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## Wait a minute...

By Kerry Craig

I wonder just how many hot-shot reporters are running around in Washington D. C. feeling like Woodward and Bernstein, the guys that opened the Watergate?

With all the latest doings up there, those big-time news guys are really having a blast.

One might wonder whether we would have all these "problems" if there were not so many politicians seeking news coverage and so many news types wanting to give it to them.

I might make a suggestion for some other aspiring news-types that are searching for the big story. Why are the Cowboys not doing what they were supposed to do best?

Just think of the possibilities. There might be spies or cover-ups. Intelligence leaks, improper use of money and power. Or maybe, just maybe, after all the glory somebody found out those guys are just human after all and trying to do the job they are supposed to do.

It seems, sometimes, in government that there are some folks doing jobs that shouldn't be done or should not even exist.

The audacity of the Fish and Snake Service is astounding. Why even suggesting that hundreds of thousands of dollars be spent to haul big and little rocks up the river and dig up all the natural vegetation just to make a home for some little snake borders on the ridiculous.

Now those folks are really working hard to spend tax dollars that would be much better spent paying off the national debt—or staying in our pockets.

The amount of money spent on this little snake could be better utilized in getting Social Security out of the red.

There are some things about that little snake that just do not make sense to me. They say it is an endangered species and very rare. Just how do these snake experts plan to get all these snakes to move thirty miles up the creek? If there are only a very few of them it might be very hard to find enough to even move.

Our federal government has agencies that are supposed to protect our environment, protect wildlife, protect the air, and on, and on, and on.

Our government has made some big waves, world-wide, over human rights—but not in West Texas.

Maybe some do-gooder group will decide to champion the cause of a soon-to-be endangered species, the West Texas. They could file class-action suits against the snakes and snake lovers. They could lobby for legislation to benefit the West Texas.

They might even file a discrimination suit against the Fish and Snake folks on behalf of the residents of the area that need water.

These folks are paid with our tax dollars. One would think that they should work for the folks that pay them.

The way it is now is kinda like having a big-time professional football team and paying the other team to beat you.

The whole deal seems a little fishy to me, or should I say snakey.

Back on the home-front, our city council recently set a schedule for hiring a new guy for the police department. They say that a new cop will be on the job by the first of February, or sooner.

They need to hurry things up. Our police officers are spread too thin now, and with the long shifts and little time off compounded by not knowing just what will happen next are being pushed to the limit.

The council, when it created a vacancy on the police department, should have been ready to fill that vacancy.

The council should also con-

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1987 Sno-Queen and Court

## Jill Traylor named 1987 Sno-Queen

The 1986 Christmas Parade in Winters was highlighted with the crowning of the 1987 Sno-Queen.

Interviewed by the judges and featured in special entries in the Christmas Parade, the Sno-Queen contestants were introduced immediately following the parade.

Jill Traylor, 17, the daughter of Elizabeth Ryan and Marvin Traylor, was selected as Sno-Queen for 1987.

Jill was joined in her court of honor by runners-up Deedra Renee Blackshear, 17, and Kris Sims, 15.

Winning the congeniality honors was Kim Slaughter, 15. Michelle Wheeler, 17, was recognized as having the "most creative and resourcefully decorated contestant vehicle in

### Local option vote set for Novice

Some Novice residents have called for a wet-dry election in their town, Coleman County Judge Pete Skelton said Monday.

Coleman County Commissioners scheduled a wet-dry election in Novice for January 6 after a petition with 26 valid signatures was given to them, Skelton said.

He said that the minimum needed to call the election is 26 signatures.

Billie Baker, Coleman County Tax Assessor, said Martha Smith, a Novice resident, gave her the petition Friday.

The local-issue election will not allow the sale of liquor by the drink, thus not allowing bars to open.

## Mac Sayles named to head Peoples National

The Peoples National Bank of Winters has announced the appointment of Mac Sayles as president of the financial institution.

Sayles, 40, grew up in banking business, working with his father in the First State Bank of Tuscola. He is actively associated with many agriculture and livestock activities and has been involved in private business.

Sayles and his wife Kathy are Taylor County natives and have one daughter, Kristi Dawn.

A graduate of McMurray with a BBA in finance, Sayles has served as mayor of Tuscola and has been active in many organizations.

He is a member of the West Texas Hereford Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, the Taylor County Historical Commission, a Scout leader, an honorary member of

the parade".

As 1987 Sno-Queen, Jill Traylor will represent the Winters Area Chamber of Com-

## Ballinger Mason named District Deputy Grand Master

A Ballinger retired businessman and rancher was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Texas Masonic Grand Lodge at its annual meeting in Waco December 4-6, 1986.

He is Elliott J. Kemp, past master of Ballinger Lodge No. 643 in Ballinger.

As District Deputy, Kemp represents Grand Master John E. (Jack) Kelly of San Antonio in the 105th Masonic District during 1987. The district includes seven Lodges in Concho and Runnels Counties.

The Grand Lodge celebrates its 150th birthday during 1987, having been founded in 1837 by

## Ballinger Citizen of Year nominations now due

Nominations are being accepted now thru January 15 for Citizen of the Year and Rural Citizen of the Year. The nominations should be addressed as follows:

Citizen of the Year, Ballinger

## Young Farmers to celebrate 14th anniversary

The Winters Young Farmers will celebrate their 14th anniversary with a Christmas dinner at Holloway's Barbecue Barn on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m.

All members, former members, and friends of the Young Farmer organization are invited to attend.

The turkey and dressing dinner will cost \$5 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 754-5373 by noon of December 15.

Include the name and reasons you feel this person should be chosen. Please mail in an envelope. NOT A POSTCARD!

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## Police investigate felony vandalism

The opening of the holiday season in Winters was marred by numerous reports of vandalism according to the Winters Police Department.

Five vehicles parked on the Winters High School parking lot were damaged by vandals who apparently tried to break into the vehicles and slashed the tires.

Vehicles damaged included: 1986 Mercury Cougar belonging to Leslie Pruser; 1980 Chevrolet pick up belonging to Jim Farmer; 1984 Mercury Lynx belonging to Christi Fenter; 1983 Ford Ranger belonging to Camille Lancaster; and a Chevrolet van belonging to Debbie Whittenburg.

Total damage to the five vehicles, according to a report filed by officer Tim Dexter, was \$1,300.

Police also reported several incidents in which letters were taken from portable signs. Some of the letters turned up later in the form of an obscene message on a sign at a north-side restaurant.

Christmas decorations, hand made, by local business women and attached to the parking meter posts were taken sometime late Friday or early Saturday. Some of those decorations were later found destroyed in trash dumpsters.

Officials of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation said that a number of road signs on FM 1770, the Novice Road, between the swimming pool and the intersection of FM 2647 were pushed over and damaged. No

damage estimates were available from the state officials.

Police say that there are several suspects in the vandalism and that the investigation is continuing.

The vandals, when arrested, will face felony charges.

## Christmas parade winners

Prize money totaling \$375 was awarded Saturday following the Christmas Parade in Winters.

The prizes were awarded in four divisions:

### Conventional Floats

1st place...\$100  
Winters Area Soccer Association

2nd place...\$75  
Winters State Bank

3rd place...\$50  
Girl Scout Troop 178.

### Small Motorized Vehicles

1st place...\$25

George Watson family

2nd place...\$20

Runnels County 4-H Horse Club

3rd place...\$15

Lavernon Lohman

### Self Propelled Vehicles

1st place...\$25

Justin Jones

2nd place...\$20

Second Baptist Church

3rd place...\$15

Robert Bedford

### Walking Participants

1st place...\$25

Cub Scout Den 5

2nd place...\$20

Cub Scout Den 4

## WTU planning another refund to retail customers

West Texas Utilities Company plans another refund to its retail customers early next year.

