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Awarded...

Dale Duggan accepts the Area IV Chapter Publicity award from outgoing State President Thomas

Bowden at the 28th Annual Convention of Young Farmers of Texas.

County elections draw attention

With the filing deadline next week a number of contested races have developed for the primary election.

A number of incumbents are in the race without opponents and two long-time officials say they are not going to try for reelection.

District Clerk Myrt Jobe and County Clerk Frankie Berryman both say they will not seek another term. A race has developed for the District Clerk's office with four persons entering the contest while in the County Clerk's office, only one person has announced so far.

Entering the race for District Clerk are Nora Halfmann of Route 1 Ballinger, Mrs. Loretta Michalewicz of Route 2 Ballinger, Joe C. Kreager of Norton, and Sarah Craig of Winters.

The only person to officially announce as a candidate for the office of County Clerk is Linda Bruchmiller. Linda has been a deputy in the clerk's office for some 13 years.

In the only other contested race, so far, two persons have filed as candidates for the office of County Attorney. Those candidates are E.C.(Judge) Grindstaff of Ballinger and Kendal Granzin of Miles. Grindstaff, who has long been a political figure in Runnels County, was appointed late last year to fill the County Attorney's office after John McGregor resigned. Granzin is a new comer on the county political front.

Those office holders who so far have not drawn an opponent include County Judge Bill Stultz; County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Marvin Salling of Miles; County Commissioner Precinct 2 David Carroll of Winters; County Treasurer Bud Everett; Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Wilmer Davis; Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace J.C. Hodnett; and County Surveyor Feliz Itz.

All of the above candidates and incumbents have formally filed as candidates in the Democratic primary according to County Democratic Chairman Drury Hathaway.

By press time this week *The Enterprise* had been unable to contact W.J. Cervenka, the Republican County Chairman and no candidate planning to run in the Republican primary has contacted *The Enterprise* concerning their intentions.

The deadline for filing as a candidate in either primary is 6 p.m. Monday, January 31.

GenTel to ask for rate increase

Citing a crucial need for increased revenues required to meet customer pressure for a better quality of telephone service and to attract the capital necessary to meet those needs on favorable terms, General Telephone Company of the Southwest President E.L. (Buddy) Langley has announced intentions to file with the Texas Public Utility Commission January 29 for some \$110 million in new revenues of which less than \$43 million would be recovered through basic monthly rates. The Public Utilities Commission recently lifted a \$4 million penalty ordered against GTE for poor service.

The new revenues would increase intrastate revenues less than 24 percent. Langley emphasized monthly basic local service rates were last adjusted almost two years ago equating to less than a 12 percent increase per year. He added that the annual increase compares favorably with annual increases for most other services.

Some \$14 million of the request is a result of restructuring prices as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission as it continues deregulation of the telephone industry which must become effective April 1 and October 1, 1982. Another \$30 million

of the request is proposed for intrastate long-distance service. Approximately would be received from increased rates for terminal equipment such as telephones and business systems and \$6 million from miscellaneous services.

The proposed rate increase will be first presented to the governing bodies of the cities served by the telephone utility and will ultimately have to be approved by the Texas Public Utility Commission.

Langley said, "Our industry and company are being called upon to provide a very high quality of telephone service as well as modernize existing facilities and provide new services. We must have earnings to attract the necessary

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No new trial for Bowen

A motion for a new trial for Clarence L. Bowman, convicted of rape in a December trial in Ballinger was rejected Tuesday by 119th. State District Curt Steib.

The motion seeking the new trial was filed by Bowman's attorney, Jack Bundrant and alleged misconduct on the part of the jury. Bundrant claimed that several jurors discussed several matters in the case after Judge Steib had instructed the jurors to not discuss the matters. According to the amended motion the matters allegedly discussed by the jurors included Bowman's failure to testify in his trial, a previous conviction for rape and how much time of an assessed sentenced Bowman would have to serve if convicted.

Included in the motion were affidavits from two jurors who confirmed Bundrant's allegations.

Bowman had been convicted last month of the May 12, 1981, rape of an Angelo State University co-ed. The trial was moved to Ballinger from San Angelo on a change of venue.

Two guilty pleas heard Tuesday

Two pleas of guilty were heard in district court Tuesday in Ballinger, one resulting in a probated prison term, the 15 years in prison.

John Ray Christian of Talpa entered a plea of guilty to a charge of robbery in connection with a hold-up at a convenience store in Ballinger in early December. District Court Judge Curt Steib sentenced Christian to serve a 15 year term in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Raymond Diaz of Coleman entered his guilty plea to a charge of felony theft and was assessed a six year sentence probated by Judge Steib for six years.

Attempted murder suspect taken into custody by county officials

Runnels County Sheriff's officers assisted by Winters Police Chief L.C. Foster arrested a man wanted in Albany on charges of attempted murder.

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Local officers said that as a result of the initial disturbance call a woman was also taken into custody on a minor charge and later released.

Berryman to retire

Runnels County Clerk Frankie Barryman said Monday that he will retire at the end of his current term of office. He has served as the county clerk since 1947 and his present term of office expires in December of this year.

Berryman made the announcement Monday instead of filing for re-election to the post.

Berryman served as president of the Texas County and District Clerk's Association in 1964-65 and in 1979 he was named Clerk of the Year by the association.

The announcement of Berryman's intention to not seek re-election opened the door for Linda Bruchmiller to announce her candidacy for the office. Mrs. Bruchmiller has been deputy county clerk for the past 13 years.

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Grand Jury indicts four

The Runnels County Grand Jury was in session Tuesday and returned four indictments. Three of the indictments were on charges of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, and one indictment for a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

