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Local man charged in drug raid



Seizures...

U.S. Customs agents inspect one of the two twin Beech aircraft con-

fiscated in last weekend's drug raid at the Winters Airport. Officers

said that traces of marijuana were found in the plane.

Charges of felony possession of marijuana were filed against three men over the week-end as the result of a joint effort by the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotic Officers, U.S. Customs, the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, the Winters Police Department and officers from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

George Randolph (Randy) Brooks, 48, owner of Brooks Flying Service, was among the three men charged in the raid. Brooks was arrested Monday morning by sheriff's deputy Johnny Wilson at the Winters Airport. Bond for Brooks was set at \$20,000 on the felony possession charge. John Nicols, 38, of Houston and Nelson B. Crawford, 33, of Dayton Ohio were arrested by state and federal officers Friday night at the Winters Airport after the second of two twin-engine airplanes landed. Crawford was said to be the pilot of one of the planes and

SS reps plan December visit

Garland Gregg and John Willis, Social Security representatives for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled their December visit to Winters. They will be at the Housing Project office on Monday, December 28 from 9:30 to 10:30.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact them at this time.



Thanks...

Craig Smith of the Desano Corporation presents a check to Marvin Bedford, representing the Winters Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment to cover the cost of fire fighting materials used in last week's oil well blow out.

Nicols, a passenger. Both men were captured as they fled the plane when it landed.

Department of Public Safety narcotic officers said the investigation into the suspected drug operation began almost a year ago and the investigation is continuing after the arrests over the week-end.

Officers said that several other persons thought to be involved in the marijuana smuggling operation escaped officers at the airport Friday along with what officers think was about 500 pounds of the illegal weed.

The raid got underway about 6:15 p.m. Friday when U.S. Customs air support officers and state narcotic officers followed an airplane to the local airport. About 15 other officers converged on the landing strip along with Runnels County Judge Bill Stultz who issued search warrants for buildings owned or controlled by Brooks Flying Service.

When officers executed the search warrants, about 5 pounds of a substance thought to be marijuana was found. One brick of the weed was found in an old refrigerator being used for storage and another was found behind the spare tire in a vintage '56 Chevrolet parked in the hangar building. Officers also discovered a number of rubber fuel bladders and necessary connections to install the bladders in an airplane to greatly extend its flying range without refueling.

A pickup and trailer, believed used to transport the contraband,

were confiscated along with the vintage automobile. Customs officers said the sides of the covered trailer had been covered and that the trailer was partially loaded with hay that they theorize was used to cover up the illegal cargo.

Radio monitoring equipment capable of receiving state and local police frequencies was also discovered during the search.

Two airplanes, both twin-engine Beechcrafts, were also confiscated by the law enforcement agencies in the raid. Officers said that on one of the planes traces of what was thought to be marijuana were found along with an electronic device to locate "bugs" or electronic surveillance devices.

On the second aircraft, officers found a large stock of electronic equipment including a small

Commissioners have routine meeting

This week's meeting of the Runnels County Commissioner's Court was mostly routine with the approval of bonds for new county employees and approving contracts.

Bonds for new sheriff's deputies Hal Jones and Bobby Salinas were approved by the commissioners as was the bond for Loraine Halfmann, a new deputy in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

A request from Highway Patrol Troopers Scott Warren and Tom Barkley for a new radar unit was tabled by the court until after the first of the new year. The commissioners also deferred until next year the appointment of the County Health Officer.

In other business, the county approved a contract with Bob's Tree Service of San Angelo for the trimming of trees on the courthouse square. The contract was approved pending the acceptance of the contract by Bob's Tree Service. The amount of the contract is \$1,320.

A \$15 per month increase in the rent for the tax office building in Winters was agreed to by the commissioners. The rent was increased by the building's owner from \$75 to \$90 per month. County Judge Bill Stultz said the county would pay the rent annually.

A supplemental contract with the Area Agency on Aging was approved by the county. The Agency on Aging is administered through the West Central Texas Council of Governments based in Abilene.

Before handling routine items, the commissioners approved the county's method of payment to the Runnels County Tax Appraisal District. The county will pay it's \$66,577.53 on a quarterly basis.



Loaded...

This aircraft was loaded with electrical appliances thought to be

used as trade goods for illegal mari-

juaana in Mexico. Both of the planes were confiscated by state and federal officials.

refrigerator, a microwave oven, and smaller appliances and radios. Customs agents said the merchandise was very likely being purchased in the United States and then taken to Mexico where it would be traded for marijuana. Both airplanes had the necessary connections to enable them to use the fuel bladders that were found during the search.

U.S. Customs agents said that they had followed the aircraft by both radar and airplane from Laredo where they crossed the Mexican border to Winters where they theorize the planes would be pulled into a hangar while the contraband was loaded onto vehicles to haul the weed to other locations or points of distribution.

Officers said that both aircraft had been recently repainted and on one of the planes the registration number had been altered. The officers also said that both planes had been repaired during the past year for damages that could have been received from brush or trees on the short, dirt airstrips in Mexico.

The two airplanes were flown to

School to dismiss for Christmas holiday

Winters public schools will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 22 for the Christmas holidays. School will resume on Monday, January 4.

Abilene by officers Saturday and the planes will remain impounded. Both the pickup and trailer and the car were taken to Ballinger and are impounded there.

Officers from both the Department of Public Safety and U.S. Customs told *The Enterprise* that the investigation into the marijuana trafficking through the Winters Airport would continue and that there was the possibility that more arrests would be made

and that other evidence may be presented to a grand jury for possible indictment. The officers said the operation here appeared to be a major distribution point and that many thousands of dollars worth of illegal drugs may have passed through the local airport.

