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## Wait a minute...

By Kerry Craig

There is one thing that a newspaper columnist has that an electronic media journalist does not have. That one thing is a printed copy that may be criticized.

I did not realize that one's thoughts were subject to having the sentences diagramed or to having the punctuation relocated or found to be totally unnecessary.

Well, let me tell you. It can happen. Not only can it happen — it did.

The grade I received probably set some kind of record. I'll have to check with the record keeping folks to see if, ever, a grade below an "F" has been registered officially. If it hasn't, it soon will be.

Seriously, Nancy, I appreciate your interest not only in the way I said what I said, but how I said it.

The next time you come by, I will replace your red pen. You must have used nearly all your red ink.

If Ann and Abby had not coined the phrase "30 lashes with a wet noodle" I would use it here. I guess, however, we will have to settle for dry newsprint.

One thing about it, though. You did read what was said.

I am glad to hear that administrators will be given the test(s) too. They probably need it.

Now I did not refer to the local teachers as being inept. I do think, however, that it would be for the best if those who are in that profession now, or plan to be, should strive to produce the best product possible. If this testing idea is what it takes to keep these folks on their toes — so be it.

Now about the politicians moving to the teaching profession. There are some good legislators and there are a bunch more that need to look for another job, somewhere.

Not all of the people mandated that a teacher's job cover only nine months out of the year. At least they didn't ask me.

This was not intended to be a rebuttal. Thanks to my first Letter to the Editor I realized that maybe my thoughts needed to be clarified.

Before I go, one other thing. Jim Parker, the State Representative from our district is doing a good job in Austin. His voting record in the special session set him apart from those elected officials who need to be preparing resumes for jobs elsewhere.

## Pat Wood wins City tourney

Pat Wood of Winters took the Championship Flight honors this past week end in the Winters Country Club Men's City Championship Golf Tournament. Runner-up in the Championship Flight was John Edward McAdoo.

Country Club officials said that the meet enjoyed "a good all-around turn out." The tournament was highlighted by a three-hole, sudden-death play-off for the runner-up honors in the first flight which was won by Darrell Daily.

Winning the First Flight was Van Ray Spill. Cotton Everett won the Second Flight. The Second Flight runner-up was Dawson McGuffin Jr.

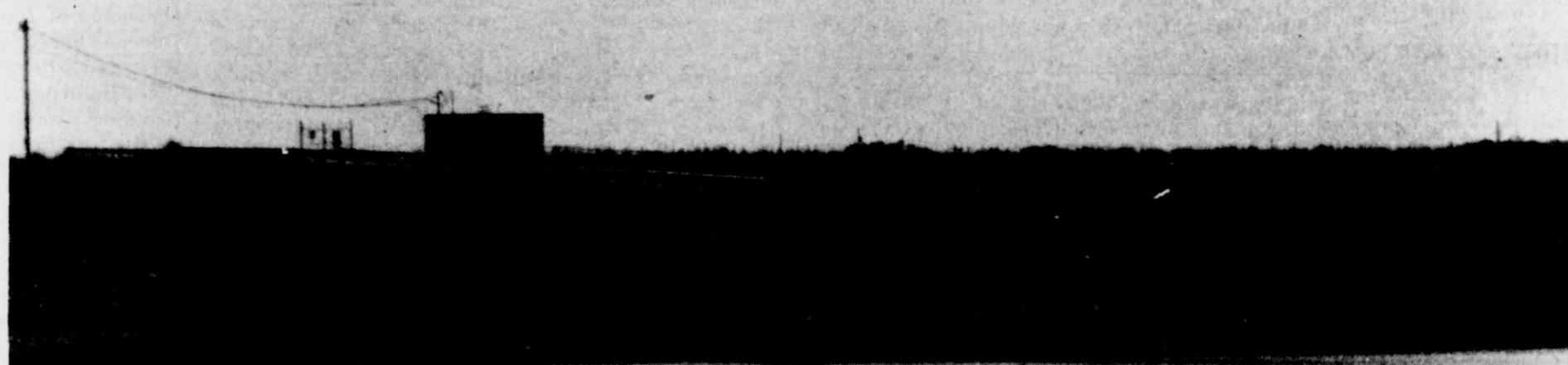
## Farm Bureau sets annual barbecue

The annual Runnels County Farm Bureau barbecue will be held Thursday, August 2, 1984, in the Ballinger City Park at 6 p.m.

Each Farm Bureau membership is entitled to two free adult plates. Members are asked to bring their membership card if they have it.

All non-members are invited to attend. Tickets for non-members will be \$3.50 and a child's plate will be \$1.50 each.

In case of bad weather, serving will be in the Community Center.



## Plenty of water

Although the water level is low at the Winters Lake there is an adequate water supply in the reservoir.

While many cities and towns in West Texas have found their water in short supply, residents in North Runnels County can rest easy this year.

The new lake, which filled shortly before completion, is in very good condition in spite of the extremely dry weather.

A lot of rain will be needed to fill the old Winters lake immediately above the new lake. With the old lake full, water then would transfer

into the new lake. At present, the old lake is completely dry.

If Winters' new lake had not been constructed when it was, we would be completely out of water rather than in a very comfortable position.

"may be hanging around the area"

## Search continues for two missing women

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird said that two women, whose disabled station wagon was found near Ballinger over a week ago, may have been seen in Coleman County. Baird said that the missing women are still the object of an investigation by his department.

The women were last seen Saturday, July 14, at the Badlands accompanied by three male subjects.

Deputy J.D. West identified the women as Lisa Faye Singleton, 18, and her sister Mary Kay Sanders, 24. West said that while both women were residents of the Ingram-Kerrville area, both had been staying in Odessa prior to the time they dropped from sight. The women were thought to have been enroute to Stephenville.

Sheriff Baird said that the missing women "may be hanging around the area." He said that deputy West had been in the Coleman, Santa Anna, Bangs, and Brownwood areas trying to locate the women. The sheriff said that a woman in Coleman told officers that she had given two women, who matched the description of those missing, a ride from Coleman to Santa Anna. She told officers that the two women got

out of her car in Santa Anna and into another vehicle and apparently drove back to Coleman.

Sheriff Baird also said that there were other reports from that area about the women being seen.

Although the possibility of foul play remains in the disappearance, officers apparently are working on the premise the women are still in the area.

The younger woman, Lisa Faye Singleton, is described as being a white female, 18 years of age, with short, red-brown hair and brown eyes. She is 5-4 and weighs about 115 pounds. Her sister, Mary Kay Sanders is a white female, 24, with short red hair and brown eyes. She is about 5-3 and weighs about 110 pounds.

Deputy West said the women left Odessa Saturday, July 14, and were reported to have had car trouble several times before they abandoned the auto about 10 miles east of Ballinger on U.S. 67. He said that the husband of one of the women who lives in Kerrville was aware of the bad mechanical condition of the car. West said that a boy-friend in Odessa also told officers about the car being in poor repair.

## Investigation continues in Ballinger rape case

Ballinger Police Chief Paul Boggess said that his department is continuing its investigation into the sexual assault of a Ballinger woman early Saturday morning, July 14.

Boggess said that the woman, said to be in her mid 50's, told officers she was attacked by a Mexican male

about 1:30 a.m. Officers said the attacker apparently entered the residence through an open window.

Boggess said that his department had interviewed one possible suspect, but that no arrest had been made and that an investigation was continuing.

## Boys, girls all-stars take second in district

The Winters Area All-Star teams, both boys and girls, made a fine showing in recent district baseball tournaments. Both teams placed second in district, losing two games in the double-elimination tourney.

The girls team defeated Ballinger 21-5, Hamlin 14-7, and Jim Ned 28-2. Then they lost to Anson 14-12. Anson had lost one game, also; so Winters had to play them for the championship, and the local girls lost, 12-10.