The Company was to file a request Wednesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$4.9 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during October and November. The total includes \$4.7 million actual fuel cost savings, plus \$.2 million in interest.

Gary Moore WTU local manager, said recently negotiated contract revisions reflecting the continued soft price of natural gas makes the refund necessary.

"As our cost for boiler fuel went down, we simply over-collected under the fuel rate approved by the PUC," Gary Moore said.

This will be the fifth refund made to WTU retail customers since the summer of 1985. With each refund, the fuel rates charged to customers have been adjusted, but the price of natural gas, WTU's main power plant boiler fuel, has continued to decline.

WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, Company officials have said that a base rate increase will be necessary after the new coal-fired Oklaunion Power Station near Vernon is completed and placed in service. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs and to partially offset the necessary base rate increase.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail customers in January and February depending on when the PUC approves it. The typical residential customer will receive about \$9.

He will be at the Housing Project Office on Monday, December 22, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Some questions and answers about how the refund is made are as follows:

-Q. How much money is WTU planning to refund?

-A. Fuel cost savings available for refunding amounts to \$4.7 million. With interest added, the total is \$4.9 million.

-Q. How is the interest calculated?

-A. In accordance with rules of the Public Utility Commission, interest was calculated at a rate of 13.80%, the cost of capital approved in the Company's last general rate filing.

-Q. How much refund can the typical residential customer expect?

-A. \$9.00

-Q. How will refunds be calculated and made?

-A. WTU will comply with the refund provisions of the Commission's fuel rule. The total refund will be allocated to each rate schedule based upon that schedule's kilowatt-hour usage for the period in which the over-recovery occurred. There are twenty-three (23) rate schedule classes. Once the refund is allocated to each rate schedule (class) the refund amount is divided by the projected kilowatt-hour usage for the class during the month of refund to develop a refund factor which will be applied to individual customers' usage billed in the refund month, except for transmission voltage (municipal pipeline pumping class) and seasonal agricultural (large pipeline pumping classes). Refunds to the municipal pipeline pumping customers and cotton gin and large irrigation customers will be based on their historical usage during the period in which the over-recovery occurred.

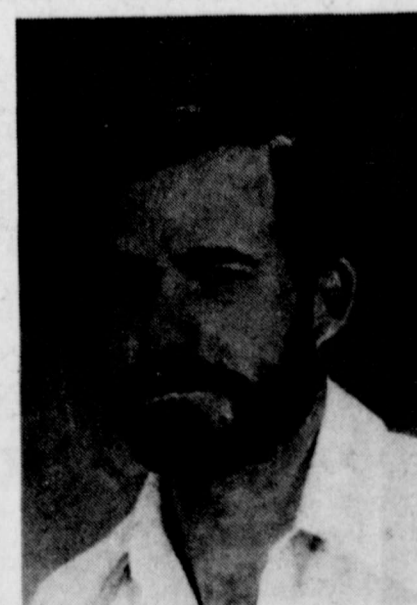
-Q. When did the Commission adopt the current fuel rule?

-A. The Commission's current fuel rule was effective on August 22, 1986.

-Q. Why did WTU over-recover its fuel costs?

-A. The PUC requires utilities

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Mac Sayles

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**Poe's corner**  
 by Charlsie Poe

**A Treasured Etching**

Although the Winters Sesquicentennial Committee sponsored the sale of marble etchings depicting life in Texas for 150 years, I had not seen a copy of the history that accompanies it until recently.

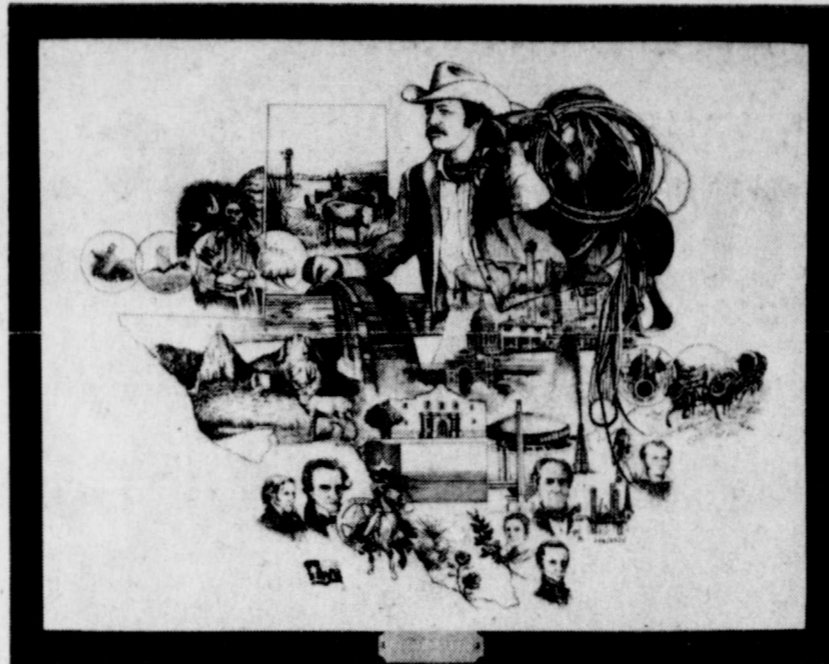
The Earl Roaches received one of the limited edition etchings by David Gray as a gift from their son, Don, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

As a thoughtful gesture, Mrs. Roach had the history framed to accompany the work of art for those who would like to know more about what the scene represents.

**1836-Texas-1986**

-1. **TEXAS COWBOY**—The cowboy originated with the Mexican herder, the Vaquero Cowboys appeared over 300 years ago, after the first cattle and horses were brought from Spain. The first Anglo cowboys were young men from the Nueces region, tutored by the Vaqueros and trained during the war for Texas Independence. Today the cowboy represents the determination and courage of the people who have settled in the Lone Star State.

-2. **TEXAS RANCHING** and



years before her death. Quanah refused to accept the Medicine Lodge Treaty and continued to terrorize frontier settlements. However in 1875 Quanah surrendered, becoming part of the white man's culture. A shrewd businessman, he was said to be the wealthiest Indian in the nation.

-5. **COTTON**—Texas is the number one producer of cotton in the United States today. Before the great oil discoveries of the early 20th Century, cotton farmed the basis for the Texas economy.

-6. **TEXAS WILDLIFE**—Due to the wide-open land throughout much of Texas, many species of wildlife inhabit the state. Quail abound throughout Texas and are one of the most popular game birds. Since the 1940's, pheasants have been established in the Northern Panhandle. The Ring-Necked pheasant is the only species currently found in Texas. The most popular big game in Texas, White-Tailed Deer, are primarily found on the Edwards Plateau of Southwest Texas. Mule Deer are found primarily in the Trans-Pecos region and to a lesser extent in the Staked Plains.

-7. **BIG BEND**—Big Bend is a national park in West Texas. Since its establishment in 1944, this 700,000 acre park has delighted many with its camping, boating and fishing facilities. The park contains spectacular mountain and desert scenery, including the Chisos Mountains and three scenic canyons: Santa Elena, Boquillas, and Mariseal.