Spokesmen in the Runnels County Sheriff's Department said that all three men, Brooks, Crawford, and Nicols were released from jail Monday afternoon on \$20,000 bond each.

Ballinger stores lose \$8,000 in hot check spree

A number of Ballinger merchants apparently were swindled out of almost \$8,000 in merchandise and cash last week by a man writing worthless checks according to sheriff's deputy Odell Denton.

The checks, which began appearing Wednesday were allegedly written by a man who had opened an account at a Ballinger bank December 2 with just a small amount of money. Deputy Denton said that felony theft by check warrants had been issued for a man identified as Max Reynolds. The deputy said that Reynolds was about 50 years old and was thought to be from Brownwood.

Among the items purchased by the man were a 1980 Chevrolet sta-

tion wagon, several pieces of luggage, a rifle and ammunition, groceries from two stores, a television set, camera, saddle, and gasoline.

The merchants involved included Wright's Motors, Black's, Gate No. 1 Western Wear, Western Auto, Super Duper, Higginbotham's, Keel Drug, Dallinger Hardware, Piggly Wiggly, and Broadway Texaco, all in Ballinger.

Deputy Denton said that a description of the man along with warrant information had been entered into both the state and national law enforcement computers and that Brown County authorities also are interested in finding the man to face similar charges there.



Marijuana transport...

This pickup and trailer were confiscated by authorities at Brooks Flying Service during the raid last

Friday evening. Officers said the side panels on the trailer were covered and that the trailer may

have been used to haul the illegal weed.

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Receives check...

RC Kurtz, chairman of the Buddy Poppy Sale of the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and its Ladies Auxiliary gives a check to Gloria

Isaacs, president of the Winters Future Homemakers of America in appreciation of the FHA help in the recent Buddy Poppy Sale.

Nursing Home News

This month is known throughout the world as the month of giving, because of the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. This is good; however, I would like to think of how much better it would be if the world would strive to retain that spirit on an everyday basis, not because of our Lord's birthday but more so because of the life he lived and died and lives again. That example of giving or serving others is the Life we are to strive for and obtain, according to his words. Our prayer is that we never fail to strive for it and our hope is that we obtain it.

At this time I feel it would be appropriate to express our gratitude towards those who have displayed this, towards giving and serving others, here at the Nursing Home. Without your help and volunteering your time, life wouldn't be to our residents, as full. So, a GREAT BIG THANKS! to all of you who have and are sharing with us. This month our birthday party for the residents will be held on the 21st from 3:30 p.m. til 4:30 p.m. Those having birthdays are Thelma Hensley, Dec. 1; Jim Mackey, Dec. 5; Bob Blanchett, Dec. 20; Pearlle Abbot, Dec. 21; Mike Krause, Dec. 21; and Kye Hudson, Dec. 22. The ladies from the Rebecca Sunday School Class will have charge of the program and refreshments. Friends and relatives are

invited. The preschoolers from the First Baptist Church sang carols to us on Sunday morning, the 12th. Children always lighten things up around here.

Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Y. K. Lee for the case of bananas, the residents just love them. Thank you to the Sew and Sew Club in Wingate for supplying a box of Christmas Kleenex to each of our residents.

We would like to welcome the following new residents; Mrs. Julia Hinds, Mrs. Vashti Waddell, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, and Mr. Otto Kelly. It's always a pleasure to receive new members to the family.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Mrs. Laura Turk and Amanda "Granny" Waldrop. These two ladies took a part of



NEWCOMERS

Tyson Nathaniel Adami
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adami of San Angelo would like to announce the birth of their second son, Tyson Nathaniel, born on November 25.

Tyson and his brother, Evan, are the great-grandsons of Mrs. Charles (Nora) Adami of Winters.

Lance Michael Berry
 Mike and Judy Berry of Wichita Falls are the proud parents of a son, Lance Michael, born December 5 in Wichita Falls. The baby weighed 8 1/4 lbs.

Grandparents are Mrs. M. H. Hogan of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Berry of Iowa Park.

our life with them when they went on to their eternal reward this December, 1981.

Mrs. Ava Crawford was able to go home this past week. Mrs. Crawford, we sure will miss you and hope that you will come to see us real soon.

—Ann Smith
 —Social Services
 —Senior Citizens Nursing Home

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."
 French Proverb



A rare South American bird, the hoatzin, has claws on its wings as well as on its feet when it's young, help it to climb about in the trees.

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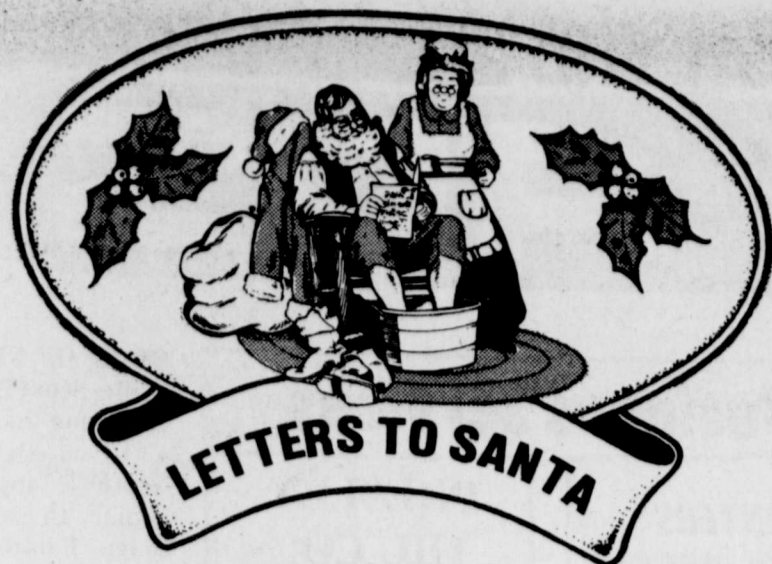
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Dear Santa,
I would like a Dukes of Hazzard race car set, calf, shotgun, chicken, and a motorcycle.