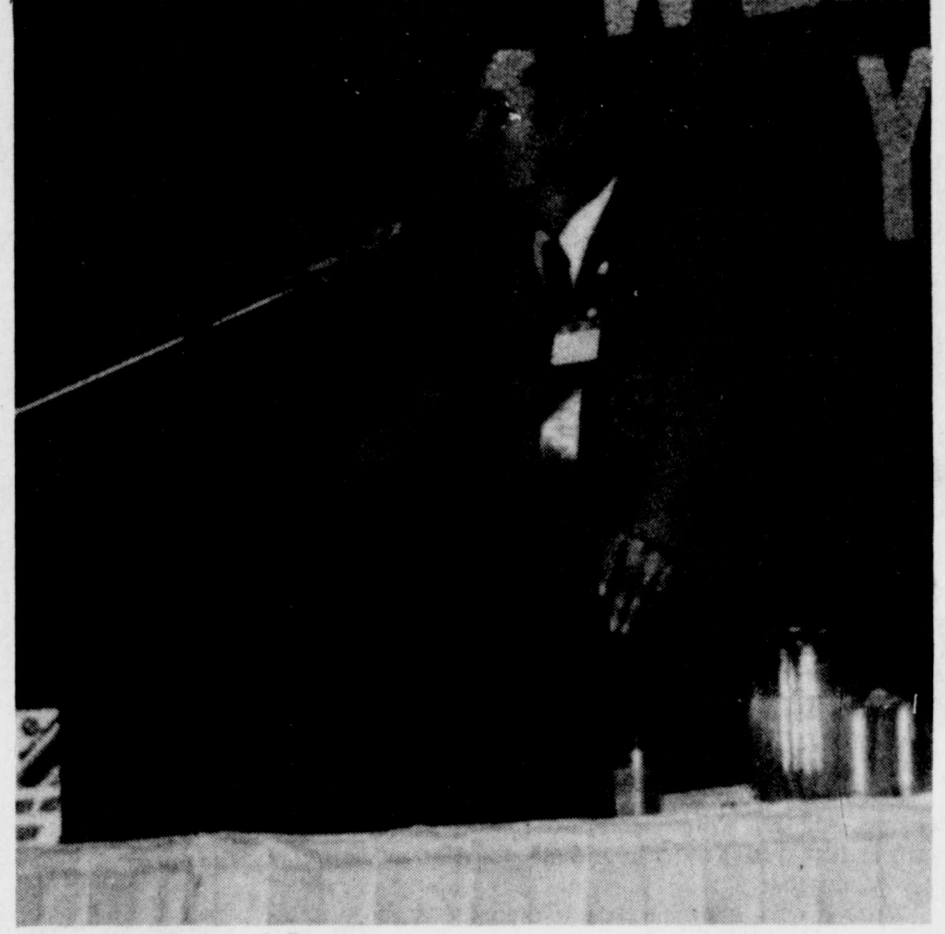
Brett Douglas McDaniels was indicted on the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle charge. Indicted for felony driving while intoxicated were Frank Nieto, Oscar Zapata Ortega, and Jesus Lopez Martinez.

The Grand Jury passed for later consideration charges against three men including a Winters man on charges filed in connection with a raid by state and federal customs and narcotics officers at the Winters airport in December.

District Attorney Royal Hart said that an investigation was still underway in the case and that it would be presented to another session of the Grand Jury for consideration.

The Tuesday session of the Runnels County Grand Jury reported its findings to 119th. District Court Judge Curt Steib.

District Attorney Royal Hart presented the cases to the Grand Jury.



State President

1982-83 President of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas is Scotty Belew, a charter member of the Winters Young

Farmers. He was elected during the 28th Annual Convention held in Corpus Christi.



Accepts award...

Lanny Bahlman accepts the Area IV Outstanding Young Agri-Businessman Award from outgoing

State President Thomas Bowden, as his wife, Brenda, looks on.

Belew elected President of Young Farmers

Scotty Belew, charter member of the Winters Young Farmers, was elected President of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas during the 28th Annual Convention held January 21-23 at Corpus Christi.

Belew was instrumental in getting his Chapter organized in 1972. He has served his Chapter as president and vice-president and has also served as president and vice-president of Area IV. He was named outstanding officer of Area IV in 1979 and was the nominee from Area IV for the Star Young Farmer Award.

In addition to his Young Farmer activities, Scotty has served as president, tail-twister, first, second, and third vice-presidents and director for the local Lions Club. He served for several years as a member of the Wingate School Board and is a member of the Wingate Fire Department. He has also served as a director of the Winters Little League and as director and president of the Runnels County Farmers Union. He is currently a director of the Runnels-Tom Green County Pest Management Association and the Winters Livestock Association. He is also a community committeeman for the Runnels County ASCS.

He attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech. He started farming in 1968 and currently farms 1000 acres in Runnels County. He raises cotton, milo, and wheat, and has a small cow-calf operation and sheep production.

Scotty and his wife, Peggy, have three children, Tammy, 11; Billy

Frank, 8; and John Paul, 3. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Thomas Bowden, State President, acted as master of ceremonies for the Awards Banquet held Friday evening. Belew, Area IV State Vice-President, gave the invocation, with Reagan Brown, Commissioner of Agriculture, guest speaker.

Receiving plaques during the Awards Banquet were Belew, Area IV Star Young Farmer, and Lanny Bahlman, also of Winters, Area IV Outstanding Young Agri-Businessman.

The Winters Chapter was honored with presentation of trophies as the Area IV Chapter Publicity winner, and as the Area IV Runner-Up Outstanding Chapter. Local advisors for the Winters Chapter are Charles Allcorn and Roy Shackelford.

Other Area IV winners from Runnels County were Rudolph W. Hohensee of Miles, Area IV Outstanding Associate Member; Mrs. Nancy Schraer of Miles, Area IV Spokesperson for Agriculture; Hugh Edmondson of Ballinger, Area IV Outstanding Area Officer and Area IV Runner-Up Star Young Farmer.

Attending the convention from Winters were Scotty and Peggy Belew, Lanny and Brenda Bahlman, Michael and Mitzie Deike, Dale and Linda Duggan, Gary and Dinell Jacob, Edwin and Sharon Deike, Randall and Susan Conner, David and Beth Bradley, Allen and Gwen Andrae, and Bob and Sue Prewit.



Star Young Farmer

Scotty Belew accepts the Area IV Star Young Farmer award from 1st State Vice President, Joseph

Skrivanek. Peggy Belew watches proudly as her husband receives the award.

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CAPITOL UPDATE

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Enterprise and determination are among the key elements of the American spirit. Nowhere are these qualities displayed in more abundance than by our nation's disabled citizens.

People who have had to overcome disabilities to become educated, set up homes and move around their cities have shown us what can be accomplished through determination, a strong motivation to succeed and, in many instances, a great deal of ingenuity.

Employers have discovered that their disabled employees who possess these qualities make excellent workers. We have developed more sensitivity toward the needs of disabled Americans, and begun to realize that we as a people have an obligation and a need to bring the disabled into the mainstream of society.

The International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981 helped focus attention on the problems and needs of the 35 million Americans who are affected by physical or mental disabilities throughout their lives -- as well as the even more numerous temporary disabilities most Americans face at one time or another. A Senate resolution awaiting House action would make 1982 the National Year of Disabled Persons to continue this effort.

The disabled ask only that they be given the opportunity to participate fully in American society -- its work, its recreation, and its commerce.

Some of these activities -- most notably, education -- are the responsibility of federal, state or local governments. But increased public awareness has increased the private sector's role in this effort. This partnership of government, private organizations, employers, and individual citizens holds great promise for a brighter future for the disabled.

A nation's most valuable resource is its people. And we cannot afford to overlook what our disabled citizens have to offer. As individuals, our lives would be far less rich without knowing and coming into regular contact with our disabled neighbors. As a parent, I know that our children need the example of courage and determination demonstrated by disabled citizens.

I hope that all of us will be more aware of how we can contribute to the goal of full participation in society by the disabled, not just during designated years, but until the goal has been met.