-8. **CAPITOL BUILDING** and **AUSTIN**—The city of Austin was founded in 1939 to serve as the Capitol of Texas. After the Capitol Building burned in 1881, construction started on

**Visitors**

Leona Hicks of Ballinger had as her visitors for Thanksgiving her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Pape, of Crews, they took her out for Thanksgiving dinner. Sunday Tim Schaffner, his wife and two children visited her.

the peak of cattle driving, hundreds of thousands of cattle a year were driven to markets in Kansas City, Chicago, and other cities. The coming of the railroads in the 1880's and 1890's marked the end of the great cattle drives.

-12. **WAGON TRAIN AND SETTLEMENT**—The first European settlers in Texas were of Spanish origin. By the 1660's the Spanish had established missions throughout South and East Texas. By the early 1880's, after Mexico had gained her independence, many settlers began to move into East Texas. Stephen F. Austin founded one of the earliest successful colonies. With the independence of Texas, wagon trail settlement began. Traveling together for protection against the Indians, these wagon trains paved the trail into the heart of Texas.

-13. **SIX FLAGS**—Each of the six flags represents Texas under the control of a different nation. The first flag is from Texas under Spain from 1519-1685 and 1690-1821. The next flag is from Texas under France, 1685-1690. France claimed the new territory when explorer nobleman Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle landed. Texas under Mexico lasted from 1821-1836. Texas as a Republic followed from 1836-1845. Texas joined the United States in 1845-1861. The state then seceded from the Union in 1861 under the Confederate flag. Texas joined the Union in 1865.

-14. **TEXAS OIL**—The word's modern petroleum industry "gushed in" at 10 a.m. on January 10, 1901, with a well drilled by Anthony F. Lucas. The gusher was named Spindle Top and electrified the world with a flow of 75,000 to 100,000 barrels of oil per day. The East Texas and Kilgore Oil Boom began in 1930. By July 1931, eleven hundred wells lined the streets of Kilgore, the new center of the Texas oil industry.

The Permian Basin, which covers 88,610 square miles in West Texas and New Mexico took over what Spindle Top and East Texas began. By 1945 more than 1.5 billion barrels of oil had been pumped from the basin.

Offshore wells are among the richest producing wells at the current time. Dating back to the early 1900's they have been a constant source of ownership dispute between the U.S. government and Texas.

To Be Continued

He's so unlucky that he runs into accidents which started out to happen somebody else.  
 Don Marquis



**NEWCOMERS**

Randall and Debbie Sudduth are proud to announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Alecia Ann Sudduth, born November 4, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Vernon and Joyce Lanter. Paternal grandparents are Albert and Dora Sudduth, all of Winters.

Maternal great-grandparents are Roy and Della Mae Davis of Winters.

Allen and D'Ann Perrie are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Christina Rayann Perrie, born December 1, 1986, at 9:17 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Center. She weighed six pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She is welcomed home by a sister, Fallen Elizabeth Perrie.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fenton of Santa Anna. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Barbara Perrie of Coleman.

**Hospital**

**Notes**

- ADMISSIONS**
- December 2**  
 Kathy Esquivel and baby girl  
 Adrian Albarado
- December 3**  
 Ro Ann McGuffin  
 Margarito Sanchez  
 Mike Smith
- December 4**  
 Dorothy Adams  
 Josh Grohman
- December 5**  
 None
- December 6**  
 Robert Bowen
- December 7**  
 Aurora Flores  
 Victor Martinez
- December 8**  
 Laura Balkum  
 Pauline O'Neal
- DISMISSALS**
- December 2**  
 None
- December 3**  
 Kathy Esquivel and baby girl
- December 4**  
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- December 5**  
 Ro Ann McGuffin
- December 6**  
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 Mike Smith
- December 8**  
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### Eleesa Gray and Chris Ocker were married

Eleesa Gray and Chris Ocker were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on November 29, 1986 at the First Baptist Church of Ballinger.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gray of Winters and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ocker of Ballinger.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Billy Patton of Big Spring, Texas. The church was decorated with two candelabra holding white candles. The candelabra were accented with royal and light blue flowers. Four palm trees adorned the altar. Hurricane lamps stood on each side of four of the middle pews.

Music was provided by organist, Jo Ann Cheshier and vocalists John Minzenmayer, cousin of the bride and Pat Vancil. Selections included were: "Let It Be Me" and "Twelfth of Never," and "Color My World."

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ray Gray of Winters. She wore a long gown in white bridal taffeta with re-embroidered French Alencon lace. The fitted bodice was fashioned with a Queen-Anne collar and a sweetheart neckline that was decorated with lace and accented with pearls. The full bishop sleeves of taffeta had a long fitted cuff of lace at the wrists. The full gathered skirt of taffeta fell from the dropped waistline. A deep ruffle, edged with lace, finished the hemline, flowing to a cathedral length train. She wore a picture hat decorated with sequined and pearlized lace appliques. White tulle fashioned a bouffant pouf and veil. For the reception, her cathedral length train was gathered to the center back waist and fashioned into a "butterfly bustle." Her bouquet was a cascade of miniature white carnations and roses accented with blue ribbon. For something old the bride wore her maternal grandmother's wedding ring and a gold bracelet belonging to her paternal grandmother. Something new was her dress and a new penny given to her by her paternal grandfather. She borrowed a pearl necklace from her mother and wore a blue garter.

Michele Jones of Ballinger

was Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Natalie Fischer of Ballinger, Kristi Davis of Del Rio, Diana Williams of Abilene. Junior Bridesmaid was Angela Ocker of Ballinger, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Andrea Ocker of Ballinger, sister of the groom.

The bride's attendants wore floor length dresses of Royal blue taffeta. The fitted bodice had a sweetheart neckline with elbow length full puffed sleeves. The bouffant skirt had a deep ruffle accented with light blue ribbon roses. The waist was accented with a wide light blue ribbon tied in a bow with long streamers. The Junior bridesmaid, flower girl, and candlelighters dresses were identical except that they wore dresses of light blue taffeta, accented with Royal blue ribbon. The bridesmaids carried white fur muffs accented with a small cascade of royal and light blue flowers and the flower girl carried a basket of royal and light blue silk flowers.

Best man was Steve Ocker of Ballinger, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Phil Steele of San Angelo, Dale Gray of Winters (cousin of the bride), and Britt Farr of McAlister, Oklahoma. The groom wore a pearl grey tuxedo with a vest and white shirt. His boutonniere was a white sweetheart rose with baby's breath. The groomsmen wore pearl grey tuxedos with a royal blue bow tie and cummerbunds, their boutonnieres were royal blue roses with baby's breath.

Ushers were Michael Ocker and Jim Ocker both uncles of the groom, and Daryl Cmerck cousin of the groom.

Candlelighter was Wendy Worthy cousin of the bride.

Guests at the wedding were registered by Deedra Zertuche of Ballinger.

The boutonnieres, bridesmaids muffs and flowers, and houseparty corsages were made by Dorothy Wolfe of Snyder, Cousin of the bride. Lisa Ocker, cousin of the groom handed out the birdseed bags.

The reception was held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with the bride's table covered with a white tablecloth. On the table was a three-tiered cake surrounded by four heart-

### Handa Sears and Toby Davis to marry in February

Handa Marie Sears and Toby Lynn Davis announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

She is the daughter of Barbara Sears of Houston, Texas and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis of Winters.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Spring Branch High School in Houston and is employed by Commonwealth Mortgage

Corporation. The prospective groom is a graduate of Winters High School and Angelo State University. He is employed as a Market Representative for Pool Company.