Thank you,
Ronny Willborn

Dear Santa,
I want a tippy toe doll and nothing else. I've been a real good girl.

Love,
Dusty Gray
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck, a hungry hungry Hippo game, a truck I can change the tires on, and a piano, and a truck I can pull out of the mud like I saw on T.V. I think I've been good enough to get all of this.

Love,
Chris Harrison
Age 5

Dear Santa Clase,
Pease get me a goear, minebike and a football and a bike and a gun and give me corvit, jet bote.

Timothy Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a tippy-toe doll and some more baby dolls and a teddy bear.

Love,
Staci Harrison
Age 3

Dear Santa Clase,
Please bring me a go cart and a minebike and a bike and a football and a trampolen and a key car and a duke car and a coat and a hose and a motorcycle that goes 80 and a short and some sokes and some pans and play gun and a bebe gun and a borano and a pump and a comb and a basketball and a airgun and a hetr and a table and some games and a cot.

Sign,
Raul Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a electronic foot-ball game and boxing gloves and puchingbag.

Thanks,
Buddy Jim Miller

Hi, Santa Claus,
I love you Santa. I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl all year. If you have the time I would like you to bring me: Tippy Toes, and a real live horse that I can ride, some Barbie make-up, a stove that bakes cakes, a new housecoat and house shoes, strawberry short-cake gown, a western suit and hat, and a little bit of fruit and candy. We will have a snack for you if you are hungry. If you have the time please leave something for my 3 brothers, too!

Love,
Alicia Kaye Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart and a motorcycle and a speedboat and a 4-10 and a trampolen and a trazam and a whit fright liner and a skiboat.

Temple

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cycle just like my daddys. I like you and hope you bring me some more toys.

Love,
Ross Alan Howard
Age 2

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me some blocks, a truck, a Snoopy dog, some cowboy boots, and a few new cloths? I will leave the door open for you. I will be a good boy. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Tony Cranford

Dear Santa,
I want a trainset and a 4-10. Have Merry Christmas.

Christopher L. Matthews

Dear Santa,
I have tried real hard to be good all year, hope you didn't see the times I forgot. Would you please bring me a big bolt construction set and an airplane. Thank you for the candy and coloring book you gave me when I sat in your lap. Please bring Samson and Rusty a little stocking. I will leave you some cookies in my stocking so you want get hungry. I love you alot.

Love,
John McGallian Jr.
Age 5

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a 4 year old little boy. I have been fairly good but will try to be better. I would like you to bring me a talking Mickey Mouse, a whistle, a choo choo train, a truck, a car, some pajamas, a cowboy suit and hat, some new shoes, and some fruit and candy. I love you. I will be waiting on you.

Love,
Christopher Cranford

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. an a box of sugar cubes and a dolly stroller and a toy shelf. Please, Santa bring my sister Callie some Loc Blocks.

Love,
Rachel Wilshire
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want handcuffs, gocart and a handchief, clip, football, Dukes of Hazzard, barn buster and key car.

John Austin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I sure would like a coke machine and a guitar.

I'll write another letter later to tell you what my brother Kenny wants.

Love,
Cody Whittenburg
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want some toys and a teddy bear. I sure like you.

Love,
Jason Mitchell
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart and a bow and arrow and a trampoline and a corrvette and a airplane. And do not get a cold and tell Rudolph hi for me. And be quite Christmas evel!

Brandon Boles

Dear Santa,
I like you and I want some race cars. Please bring my sister something.

Love,
Michael Mostad
Age 4

Dear Santa Clase,
Please give me a football and a minebike and a gocart and a bike and a motorcycle and a gun and a rifle gun.

Johnny Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart and I would like a watch to and a motorcycle. Hope you have safe trip.

Timmy Neal

Dear Santa Clues
I want a three wheeler, and I will lik a pair of boots. and a cowboy suit.

from Gene

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck and I know I am getting a piano because I want one. I like you Santa and I sat in your lap.

Love,
Stephen Herrington
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a new go-cart. I want a motorcycle. I want a truck.

Matthew Briley

Dear Santa,
I want a Dukes of Haserd racing set and I want a bowling watch too.

from Micheal Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I sat in your lap Saturday and told you I wanted a tippy-toe doll. Thank you for the candy and I like chewing gum too.

Love,
Laci Torres
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a bebe gun. Dear Santa, I wish I had a go Kart.

Frum Michael Bullard

Dear Santa,
For Chirstmas I would like a digital dar-devil, some atari cartidges, dukes of hazzard race car set, a big track trailer, H.O. train, and my go-cart fixed.

Your friend,
Dan Killough

Dear Santa,
I want star war men and ships. I like you. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Corey Radford
Age 3

Miss Rios, Mr. Tischler wed in December 5 ceremony

Mary Rios, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Garza of Runge, and Douglas Kent Tischler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Tischler of Winters, were married at 7 p.m. December 5 at the St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Keene, officiating.

White pom mums decorated the altar of the church during the single ring ceremony.

Mrs. Ernestine Geistman served as organist. Candlelighter was Casey Boggs of Leuders. Flower girl was Tammy Dry of Winters, and ring bearer was Christopher Dry of Winters.