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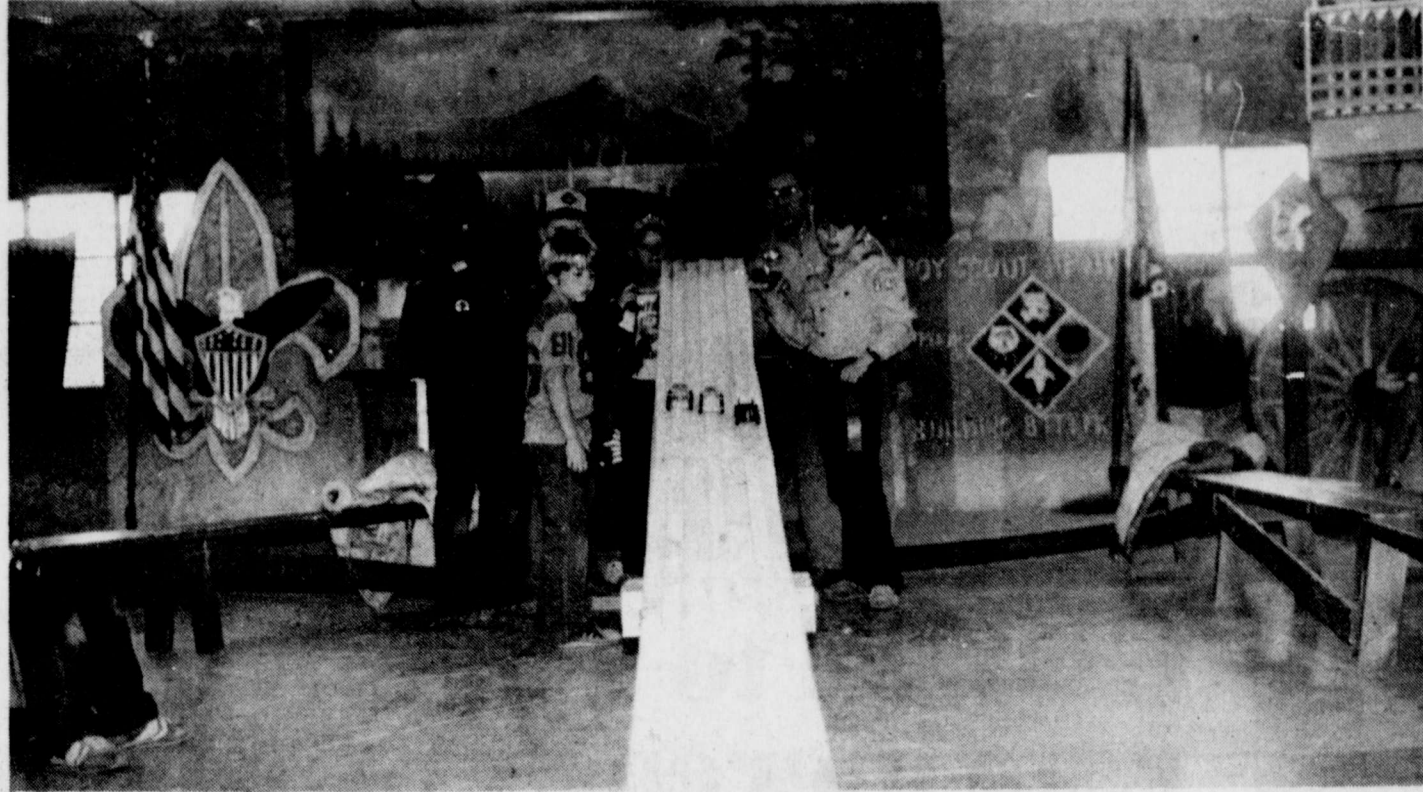
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Scoutmaster Manual Vera and several Cub Scouts watch with anticipation for the winner of one of the many Pinewood Derby Races held last Saturday at the Winters Scout Hut.



First place...
 Receiving a first place trophy in the 11-year-old division at the recent Pinewood Derby was Jason Young.



Takes trophy...
 First place winner in the 12-year-old division in the Pinewood Derby Races held at the Scout Hut last Saturday was Rene Cortez.



Derby winners...
 Pictured are winners in the recent Pinewood Derby held by the Winters Scouts. From left to right are Webelo Richard Lett, first place in 10-year-old division; Cub Lance Bellis, overall best constructed car; Cub Chris Matthews, first place in 9-year-old division; and Cub Jason Dry, first place in the 8-year-old division.

Winters scouts compete in Pinewood Derby

Winters scouts held their Pinewood Derby Races Saturday, January 23, at the Scout Hut. Each car was handcarved by the boys and their parents.

First place winners received trophies, with second and third place winners receiving ribbons.

Entered in the 8-year-old division and taking first place was Jason Dry. Second and third place ribbons went to Eric Corde and Johnny Rodriguez. Also entered in this division were Billy Holland, Buddy Jim Miller, Matthew Briley, Michael Rodriguez, Michael Bullard, John Austin, and Gene Faubion.

Receiving a first place trophy in the 9-year-old division was Chris Matthews. Second place went to J. Dan Miller, with

third place going to Johnny Wilborn. Receiving a trophy for best designed car was Lance Bellis. Also entered in this division were Temple Hale, Raul Rodriguez, Dan Killough, and Ronnie Wilborn.

First place in the 10-year-old division went to Richard Lett, second to Jimmy Ripley, and third to Jeremy Jones. Others entered Monty Maxwell and Billy Bellis.

First place winner in the 11-year-old division was Jason young, with Ricky Bullard also entered, and first place trophy for the 12-year-olds went to Rene Cortez, with C. J. Young also entered.

Darci Leigh Lindsey Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earl Lindsey, Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Darci Leigh, born January 10, at North Runnels Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fiveash of Norton. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lindsey, Sr. of Wingate.

Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. John Fiveash of Ballinger. She is welcomed by one sister, Carla Michelle, who is 11.

Donna Caroline Trojcek Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trojcek of San Angelo announce the birth of a daughter, Donna Caroline (Carrie), born January 19 at North Runnels Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Gehrels of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. George Trojcek of San Angelo.

Great grandmothers are Mrs. W. S. Cooke and Mrs. L. L. Jernagan, both of Winters. Carrie shares her birthday with Mrs. Cooke, her great-grandmother.

NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL REPORT

- ADMISSIONS**
Jan. 19
 Kathy Trojcek and baby girl
 Gertie B. Childers
 Ruby H. McCarley
 Norma Faglie
 Pearly Abbott
Jan. 20
 Norma Hogan
 Leila Perkins
 Ophelia Lopez
 Bill Milliorn
Jan. 21
 Dudley Rainey
 Ruby Gresham
 Coy Grant
 Reyes Martinez, Sr.
Jan. 22
 Verdie Arrendell
Jan. 23
 Nicole Azbill
Jan. 24
 D. C. Robertson
 Walter L. Collins
 Jeannie Poe and baby girl
 Lola Eckert

- DISMISSALS**
Jan. 19
 Jack Waggoner
 Elizabeth Traylor
Jan. 20
 Dortha Lawrence
 Cecil Stephens
Jan. 21
 George Wayne Cave
 Kathy Trojcek and baby girl
Jan. 22
 Gertie Childers
 Bill Milliorn
 Norma Faglie
Jan. 23
 Mary Griffin
 Pearly Abbott
 Ruby Gresham
 Lydia Wearden
 Leila Perkins
 Burley McCarley
Jan. 24
 Dudley Rainey
Jan. 25
 Nicole Azbill
 Verdie Arrendell
 Norma Hogan



NEWCOMERS

Amber LaShea Poe Perry and Jeannie Poe of Winters announce the birth of a daughter, Amber LaShea, born at 7:25 p.m., Monday, January 25, at North Runnels Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker of Wingate and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Poe of Winters.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Walker of Wingate.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Loyd Compton of Winters, and Mrs. George Poe of Winters.

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**Runnels County Historical Commission
Yearly Report - 1981**

The outstanding program of the year for the Runnels County Historical Commission was in August at the dedication of the new Colorado bridge on U.S. 83, just south of Ballinger. It was sponsored in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Other organizations assisting were the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the Ballinger City Council.

Plans were made in January at the first meeting of the year when Gene M. Hirschfeld, public affairs officer, from the State Highway Department met with the group and presented a plaque taken from the 1930 bridge being removed. He offered to assist members in placing the plaque on a proper marker and in a strategic location. One of the Historical Commission members, the late George Garrett, was resident engineer when the early bridge was built and members were glad to assist with the project. The second memorial plaque removed from the old bridge would be presented to Mrs. Garrett at the dedication.

The ceremony was held on August 13 at the adjacent park with 151 people attending. Sam Waldrop of Abilene, member of the Texas Highway Department, was the featured speaker. The plaque was presented to Mrs. Garrett by D. R. Watson, district highway engineer, after he paid tribute to Garrett who moved to Austin in 1950 to become the deputy state highway engineer.

Gerald Lackey, resident engineer, extended an invitation to view the original river bridge plaque at its new location nearby. A display of vintage modes of transportation was also held at the park and M. R. Williams received an award for the most unusual entry, a 1922 Huppmobile in perfect condition.

Following the dedication, Judge Charles Dankworth of Concho County spoke at the luncheon held at the First United Methodist Church. A number of out of town guests were introduced, including members of Mrs. Garrett's family.

Recognition for this program was spread throughout the state.

On January 19, the Historical Commission joined Texans in over 200 counties commemorating the roles of Texans in the Civil War. A memorial service was held at the re-located grave of Civil War Veteran, I.M. Barton, in Lakeview Cemetery at Winters. M. R. Williams paid tribute to Mr. Barton and told of his experience of moving the grave from his farm in order for it to have perpetual care. Bob Holloway, pastor of the United Methodist Church, gave the dedicatory prayer.

John G. Key, great-grandson of Captain William L. Tanner, led the pledge of allegiance. Anthony W. Lange of Norton, Texas Patriotism Chairman, assisted Key in placing a wreath at the grave in memory of all Civil War Veterans buried in Runnels County. Lange presided for the program and Rev. Larry Keene from St. John's Lutheran Church led the singing of America and the closing prayer.

Mrs. Rankin Pace announced that February was "Builders of Texas" month, and each county was asked to submit a minimum of two builders biographical forms and submit them to her by February 20. Runnels presented five outstanding Texans who prior to 1942 used their talents in opening new areas of economic enterprise, and who are notable examples of achievement under the free enterprise and profit system, Texas style!

Those submitted were: C. A. Doose, helped organize many business firms; James Madison Johnson, rancher & financier who helped build the city of Winters; William Wyatt Poe, donated much land to the use of schools and churches; Gustav Adolph Pruser, developed skills in many lines as mechanic, farmer, architect, inventor, but first and last a musician; Dr. Fred Tinkle, civic minded and public spirited as well as doctor for 51 years.

At the March meeting, a resolution of respect and appreciation was passed honoring Frank Jenkins, a valuable member, who died February 16, in Ballinger. Mr. Jenkins was known for his knowledge, expertise and dedication to the preservation of history. His book *Runnels County Pioneers* was published in 1976, in preparation for the Bicentennial. He had completed Cemetery Inscriptions, Runnels County, Volumes I-V. Ballinger and Winters have been published.

In March, Runnels County joined 253 counties in another heritage project by selecting five "Hometown Heroes", who are remembered for exceptional public service to their counties. Their names and accomplishments will be published in a statewide "Roster of Honor" to be placed in archives and libraries over the state.

The five people nominated in Runnels were: Felton T. (Pooch) Wright of Ballinger, by Flora Mae Stovall, he is the founder of the Bearcat tradition; J. McGregor,

one of the founding fathers of Ballinger, nominated by Neuman Smith; Paul J. Baron, who began the town of Rowena, sponsored by Mrs. Rodney Watson; Charlsie Poe, historical writer, submitted by the Diversity Club of Winters; John W. Norman, a leader in civic, church and school activities and wholesome entertainment, presented by Charlsie Poe.

At the March meeting, Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff announced that an interpretive plate had been ordered and would be added to the medallion at the Carnegie library.

Two members announced homecomings would be held in their communities: Mrs. Lee of Norton said the bi-annual one would be held in Maverick this year. Alton O'Neal, Jr. reported the 75th anniversary would be observed at the Wilmett Baptist Church.

Following the business meeting, members adjourned to visit the home of Bob O. Wright: a renovated house filled with outstanding antiques he has collected since childhood.

Five members attended the State Preservation Conference held in Austin in April and made a report at the May business meeting. Chairman Pace accepted the Distinguished Service Award presented at Austin for outstanding work of the Commission. Mrs. George Poe, Texas Heritage Project Chairman, received an award as runner up in the state for work accomplished in the county on Texas Heritage.

The meeting adjourned for a tour of the Lee Roy Ferguson garage museum in South Ballinger. Many unusual items pertaining to early implements and cars were attractively displayed against a white background.

In July a business meeting and hamburger cookout were held at the spacious ranch home of Emma Henniger near Hatchel. The cookout was directed by Neuman Smith who also reported on preservation. He continues to give programs and uses audio-visual means on occasion. He writes a weekly newspaper column.

A story hour is held each week at the Ballinger library. Two librarians are cataloguing books. Section A holds the Texas County inventory: Hand books of Texas, 1, 2, and 3, county history and the Texas almanacs. Section B holds as many books as can be collected on Indian lore.

The historic Van Pelt house, now owned by the Wesley Campbells, was added to the national register of historic places early in the year. In September it received an official marker.

Chairman Pace read the revised awards program which will be divided into three categories: Counties up to 12,000 population, those up to 58,000, and those above 58,000. The best publication award is also in three classes: county, region and ethnic.