The boys team fell to Ballinger in the first game of the series. Then they beat Anson 7-6 and Merkel 6-4 before falling to Ballinger again, 9-5.

The teams are composed of outstanding players from Winters and Bronte.

## Rains refresh Winters

A cool front blew into town Tuesday morning, bringing lower temperatures and refreshing showers to the county, one of the thirstiest areas in drought-stricken West Texas. Official weather recorder Roy Rice reported 0.22 of rainfall as of noon on Tuesday in Winters, bringing the July total to 2.18 inches.

Winters has had five rainy days so far in July; on the second, we received 0.49; on the third, 0.10; on the 12th, 0.48; and on the 18th, 0.89.

Winters has recorded only 8.85 inches of rain this year, Rice said. January was the rainiest month with 2.28 inches. February had only 0.85, followed by March's 1.59. April had 0.24, and May had 0.82. June's total was 0.89.

Rice ordinarily records the day's rainfall at 6 p.m., but Tuesday he checked it at noon for our benefit. His gauge is located two miles northeast of the Post Office; it only shows how much rain fell there. Naturally, more may have fallen in other places in the city.



## Carillon control

Reverend Glenn Shoemaker of First Baptist Church, Winters, demonstrates the operation of the

new carillon, a computerized bell system donated to the church. The bells have been ringing for several

weeks, with a good response from the community, Shoemaker said.

## New church bells peal for Winters

By Patsy Roach

Most Winters residents have probably noticed the sound of bells ringing out the hour and playing various hymns of the Christian faith the last few weeks. Donated by an anonymous family in the church, First Baptist's new carillon bell system rings out the hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, with two hymns being played at noon and two at 5 p.m. each day.

On the hour, the Westminster

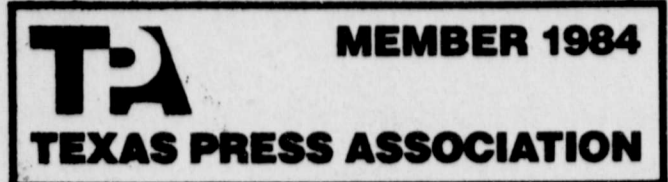
chimes sound, followed by the tolling of the hour. Both use English bells. The songs are played with Flemish bells and harp bells.

However, the actual bells are not located in the church's tower. Thanks to the miracles of modern technology, the entire system is run by a computer equipped with tapes which are broadcast over four large speakers located in the tower. Produced by the Schulmerich Company

of Pennsylvania, the carillon cost several thousand dollars, according to Glenn Shoemaker, church pastor.

"The family donated them for the enjoyment of the church and the community," Shoemaker said. Thus far the church has not received a negative comment or phone call, he continued.

Four tapes, each containing 10 or 12 songs, came with the system. One (See Bells page 8)



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**Poe's corner**

by **Charlsie Poe**

**Fingerprinting**

Have you ever been fingerprinted?  
I've never had this opportunity and didn't recognize a fingerprint kit when one was given to me at the post office as contribution for the Z.I. Hale Museum.  
None of the present employees had any information about the kit nor knew how long since it had been used. All the information obtainable is a useful accompaniment to museum artifacts, so I set out to see what I could learn.  
There is one person who comes to mind when the post office is mentioned; a person whose name is synonymous with the Winters Post Office. She is Laura Kittrell Pace who came to Winters from Cisco in 1924 to assume her duties as clerk and later as assistant postmaster until her retirement in 1968.

Laura could tell me all about the fingerprint kit for the use of it was part of her duties as civil service secretary in Cisco when she began work on April 15, 1920 at the princely wage of 65 cents per hour. She took the examination and became a regular clerk on May 1, 1920.

Since all government employees had to be fingerprinted, Laura must also undergo this ritual. Forms were provided by the government and rules were strict. A thumb print and one entire print of a hand were required. If these were not acceptable more forms were sent and the process had to be repeated.

The kit provided by the post office consisted of two bottles of permanent water proof black ink with instructions to use no other. A pad and applicator cover completed the equipment. The quick drying ink could be used on any kind of paper, and would not rub off. The ink was easily wiped off the hands with a damp cloth or paper towel.



**Assistant Postmaster**

Laura Pace at the Post Office in 1968, just before retirement.  
Stamp drawers had to be removed and put in a safe before closing each day.

Seemingly, a very simple process but Laura said she thought the government was never going to accept her fingerprints. They couldn't get one that suited them. About every two months she received another form to fill out with the instructions to place all of her hand on the ink pad. Her little finger is very small and they thought she was not pressing it down on the paper. After about 30 or 40 tries and with her explanation, her prints were finally accepted.

Notice of civil service examinations were posted in the lobby of the post office with all requirements that applicant must have. Anytime one was announced in this 11th district; whether it was for clerk, rural carrier or postmaster, the application was made to Laura and questions for the examination were sent to her. It was then her duty to conduct the test at the schoolhouse on Saturday when school was not in session. The building was not heated and one applicant complained that he failed because the house was so cold he couldn't write. He was allowed to take the exam over and passed on the third try.

The government required that there be at least three names on the list for an office because an applicant would be chosen from one of the three making the highest grade. Preference was given, and still is, to those who have served in the armed forces. Of course, all of these applicants had to be fingerprinted, a duty that she must perform.

Mrs. Pace recalls that two young men from Virginia who had gotten application blanks from her, called back to thank her after they had secured jobs.

All aliens had to be fingerprinted and Mexicans had to report for this service once a year. After they moved to other localities many of them returned to report to Laura. One native Texan who had married an alien lost her citizenship because she was unable to read or write. But she objected so strenuously to being fingerprinted

that a good print could not be obtained even with the help of two of her family holding her. She was finally exempt.

Sometime in the 1930's when the government did away with posting civil service examinations the fingerprinting office was discontinued.

Laura recalls that when she came to Winters in February of 1924, she arrived in the grip of a blizzard—ice and snow was everywhere. She was so homesick that she cried every day for a week. She worked as a clerk and was offered the position of postmaster by the Republicans in 1927 and again in 1930, but she wouldn't accept any job that was appointed by a political party. She wanted to continue under civil service and the time came when she was glad of her decision because she had to demand a civil service trial to keep her job. The postmaster was an appointed position until 1949 and then it too came under civil service.

After the death of H.O. Jones, postmaster, she filled this position until Rankin Pace was appointed postmaster by President Harry Truman in 1949. Then she resumed her position as assistant postmaster. Laura and Rankin were married in 1950 and spent their time in world travel after their retirement in 1968. He died in 1983.

**Crews**

By **Hilda Kurtz**

If you want to do some heavy reading, try the bathroom sale.

Mrs. Jerry Kraatz came home Saturday afternoon after having surgery in Abilene on Tuesday. She's doing just fine. Welcome home, Carolyn.

The Mike Prater family, San Angelo, came on Friday and brought Chad and Melinda Kraatz home after a week away while their mother was in the hospital. The Sam Faubions returned home Saturday morning after a cruise to the Bahamas for a week.

The Carl Baldwins celebrated their 61st anniversary Sunday by dining out with Mrs. Effie Dietz as their guest.

Mrs. Alta Hale spent Saturday with Helen Brown in Coleman, Lemma Fuller, Coleman, and Amy, Jill, and April Fuller, Midland, spent Monday with Alta.

Edgar Whittley is home after surgery in Coleman. He is doing fine.

Corra Petrie went by to wish her granddaughter Toni Hambright a happy birthday Sunday after church services. She's from Lubbock and is visiting her parents the Cecil Hambrights in Winters for a week.

Gary, Kay and Shane Hill of Eastland spent the weekend with the Robert Hills, Mike and Ronald Hill of Sweetwater also came for a visit on Thursday.

The Norval Alexander's grandson Blue, San Angelo, is spending several days with them.