Rick Dry of Winters served as usher. The bride, given in marriage by Craig Glenn, wore a floor-length white satin gown with tiered lace overlay and train. She carried a bouquet of white daisies embedded with multicolor beads and blue ribbons.

Maid of honor, Eva Glenn of Plainview, and bridesmaids, Linda Rios of Kress and Rosie Boggs of Leuders, wore floor length blue gowns with lace overlays, and carried white roses with blue ribbons.

Best man was Michael Tischler of San Angelo.

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a cris cross crash race track. Remember all the other boys and girls and A Merry Christmas to you, Santa.

From J'Dan Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and Dukes of Hazzard race set and a team America.

Billy

Dear Santa,
I have never seen you but I am going to hide under the divan and get out and talk to you. Then I am going to tell you I wnat a motor cycle, gloves and a helmet and my own T.V. I sure hope you come.

Love,
Robert Matthew Bedford
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a gocart and a bicyle and a pair of boots and I wear a size 2 1/2 D and a three wheeler.

Love,
Lance Richard Bellis

Dear Santa,
I wish that I had a Bike. Dear Santa, I wish that I had a Flag. Dear Santa, I wish that I had a pool table.

From Eric

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a coke machine and I told you everything else I wanted when I sat on your lap.

Love,
Gayla Clough
Age 4

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REAL ESTATE

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REDUCED — White brick 3BR, 2 bath, well/pump, fireplace on corner lot.

ON MAIN STREET — 2BR, Lr, large lot.

COZY FIREPLACE, 3BR, 2 bath, central h/a, pecan trees.

GOOD INVESTMENT — trailer park w/9 spaces, 2BR house with fruit and pecan trees.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all our friends who were so thoughtful during our time of sorrow. We will always be grateful to those who sent food, flowers, memorials and each act of kindness shown to us.

A special thanks to the staff of the Senior Citizen Nursing Home, North Runnels Hospital, Dr. W. J. Lee for their care of Granny Waldrop. Thank you, Bro. Thomas and Bro. Hagood for your words of comfort. —The family of Amanda (Granny) Waldrop

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We would like to express our thanks to Dr. C. T. Rives, Dr. Y. K. Lee, North Runnels Hospital, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Pastor Keene and all of our friends and neighbors for the flowers, memorials, food, kind words, deeds and prayers. We are very appreciative to all of you.

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BY CHARLES POE

Path of Faith

Fred Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was honored recently by the membership, in recognition of his 40 years in the ministry.

At an after church fellowship, he was presented a watch, and a special cake was baked for the occasion. The icing depicted a road lined with trees, flowers, and a few rocks, with the caption, "Path of Faith."

The decision to become a minister was made one Sunday night at his home church in Bonham, when he was seventeen years old, said Brother Thomas. "No one expected me to be a preacher, no one in our family had been in the ministry. I was too shy to speak in public, and I had an inferiority complex."

His father said, "Fred, if you are going to be a preacher, be a good one." And, he has tried to follow his father's admonition.

The first church he pastored was the Philadelphia Baptist, a rural church, southeast of Bonham. It was a one room auditorium with curtains dividing the class rooms. They had open assembly and Fred led the singing. He had announced a hymn when a lady came down to about the third row. She had made the turn into the pew, when her underwear fell down. She kept her eyes glued on the preacher, but very quietly picked up the fallen garment and put it in her purse.

Fred entered the Decatur Baptist Church in the fall of 1942, and was married to Effie Hawkins of Decatur, in September of 1943. The following March, he enlisted in the Navy as a signalman 2nd class, and served until January, 1946. He was aboard a troop transport ship on the Pacific Ocean and saw many of the Marshall Islands.

He was at Okinawa and Iwo Jima, and saw some of the bloodiest fighting. On September 2, 1945, he was in Tokyo with the first ships that went in at the close of the war to liberate some of the POWs.

Following his term in the Navy, Fred went back to Decatur College for a year, transferred to Austin College at Shuman, and received his degree at East Texas University at Commerce. He worked on his Masters there. He also attended Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth.

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Returning from the service, Fred pastored a church at Trenton in East Texas, and it was there that the most unusual experiences of his ministry occurred. He pastored this church twice. He had accepted a call to Newelton, LA., and had been gone a week, when the church at Trenton burned. The people asked him to come back and help them in a building program.

The night the church voted to recall him there were 140 Baptists present and two Methodists, they also asked for the privilege of voting and Fred Thomas received 142 votes for recall. He says this is the first time in history, to his knowledge, that the Baptists let the Methodists help them call a preacher.

While the men were digging the foundation they unearthed many worms, about a foot long and thick as your finger. They pitched these worms in a can and planned to use them for fish bait. A reporter came out from the city and put his story in a conspicuous place in the newspaper. The Associated Press and the United Press picked it up and because of the publicity the church heard from 38 states. They got some donations and also advice about what to do with the worms. A man from Kansas wrote an open letter to the newspaper. He suggested the pastor let the members have the worms to go fishing, with the first fish being given to the church and 10% thereafter.

One member of the church was a kleptomaniac. Bro. Thomas had been helpful during her husband's illness and death. During a revival she invited him and the evangelist to have dinner with her. For dessert she served "cornbread pie", her husband's favorite. It was a beautiful pie, mush topped with meringue, and out of courtesy Fred ate some and complimented it. The next day she brought a pie to the house. He and Effie didn't know what to do. They couldn't put it in the garbage, for it wasn't in covered cans at that time, and with her habits they were afraid she would find it. So, in the dead of night he buried that pie.