The couple will be united in marriage during 4 p.m. ceremonies February 7, 1987 in the Memorial Lutheran Church of Houston.

shaped cakes and decorated with love birds, butterflies and hearts with two wedding bells on top. A white satin reception ring was hung over the bride's table it was trimmed in grape ivy with accents of lily of the valley and four large white doves. Satin streamers cascaded from the ring and covered the table. The groom's table featured a chocolate cake with a replica of the groom's car on top. Crystal and silver complimented the tables.

Serving in the house party were: Beth Miller, Virginia Fry, Carolyn Harwell, Nancy Masters, Dorothy Wolfe, Janet Minzenmayer, Sharon Wilde, Joyce Cmerck, Charlan Ocker, Darla Whitesell, Carolyn Egan, Penny Wolfe, Darlene Stokes, Karen Harvey, Loretta Stephens, Amy Morris, Natalie Morris and Nicole Morris.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Ocker at Simply Taylors Restaurant in Ballinger.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Ballinger High School and a 1984 graduate of American Com-

mercial College. She is employed by Runnels County Clerks Office.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Ballinger High School and a 1984 graduate of TSTI of Sweetwater. He is employed by Faubion Implement Co.

After a wedding trip to Cloudcroft, New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Ballinger.

### Order of Eastern Star to meet

Winters Chapter #80 Order of the Eastern Star will have its regular stated meeting Monday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge Hall on West Dale street. A covered dish supper will be held.

A Christmas gift exchange after the meeting will be hosted by Genevieve Cook and Ethel Mae Clark. Oleta Webb, Worthy Matron and Bob Webb, Worthy Patron invite all members to attend.

We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.

Calvin Coolidge

### RONdom thoughts

By RON BIRK

#### "Trough Thoughts"

Cleaning out water troughs is one of the more unsavory chores of ranching.

Leaves fall. Algae grows. Livestock litter. The result being a build-up of muck on the bottom of these animal drinking containers that periodically needs to be removed.

The way this muddy mire is moved, at least on the Birk Ranch, is to wait until one of those times when the troughs have been drunk dry. (This waiting saves the back-bending job of bailing the water out with a bucket.) Then I put on my oldest clothes and rubber boots. Grab a scoop. Ease into the ooze. And go to work.

As I slosh through the slime and scoop out of the yucky muck I soon become splattered with splashes of greenish-grayish-blackish color that my Father used to call "Muckeldy Dun".

Accenting this less-than-fashionable color is a flagrant fragrance whose only appropriate name would be "Eau de Pheh". This essence has been known to repel wives and children, friends and enemies—not to mention ticks, goats and skunks!

Needless to say, this messy, stinky job has never made the list of "The Top Ten Things I Like To Do"—not even the top 666!

But I keep doing it. Why?

Lots of reasons, I'm sure. But basically it boils down to the fact that I choose to do it. I elect to do this nasty chore myself rather than get someone else to do it for me.

The last time I was in the troughs I got to thinking about how what I was doing might be compared to the work God as done, and is doing, in the world.

Martin Luther used the illustration that God was not like the medieval lord who sat in his castle while his serfs did all the dirty work. Rather, God was like the nobleman who went himself to clean out the

barn. I like that imagery. It reminds me of a couple of things.

One is that we "sheep" of the Lord keep dirtying up our "barns" and "water troughs" without my help, so I can't clean up the mess I make in my life without God's help.

Secondly, I am reminded that our God is "The Good Rancher" (to modernize "The Good Shepherd" imagery). God is ready, willing, and able to help us tidy up our littered lives.

From the very beginning Christianity has talked about "God with us". God is not a remote, aloof being somewhere off in the mansions of Heaven, with spotless robes and clean hands, enjoying the comforts of Good-hood, totally removed from all the trials and tribulations, mess and misery of we lowly human creatures.

Instead, the Gospel says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is a bold proclamation that God cares enough about us to get right in to our messy "troughs" with us, to get his hands dirty, if that is what it takes to get us out of the muck and the mire we have made.

Now, some people have always had problems with this idea of God "with dirty hands". They can't imagine an earthy God, an Almighty Being who would be willing to get down on the same level with we messy, yucky humans.

"What's a nice God like you doing in a place like this? Why don't you stay in your big, plush ranch house up on Heaven Hill and leave all that dirty work out in your green pastures to the hired hands?" That is the question people have been asking for years.

And God's answer has always been, "Because I'd rather do it myself."

A rational answer? Not really. But then who ever said love was rational—especially God's love.

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### Mr., Mrs. Charles Matthies to celebrate 50th anniversary

Family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthies are invited to attend an open house December 1, from 12 until 2:30 p.m. at the Winters Housing Authority in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosts for the celebration will be their children, Pat and John Stevens of Coleman; Marcene and Fred Hall of Dallas, Roy Matthies of Winters; and their grandson, Michael Stevens of Lubbock.

### Martha Class met

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met with Charlie Poe for a Christmas Party.

A Love Offering was taken up for the Buckners Orphan Home.

Mrs. Jackson gave the opening prayer.

Allie Jones, president, had the roll call on "Giving". Ella Mae Sawyer read the minutes, then a business meeting was held. Ivy Wood had charge of the diversion, it was given on a Christmas story.

Elsie Sanders had charge of the sword drill and Eula Cook gave the closing prayer.

Then it was time for Santa Claus, which was lots of fun, and nice.

A fruit cake plate was served. Those present were: Parrie Carwile, Eula Cook, Elsie Sanders, Charlie Poe, Dortha Lawrence, Flora McWilliams, Mrs. Jackson, Allie Jones, Mabel Jergan, Ivy Wood, Eunice Polk, Verlene Anthis and Ella Mae Sawyer.

A visitation was held and then disbanded.

### Ladies Aid met

The Ladies Aid Circle of St. John's Lutheran Church met in regular session December 4, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Center, with Mrs. Walter Kraatz calling the meeting to order.

Bible study leaders were, Mrs. Walter Kraatz and Mrs. Ellis Ueckert, 23 ladies were in attendance.

The Aid will help the Senior Citizens Home to provide gifts for members of the home for Christmas.

Several ladies presented a play "Trimming the Jesse Trees."

New names were drawn for Sunshine Sisters and gifts exchanged.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Hostesses for December were, Mrs. A. C. Minzenmayer and Mrs. Ellis Ueckert.

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Winters Christmas parade



**Patricia Hohensee named new Runnels County Extension Agent-Home Economics**

A veteran of 14½ years in the Extension Service in West Texas has been named Runnels County Extension Agent-Home Economics, effective January 1. She is Mrs. Patricia Hohensee, a native of Tom Green County who presently is the Extension Home Economist for Concho County.

The appointment was announced by Runnels County Judge, Michael Murchison and Ms. Carolyn Gilbert, District Extension Director for Home Economics in Extension's West Central District.

The new agent will provide leadership for all youth and adult Extension Home Economics endeavors in the county. She will be officed in the Extension complex located in the Runnels County Courthouse.

Mrs. Hohensee presently holds the position of Concho County Extension Agent-Home Economics, a position she has served in since 1973. Prior to her present position, she completed training in Tom Green County where she concentrated in the areas of expanded nutrition and youth development.

Mrs. Hohensee is a 1972 graduate of Texas Tech University. Prior to that time, she attended Angelo State University.

Through the years, Mrs. Hohensee has proven herself to be one of the outstanding agents in the West Central District. Some of her awards, honors and responsibilities include: Past District Director of Texas Association of Extension Home Economists, Outstanding Home Economist Award presented by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Director of

the Concho Valley Food Bank, Chairman of the Annual Concho County Fair, Board Member for the Upper Concho Life Support Unit and Past Officers in St. Theresa Alter Society.

