we find this incident:

One evening Uncle Rich said, "Son, sposen we take our fishing tackle and go up the river a little ways, where I know a fine place for channel cat. They bite fine when it's moonlight."

Before commencing operation Uncle Rich took a good pull from the bottle of "anti-snake bite remedy" we had brought along, and was soon landing some fine channel catfish.

An owl hooted some little distance up the river and Uncle Rich said, "Son, them's no owls they're Injuns. Let's skeddaddle."

We had quite a string of fish staked to the bank and I said that I would get the fish.

He advised me, "To h--- with the fish. Come on we've got to get out o'here."

About a quarter of a mile from the ranch we had to run through an open space an arrow came shizzing through between us. We soon reach-

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THOMASSON-BEDFORD
News was received in the city this week announcing the marriage of Miss Ethel Thomasson to Mr. L. A. Bedford at the bride's home near Weatherford.

Mrs. Bedford is a sister to Mrs. F. D. Bedford of this city and will be remembered by many friends in Winters whom she won by her beauty and rare accomplishments while visiting here a few months ago.

Mr. Bedford is a member of the firm of Bedford & Odell, and is one of Winters most enterprising citizens, always taking an active part in everything that stands for a greater Winters.

They are expected home this week and will receive many congratulations from scores who join the Enterprise in wishing for them a life of cloudless skies, lined with roses and many happy days.

ed the ranch and everybody got ready to give the redskins a reception. It was not long until about 30 Indians appeared across the river. They made no hostile demonstrations, but danced and shouted for awhile before they left.

Uncle Rich said that it was only a little thieving party out for stealing horses. "All the same," he said, "if they had cotched us, Son, they would have made a nice bonfire to roast you and me in."

Rich Coffee was a typical western ranchman, honest and generous and well known throughout the country. In a 1950 issue of the San Angelo Standard Times we find this item:

There were no more than six houses between Ballinger and Fort Chadbourne in 1889. Rich Coffee liked this situation very much, "If we had any more people in the country," he said, "it would be overcrowded."

Thus it was that Coffee threatened to leave West Texas when a new neighbor moved into the area. "He's in my backyard," he complained.

The new neighbor's place was 13 miles from Coffee's ranch.

Main Street

Looking south. This is a companion picture of that on the opposite page. If one looks closely, the spire of a church can be seen on the extreme right.

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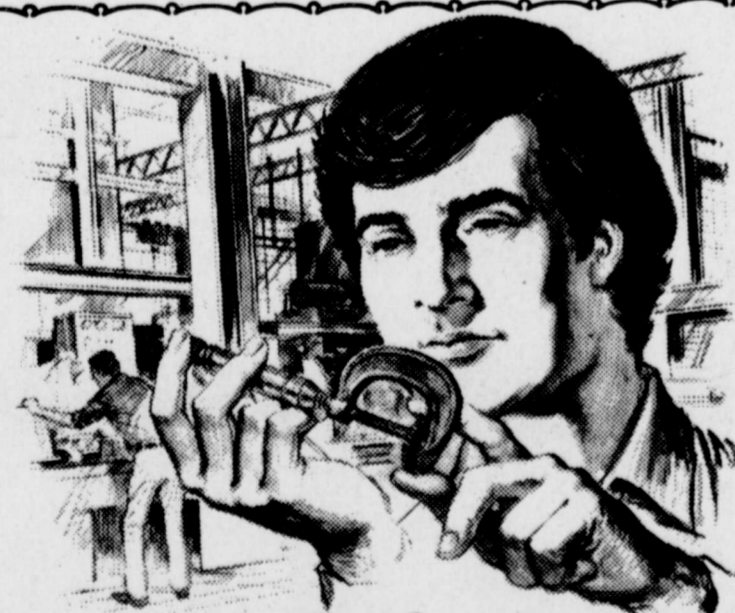


Following the example of the City's founders who had visions of establishing and building a community which would take its rightful place in the parade of progress, the people of Winters today are looking far over the horizon toward the future. They recognize that there is no limit to the growth and development which can be realized if all pull together and make plans **today** to fit into the pattern laid out for **tomorrow**. We are working with Winters in developing a comprehensive plan to meet the demands of the future, to make Winters the most beautiful, most accessible and the most prosperous small city in West Texas; a City of Cultural, Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Stability and Responsibility, geared to the Space Age . . .