Winters members of the Commission spent a busy year helping with the renovation of the Z.I. Hale Museum. In January, the lower floor of the building was ready for furnishings and new items were catalogued at a workday meeting. Although the museum was not ready for a formal opening, one Sunday afternoon each month was designated for open house to keep the public informed about progress. A different theme was used each month.

In February a colored slide presentation of historic sites and buildings in the county was well received. A memorial day for Prissy Dozier drew a large crowd in March. A tribute to her enthusiastic and untiring work for the museum was presented.

The April open house was a display of coins and currency by Floyd Sims. In May the program was a doll show with three exhibits of more than 100 dolls being displayed, and 87 people registered.

"Flag Day" was observed at the museum in June with exhibits of clothing and souvenirs that belonged to soldiers of all wars. Small flags were presented to those present as a gift from the VFW and Auxiliary. To coincide with the rodeo in July, a display of tools of their trade was collected for showing. Some saddles and other gifts were donated permanently. For August, the work of 17 local artists made an outstanding display and was open for two days. The next open house was held on October 3rd to coincide with the Baldwin school reunion. Many visitors came to the museum to view pictures and other items connected with their school days.

In November more than 160 guests attended the two-day showing of quilts sponsored by the Arts & Crafts show and held at the museum. The show went over so well that one is planned for next year. Work continues on the building and members are looking forward to a formal opening in 1982. In the meantime, the object is to help museum officials inform and enlist as many people as possible in the museum program.

The Historical Commission has begun work with young people to develop their interest in preserving local history and has started a survey of historical photograph collections. A collection is being gathered for the museum.

Late in the year, John Norman of Winters started work on the historic old cotton mill in view of making it a museum for horse-drawn vehicles. He has 12 unusual conveyances and keeps his Shetland ponies at this site. He plans to use his equipment for the Winters

Armadillos join Ballinger Lions to fight leprosy

Once mainly the subject of jokes and zoological curiosity, armadillos have recently joined with a group of Texas Lions in the search for a cure to one of the world's most misunderstood and feared diseases: leprosy.

The Lions of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club have teamed with Sam Lewis, a local armadillo enthusiast, to provide the armor-clad critters for research at the University of Hawaii. Lewis, who raises the animals and trains them to eat in captivity, gives them to the Ballinger Lions, who then arrange for their shipment to Hawaii.

After being alerted to the need for armadillos by a fellow-Lion from Hawaii, the Texas Lions contacted Lewis and the partnership was formed.

Researchers say that armadillos - common in West Texas and other parts of the Southern United States - have a natural characteristic that makes them ideal for leprosy research: a lower than normal body temperature that enables them to carry the disease and develop antibodies. Researchers hope to extract the anti-bodies and develop the vaccine.

Christmas parade. He has been encouraged by members.

New members for the year are Mrs. Robert Leathers, M. R. Williams and John Hancock. Meetings have been held each two months with extra attractions such as cookouts and tours added. \$2,301.00 has been contributed to the Texas Historical Foundation by members. A Texas Heritage Project Chairman was appointed and four Heritage programs have been held, and co-sponsored two ethnic holiday celebrations. The year closed with the annual cookout at the Nancy Parker Cabin.

Plans were made for a Texas history teacher appreciation day, and to show "Heroes of Texas" traveling exhibit in connection with Texas Flag Day March 2. The year of 1982 promises to be as busy and productive as previous years in the pursuit of history.

"Benson" to host PSB special on federal taxes

Taxpayers will learn everything they need to know about filing federal tax returns when public television stations broadcast "Your Tax Return: The Bottom Line On Improving Your Form". Robert Guillaume, of the hit television show, "Benson" will host the three-hour special, which airs Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. ET on PBS.

Tax experts from the Internal Revenue Service will provide advice on completing and submitting tax returns. Phone lines at IRS offices throughout the country will be open during the telecast to respond to viewer's questions. The program, which will be interpreted for the hearing impaired, is produced for PBS by WQED/Pittsburgh in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

IRS representatives will give detailed instructions on selecting and filing such forms as the 1040-A, 1040, Schedule A (for itemizing deductions) and Schedule B (for reporting income from interest and dividends). Expenses related to child care services and energy saving adjustments to homes, which frequently qualify for tax credits, will be discussed along with Earned Income Credit, a

direct credit for qualifying families earning under \$10,000. The special will also cover the numerous credits and deductions that older Americans can take, such as the one-time exclusion of profits from the sale of their residences, extra exemptions for those over 65 and special assistance available through the IRS will be discussed. Tax specialists will also cover the importance of accuracy and of keeping records.

Literary and Service Club met January 21

The Literary and Service Club met January 21 at 4 p.m. in the Hudon White home with Mrs. White, Mrs. Joe Irvin, and Mrs. Floyd Sims as hostesses. Nineteen members were present.

Officers for the coming year were elected. They are Mrs. Martin Middlebrook, president; Mrs. Bobby Airhart, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Russell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joe Irvin, recording secretary; and Mrs. Hudon White, treasurer. Mrs. Tommy L. Russell was elected to membership.

Mrs. Royce McDorman presented the program. She spoke on physical health, using as her topic, "Six Ways To Have More Get-Up and Go".

Present were Mrs. W. J. Briley, Mrs. Bill Russell, Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Mrs. Bert Humble, Mrs. Jake Smith, Mrs. Loyd Robertson, Mrs. Royce McDorman, Mrs. Barry Sullivan, Mrs. Elo Michaelis, Mrs. Earl Dorsett, Mrs. Bobby Airhart, Mrs. H. M. Nichols, Mrs. Charles Kruse, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Thormyer, Mrs. Ray Laughon, Mrs. Martin Middlebrook, and the hostesses.

Celebrates Birthday

Dana Eckols, of Abilene, was honored on her 2nd birthday, January 16, with a party given by her parents, Joe and Ann Eckols, and her sister, Jessica.

Decorations for the party used the Strawberry Shortcake theme. Guests were served cake, ice cream, punch and coffee. Dana's grandmother, Mrs. Johnnie Spence, of Winters, was among those family members attending.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Feb. 1
Beef stew with vegetables, cheese and celery sticks, sliced peaches, cake with white topping, cornbread squares, milk or chocolate milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 2
Western spaghetti, cream potatoes, black-eyed peas, peanut butter cookies, french sticks with butter on top, milk or chocolate milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, cake with orange topping, hot rolls with butter on top, milk or chocolate milk.

Thursday, Feb. 4
Cheeseburger with all trimmings, or combination sandwiches, french fries, catsup in cups, mixed fruit, chocolate cake, milk or chocolate milk.

Friday, Feb. 5
Beef taco with grated cheese, seasoned pinto beans, cabbage and pineapple slaw, cinnamon rolls, cornbread squares, milk or chocolate milk.

Birthday Surprise

A surprise birthday party was held for Herman Brown at the home of Doc and Pat Aldridge, with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Brown as hosts.