Jackie, Betty, and Marta Baldwin, Amarillo, came by Tuesday morning to see Mrs. Effie Dietz, Alfred and Jessie Collom, Friendswood, visited on Thursday.

I enjoyed breakfast with Sissie Alexander Wednesday morning. Afterwards we shopped in Abilene.

Raymond Alcorn, San Saba, spent the weekend with Perry and Wilbert Alcorn.

During the week and on Sunday, Doris and Marion Wood entertained Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Walters; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brantley, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Camron, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hokit, Sonora; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote and boys.

**Card of Thanks**

The Drummond Family would like to thank the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Bedford, Liso Griswald, and everyone that donated blood and helped with the blood drive for Mrs. Selma Drummond.

The Drummond Family  
"A man with big ideas is a hard neighbor to live with."  
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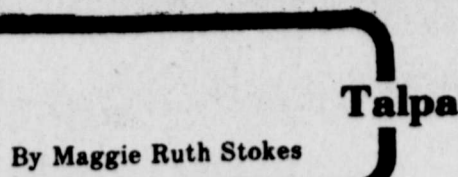
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Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., Head Start program has openings for 1 aide and 1 cook.

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All applications must be obtained by calling (915) 625-4167, or writing Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., Head Start Dept., P.O. Box 820, Coleman, Texas 76834. All applications must be in no later than July 31, 1984. References will be required. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.



We had a shower of rain on Wednesday. If you haven't been through this community you can't believe how bad it looks. More people's tanks are going dry each day.

Vena and Bob Gates and Mildred Pauley were in Buffalo Gap on Saturday as guest of Tommy and Lou Ellen Gates and Ben. They attended the Old Settlers Reunion and barbecue.

Tommy and Debbie Gates and children of White Chapel were in the parade with Tommy driving the first fire truck Talpa ever had, which he had restored. Some people from Talpa saw these two families on television, while riding in the parade.

Newt and Marie Bains visited their son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Karen Bains of Rankin, in the home of Harvey and Dorene Schroeder near Rowena on Friday night.

On Saturday afternoon Gordon and Louise Brookshier went to San Angelo to celebrate the 80th birthday of Louise's sister Manie Cope.

Zane Cassaday and Ben Taylor made up the two-man trap shooting 4-H team from Coleman County. They won the district meet held at Abilene Thursday in the junior subdivision. Zane was th high shooting individual in his division. The boys won two nice trophies. They will be going to San Antonio on August 9th for the State 4-H Trap Shooting Contest.

Dale and Arletta Herring and Angelita went to Anaheim, California on July 1 through 9th where Dale attended the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship World Convention. They visited many points of interest in the Anaheim area. On July 13-15th Dale and Arletta Herring, Andy and Angelita attended the Nance family reunion at Lake Proctor. This was Arletta's mother's people.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson and Michael of Grape Creek, Kathy Allen, Chad and Todd of Grape Creek visited the George Rae's on Sunday.

Kile Brookshier, Patrick and Kyla of Van Horn and Nina Gore of El Paso and Judy Brookshier of Odessa visited over the weekend with Gordon and Louise Brookshier.

Roger and Patsy Hudgins of Forsan visited

the Orby Sikes over the weekend.  
Roger Hudgins came out Saturday morning to visit Wesley Stokes. They enjoyed a good visit.

Shirley Hallford spent a couple of weeks with her daughter and family, Jim and Sherry Palmer and Criece of Odessa.

Brother and Mrs. David Ozmun and children have moved from our community to Lohn. He will be teaching there next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Masters took our new coach, Ron Broadfoot, to Stephenville to attend a coaching school until Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Masters went on to Austin to a Community School Work Shop at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Masters of Waco came and took care of their great-granddaughter while the Masters were away.

Mr. Otis Bertrand died Saturday night after a long illness. His services were at 10:30 Monday morning at the Walker Funeral Home in Coleman with burial in the Talpa Cemetery.

He was 82 years old. He is survived by his wife, the former Bonnie Bennett, a daughter, Maxine Douglas; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Talpa Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by two sons and a brother.

**Selecting a ripe watermelon**

Judging the quality of a watermelon is very difficult unless it's cut in half or quartered, says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service food and nutrition specialist, Mary K. Sweeten.

In fact, one recent produce industry study showed that about forty percent of consumers find melons the most difficult fruit to judge for ripeness and freshness, she adds. According to Sweeten, there are a few appearance factors which may be helpful—but not totally reliable—in guiding you to a good, ripe juicy watermelon. The surface should be relatively smooth, she says. The rind should have a slight dullness, neither shiny nor dull. The ends should be filled out and rounded, and the underside should have a creamy color.

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### Hambrights enjoy family reunion

Winters Community Center was the location of the Hambright reunion July 15, 1984. Each of the families of the late Will and Naomi Hambright's five children were represented by the following groups.

The family of Marvin L. Hambright (deceased) including his wife, Inez Hambright of Ballinger; George and Geraldine Lange of Ballinger; Cecil and Pat Hambright of Winters; Brandon and Donna Hambright and daughter Brandi of Albany; Patsy and Aubrey Faubion of Ballinger; Melissa Faubion and Donna Faubion of Ballinger; Mike and Shirley Dyess and daughter Michelle of San Angelo; Ben and Kay Hambright and children Mark and James of Bronte; Debra, Brandee, Misty, and Tamara Tucker of Miles; and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harwell of Houston.

Mrs. Effie Dietz and family, including Dr. GERALD Dietz of Dallas; Gaston and Ophelia Ernst and children Adrianna and Elissa of San Antonio.

Carl and Bessie Baldwin and family, including Gene and Carolyn Baldwin of Kermit; Jackie and Betty Baldwin and daughter Marta of Amarillo; and Edward and Ouita Awalt of Albany.

Clarence and Mildred Hambright and family including Don and Nora Hambright and daughter Donna of Ft. Worth; Rick and Yvonne Hambright and daughter Auilla Hambright of Watauga; Trish and Jack Olvera of Watauga; Jerre Heathcott; Clay Baily; and guests Annette Terry and Eunice Polk.

### Wingate Baptist sets dedication

The Wingate Baptist Church has completely refurbished their sanctuary. On Sunday, July 29, they will rededicate this building. The pastor, Charles Myers, will preach at the morning service. Dinner will be held at the church following the morning worship service. There will be an open house in the afternoon from two to four. The public is invited to attend all of these services.



Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Knight

### Observing 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Knight will be honored Sunday, July 29 with a reception from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Ninth Street Church of Christ fellowship room, 1100 Ninth Street, Ballinger, in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Hosting the reception will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. James Knight of Lewiston, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lackey of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Knight of Hawley; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knight of Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were both born in Denton County, Texas, and met there in 1921. They were married in Denton County on July 27, 1924. They have lived in Oklahoma; Eola and Hatchel, Texas; they retired to Ballinger in 1970. Knight is a retired farmer.

The Knights have 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. They are active in the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger.

### Youngs enjoy family reunion

The T.B. and Carrie Young descendants met on July 7, 1984, at the Winters Recreation Center for a family reunion. 40 relatives and two guests attended the outing which also included a golf tournament at the Winters Country Club that day. Winning the golf tournament was Gary Young. Participants were Gary, Denny Aldridge, Tommy Young, Bob Colburn, Max Sumner, Garner, Jeffrey, and Stephen Young. Swimming was also enjoyed by the grandchildren during the afternoon.

Attending the meal were: Edna Caudle, Ballinger; Steve, Ellen, Shelly and Chad Everett, Brady; Dave, Delpha, Deon Cau-

de, Ballinger; Jack and Adelle Young, Canyon Lake; Garner, Jeff and Stephen Young, Albuquerque, N.M.; Tommy, Bitti and Dayna Young, Plano; Bob, Cherilyn, Christen Colburn, Houston; Max, Sylvia, Shelly and Leah Sumner, Carrollton; Gary Young, Irving; Mack, Paula, Matthew Young, Austin; Denny, Mary, D.D., Lance and Kerry Aldridge, Decatur, Texas.