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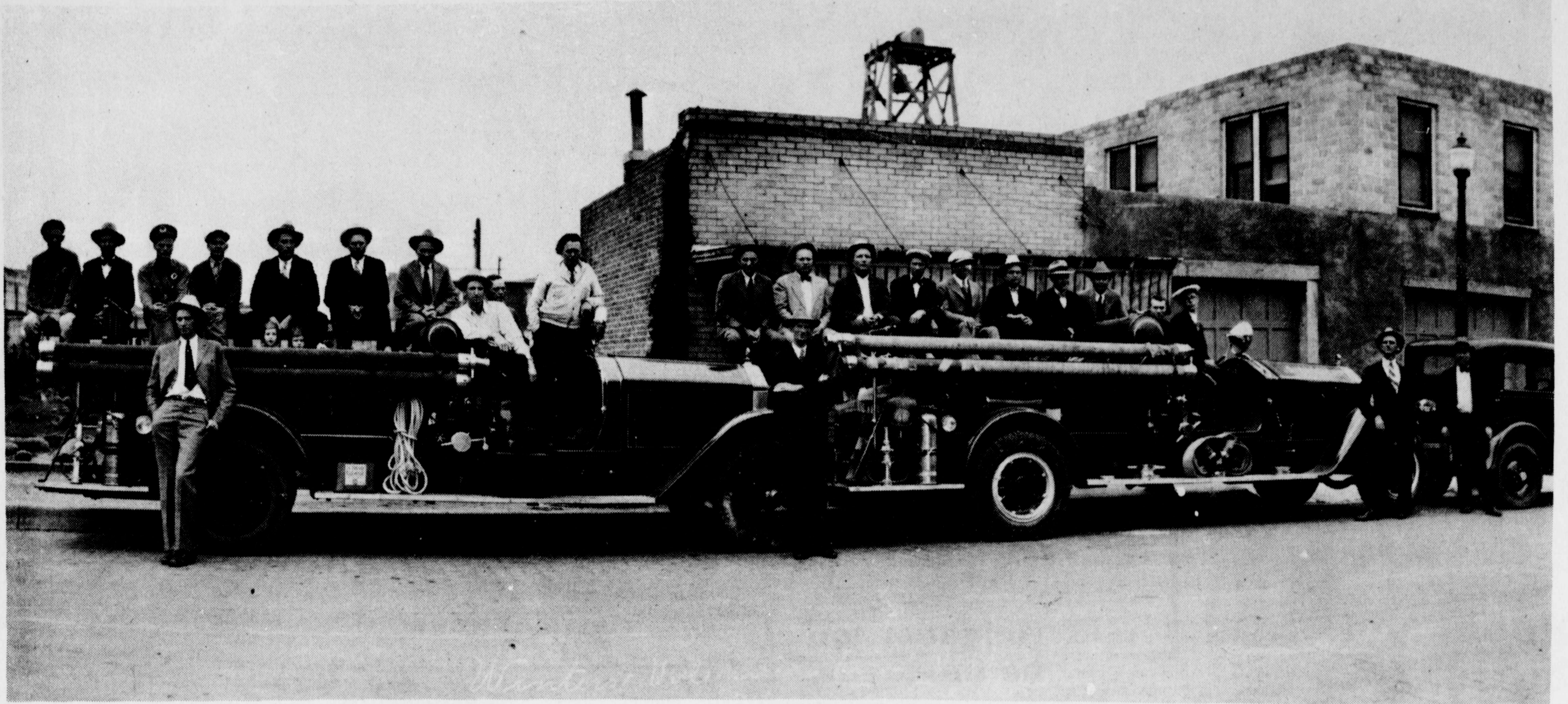
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History of first grave in Northview Cemetery

BY CHARLSIE POE

A bit of unsolved history is like a crossword puzzle to me, and I never give up until it is solved. I may not learn the answer but I never forget it, and most always there is someone, somewhere, who can shed light on the subject.

So many times answers come from unsuspected and unheard-of sources, but one of the most unusual was concerning the first grave in Northview Cemetery.

Before Winters' seventy-fifth anniversary was observed, I conferred with Mrs. August Spill, nee Lena Armbricht, about the Northview Cemetery and other early history.

Mrs. Spill recalled that her father had 100 acres that he sold to the town. A certain amount was designated as a cemetery and she recalled that her 18-year-old sister, Marie, was buried in the second grave. She said the first was a child but she did not know who, and there was no marker.

There seemed to be no answer to this one, but in November, 1978, Doxie Lou Marks telephone me to say she had a man registered at Motel Winters who's mother lived in Winters when she was a small child and he remembered much of the early history that his mother had related to him. His name was Eual W. Allen of Dalhart and his mother was Edith Thorpe Allen. His grandfather was John William Thorpe and the family moved to Crews in 1883 and on to Winters in 1900.