Games of 84 were enjoyed by everyone and a delicious pineapple cake and drinks were served to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Belew, of Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. George Herring of Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Aldridge of Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Downing of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Brown, Deann and Jarod of Midland, Annie D. West of Drasco, June Holiday of Bradshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown of Bradshaw.

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We thank the ladies of the United Methodist Church for the lunch on Sunday. And we are grateful for the special words of Bro. Thomas and Bro. Holloway at the service, and to Ted Meyer for his thoughtfulness and concern.

Our friends have been so thoughtful with food and attention during our loss. The thanks we can offer in return can never say how much we appreciate each and every one of you and your kind words and deeds. We feel especially blessed to have friends like you at a time like this.

Thank you so much. —The family of Hannah Bishop

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Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

On the second Saturday of the new year, Rehab '82 was kicked off with the 12th annual telethon from the Civic Center here in Abilene. At the close of seven hours of live entertainment nearly \$800,000 was raised. Abilene is headquarters for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the beneficiary of the fund-raiser, the money is converted into services to care for some 10,000 handicapped children and adults at Abilene, San Angelo and Snyder. The telethon was viewed all over the Southwest via a 14 station network.

Featured stars included Rex Allen, Shari Lewis, Rex Allen Jr., Ray Price, Johnny Gimble, The Reinsmen, Grandpa Jones and Family, Alan Sheppard, Slim Pickens, James Drury, the Rev. Grady Nutt, Johnny Desmond, Helen O'Connell, Arthur Duncan, Anacani, Joey Schmidt, and the Otwell Twins.

Others included: Bill and Susan Hayes, John McCasserty, Caryn Richman, Jackie Vernon, Pedro Gonzales-Gonzales.

Also, Yolanda, Jimmy Weldon, the Angle Sisters, Montie Montana, Ace Reid, Clyde Creel, the Lone Star Travelers, Bill Mack and Dick Yaws.

On tape was Bob Hope, Glen Campbell, Tanya Tucker, Jeanie C. Riley, and Spanky McFarland.

My assignment this year was to interview and photograph the stars backstage. It was my fourth telethon to work and I believe without a doubt the best show we have presented. The show got better with age and the last three hours were the best. I hope the viewers stayed awake.

Actually, the telethon marks the beginning of a year-long funding program. The 1982 budget will be near the \$4 million mark in order to provide services without charge to the 10,000 handicapped individuals to be treated this year.

There will be many opportunities for people to give throughout the year. The Joint-Venture for Crippled Children program will kick-off in the summer. The La-Jet Golf Classic will be part of the PGA fall tour. The annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled Children will provide ranchmen an avenue to participate in Rehab. And the Cotton Round-Up will allow farmers an opportunity to help.

Every now and then I hear the comment in a coffee shop that "the Rehab bunch is always asking for money." That's right...we are, with the budget we must support every year, the money is needed. No donation is too small. On my desk now is plans for a benefit raffle February 20th in Mason County. Similar events will be held all year in between the JVCC and CRCC and the other larger drives.

WTRC campuses are in Abilene, San Angelo and Snyder, but outreach services are extended to 43 counties. Services offered at WTRC include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, audiology, education, adaptive equipment and bracing, psychology, social services work evaluation and recreation.

Survey after survey shows that you or someone close to you will need the services of WTRC in your lifetime. When you are asked to participate in the 1982 program, think about that!

'Growing Together' topic of UM Women

The Winters United Methodist Women met on Tuesday morning with Mrs. Billie Middlebrook, presiding.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jewel Mitchell. Ava Crawford led the singing, with Margurite Mathis at the piano.

The program, "Growing Together in Christian Faith", was presented by Mrs. Lou Esther Gerhardt, assisted by Mrs. Ora Hill and Mrs. Ozie Stanley.

In closing, The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

The next meeting will be "A Call To Prayer And Self-Denial", on Monday night, Feb. 1 in the fellowship hall.

Members present were Ora Hill, Odessa Dobbins, Ava Crawford, Margurite Mathis, Addie Beth Stanley, Lillie Rose, Beatrice Traylor, Willie Lois Nichols, Ozie Stanley, Ionah Vinson, Pauline Mayhew, Marie Neely, Ethyl Bridwell, Jewel Mitchell, Zelma Lee Lange, Lou Esther Gerhardt, Billie Middlebrook, Dorece Colburn, and Margaret Anderson.

Services held in Coleman for Walter Brown

Walter Brown, 58, of Coleman, an employee of the Coleman city street department for more than 30 years, died at 6 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Services were held at 1:30 a.m. Thursday at Walker Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Hubbard of Immanuel Baptist Church of Coleman, officiating. Burial was in Coleman Cemetery.

Born Dec. 10, 1923, in Lawn, he married Hetty Faye Eldred March 4, 1944, in Coleman. A veteran of World War II, he had lived in Coleman County most of his life. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Linda Baird of Bedford, Mass., and Gloria Dean Loyd of Coleman; four sons, David, Jimmy, Morris, and Billy, all of Coleman; three sisters, Mrs. Rachael Hilliard of Longmont, Colo., Mrs. Minnie Steward of Ballinger, and Mrs. Ruby Eldred of Winters; two brothers, Burl of Cross Plains and Allison of Coleman; and 12 grandchildren.

Born Sept. 7, 1904, in Jones County, she moved to the Moro Community in south Taylor County, where she lived for a number of years. She married J. C. Bagwell in 1926 in Winters. He died in November, 1955. She was a member of Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger, where she had lived the past 10 years.

Survivors include a son, Don of Hooks; a brother, W. H. Jones of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Adrain Hale of Winters; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Hale, Floy Key, Ronnie Denton, Lelon Bryan, Melvin Talley, and Dewitt Bryan.

Born May 11, 1888, in Breslau, Germany, she came to the United States in 1893. She lived in Dewitt and Milam counties before moving to Runnels County in 1900, where she lived until moving to San Angelo 10 years ago. She married Edwin Voss April 12, 1912, in Winters. He died May 4, 1979. She was a member of Wingate Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Helmer of Kingman, Ariz., Vanner and Erwin, both of San Angelo; two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Dornor of Ballinger and Mrs. Marvin Menzel of Shallowater; a brother, Henry Vogler of Winters; four sisters, Ida Onken of Fort Worth, Frieda Siebel of Dallas, and Alma Onken and Ethel Hant-sche, both of Winters; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Worth Voss, Mike Dornor, Bill Briley, David Richardson, Wesley Vogler, Marvin Onken, Terry Ely and Bennie Makowsky.

Services held Wednesday for Belton resident

Alton Stehle, 68, of rural Belton, died Sunday, January 17, in a Temple hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel of First Baptist Church in Midland, with the Rev. Roy Carley officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Born November 29, 1913, in Gonzales County, he grew up in Winters. He married Eunice Rotan Sept. 10, 1935, in Eastland. He lived in Winters until 1938, then in Chula Vista, Calif., until 1944. He returned to Winters and then moved to Midland in Jan. 1952. In 1976 he moved to Belton.