From East Texas the Thomases went to the Plains where he pastored churches at Whitharral, and Lovington, N.M., before going to Morton. He stayed there for 9 1/2 years and the church gave him a trip to the Holy Land in 1961. He traveled with a group, they were gone 34 days and covered 13 countries. With this and his naval travels, Bro. Thomas has been almost around the world. From all his experiences he is grateful to be an American.

From Morton the Thomases went to Aspermont, then Rotan and to Winters in 1977. They have a son, Freddy of Lubbock and a daughter, Mrs. Ronnie Floyd of Palacios, and one grandson, Joshua Thomas Floyd.

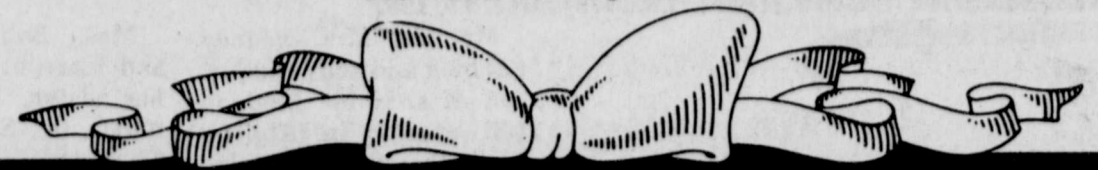
Brother Thomas has seen many changes through his years in the pastorate, but Christ has been sufficient and will always remain so. The hope of the world lies in the strength of the Church of Jesus Christ. It will have to be the church, God's only instrument.



Orchid and English ivy roots grow upward, into the air.



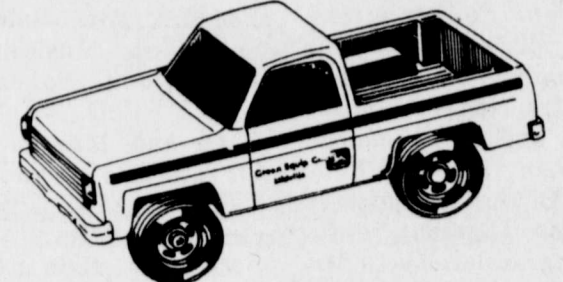
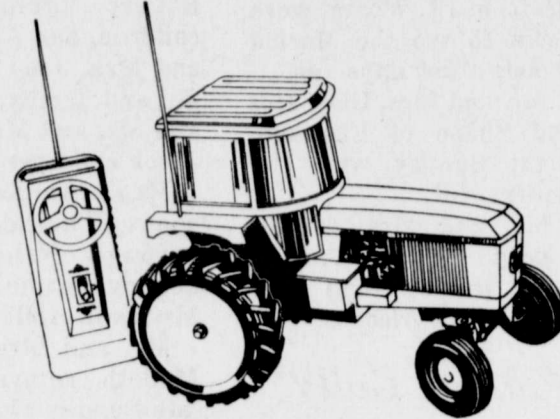
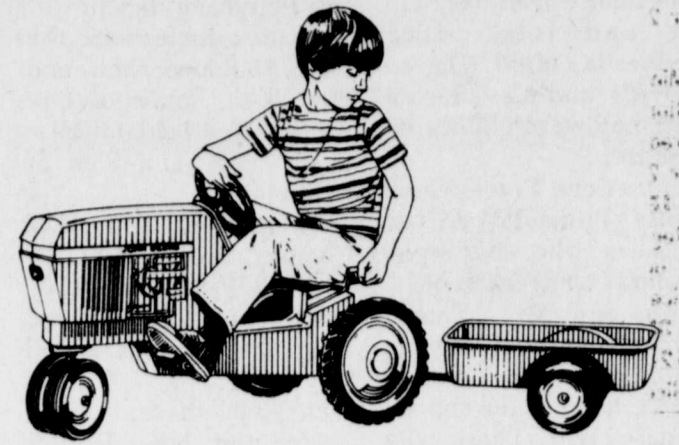
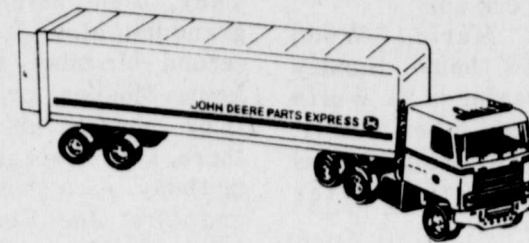
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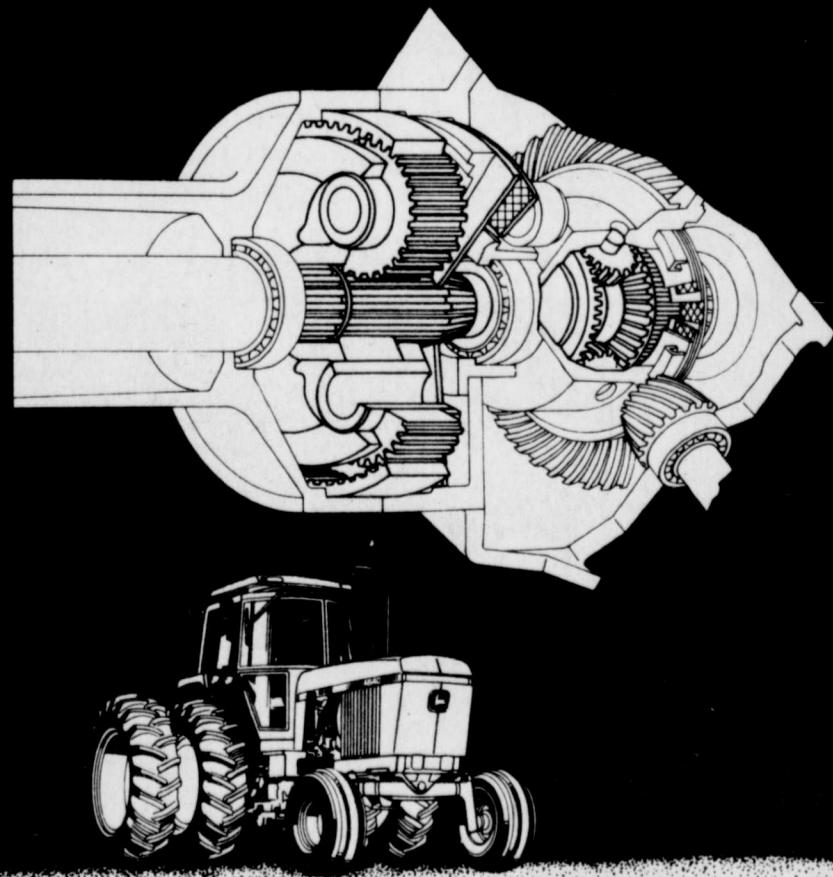
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Why are there so many last minute details, and so few last minutes?