"We are fortunate to have an agent of Mrs. Hohensee's background in Runnels County," said Ms. Gilbert. "She has an outstanding record as a County Extension Agent and has been recognized statewide by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists Association and has received the Superior

Service Award for her work in the area of natural fiber promotion. She brings a great deal of expertise to the job and will be a great asset to the District in this position.

The new agent replaces Dana Craddock who resigned recently to attend school at Texas Tech University to pursue a career in Geriatrics.

Mrs. Hohensee is married to Alan Hohensee, who is a farmer. The couple have three children, Angie, Doug and Dusty.

Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough.  
Earl Wilson

**First Baptist Church presents cantata**

The Adult Choir of First Baptist Church will present the cantata *Christmas Adoration* this Sunday during the morning worship service. The cantata shares through music the hope and joy that Christmas brings. It was written by Mark Blankenship

who is a former minister of music in Midland, Texas. Mr. Blankenship is currently a consultant in the music department of the Southern Baptist Conventions Sunday School Board.

Soloist for the cantata will be Jeri Speegle, Cheryl Sneed and Laura Brown. The choir will be accompanied by Susan Conner, Carolyn Slaughter and Garry Goff. Glenn W. Shoemaker is the Pastor and David Speegle is Minister of Music and Youth.

The people of First Baptist church cordially invite you to be a part of this service of worship and celebration of the Christmas event. The worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. First Baptist Church is located at 311 N. Main Street.

**Use Christmas lights safely**

In many families, using the same Christmas tree decorations year after year is a tradition.

When it comes to Christmas tree lights, however, this could be an unsafe practice, says home safety expert Dr. Peggy Owens.

"When you unpack stored tree lights take the time to check each set," she advises. "Inspect the bulbs to make sure they operate and then remove the plug from the socket and inspect the wires."

The Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service housing specialist suggests checking the string of lights from one end to the other, looking for cracked insulation or bare and broken wires, especially where the wire enters a light socket.

"If you find cracked insulation, bare wires or cracked sockets, discard the lights, no matter how much you like them," Owens cautions. "They could be a fire hazard."

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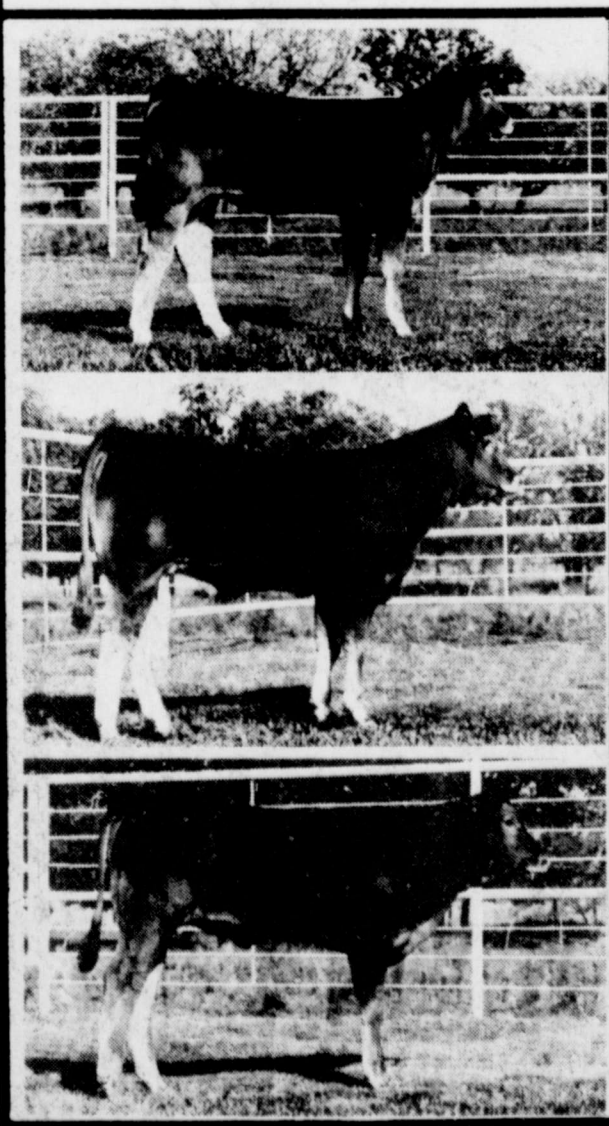
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WEDNESDAY  
Biscuits, oatmeal, sliced peaches, milk  
THURSDAY  
Sopopillas, peanut butter, honey, cheese stick, apricots, milk  
FRIDAY  
Biscuits, eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk

**LUNCHROOM MENU**

December 15-December 19  
MONDAY  
WEST SIDE  
Hamburgers, mustard, mayonnaise, French fries, catsup, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, mixed fruit, milk  
EAST SIDE  
Frito pie, tossed salad, pinto beans, coconut cookie, mixed fruit, milk  
TUESDAY  
WEST SIDE  
Ham-cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, chocolate chip cookie, milk  
EAST SIDE  
German sausage, potatoes/cheese, pea salad, chocolate chip cookie, hot rolls, butter, milk  
WEDNESDAY  
WEST SIDE  
Burritos w/chili-cheese, tossed salad, French fries, catsup, fruit cocktail cake, milk  
EAST SIDE  
Same  
THURSDAY  
WEST SIDE  
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, mustard, mayonnaise, French fries, catsup, peach cobbler, milk  
EAST SIDE  
Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, peach cobbler, hot rolls, butter, milk  
FRIDAY  
WEST SIDE  
(Christmas Dinner)  
Turkey w/dressing, gibbet gravy, green beans cranberry sauce, fruit salad, hot rolls, butter, milk  
EAST SIDE  
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LUNCHROOM MENU**  
December 15-December 19  
MONDAY  
Sloppy Joes, corn on cob, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie  
TUESDAY  
Chicken patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, pork and beans, pineapple cake  
WEDNESDAY  
Chili Mac, broccoli, new potatoes, cheese, peach cobbler  
THURSDAY  
Cook's Choice  
FRIDAY  
Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato chips, fruit

**Secondary School honor roll stated**

The following high school students have made all A's in their academic subjects for the second six week period.  
They are: Brady Cowan, Brian O'Mara, Julie Wheat, John Andrae, Billy Barnes, Clinton Deike, Landa England, Chris Rives, Tommy Selby, James Self, Jim Lee, Jill Traylor, Doug Wheat, Michelle Wheeler and Mai Lei Willtrout.  
These junior high students also made all A's: Brandon Boles, Susan Bryan, Kim Deike, J. J. Michaelis, Carrie Smith and Stacie Wheeler.