From Winters were: Fred and Myrl Young, Willie Lois Nichols, Roy and Kat Young, Billy Joe and Kay Colburn, and Floyd Sims.

The two guests were Frances Campbell of Winters and Delane Few of Carrollton.

Games of dominoes, hearts, and Trivia Pursuit were enjoyed along with visiting after the meal.

A pass-around letter was written during the reunion to Ray and Edna Young who were unable to attend. Ray is Roy's twin brother and he was the only child of T.B. and Carrie unable to attend due to illness.

### Drasco Baptist holding revival

Revival services are in progress this week at the Drasco Baptist Church and will continue through July 29.

Services are held at 7:30 p.m. each evening. On Sunday, July 29, lunch will be served immediately after the service, with the final revival service at 2 that afternoon.

Reverend James Powers, pastor of the church, is preaching the revival. O.C. Hill leads the singing, and Billie Ruth Bishop plays the piano.

The congregation invites everyone to attend.

### Campbells plan family reunion

The descendants of Edward Mitchell Campbell and Baxter B. Campbell are holding a Campbell family reunion at the Ballinger Community Center on Saturday, July 28.

Baxter Campbell was the son of Edward Mitchell and Willa Long Campbell. Baxter Campbell lived in Runnels County for many years. He farmed in the Hatchel Community until his death in 1973.

All members of the family as well as any interested friends are invited to attend. A pot luck lunch will be served at noon.

### Class of 1964 convenes

The Class of 1964 of Winters High School met for their 20 year reunion Saturday, July 21 at the high school. A total of 39 members out of 64 in the graduating class attended the reunion with their families.

Those traveling farthest were Louis Simpson and family from Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Nicki Eoff from Tempe, Arizona.

Activities included a tour of the renovated high school, a picnic, and visitation at the Country Club Saturday evening.

Among memories and "War Stories" relived by the group characterized by one attendee as "a close-knit class" were the accomplishments of the 1962 and 1963 championship football teams and the four consecutive sweepstakes bands in which class members participated. The 1962 football team won 13 and lost only one game, that being the state semifinal playoff game in which Jacksboro scored one touchdown to defeat them. The Blizzards were also District Champs in basketball that year.

The 1963 Winters football team also achieved greatness by reaching the regional finals before losing to Crane 9-8.

The 1964 Blizzard Band accomplished the ninth consecutive Sweepstakes Award under the direction of Robert Gans.

Former teacher Mrs. Richard Bauer attended the reunion and messages were received from Coach Bill Bryant and Mrs. Charles Kruse.

The planning committee

for the reunion included Mike Mitchell, 1964 class president; Scotty Belew; Neil Brown; Andy England; Linda Priddy; Arnold Thormeyer; Bill Witte; and Charles Bahlman.

Class members attending included: Adolfo Arroyo, Wayne Bailey, Charles Bahlman, Barbara Baldwin Pearce, Russell Bedford Wells, J.S. Belew, Deann Bellis Mitchell, Rickey Boles, Kathleen Bullard Bardin, Jan Byrd Grissom, Kathryn Clark Mooney, Lynn Cornelius, Leona Daniel Tutt, Linda Easterly Bell, Nicki Eoff, William Green, Junior Grenwelle, Steve Grissom, Brenda Hale Seals, Gary Hester, Johnny Hopper, Deanna Kozelsky Lehr, Jeannette Lewis Willingham, Robin Middleton, Mike Mitchell, Charles Nitsch, Ronnie Onken, Donald Parker, Linda Hale Priddy, Sherry Kay Stanford Hall, Louis Simpson, Arnold Thormeyer, Marcello Torres, Norma Wade Young, Betty White Henson, Connie Wilborn Downing, Judy Williams Parker, Dick Young, and Carmon Esquivel Cavazos.

### Lamesa Art Sale scheduled

The 2nd Annual Lamesa Western Art Exhibit and Sale to benefit West Texas Boys Ranch will be held Thursday, August 2nd at the First National Bank of Lamesa, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. An Invitational Art Preview Party, Auction, and Sale will be held the preceding Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Dean Indian Canyon Ranch, located just out of Lamesa. Thursday exhibit and sale is open to the public and there is no admittance charge. For more information or for an invitation to the Preview Party, contact West Texas Boys Ranch at 915-949-1936.

Exhibiting Western Artists to include: Jody Boren of Abilene; Tex Haas of Tucumcari, New Mexico; Renne Hughes of Fort Worth; John Kittelson of Cody, Wyo; Ben Miller of Post; Gary Myers of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Terrell O'Brien of Lamesa; Charles Sawyer of Blackwell; Mike Smith of Burleson; Dr. Robert Taylor of Snyder; Jim Ward of Canyon; Garland Weeks of San Angelo; Justin Wells of Amarillo; Paul Wylie of Lubbock; and George Schreiber of Lamesa.



### Arlene Price to marry Danny Plumley

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Price are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Glenda Arlene Price of Winters, to Danny Ray Plumley of Wilmeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Plumley of Wilmeth.

Arlene is employed at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home of Winters. Arlene moved to Winters in August of 1983, from Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Danny is employed at B's Oilfield Construction Company of Winters. He is a graduate of Winters High School.

The couple will be united on Saturday, July 28, 1984 at 7 p.m. at the Wilmeth Baptist Church. Friends are invited to attend.

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**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:** Mobile home, 2 BR, 2 bath, 35'x48' building on two acres.

**QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD:** 3 BR, 2 bath, large den, fireplace, on large lot.

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**ASSUMABLE LOAN @ 8 1/2%:** 3 BR, 2 bath, large lot near school.

**VICTORIAN STYLE:** 3 BR, 1 bath, central heat, dishwasher, ceiling fan, corner lot.

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**FOR RENT:** 3 BR, 1 bath with tub and shower, fenced yard.

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Pat Ryan of Marfa tells about leaving for several weeks vacation in Arkansas and Oklahoma and seeing all the green country. When he returned home to find it had rained around 15 inches, a transformation from bare earth to a paradise of green was a big surprise. Alpine and the Davis Mountains with the pine trees and all now appear like Colorado.

In my travels the last week or so, I can assure you not all of West Texas is in that kind of shape. San Angelo to Abilene and into the Hill Country; stock tanks are low or dry...worse than the drought of the 1950s.

In Mason County, the green is mainly restricted to irrigated peanut farms. The pastures are not without grass, however, as some showers have hit in strips.

There is an area in Llano County from the town east to the lakes which is very lush. But otherwise, evidences will verify a drought is very much holding grip.

A good inch rain grazed Junction proper and out to Copperas Creek last week. Certain parts of Kimble County appear in good shape.

Livestock trailers loaded with livestock continue to line the streets for several blocks on sale day in many towns as ranchmen sell cattle and sheep. It is the only salvation in some areas to keep from daily feed rounds.

Jake Landers, Extension range specialist, says ranchmen in four or five counties around San Angelo have gone to burning prickly pear for feed. "You know it is really dry when a ranchman has to resort to pear burning in the hot summer time," he said.

I can remember when we burned pear in the 1950s. However, it was mainly in the winter time. It was usually so cold, we welcomed the morning chore because we could keep warm by the pearburner.

Cities large and small across Texas have gone to water rationing. It is not only a sign of short supply but that the cycle for a dry period is at hand. It is different from the 1950s with dams and lakes - although low - granting a water source to citizenry in addition to wells.

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**Extension Extras**

By Dana Craddock  
County Extension Agent  
Home Economics

**Growing up at middle age**  
Middle age can be the peak years—or the pit—of adulthood. Middle-aged women, in particular, have been the subject of research studies concerning the way they respond to the middle years.