Brother Aikens of Ballinger, missionary of this area, had the sermon at Hopewell Baptist Church Sunday. Mrs. Aikens accompanied him.

Hopewell Church will have their Christmas Supper and tree party Wednesday night. Glad to hear Mr. and Mrs. Burley Campbell were able to be in church.

Mrs. Cora Petrie came home Thursday after days in the Ballinger Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Therin Osborne honored Bernie Faubion on her birthday with a hamburger supper Friday night. Those who came were Dennis McBeth, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Duggan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Faubion.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Foreman visited with his dad, O. Z. Foreman in Abilene, Thursday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Boug Bryan on their sixth great-grandchild, born Thursday in North Runnels

Hospital, named Jason Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Nitsch of Winters.

Visiting in the Doug Bryan home were Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bryan, Wilmet; Mr. and Mrs. Lelon Bryan and Vickie, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Rec Pritchard, Bryan.

Sunday dinner with the Sam Faubions; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tryee and Sam of Ballinger.

Pat, Earl and Ray Cooper returned from Aransas Pass where they went deep sea fishing. Pat caught a 9-lb. shark and Ray caught a 7 foot, 4 inch, 70-lb. shark.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stokes of Talpa; Mrs. Lemma Fuller, Coleman; and Mrs. Alta Hale attended the Musicales in Brownwood Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Alexander's grandson, Blue of San Angelo, spent a week out here.

Mrs. Alta Hale attended a bridge party and luncheon Tues. in the home of Miss Edith Tombs, Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Faubion had supper in Abilene with the Danny Philips family, Friday night. They also went to the Abilene Boys Ranch to see Kenny Smith and give him a Christmas present of money, that the Hopewell Baptist Church is sponsoring for Kenny.

The Noble Faubions visited with the Mike Praters and son Jeremy in San Angelo after Mrs. Faubion saw her doctor for a check-up.

Mrs. Marion Wood returned home Sunday after staying in Ft. Worth 10 days with her mother, Mrs. Katie Bodine who is recuperating after surgery.

Ronnie Walters and Brett, of Ft. Worth, were down to see the Marion Woods a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hill and Shane of Eastland, spent Sunday with the Robert Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alcorn of San Angelo spent the weekend with the Wilbert Alcorns.

Carolyn Gully receives car in recognition

Carolyn Gully, a Sales Director in the independent field marketing organization of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc., has been awarded the use of a new, pink Buick Regal in recognition of her outstanding sales achievement with the Dallas-based company.

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Mrs. Bob Alexander and I ate breakfast with her sister, Mrs. Minnie Nutt in San Angelo Thursday.

Clara McKissack and Stella McClure of Talpa came out to see Mrs. Effie Dietz. The Clarence Hambrichts of Winters came Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs spent the weekend in Snyder with the Mike Kozelsky family. On Sunday they attended their granddaughter Kathrin's piano recital. They also celebrated granddaughter Jeanna's second birthday. Father Louis Moeller, priest of their church also was there, and celebrated his birthday. Also there; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kozelsky, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanZandt and children, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Joey Kozelsky, Jr. and family, Winters; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob and Brenda Jacob.

Mrs. Amber Fuller spent Thursday night through Friday with Johnny, Joanie and Mark Mathis in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth returned home late Sunday after several weeks in M. D. Anderson Hospital where Wilma was taking treatments. Welcome Home, you two!

The Connie Gibbs' family spent Sunday with daughter Mr. and Mrs. Travis Ford and family, in Rising Star.

The John Sims family attended the Young Women's Circle Christmas Party at the Lutheran Church Sunday night.

Gifts exchanged at Diversity Club meeting

The Diversity Club members enjoyed a Christmas party at their regular meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown December 10. Mrs. Charles Hudson shared hostess duties with Mrs. Brown.

Club President, Kat Young, presided for the business meeting. Freda Hudson called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Ferrell Dean Brown gave the treasury report, and a public affairs report was given by Dorece Colburn.

Grace Roach told a Christmas story in verse, "Annie and Willie's Prayer".

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful tree, and Christmas cookies and punch were served to members Mmes. Lee Colburn, Frank Brown, Z. I. Hale, Charles Hudson, J. L. Johnson, C. R. Kendrick, Weldon Middleton, Earl Roach, J. E. Smith, Fred Young and Roy Young.

Christmas festivities enjoyed by members of Dorcas SS Class

The Dorcas Sunday School Class met December 8 at the noon hour in the fellowship hall of the church for their regular meeting and social hour.

The class prepared fruit plates for several shut-in members of the church.

A Christmas devotional was given by Alice Traylor.