He was a Baptist and member of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

One daughter, Flora, preceded him in death several years ago.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Robert E. Stehle and Gayland R. Stehle, both of Midland, and Glenn E. Stehle of Belton; a daughter, Mrs. Belva Barrington of Los Fresnos; a brother, Herbert C. Stehle of Midland; three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Cox of San Angelo, Mrs. Arvil Cox of Snyder and Mrs. J. B. Donnelly of Tuscola; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mabel Bagwell died Tuesday in Ballinger

Mrs. J. C. (Mabel) Bagwell, 77, formerly of Bradshaw, died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday at Ballinger Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Winters Memorial Chapel with Max Pratt, minister of the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger, officiating. Burial was in Bradshaw Cemetery.

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Blackwell

The Women's Missionary Union of the Blackwell First Baptist Church met Thursday at 2 p.m. at the church with ten ladies attending.

Mrs. E. K. Finley presided for the meeting. The scripture and calendar of prayer were read by Mrs. Olin Corley.

The prayer for the missionaries was given by Mrs. Cecil (Charlene) Tackett.

Bible study was given by Mrs. Eula Nabors, with the Dismissal prayer rendered by Mrs. Ben Noble.

Attending were Mmes. Finley, Corley, Tackett, Nabors, Noble, Verla Smith, Thelma Smith, Willie Burwick, Ninnie Kinard and Mrs. Tackett (Brother Cecil Tackett's Mother).

Mrs. H. Duncan died Tuesday in Fort Worth

Mrs. H. L. (Florence) Duncan, 94, of Fort Worth, formerly of Winters, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday at All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth following a brief illness.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Northview Cemetery, with Bill Hooten of Main Street Church of Christ, officiating, and directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Born March 9, 1887, in Blanco, she moved to Winters in the early 1900s and later lived in Iran and Coleman. She married H. L. Duncan in 1911 in Winters. He died February 6, 1960. She had lived in Fort Worth the past two years.

Two stepchildren preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Jack of Fort Worth; a daughter, Mrs. James Alcorn of Abilene; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John J. Swatchesue, Ellis Zane Moore, Hal Dry, Cherry Dry, Mack Edwards and J. C. Haines.

Emily Voss died Monday in San Angelo

Mrs. Edwin (Emily) Voss, 93, of San Angelo, and formerly of Wingate, died at 6 p.m. Monday at Leisure Nursing Home in San Angelo after a brief illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Winters Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Holloway of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery.

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Jan. 4, and was again postponed.

Mrs. T. J. Oden opened the meeting with prayer, voiced by Mrs. McRorey.

A business session was held, then Mrs. Oden adjourned the meeting with prayer which was given by Mrs. John English. The program was then turned over to Savannah Thompson, who gave a program on "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian", and was assisted by Mrs. R. Q. Spence.

The Closing Prayer was The Lord's Prayer, voiced by the group.

A refreshment plate

After the dinner, they sang "Happy Birthday" to her before cake was served.

The cake was a pineapple cake with white icing, yellow flowers and green leaves with only 2 candles, baked by the Snyder Bakery.

Lula Mae Howell of Edgewood was unable to attend, but, she had a Happy Birthday Wish in the Bronte Enterprise, of which Savannah overlooked, and did not see until they were in Snyder, so, it was all really a surprise to her.

Many pictures were made while they were all together and she thanked all of them for coming, and then they presented her with a dress, which was greatly appreciated.

The United Methodist Women of the Blackwell United Methodist met Monday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Juanita McRorey with ten ladies attending and with Mrs. McRorey as hostess.

This meeting was to have been last Nov. 23, but was postponed until

was served by the hostess to Mmes. T. J. Oden, Ida Oden, Margaret Stout, Herman Seale, Spence, Terry Barrett, Mary Louise Alderman, Abe Lanier, and Thompson.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 25, for their regular meeting in the Oak Creek Lake Home of Mrs. Terry Barrett, with Mrs. Barrett as hostess.

Blackwell had a bad windy, sandy and cold day last Saturday and then Wednesday and Thursday was cold and misty, but not enough to register.



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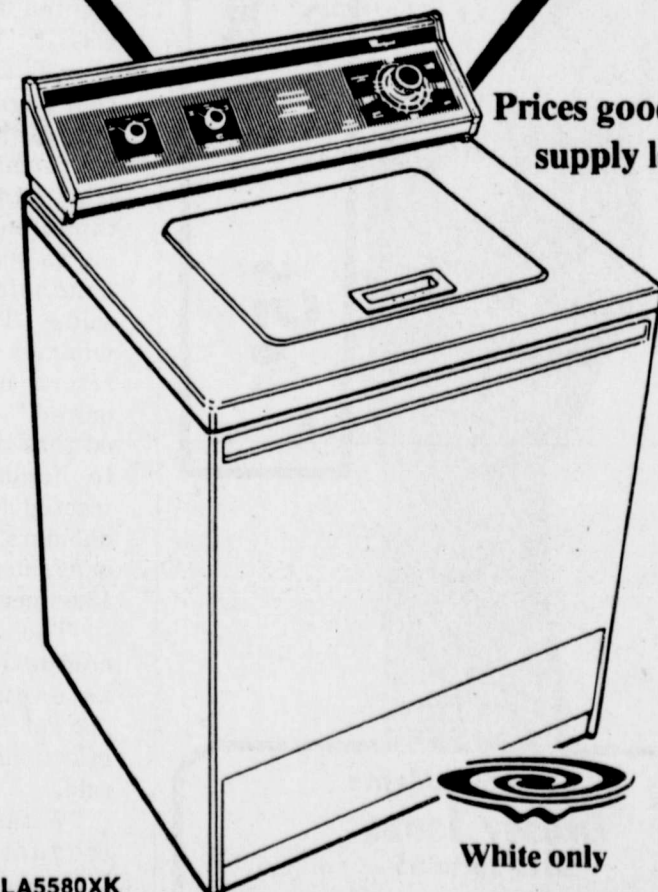
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capital to provide the quality of service required."

"The expanding service needs of customers, continued rapid growth, inflation, a changing regulatory environment, the need to modernize facilities, the need for acceptable earnings sufficient to attract investors all contribute to the need for additional revenues," Langley emphasized.

The president of General Telephone of the Southwest continued by saying, "A high percentage of our Texas service areas are undergoing strong growth. As a result, we have an accelerated demand for telephone service including the rapidly expanding data transmission services."

Langley said, "Unlike other businesses, we have an obligation to serve all customers even though adding new customers to the network costs. We can't delay capital ex-

penditures until interest rates are lower. We are really the victim of inflation, not the cause."