Because women are living longer, the middle years have been extended. Not long ago, middle age began in the 30's, old age in the late 50's. Now, with a life expectancy of more than 70 years, women are "in the middle" much longer.

Researchers studying middle age make some assumptions about development in the middle years. They believe that life unfolds in sequences and in stages. Each stage is marked by a crisis, a turning point, a period of vulnerability and potential. At these stages, progress or regression occurs and the future is formed. Each period has specific tasks that need to be accomplished before one moves on, and external family events such as marriages or graduations, affect each developmental stage in some way. For growth to occur, challenges need to be slightly greater than present coping skills, so the person can stretch, yet not be overwhelmed and forced to retreat to safer ground.

One researcher at Washington State University, interviewed 100 women aged 50-75, and drew some interesting conclusions about middle-aged women. She noted that historically, women have found their major identity in relation to another person—as mother, wife, sweetheart or someone's child. But this changes if middle age is lived successfully. Women learn to trust themselves and achieve self-identification during these years.

The researcher also identified a number of personal resources many middle-aged women possess: 1) long-lasting friendships with both sexes; 2) concern for physical health and well-being, including preventative health care, careful grooming and cleanliness; 3) continuing to learn; 4) a sense of responsibility for others; 5) an outlet for imagination to "escape, temporarily, from reality; 6) someone or something, such as a pet, who enjoys and shows affection.

Middle age is a transition period between two fairly stable periods of life. One of the reasons transitions are difficult in our society is that we have not developed acceptable models or patterns for changes in our life structure or family situation, especially the painful periods of separation, grief or loss.

Middle age is a stepping stone to life in older adulthood. The quality of life we enjoy in the last quarter depends on how



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# Obituaries

## Amma E. Lowry

Amma Earl Lowry, 92, of Ballinger, died at 5:35 p.m. July 18 in the Ballinger Manor. Services were conducted by Reverend Ferris Akins in the Rains-Seale Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday, July 20. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery was under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Lowry was born October 18, 1891 in Belton. She was the daughter of William Henry Barnett and the former Zora Perfanina Pride. Her husband Charles E. Lowry preceded her in death in 1935.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruth Walker, Ballinger; and Mrs. Pauline Paske and Mrs. Mildred Powell, both of Fort Worth; a son, Milton Lowry, Fort Worth; a sister, Dewey Forrester, San Clemente, California.

Also, a daughter-in-law and brother-in-law, 16 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A son, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter also preceded her in death.

## Elgah Maurine Jonas Cox

Elgah Maurine Jonas Cox, 72, formerly of Ballinger, died on July 18 in the Golden Age Nursing Home in Houston.

She was born on March 28, 1912 in Rannels County, the daughter of S.M. and Martha (Wingfield) Jonas. She married T.W. Cox in 1933 in Ballinger. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1968.

She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist Church and of the Order of the Eastern Star in Houston.

She is survived by her mother, Martha Jonas, Ballinger; a daughter, Darlene Hitchman, Houston; two sons, Wood El Cox, Austin, and Dale Cox, Houston.

Also, two sisters, Pauline Fragua, Brownwood, and Marcille Mapes, Miles; a brother, S.M. Jonas, Jr., Irving; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Reverend Ferris Akins conducted graveside services at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22 in Evergreen Cemetery.

Rains-Seale Funeral Home completed arrangements for the service.

The family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Foundation.

## L.D. (Dick) Holstead

L.D. (Dick) Holstead, Claude Mansell, and Claude R. Stone. Honorary pallbearers were Lyle Curry and George Scruggs.

Vancil was born November 16, 1894 in Hatchel to a pioneer ranching family. His parents, Isaac and Maud Simpson Vancil, began cattle ranching in 1879.

Vancil served in France during World War I. He married Ruth Skinner on May 28, 1955 in San Angelo. He was active in ranching in the Hatchel and Ballinger area until his retirement several years ago. He was a member of the Ballinger First United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Pat Williams Post Seven American Legion in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Mildred Herring Vancil in 1951 and by his brother Ralph in 1968.

Survivors include his wife Ruth of Ballinger; a son, Bob Vancil of Ballinger; a step-daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Jamie) MacInnis Brown, Orient; two grandsons, Karl Vancil, Bronte, and Paul Vancil, Chicago, Illinois; a great-granddaughter, Leigh Vancil, Bronte.

Also, step-grandchildren, Edward and James MacInnis, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Patrick and Catherine MacInnis, Orient.

The family requests that memorials be made to favorite charities.

## Rives assumes local pastorate

Winters Southside Baptist Church, 617 Crews Road, has called Reverend J.W. Rives as pastor.

Rives wife, Pearl is an excellent Bible teacher, a church spokesman said.

Brother J.W. Rives is a native Texan, and was born in Rotan, Texas.

The main areas in which he has pastored are San Antonio, Lubbock and Abilene.

He has been in the ministry 51 years, and has pastored at First Baptist Church, Floresville, Potet Palacios, Waelder, Hamby and others.

He also taught in the public schools in Texas for 31 years, the last school being Abilene High School, where he taught 11 years, and Cooper Summer School, eight years.

He retired from teaching, but is not a retired preacher.

"Under the blessings of the Lord, I am here to serve and I thank God for the privilege," he stated.



## Class of 1964 Reunion

Members of the Winters High School Class of 1964 met Saturday at the high school for a tour and later for a picnic at the Country Club. On the back row, left to right, are Mike Mitchell, Charles Bahlman, Louis Simpson, Steve Grissom, Scotty Belew, William Green, Ricky Bales, Charles Nitsch, Donald Parker, Robin Middleton, Gary Hester, Ronnie Onken, B.M. Grenwelge, Jr., Marcelo Torres, Arnold Thormeyer, Dick Young, and Adolfo Arroyo.

On the front row are Brenda (Hale) Seals, Judy (Williams) Parker, Lynn Cornelius, Carmen (Esquivel) Cavazos, Kay (Bullard) Bardin, Jeannette (Lewis) Willingham, Jan (Byrd) Grissom, Betty (White) Henson, Norma (Wade) Young, Russell (Bedford) Wells, Kathryn (Clark) Mooney, Barbara (Baldwin) Pearce, Nicki Eoff, Deanna (Kozelsky) Lehr, Linda (Hale) Priddy, and Sherry Kay (Stanford) Hall.

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## Delbert Vancil

Delbert Simpson Vancil, 89, of Ballinger died in his home at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17 after a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted by Dr. Glen Willingham in the Rains-Seale Chapel at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 19. Burial in the Evergreen Cemetery was under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Leroy Muller, Price Middleton, J. Frank Nance, Orin Bigby.

## Card of Thanks

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the many expressions of love and concern during my illness.

Your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, etc. have meant so much to me and my family. May God bless you.

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## Hospital Notes

- ADMISSIONS**
- July 17 none
  - July 18 James Lackey, Artemio Quintanilla
  - July 19 Alexander Gonzales, Jr., Fred White, Mary Brooks
  - July 20 Henry Vogler, Wendell Reagan
  - July 21 Mattie Simpson, Gracie Arispe
  - July 22 Ruby Turk
  - July 23 Keith Henderson, Norma Hogan, Lois Wheeler, Sylvia Romero, Hazel Lancaster
- DISMISSALS**
- July 17 none
  - July 18 Virgil Fuller, Beatrice Denon
  - July 19 Luther Smith, Artemio Quintanilla
  - July 20 Alexander Gonzales, Jr.
  - July 21 none
  - July 22 none
  - July 23 Keith Henderson

## Turnrow Tidbits

**Management, in Wharton,** reported an egglay of 1,016 eggs per 100 terminals. And Chris Sanson, Extension Agent, Pest Management, in the Georgetown area, reported 800 eggs per 100 terminals last week. Aren't we in great shape!