Members who enjoyed the luncheon and gift exchange were Merle Bains, Oletha Elder, Ann Grenwelge, Ethel Graham, Velma Hart, Alma Hughes, Vela Laird, Verda Smith, Nadeen Smith, Carrie Compton, Alice Traylor, Grace Waggoner, Stella White, and Lillian Roberson, with the benediction being given by Mrs. Roberson.



Rumanians claim descent from Roman soldiers and colonists who occupied the land beginning in 79 A.D.

Winters area farmers attend Young Farmer Educational Institute

Dale Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Deike, and Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Belew have recently returned from Hershey, Pennsylvania where they attended the 15th National Young Farmer Educational Institute. The theme of the Institute this year was "Yesterday's Dreams, Today's Realities, Tomorrow's Future."

During the five day convention, they attended several banquets and a number of tours. Some of the highlights of their trip included a tour of Chocolate World and the Milton S. Hershey School and Foundation Hall. They toured the Gettysburg National Military Park and Battlefield which consists of 3,400 acres. It is the largest Battlefield Shrine in America, having more than 1000 monuments and cannons. They also toured

Be Busy Sewing Club exchange gifts

The Be Busy Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blackmon recently, with gifts being exchanged.

Present were Mrs. James Torrence, Mrs. Bill Milliern, Faye Hogan, Eta Bryant, Eura Loyd, Nadeen Smith, Lillie Shott, and the hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blackmon.

The next meeting will be in the home of Faye Hogan on Monday, January 11, 1982.

Wingate Sew and Sew met for Christmas party

The Wingate Sew and Sew Club met for their Christmas party on December 8 at the Lions Club building.

Gifts were exchanged. Attending were Rubye Folsom, Ethel Polk, Mildred Patton, Nellie Adecock, Madlin King, Lorene Kinard, Eva Loyd, Lessie Robinson, Vida Talley, Marie Bradford, Mayola Cathey, and one visitor, Virginia Henslee.

The next meeting will be held January 5 at the Lions Club building with Ethel Polk as hostess.

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Later the men attended a number of workshops while the ladies enjoyed a special ladies program given by Judith Keith, noted author and one of the 1982 Institute will be held in San Antonio, hosted by the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas.

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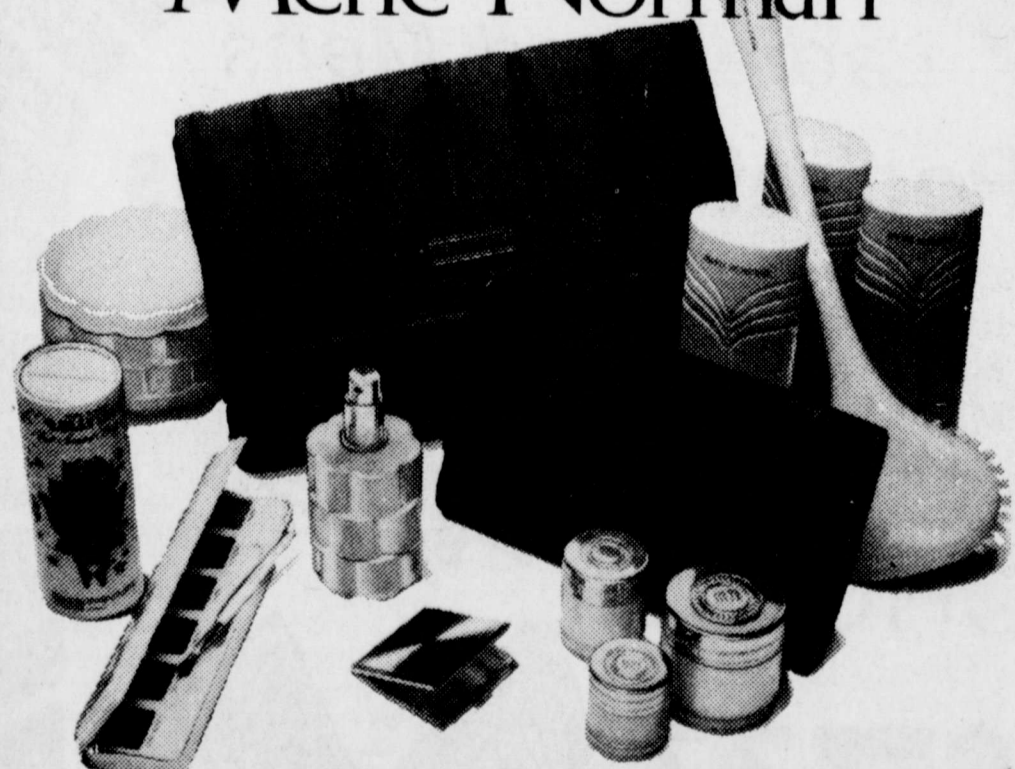
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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

I zipped around the block from my office the other day and selected a pretty little Christmas tree for the lobby of Lackey Communications. Secretary Phyllis Harrison, decorated the Scotch pine and the spirit of the holiday season began to take effect on the office staff.

My tree search took all of five minutes, certainly much different from the old days when we climbed all over hills and valleys for the right shaped cedar tree. As a boy, I usually spotted the ideal tree from horseback riding on some draw, several months before. But when it came time to ax the tree, I forgot where the tree was growing.

One year, when I remembered the perfect tree, I got there to cut it down and it was all brown and appeared to be dying. It has taken 30 years to find a reason for that.

Roger O. (Jake) Landers, Jr. a range specialist for Texas A & M University System, and a native of Menard, was visiting in my office and we were talking about trees.