**Girl Scouts report record gains**

For once, a hall full of ladies were eager to talk about age as one hundred delegates representing Girl Scouts in Heart of Texas Council's nineteen counties met to lay plans for celebration of 75 years of Girl Scouting in the United States.  
Delegates to the 38th annual meeting of Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council assembled in Brownwood on Thursday to elect council officers, amend bylaws, receive and act upon reports of 1986 achievements, and honor those whose leadership contributed significantly to attainment of council goals.  
Girl Scouts capped prior year growth patterns with substantial membership and program gains in 1986. Eight percent more girls were served in 1986, the program was organized in two previously unserved communities, and both adult and girl member retention continued a long term upward spiral. Member retention was cited by Girl Scout officials as the best evidence of promises kept.  
Council president Helen Taaffe of Weatherford said, "We are always proud to add new members but retention of members over several years indicates that we have presented a continuously progressive program that sustains interest and meets needs of members."  
"Progressive program for girls is possible," Taaffe said, "because we have a seventy percent retention of adult volunteers whose leadership improves with each year's added knowledge and experience."  
Winters Girl Scout chairman Frann Polston and troop organizer Penni Smith were honored by the council for outstanding achievement in organization, membership development, and program support.  
Frann and Penni led the way in restoring Girl Scouting in Winters. The program, underway for barely a year, is already reaching more than eighteen percent of all girls from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

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The Winters 7th grade girls played Ballinger in Ballinger December 8, only to bring home a loss of 27-7.  
Paige Polston scored 3 points in the ball game.  
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The lower grade students are making lists of things they want so they can write letters to Santa to be published in the paper.  
Mrs. Sneed's fifth and sixth graders are corresponding with fifth and sixth graders of Mrs. Trish Banks in Alice Shaw School of Santa Maria, California, a city of 56,000 population. The classes will be developing both writing and social study skills by comparing and contrasting interests, hobbies and environment.  
The Winters Area Soccer Teams raffled \$100 worth of groceries to help finance new uniforms. The Richard Tamez family of Wingate won the groceries, which were donated by Super Duper Grocery. Congratulations!  
Basketball games are always of interest to the boys and girls. They are looking forward to the Paint Rock Tournament. The first opponent will be Eden. The girls will play Thursday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. The boys will play Eden at 4:30 p.m. following the girl's game. Come to the game and support the Wingate Pirate teams. (The results will be printed next week).

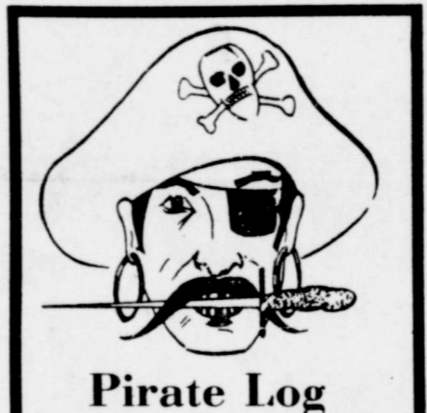
**Blizzard Basketball Roundup**

**Ballinger students inducted into scholastic society**

December 2, the Varsity boys traveled to Abilene to play Abilene Christian High School. Playing a good game the Blizzards came home with a win of 45-39.  
Wayne Poehls was high scoring boy with a total of 16 points. Also scoring for the Blizzards were, Edmund Tamez with 13 points; Martin Martinez, 12; James Self and Kevin Halfmann, 2 points each. Eleven out of 25 free throws were made for an average of 44%.  
"We played fairly well after the first quarter. I'm glad we don't have to play ACHS again, as this was their first game and they showed some signs of being very good. This brings our record to 4-0 in the season." said Coach Farmer.  
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On Tuesday the Lady Blizzards defeated Abilene Christian High School by a score of 71-21. Scoring for Winters were Missy Poehls, 9 points; Leslie Pruser, 17; Christi Fenter, 4; Sally Smith, 10; Cindy Carrillo, 2; Camille Lancaster, 12; Landa England, 4; and Tracy Grantham, 13 points.  
The Lady Blizzard record after four games is now 2 and 2. The two losses have come against a good team from Brownwood Early a Class 3A school who returns all from a playoff contender in 85. In both losses the Lady Blizzards had a cold first quarter then came on to play even.  
The other win came against the Santa Anna Varsity Girls who went to the Area playoffs in 85, defeating them 44 to 35, here at Winters.  
This Friday the Lady Blizzards play at Hamlin, the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams travel to San Saba next Tuesday for the first district game.  
On December 11, 12 and 13, the Lady Blizzards will be in the Anson Lions Club Tourney. In the tourney they open against Paint Creek presently undefeated, at 5:30.  
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The Junior Varsity girls played Roscoe in the Winters Tournament December 4, losing by a score of 32-24.  
Heather Brown scored 7 points and was high scoring girl along with two Roscoe girls. Also scoring for Winters were, Melissa Smith and Kimberly Slaughter, each with 6 points; Melanie Smith, 3; and Sandy Martinez with 2 points. Four out of 13 free throws were made for an average of 30%.  
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The Winters 7th grade girls traveled to the Wylie Tournament, December 4, losing by only 5 points with a final score of 20-15.  
Kimberly Deike scored 4 points. Also scoring for Winters were, Juanita Aguero and Michelle Carter, 3 points each; Abbe Rodriguez, 2 points; and Paige Polston with 1 point. Five out of 19 free throws were made for an average of 26%.  
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The Winters 8th grade boys Blue Team traveled to Lawn to play in a tournament with Abilene Christian Middle School as their opponent, December 4. The boys played a good game and came home with a win of 29-13.  
Craig Slaughter was high scoring boy with 9 points. Others scoring for the Blue Team were, Bodie Collins, 7 points; Doug Farmer, 5; Scottie Rodriguez, 4; Billy Waller, 3; and Nathan Smith, with 1 point. Seven out of 18 free throws were made for an average of 38%.  
"The 8th grade boys divided into two teams in order to fill out the tournament bracket this last weekend at Lawn. The Blue Team played well in the opening game of the tournament and completely fell apart for the second game when they played Jim Ned on Saturday in the second round. It seemed like they were having a difficult time determining the difference in the colors white and red. We had an uncountable number of turnovers and it was mostly due to sloppy play and not the other teams defense. Jim Ned played well and I don't want to take anything away from their victory, but we just played a terrible game and just never seemed to be in the game at all. Our

**Goal Diggers met**

The meeting was held at the home of Libby Bedford with Melissa Faubion hosting.  
We discussed having a dance and choosing a new sponsor.  
Members present were: Carla Lindsey, Gina Priddy, Gina Nesbit, Crissy Taylor, Kris Sims, DeDe Davis, Karla Briley, Stephanie Springer, Olga Farias, Kelly Schoolcraft, Karen Tishler, Melissa Faubion, and Denice Smith.  
Sponsors present were Lisa Griswold and Betty Hood.  
The next meeting is held at Libby Bedford's with Denice Smith hosting.



School is going at the normal pre-holiday pace. Drawing names for gifts, gifts for teachers, gifts for students, cheer table, Santa Claus, Christmas tree, candy, fruit, nuts, Christmas plays, rehearsal, costumes, props, snow and caroling; all of these are being chanted as one passes in the halls. Then students go to the classroom with the routine of studies and assignments.  
Yet, the true meaning of Christmas has not been forgotten. The birth of the Christ Child with peace on earth and good will toward men.  
Mrs. Emry is pleased to say she has a most enthusiastic kindergarten group. They are always eager and happy to do any learning skill that she introduces.  
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minds were somewhere else and it affected our play. We travel to Ballinger Monday and if we don't want to get embarrassed we will have to get our minds back on our business and play the way we are capable of playing and bounce back from a poor performance. I have a lot of confidence in these kid's characters as athletes and I'm sure this will be the case." Coach Selby

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Winters 8th grade White Team played in the Lawn Tournament with Jim Ned as their opponent, December 5, losing by 3 points, with a final score of 20-17.  
Chris Matthews scored 6 points in the game. Also scoring were, Gene Faubion, 5 points; Nato Vasquez, 4; and Paige Bishop with 2 points. One out of 10 free throws were made for an average of 10%.  
"As stated before we split our teams up for the Lawn Tournament. This game was probably the most enjoyable and most fun I have ever had in coaching basketball. This team did not realistically have a chance to win the game, but you could never prove it by the way they played. There were only six of them and they were dog tired after the game.  
"They pressed the whole game full court and just played superb. They would have won the game except for two back to back turnovers in the fourth quarter, which enabled Jim Ned to pull ahead. The most important thing about the games were that these men got a chance to get in some valuable playing time for two games which will help them in the future. In the second game they again played tremendous, but they were just out manned and out experienced. However, this didn't stop them from giving it 110% during the game. I was extremely proud of this group not only by their performance, but also by their attitude and determination." Coach Tom Selby