Langley added, "During the test year, our accelerated service improvement and modernization programs involved adding over 1,400 employees, mostly in positions directly affective service performance. The cost of intrastate construction and modernization programs increased over \$224 million, 29 percent greater than in 1980. Our maintenance expenditures rose more than 58 percent above 1980's cost of approximately \$81 million."

"We are generally meeting or exceeding the Public Utility Commission service standards in most areas, but we also are continually striving to meet individual customer expectation because customer approval is also extremely important to all of us at General Telephone."

"As a result of growth, the need for expanded and improved service and modernization programs,

we see significant increases in capital expenditures for the future. In 1982, we will have a 68 percent greater intrastate capital requirement than in 1980. We will invest \$265 million in 1982—that's approximately \$726,000 every day of the year."

"This is an aggressive but absolutely necessary program in order to meet customer service needs which call for a fair rate of return on our investment and appropriate capital recovery if we are to be able to attract the investment dollars needed to complete these programs."

Langley said, "The need to obtain capital to meet customer service requirements is paramount in filing this request. We must be able to earn at a level which will attract investors in order to provide the quality of service desired by our Texas customers and the commission."

"A fair rate of return is expected," he said, "to attract investors and assist in keeping the interest rates we must pay as low as possible." As an example, he explained bondholders now provide half the company's capital dollars and this makes the company's bond rating crucial.

Last year General Telephone's bond rating with Standard & Poor's Corp. was reduced from 'A' to 'A-'. Standard & Poor warned the telephone utility at that time that the rating would be further downgraded unless the company could bring its earnings up to an acceptable level. The lower the earnings, the more interest the investor wants because the risk is greater, and consequently, the higher the customer's rates.

Langley said General Telephone obtained \$100 million in external financing September 15, 1981, paying record high interest rates in order to obtain the funding. The company sold \$50 million in 20-year, First Mortgage Bonds for an effective cost of money to the company of 18.27 percent. Additionally, the company issued a \$50 million, 10 year note at an effective 17.47 interest rate of 8.42 percent and paying 17-18 percent for capital. "Obviously," Langley said, "We cannot use the \$75 million issue in 1980 based on an effective cost of 14.18 percent."

The company president pointed out that in Texas GTSW is earning an overall rate of 8.42 percent paying 17-18 percent for capital. "Obviously, we cannot continue to attract equity investors' capital if we are not earning as much or more than bondholders," Langley said. "That is why a minimum of 18 percent return on equity is required." He also explained that if weight is given to funds already contracted for (existing bondholders, etc.), the company must have an overall 18.88 percent return.

"The introduction of competition into the telecommunications market is also having an effect on earnings," he said.

"With the rapid introduction of new technology, equipment is becoming obsolete faster, much faster than we are able to recover the capital we have invested in it, and we must reprice services to be competitive. We welcome competition but it calls for changes since our competitors are not burdened with the outdated capital recovery methods we are bound to, nor the same regulatory restraints. More rapid recovery of invested capital is crucial if we are to be able to provide new technology and the quality of service our customers expect and

deserve." "The telephone industry is undergoing tremendous changes due to growth of the Sunbelt states, deregulation and competition, and the economy, all of which affect our customers. But despite these changes, the price of telephone service remains one of the best bargains available. Since 1976, General Telephone rates in Texas have only increased 22 percent. But when you look at the other goods—gasoline-128 percent, natural gas and electricity - 82 percent; and an overall price index - 57 percent—we have held the line much longer even though we have had the same impacts of inflation as our customers and other businesses."

Langley said details of the company's proposed restructuring of rates to recover the needed revenues will be released when the company files the increase request with the Public Utilities Commission.

The president of General Telephone of the Southwest concluded by saying, "However, we will be proposing repricing of many of our services to place the costs of these services on the customers who benefit from them rather than having all ratepayers pay for someone else's service. We are doing everything we can to keep the cost of basic local service as low as possible."



One injured...

Runnels County Emergency Service personnel work to remove Norma

Fagley from her vehicle. The car, driven by the woman, ran off rain-slick Highway 83 about three miles north of Winters

and crashed into a utility pole. Mrs. Fagley was not thought to have been seriously injured in the one-vehicle crash. The woman's young daughter, a passenger in the car, was uninjured.

Runnels County School Food Service Assn. met in Miles

The Runnels County School Food Service Association met Monday, Jan. 25, in the Miles school cafeteria. Betty Hedden and Audrey Schniers of the Miles cafeteria served as hostesses.

Betty Easterly called the meeting to order, with Betty Hedden giving the devotional, and Queba

James reading the minutes.

Attending were Edna Gillespie, Pat Hale, Gladys Hilliard, Queba James, Carleen Jennings, Frances Spieken, Gay Howard, Bonnie Virden, Glenda Rose, Elouise Prine, Lavada Haupt, Betty Easterly, Janie Wear-den, Betty Hedden, and Audrey Schniers.

ner Sunday for their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Therin Osborne, Sue and Glen Campbell, Don and Cindy McGallian, and Louise Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob attended the wedding of their niece, Lisa Weishuhn and David Edwards in Wall Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Button of San Antonio were up to visit relatives and attend the wedding. On Sunday, relatives and friends attended a bridal shower for Fran Halfmann, bride-elect of Steve Havlah, Jr. of Rowena. The Buttons returned home on Monday after spending the night with the Walter Jacobs.

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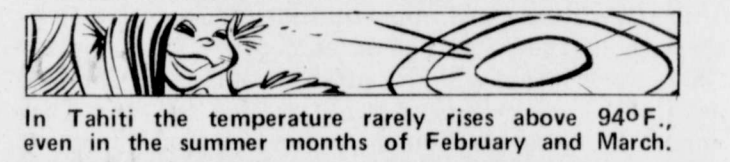
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and films both were good. Last week the Marion Woods spent Sunday and Monday in Fort Worth with her mom, Mrs. Katie Bodine. This weekend they had Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brantley of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hokit of Sonora for company. Also Ronnie and Beth Walters of Fort Worth.

Richard, Brenda, Dodie and Gina Chambliss of Hawley spent Sunday with the Earl Coopers.

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

The Connie Gibbs went in to Winters and saw the Connie Mac Gibbs family Sunday. Congratulations to Kenny Gibbs for winning the champion on his Duroc pig in the stock show.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Alta Hale visited the Flay Brevards and Willie Hale in Ballinger. Saturday night the Horace Stokes of Talpa and Alta attended the musical in Echo.

I visited a spell with Mrs. Ella Phipps Friday evening. She thinks Mrs. Chester McBeth will be starting her treatments this week in Houston.

Sharon and Wesley McGallian prepared din-

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Sorry to hear Hazel Deitz was admitted to the Coleman Hospital Friday night. Last report he was somewhat better.

On Thursday morning Mrs. Effie Deitz visited the Clarence Hambrights and had lunch with Bessie Baldwin. On Friday evening the Carl Baldwins and the Clarence Hambrights came out to see Mrs. Deitz and had Clarence's birthday supper.

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