**Bollworm numbers** this week ranged from 0 to 25 worms per 100 terminals. At this time, in prebloom cotton, the action level we're using is about 15 to 20 bollworms per 100 terminals. In blooming cotton it would be wise to reduce this threshold level to 8 to 10 bollworms per 100 terminals.

**The Good Group** Beneficial insects have been phenomenal this season. Eggclays of 200 eggs per 100 terminals have fizzled out to become no worm problem at all just a huge omelet feast for beneficials!

We are not only finding tremendous numbers of minute pirate bugs, lady beetles, spiders, and many other excellent predators; we are also finding wild Trichogramma wasps in the fields and parasitized eggs are common. Our highest beneficial count this week was a whopping 95 predators per 100 terminals.

**Grain Sorghum** Grain sorghum is progressing right along. The fields that are still susceptible to "bug" problems should be scouted for headworms by using the bucket technique described in previous newsletters. It's about time to be watching for stinkbugs (or "chinch bugs" as some of you call them). We have had no problems with these so far but this is the right time of year and the crop is in the right stage for these pests.

**Bits and Pieces** A salesman, driving on a lonely country road one dark and rainy night, had a flat. He opened the trunk—no lug wrench. The light from a farmhouse could be seen dimly up the road.

He set out on foot through the driving rain. Surely the farmer would have a lug wrench he could borrow, he thought. Of course, it was late at night, the farmer would be asleep in his warm, dry bed.

Maybe he wouldn't answer the door, and even if he did, he'd be angry at being awakened in the middle of the night.

## Fast food eating increases

More and more Americans are eating on the run without realizing what it costs them, says home economist Bonnie L. Piernot. Nearly 35 percent of the food dollar is now spent in away-from-home eating places, with an increasing amount going to fast food restaurants, says Piernot, a specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

The fast food market with 33,000 franchise outlets in the country is growing at a much faster rate than the food-at-home market and is expected to increase the size of its bite from the consumer food dollar, she adds.

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## Consolidated Report of Condition for All Insured Commercial Banks for June 30, 1984

Schedules are to be reported in thousands of dollars. Unless otherwise indicated report the amount outstanding as of the last business day of the quarter.

## Schedule RC—Balance Sheet

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands	
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<b>ASSETS</b>		
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1.75	1.8
b. Interest-bearing balances	9.90	10.7
2. Securities (from Schedule RC-B)	10.10	11.0
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	2.00	2.2
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:		
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C)	27.96	30.2
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	1.23	1.3
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	None	0
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)	27.73	30.0
5. Assets held in trading accounts	None	0
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases):		
Other real estate owned	None	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	None	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	None	0
7. Intangible assets	None	0
8. Other assets (from Schedule RC-F)	1.20	1.3
9. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	44.33	48.3
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
10. Deposits:		
a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E):		
(1) Noninterest-bearing	4.28	4.7
(2) Interest-bearing	35.91	39.4
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement Subsidiaries, and IIFs:		
(1) Noninterest-bearing	None	0
(2) Interest-bearing	None	0
11. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	None	0
12. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	None	0
13. Other borrowed money	None	0
14. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	None	0
15. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	None	0
16. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	None	0
17. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)	7.20	7.9
18. Total liabilities (sum of items 10 through 17)	40.92	44.8
19. Limited-life preferred stock	None	0
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		
20. Perpetual preferred stock	None	0
21. Common stock	3.00	3.3
22. Surplus	1.70	1.9
23. Undivided profits and capital reserves	1.91	2.1
24. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	None	0
25. Total equity capital (sum of items 20 through 24)	3.91	4.3
26. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 26)	44.83	49.1

NOTE: The Reports of Condition and Income must be signed by an authorized officer and the Report of Condition must be attested to by not less than two directors for State nonmember banks and three directors for State member and National banks.

**Jim Jordan, V. President/Cashier**  
Name and Title of Officer Authorized to Sign Report of Condition and Income  
I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that these Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Jim Jordan*  
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### Jerry Davis, Jr. completes course

Jerry L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Davis Sr. of 117 E. Pierce, Winters, Texas, had completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Field training, attended by cadets normally between their second and third year of college, gives an opportunity to evaluate each student's potential as an officer, according to an Air Force spokesman.

The summer's curriculum consists of orientations on jet aircraft, career opportunities, human relations education and equal opportunity training. Physical fitness and survival training is also emphasized.

The field training is four weeks, but cadets in the two-year ROTC program receive an additional two weeks of instruction in the development of air power and the contemporary Air Force.

Davis is a student at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

### Winters FFA goes to Bonanza

Four members of the Winters FFA exhibited their steers in the Annual Belt Buckle Bonanza held July 7.

Wayne Poehls placed his light weight Shorthorn Steer 14th, Marie Pritchard placed her heavy weight Limousin Steer 11th, Frank Davis placed his light weight Maine Anjou Steer 7th, and John Merrill placed his heavy-light weight Chianina Steer 1st.

Exhibitors from throughout Texas and Oklahoma showed more than 900 steers.

### Boy Scout Committee met

The Boy Scout Committee met Wednesday, July 18 at the Scout Hut. Those present were Joe and Sharron Young, Kathy Young, Mary Ellen Moore, Billie Gerhart, and Elaine Miller. Billie Gerhart was elected chairman, and Elaine Miller was elected co-chairman.

Several of the Green Stamp collection boxes placed around town were collected. A total of 41 books were filled. "We wish to take this time to thank the people for their Green Stamps, and hope for their continued support in this project, because more new equipment is needed for the Boy Scouts of Winters," a spokesperson said.

Awards night was scheduled for July 24. Boy Scout and Cub Scout camps were discussed along with the awards the boys will receive.

The committee expressed their appreciation to Tim Dexter for his time spent with the Boy Scouts working on badges, talking about the town, how it operates, and some of its problems.

New assistant Scoutmasters Randy Nolte and Mike Bennett were welcomed.

"The Webelos, Cub Scout group, wish to thank the V.F.W. and other people who donated aluminum cans for their present and past projects. This year half of the cost of Summer Day Camp for five boys was paid by our den through the aluminum cans collected," a spokesperson stated. The five boys are Jason Stewart, John Austin, Johnny Rodriguez, Billy Witte, and Jody Walker.

"The boys enjoyed camp very much and hope for

your continued support and backing as they become Boy Scouts," she concluded.

### 4-H Record Books judged

On July 18, the 4-H record books from District 7 were judged in San Angelo. Runnels County had 17 record books entered in the district judging. These 4-H'ers, the project entered, and the ribbons received are as follows:

#### Senior Division

Blue ribbons: Kathy Hays, agriculture; Connie Robinson, foods and nutrition; Heath Belk, sheep and goats; Ronald Niehues, swine.

Red ribbons: Caroline Niehues, clothing; Grant Teplicek, range management.

#### Intermediate Division

Blue ribbon: Amy Eggeneyer, clothing. Red ribbons: Kenneth Rose, beef; Kristy Hays, sheep and goats.

#### Beginner Division

Blue ribbons: Angie Hohensee, citizenship; Tabitha Halfmann, clothing; Jason Schwertner, gardening; Michelle Carter, rabbits; Jared Eggeneyer, sheep and goats; Neal Niehues, swine; Bundy Cardwell, veterinary science.

Red ribbon: Kimberly Deike, foods and nutrition.