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The Varsity Boys traveled to Hamlin December 5, bringing home a score of Hamlin 57 and Winters 46.  
Edmund Tamez scored 21 points in the game. Others scoring were, Kevin Halfmann, 13 points; James Self and Wayne Poehls, both with 4 points; Martin Martinez and Andy DeBerry, both with 2 points. Two out of 13 free throws were made for a total of 15%.  
"This was a frustrating game in that we appeared to be in control the first half until the last 2 minutes. The same thing happened at the end of the game when Hamlin finally pulled away and blew us out. We never managed to put it all together for more than a minute or two at a time. We didn't show as much poise or pride as we had in our previous 4 games. With the possible exceptions of Edmund Tamez and Kevin Halfmann, we acted as if we were intimidated. If in fact that was the case we are in for a long season. Hopefully we just had an off night and can come back with a vengeance and determination to correct our shortcomings and improve overall as a team. This weekend we are entered in the Wylie Catclaw Classic in Abilene and play our first game Thursday night at 7:30 against the host team, Abilene Wylie. Our season record after our 1st loss is now 4-1." Coach Farmer

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The J.V. girls played Jim Ned in the Winters Tournament December 4, winning by a slight margin of 33-29.

Kimberly Slaughter scored 8 points for the Winters team. Also scoring for Winters were, Melissa Smith and Melanie Smith, with 7 points each; Lisa Farias, 3; Heather Brown, Sandy Martinez, Stephanie Powers and Christy Collins, all with 2 points. Seven out of 17 free throes were made for an average of 41%. \*\*\*\*\*

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Winters 7th grade girls played Jim Ned in the Jim Ned Tournament December 5, winning by only 1 point with a score of 14-13.  
Jennifer Harrison, Cynthia Roberts and Anabel Cabrera, all scored 4 points each.

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The J.V. girls played Robert Lee in the Winters J.V. Tournament December 5 and won with a final score of 28-17.  
Sandy Martinez was high scoring girl with 9 points. Others scoring were Heather Brown, with 5 points; Melissa Smith, 4; Lisa Farias, 2; and Melanie Smith, with 1 point. Four out of 22 free throws were made for an average of 18%.  
The team won Consolation place in the tourney.

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"The Junior Varsity Tournament was won by the Wall girls. Wylie took second. Winters girls won the Consolation Trophy with a loss to Roscoe and then a win against Jim Ned and a win against Robert Lee. Our girls did a good job and should be commended for their efforts. I would like to thank the parents for supplying sandwiches, chips and desserts in our Hospitality Room. The officials and personnel from the attending schools expressed their appreciation for such fine hospitality." Deb Whittenburg

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The Winters 7th grade girls traveled to Wylie for a tournament playing Anson. The girls came home with a win of 26-19.  
Michelle Carter was high scoring girl with 8 points. Others scoring for Winters were, Paige Polston, with 6 points; Kimberly Deike and Juanita Aguero, both with 4 points; J. J. Michaelis and Joanna Cortez, both with 2 points. Four out of 12 free throws were made for an average of 33%.  
The girls also played Sweetwater in the tourney losing by a score of 29-11.  
Michelle Carter scored 4 points, also scoring were, Paige Polston, 3 points; Kimberly Deike and Abbe Rodriguez, both with 2 points. One out of 9 free throws were made for an average of 11%.  
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The Winters 8th grade boys played Ballinger in Ballinger December 8, playing hard but losing by a score of 30-14.  
Doug Farmer scored 6 points, also scoring were Billy Waller, Keith Gerhart, Jackie Blackshear and Gene Faubion, all scored two points each.  
"We played a good game but Ballinger just plain old kicked us with their press and outside shooting. We had a difficult time moving the ball against their zone press mainly because we weren't moving and passing the ball very well. Offensively we weren't getting any movement and as a result we couldn't find the open shot. One thing about this group of kids I like so well is their determination and hustle. We may not win another game this year but there is no team we have played or will play that gives it their ultimate best like our Winters kids do and I am proud to be associated with them." Coach Selby

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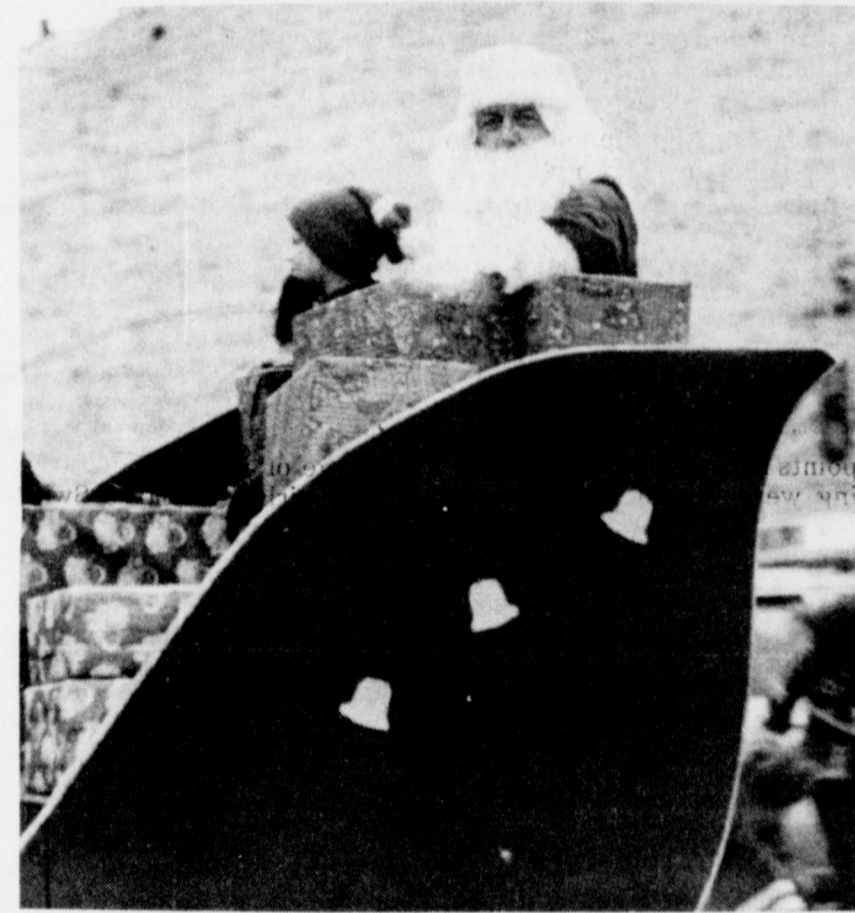
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### Winters Christmas parade



### Get a Texas-grown Christmas tree

Top off the state's Sesquicentennial with a genuine Texas-grown Christmas tree, suggests a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Texas-grown Christmas trees, most of them Virginia Fines, are fresher, more fragrant and

usually less expensive than those shipped in from other states.

Nearly 500,000 Texas-grown trees should be available this year and should push sales beyond the \$7 million mark.

The immortal Dante tells us that divine justice weighs the sins of the cold-blooded and the sins of the warm-hearted in different scales.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lydia Luz, for passing State Boards! You are now an LVN, keep up to good work.