After talking to Mr. Allen by telephone, when he said the first grave in the Winters cemetery was on his grandfather's place, I probably confused him because I had not heard the name Thorpe, and I decided that perhaps it was the Crews cemetery to which he was referring.

After returning home, Mr. Allen sent me some notes from his history

files and recalled that his grandfather and mother had both mentioned the tragic death of the little girl, it was mentioned as a passing memory, not at all as something of record.

I'm sure that Mr. Allen continued to ponder over the stories that his mother and grandfather had told him and finally the memory of these events returned, for I received the following letter on Oct. 11, 1979:

"You asked me to please tell you if I ever remembered the details as related to me by my mother surrounding the death of the little girl who is the first person buried in the Winters cemetery. Well, it came to me the other day just as clear as it could be...I remember exactly what mama (Mrs. Edith Thorpe Allen) told me about it.

"Here are the details:
"Winters wasn't very old when the death occurred and the people who lived there had never had any need for a cemetery. A family who was not very well known moved to a place very near Winters. For some reason they had dug a small hole in the yard where the children often played.

"One day the kids were playing in the yard and a little girl was in the hole, which was only deep enough to come to her shoulders. Her head was just about ground level. While she was in the hole a small rattlesnake ran out of the grass in the yard straight to her and struck her in the face. All the children who were playing with her saw it happen and immediately ran for help.

"People did all they could to save her but she only lived a few hours. The child had to be buried quickly so everyone had to go to work to help those heartbroken people. Grandpa Thorpe was a good carpenter and he and some other men got some lumber and built a small casket. Since there was no place to bury the

child, Grandpa told them to bury her on the south end of his place. He lived one-half mile north of Winters at the time.

"After that first grave it wasn't long until there were several more so they just made a cemetery out of the area. The parents of the little girl were heartbroken, of course, and I believe that they moved away after a little while and as far as my mother knew they never returned. It seems that Mama called their names at one time or another, but I can't remember that.

"There is a puzzle about the ownership of the land at the beginning of that cemetery since Grandpa Thorpe's name doesn't appear on the records. I believe what happened was that he was in possession of the place at the time this incident occurred, but simply did not bother to place it on record. Those old timers often did just that since land was of little value then. I know that he once traded a place near Winters for a wagon and team and that could have been the place. Very likely the people who subsequently came into possession placed it on record and at that time formalized the cemetery plot. This is a guess, however, and subject to correction. While I never knew of him doing so, it is of course possible that he was renting the land from someone else at the time. Anyway, whatever it was it was a simple answer and is of no consequence now.

"I hope these recollections are of interest to you.

Sincerely,
Eual W. Allen"

Indeed, your memories are of interest, Mr. Allen. We thank you for sharing with us and shedding some light on the history of that first grave.

The Winters Recorder
Jan 9, 1903

They Never Killed Yankees.

The recent grand army encampment in Washington provoked a good deal of comment regarding the large number of civil war veterans who are still in good enough physical condition to endure the fatigue of a long march.

Several southern democrats were discussing this in a Washington hotel lobby the other day when Secretary Charles A. Edwards, of the democratic congressional committee, said:

"A few years ago Col. William Green Sterrett and I were sitting at a window watching the parade at a grand army encampment. Hour after hour passed and still the Yankee hosts swept by. Col. Sterrett became more and more thoughtful, silent and depressed as the march went on. After a long silence he looked up and laying his hand on my arm, said with the utmost impressiveness.

"Charlie, I'm going back to Texas and burn up every Southern history of the war that I can find."

"What are you going to do that for?" I asked.

"Because, Charlie," he said, still more impressively, "they're full of lies. They all tell how many yankees we killed. Charlie we never killed a d--d yankee. They're all here now."

Fire Department in 1929

Left to right, front: J. B. Neil Jr., Buford G. Owens, George C. Hill, Chief Frank Williams. Rear, left to right, Doyle Campbell, John Shipman, John G. King Jr., Carlton Dob-

bins, Joe Baker, Jess Meredith, Buddy Daniels, Henry Sanders, L. E. (Sis) Hamilton, P. G. Garrett, I. M. Preston, Joe Ashley, Lee Davis, Jess Wetzel, Jasper Drake, E. M. Miller,

Homer Moseley, Bob Nutt, Bill Phillips, Finas Broughton. Children in the truck are Dewey and Charles Baker.



Early day kids' orchestra

Even the kids had an orchestra in the early years of Winters. Front, Helen Murry; left to right, Charles Spangler, Josephine Grant, Mrs. Charlie Grant, Stella

Bridwell (Mrs. Bill Moore), Mittie Meadows (Mrs. Oren Mathis), and Otha Hillyard.

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