### Shop carefully at parties

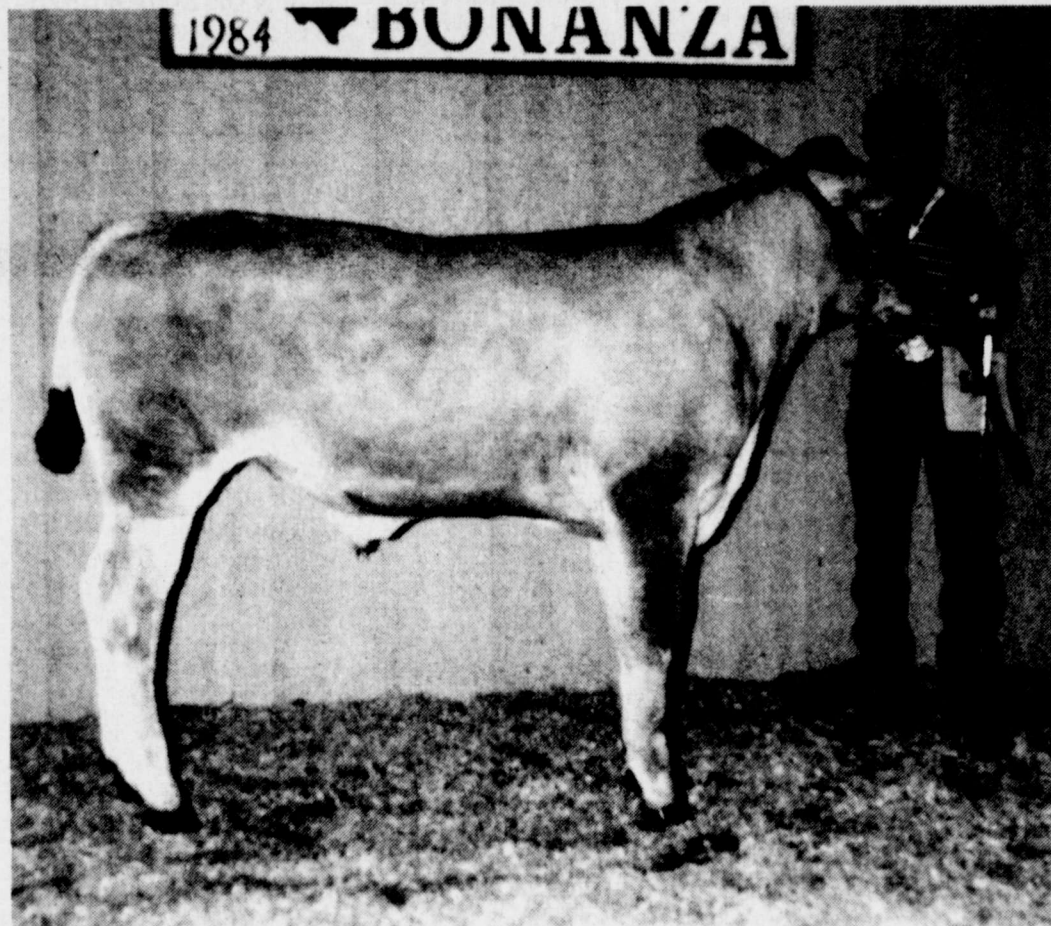
Buying merchandise at a "party" can be fun, but may not make much shopping sense. Once you come into a friend's home for a party and see others signing up for merchandise, it's very difficult to resist buying something, says Bonnie L. Piernot, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist.

"This can be a real problem for the person who is trying to avoid impulse buying and stick to the family budget," she says. Piernot advises treating sales parties as any other consumer purchase decision. If you're not interested in buying the merchandise sold at sales parties, turn down invitations to attend them. If you are interested in buying, she says, check the quality and cost of similar products in retail stores before going to the party. Then if the items are overpriced, enjoy the party without feeling obligated to buy the products.



### Winning float

J'Lynn Russell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Russell, smiles from the float which took second place in the Coleman Rodeo Parade recently. J'Lynn is the reigning Sno-Queen of Winters.



### First place winner

John Merrill, Winters FFA member, is shown with his first place heavy-light weight Chianina steer shown at the 1984 Belt Buckle Bonanza in Abilene.

### Peoples named man of year

Roddy Peoples of San Angelo, a veteran West Texas farm and ranch broadcaster, has been named a "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture" for 1984 by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

One of seven Texans selected for the honor, Peoples was nominated by county agents in the West Central District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Peoples will receive his award during the annual TCAA meeting August 5-8 in Brownsville.

The award is presented each year to outstanding leaders in agriculture and related industries who have supported educational programs conducted by the Extension Service, said Shackelford County Extension Agent Lawrence Winkler, TCAA president. The award recognizes contributions made by these leaders to improving levels of living and economic growth in their communities, counties, state and nation.

Other 1984 recipients include W.R. Moore Jr., Munday wheat and cotton producer; Jack Barton, Houston banker and agribusinessman; C.B. Richards, San Augustine County rancher and businessman; James Leo Greer, Rocksprings rancher and pecan grower; Arnie Lawler, Camp County farmer and retired conservationist; and Bill Nelson, Amarillo executive vice president of the Texas

Wheat Producers Association and Producers Board.

The "Voice of Southwest Agriculture," Peoples' syndicated radio program, reaches about 200 Texas counties through 65 radio stations and is one of the most comprehensive agricultural programs in the nation.

The farm broadcaster had been a staunch supporter of Extension educational programs from many years and has used much of his air time to not only announce activities and program results, but to cover countless field days, tours and meetings himself, his regular interviews and news stories and his interpretation of the Extension Service to the public has boosted the agency's programs and has had a tremendous impact on the education of agriculture producers around the state.

In addition to his broadcasting career, Peoples is an avid pilot. This avocation allows him to give more effective news coverage of a large part of Texas. He has combined

his concern for youth and love of flying by establishing an aviation 4-H project known as "Come Fly With Me."

Peoples has served as an aviation 4-H leader for six years, and some 125 Tom Green County 4-H members have benefited from this original project.

Peoples is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in agronomy.



### On summer nights

T.J. Meyer enjoys a bike ride in the late evening near his home. He is the son of Tim and Jodie Meyer and will be in kindergarten this fall.

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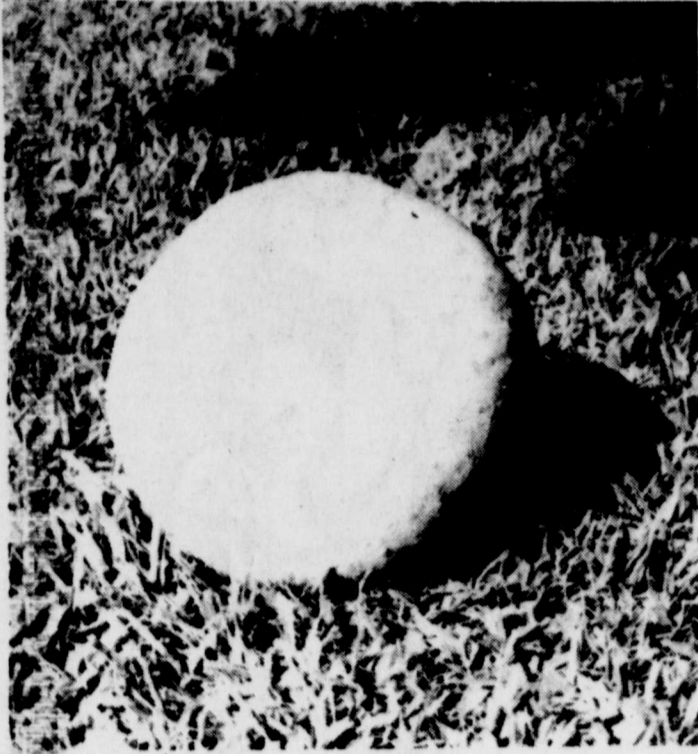
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**Prize melons**

Two melons, of extra large size, were harvested in local gardens this past week. The one on the left, an imported type of cantaloupe, came from the Charles Weardon garden weighing 12 1/2



pounds. The monster melon was 10 inches in diameter with a circumference of 31.417 inches. On the right is a domestic cantaloupe, grown in the Billy Simpson garden, weighing over 9 1/2 pounds.

**Bells —**

tape has Christmas carols which the church will begin playing in December.