"This time of year, or a bit earlier, some of the cedar trees turn rusty brown, sometimes it looks like they are dying," explained Jake. "This is the male tree with millions of tiny cones which are releasing billions of microspores (pollen) which are pollinating female trees for next year's berries."

"Hit a male cedar branch and it will pollinate all over you," continued Landers. "Some people are very allergic to breathing cedar pollen. The cones fall off by Christmas and the plants are bright green again."

We have two species of cedar, Juniperus pinchtree and Juniperus ashei. The first is usually called redberry juniper. The berries are rusty brown and so abundant this year that some female trees look brown from a distance. Jake says he has also heard it called white cedar because of the light color of its wood. It is not as good for fence posts or stays, as heartwood cedar...Bob Nickel at Twin Mountain Supply in San Angelo can give you details on that fact.

Redberry will sprout when cut off at ground level, but blueberry won't. Redberry is more sensitive to picloran than blueberry. Seedlings of both species are easily controlled by prescribed burning.

Well, we sort of got away from finding the right tree, but I learned a lot from my chat with Jake. May you find the perfect tree to make your home a perfect Christmas this year!

Essay and poster contest open to Runnels Co. students

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring Conservation essay and Conservation poster contests again this year. The essay contest is open to all students in grades seven through twelve in Runnels County. The poster contest is open to all students in grades Kindergarten through six in the county.

Material for these contests will be distributed to the schools in the District by the Board of Directors with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service office located in Ballinger.

In addition to ribbons, the District is also offering cash awards for the three top winners in each contest this year. The first place winners in the contests will be eligible for the Area and State Regional Essay and Poster Contests.

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation

Laura L. Turk died Tuesday in nursing home

Mrs. Laura Lena Turk, 76, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday night at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Lawrence Keene, officiating. Burial was at the Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Born Laura Gerhart on March 31, 1905 in Winters, she married Otto R. Turk December 22, 1925 in Winters. She lived in Wingate from 1939 to 1975 when she moved to Winters. Prior to 1939 she lived in the Dale Community.

She was a Lutheran. Her husband preceded her in death on November 11, 1972.

Survivors include two sons, Carroll Turk of San Angelo, and Herbert Turk of Winters; one daughter, Mrs. Douglas Wells of San Angelo; two sisters, Mrs. F. O. Minzenmayer of Winters and Mrs. Lorena Gerhart of Abilene; three brothers, Walter and Robert Gerhart of Winters, and Herbert Gerhart of Wilcox, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

Former Wingate resident dies in accident

A. R. Wetsel, 73, a retired Abilene barber, was killed Wednesday night in a three-vehicle accident in Early.

The accident occurred about 9:40 p.m. at the intersection of Early boulevard and U.S. 67-183, with Wetsel suffering massive head and chest injuries when his westbound car collided head-on with another vehicle.

Wetsel's car apparently jumped a traffic median and veered into the east-bound lane.

Services for Wetsel were at 3:30 p.m. Friday at North's Funeral Home in Abilene with Larry Wishard, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Born Jan. 8, 1908, he was reared at Wingate and moved to Abilene in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

He had operated barber shops in Westgate Mall and in the River Oaks neighborhood after the war. He also barbered in Midland and Brownwood before retiring last year.

A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he belonged to several barbers' organizations. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Roy and Andy of Abilene; a daughter, Rita Banks of Colorado City; five brothers, Albert of Wingate, Junior of Midland, Jesse of Dallas, Troy of Fort Worth and Coy of Midland; two sisters, Ruth Stovall of Abilene and Mittie Danford of Midland; and seven grandchildren.

Safety precautions for Christmas decorations

Stockings should be hung by the chimney with care — and so should a lot of other things at Christmas to avoid a holiday tragedy.

"In homes with fireplaces, don't hang decorations of tinsel, Christmas cards or tree branches from the mantel where they could become ignited," warns Harold Ray, Director of the Product Safety Division of the Texas Department of Health.

"And once those presents under the tree are opened, gather up all the wrappings and remove them from the home. Many colored gift wrapping papers contain lead and sometimes chromium, copper and zinc. These materials can cause toxic fumes if burned in the fireplace and can be harmful to children if they chew on them."

Ray has other holiday safety tips. In selecting a natural tree, he says, the needles should be hard to pull from the branches, and they shouldn't break when bent.

"Bounce the tree hard against the ground and you won't get a shower of needles if the tree is fresh," he said.

Christmas trees should be placed in a base which holds water and this should be checked regularly. Before mounting the tree, cut about two inches off the trunk to allow it to better absorb the water.

In selecting lights, check for the Underwriters' Laboratories "UL" label. On strings of lights, make certain all the connections are tight and that there are no frayed or bare wires that could short circuit and cause a fire.

St. John's to present cantata

St. John's Lutheran Church choir will present a Christmas cantata, "The Birth of Our Savior", Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:40 a.m.

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VFW presents check

VFW Post 9193 Service Officer Ted Meyer hands a \$100 check to Scoutmaster Manuel Vera. Vera said the money will be used in a program to improve the Boy Scout Hut. The VFW Post also gave \$50 to the Salvation Ar-

my, \$100 to the Christmas program for underprivileged children, and designated \$500 to be used to purchase walkers, wheel chairs and other bedside equipment for use in the Winters area.



Opens Monday...

Winters Oilfield Supply, Inc., the newest business in Winters, will open for business Monday. Manager Jim Black and employee Jack Pierce check over some of the merchandise just ar-

rived in the show room. The business will feature a complete pump show featuring Harbison-Fischer pumps and components and will open the pump show shortly after the first of the year.

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- Dec. 9
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- Dec. 10
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- Dec. 11
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- Dec. 12
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- Dec. 13
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