Among hymns on the other three tapes are "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Rise Up O Men of God," "Amazing Grace," "Love Divine, All Loves

Excelling." "It is No Secret," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

The carillon was installed by the company the last week in June. It is set for the times of operation and could be set to chime at 15 minute intervals. In the event of a power failure, a light comes on to alert personnel to reset the time on the clock so that the bells will sound appropriately.

If a power surge occurred, the bells could begin sounding in the middle of the night, Shoemaker said, a problem that probably will not occur.

Other tapes are available for this versatile system, including a patriotic tape which the church may purchase at a later date. The system is equipped with four built-in bell sequences, two of which have already been used. One is the Sunday School bell which calls members to class shortly before 9:45 a.m. Sunday. The other is the call to worship, set for about 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wedding bells are available for any future weddings performed in the church. We asked to hear them, and the pastor obliged. They were indeed joyful, very appropriate for the end of the wedding ceremony, when the rice is being thrown over the happy couple. Those bells ring for about a minute.

Funeral bells are also included in the system and may be used if the family of the deceased wishes. They ring for about three minutes.

How far the bells can be heard depends on the wind and how much traffic is passing on Main Street, Shoemaker said.

He hopes they will remind people to worship the Lord at all times, something they seem to be doing. The bells are a welcome addition to our town and will be enjoyed for years to come.

"We confess to small faults only to convey the impression that we have no big ones." LaRocheffoucauld

**Fire data released**

Destructive fire killed more than 165 Texans, injured at least 1,540 and damaged well over \$189 million in property last year, according to State Fire Marshal Ernest Emerson.

"Most of the fire-related deaths, injuries and dollar losses occurred in residences," said Emerson. "Negligence was the major contributing factor in the cause of these fires."

There were 17,274 structure fires reported last year. Nearly 75 percent of those fires occurred in residences. The greatest percentage of residential fires (19 percent) occurred when cooking was left unattended. Cooking-related fires were also responsible for the greatest number of injuries in residences. More than 74 percent of all fire-related deaths occurred in residences.

"Most of the residential fire deaths (23 percent) occurred in fires where the cause was unknown," said Emerson. "Twenty-one percent of the fire deaths were in fires caused by heating equipment. An additional twenty percent of the fire deaths were in fires caused by careless smoking."

The greatest number of heating-related fires resulted when gas-fueled space heaters were placed too close to combustible wall coverings.

"But we have also learned that a number of fatal fires were caused when heating equipment malfunctioned," Emerson said.

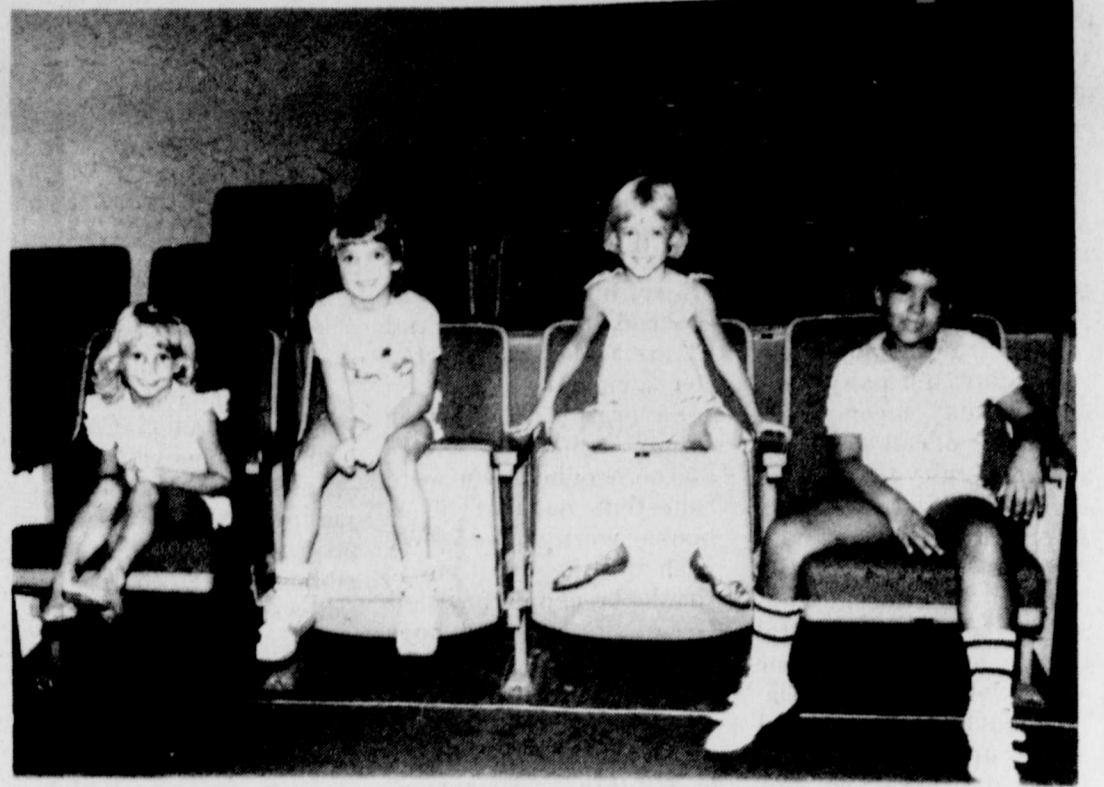
"For instance, water heaters were the second leading type of equipment involved in fatal residential fires. Forty-nine percent of the water heater-related fires occurred when combustible materials were placed too close to the water heater. But 35 percent of the fires occurred when the water heater malfunctioned, according to fire fighters at the scene of these fires," Emerson said.

Fire statistics are com-

**Free energy hot line announced**

The Public Utility Commission has announced the establishment of a toll-free number as part of the statewide "Texas Tune-Up" campaign. The toll-free energy number is expected to play a key role in this ambitious public service project. Throughout Texas, consumers will be able to call 1-800-643-SAVE to receive advice and publications on controlling their home energy use this summer.

Designed to make residents aware of available steps for controlling their utility bills this summer, the campaign includes television radio spots, outdoor boards, and newspaper ads, as well as written material in the form of brochures and fact sheets. The toll-free number will be



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plied by the State Board of Insurance, State Fire Marshal's Office on the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System (TEXFIRS). More than 260 fire departments protecting 45 percent of the state population are currently reporting fires to the TEFXIRS.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Mr. Craig, Dedicated English teacher that I am, it was my unfortunate circumstance to be caught reading your "Wait-a-minute..." editorial of July 19th with a red pen in my hand. Automatically and unintentionally, I began grading the first six paragraphs. Perhaps teachers and administrators are not the only ones who need to be tested for knowledge and talent in their chosen field of expertise. Why should writing a newspaper column give anyone a literary license to use poor word usage, sentence fragments, unnecessary and ill-used punctuation, to draw illogical conclusions, and to use incorrect information (According to the new law, administrators as well as teachers must take a test within two years to prove their competence.)

A journalist, like a teacher, has a responsibility to the public: ours is to turn out an educated citizenry; yours is to inform the people correctly in as clear and concise a manner as possible. Good grammar has developed over the centuries to accomplish the latter.

I'm mad. In the same dependent clause you couple teacher pay raises with higher taxes, never mentioning the highway improvements and all the expensive excess baggage the legislature has harnessed to our education system that those higher taxes must also pay for. I'm mad. You suggest that because teachers have to take a test, we will surely fail. You also suggest that all legislators who are not re-elected can then take up the slack as new teachers, never mentioning they would first have to pay for and work through four years of college, student teach, take a test to see if they're qualified, and then find a job which the people have mandated should last nine months of the year, whose wages depend on the whim of each legislative session, and which pays at the nationally recognized level of poverty. Yes, Mr. Craig, I'm mad that a state that ranks third in the nation in wealth, ranks 37th in teachers' salaries.

Sincerely, Nancy Michaelis Winters High School English Teacher

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