Love your friends,  
From  
Winters and Ballinger

Lighting is, with the sole exception of Holy Scriptures, God's most comforting reassurance to mankind. For, as every man knows, you never see the flash that kills you.

W. L. White

### Card of Thanks

On behalf of the North Runnels Unit of the American Cancer Society I want to thank the people of Winters and the surrounding area who helped to make our 10th Annual Great American Smokeout such a success. The Great American Smokeout is a light-hearted effort once a year to remind people of the dangers of smoking and dipping tobacco. Many people were involved in this year's Smokeout and I am grateful for the good-natured spirit with which people participated.

Special thanks go the following: To Kerry Craig and the Winters Enterprise for giving us such excellent publicity.

Drs. Y. K. Lee and Richard Thorpe for encouraging their patients to stop smoking on that day, and special thanks to Dr. Lee for his talk on cancer at the hospital.

The North Runnels Hospital, its Administrator, Rita Williams, Assistant Administrator, Clay Miller, and Respiratory Therapist, Karen Carter for acting as the headquarters for the Smokeout and providing lung capacity tests at no charge to the public.

The American Cancer Society is a service and informational organization. If we can help you, please call.

Gary F. Turner  
President  
North Runnels Unit  
American Cancer Society

### We Can Beat Crime in Runnels County

Call:  
Runnels Co. Crimestoppers  
365-2111  
or call the operator, and ask for  
ENTERPRISE 67574

### Crime Of The Month December Christmas Holiday Warning

During the Christmas Holidays we all do a lot of shopping. Criminals also shop during the holiday season. We urge you to lock your card doors while shopping. Try to park in a lighted area. Do not go shopping alone if you will be shopping after dark. Ladies, keep an eye on your purses. Please lock your houses when you leave. If you happen to see someone shoplifting, please tell the merchant. Shoplifters account for a big percentage of inventory shrinkage and the cost of this shrinkage is passed on to you the consumer. RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS pays cash for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of any criminal. If you have information for us please call RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS at 365-2111 or dial the OPERATOR and ask for ENTERPRISE 67574. You do not have to give your name and your information may be worth a cash reward of up to \$1000. RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS wishes you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy and fruitful New Year, unless you are a criminal and if that is the case we wish you would stop.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates including a cost of service adjustment clause for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Winters effective 12-18-86

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 3.30 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Winters

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Winters and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 116 North Main, Winters, TX.

Lone Star Gas Company



### Health checks

The North Runnels Home Health Agency and North Runnels Emergency Service, in observance of National Home Health Week, offered free blood pressure and blood sugar checks last Thursday. Administering the tests were Randy Nolte,

EMT/Paramedic and Sharon Hamilton, EMT (center left) and Cindy Sawyer and Jimmie Whittenburg (center right). They are shown discussing test results.



### Caroling

The Tiger Cubs of Winters, and their leaders, brought a bit of Christmas Cheer to the residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home last week with Christmas carols.

### OFFICIAL BALLOT Winters Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year

#### Outstanding Citizen of the Year

#### Oil Industry Citizen of the Year

#### Agricultural Citizen of the Year

### Nominations

**Outstanding Citizen of the Year**  
Charles Ludwick  
**Agricultural Citizen of the Year**  
Mike Mitchell

### "Food for Friends" reaps success

The Runnels County 4-H Horse Club thanks each person who extended a hand of love by giving food and or money to the "Food for Friends" collection during the Christmas Parade.

The all terrain vehicles used to accumulate the canned goods and money were decorated and driven by Cheri Dry and Brock Guevera, who placed second in the motorized vehicle division of the parade. The prize for win-

ing second place was \$20, which will be added to the collection and given to a family who is experiencing financial difficulties.

A representative of the 4-H Horse Club will be conferring with some local ministers to determine a recipient of the collection.

The Club hopes to be able to help people who are perhaps temporarily unemployed and who do not qualify for government assistance.

Members plan to make the Christmas Parade "Food for Friends" an annual event.

It's going to be a tough decision when the purchasing agent starts negotiating to buy the machine that's to replace him.

Dave Murray

### Memo from the Chamber

Friday night and Saturday saw the official beginning of the Christmas activities in the Winters area.

The Chamber is very proud to have Miss Jill Traylor as the 1987 Sno-Queen and as a good will ambassador for the Winters area. We know that we will be well represented where ever she is needed.

We want to publicly thank the 1986 Sno-Queen, Miss Libby Bedford for the lovely and willing way that she has represented the Chamber during this year. Also a very sincere thanks to Libby's parents Nadine and John Boyd Bedford for the work they have done in looking after floats and parade schedules etc.

We were graced with 17 Winters High School beauties and contestants in the Sno-Queen contest and we are proud of them all. Thank you for participating in the contest and thank you to all the sponsors of the girls.

Our Santa sleigh underwent some refurbishing under the guidance of past director Archie Jobe. We want to thank H & H

WTU -

to used fixed fuel cost factors, which specify the amount to be charged for fuel per kilowatt-hour used by the customer. Because the factors are based on the expected cost of fuel as forecast at the time the factors are set, actual fuel costs probably will turn out to be more or less than the amount of revenue recovered through the interim fixed fuel factors.

In October and November, WTU has spent less on fuel than was anticipated with the result that another over-recovery has accumulated. These reduced costs are primarily the result of a contract renegotiation with one of WTU's major gas suppliers which lowered prices and has allowed WTU to obtain a greater quantity of low-cost spot gas.

### Wait

sider another question: As council members, are they asking their employees, the police department, to work longer days than they themselves would be comfortable working?

The council's path has, apparently, been established. They should make it as short as possible and get their gaps filled.

By the way, Scrooge or some other ill-behaved children went on a rampage during the past few days. There were some Christmas decorations, hand-made by some women here, that were ripped off. There was a bunch of other wanton destruction by these folks that we could have done without.

I hope Santa remembers them with a sock full of chips, wood or cow, on Christmas morning.

It really is a shame when we have folks that work hard to help dress our community up for the special season and then we have some uncaring folks that, for some perverse reason, apparently find pleasure in destroying the fruits of these efforts.

There should be a special place for these uncaring people—as a matter of fact, there is.

area Junior Livestock Show. Shares are \$20.00 each and a check for any number of shares mailed are carried to the Chamber office will get your name on this growing list of shareholders who support our FFA and 4-H youth. The Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17.

We have outstanding young people in our community as well as outstanding citizens of all ages. We can accomplish many good and worthwhile ventures if we all support each other in the projects that are undertaken by the assorted clubs, associations, classes, communities, troops, dens etc. in Winters and in the Winters Schools.

If we don't do what needs to be done...who will do it?

### Firemen's Auxiliary had Christmas Party

The Firemen's Auxiliary met in the home of Teresa Davis for their Christmas Party.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by Teresa Davis and Jeanne Hilliard.

Those present were: Lue Bowden, Teresa Davis, Betty Easterly, Jeanne Hilliard, Pat Simpson, Oleta Webb, Diann Whittenburg and Debbie Goff.

The Firemen's Auxiliary wish all of you a Happy Holiday!

American youngsters tend to live as if adolescence were a last fling at life, rather than a preparation for it.

Time

**Simon's Seafood of Abilene**  
Will Be Having A  
**Fresh Shrimp And Fish Sale**  
Thursday, December 11  
From 1 P.M. Until 4 P.M.  
Will Be Parked At The  
Corner Of Main Street And Novice Road

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN**  
Persons Interested  
In Becoming  
State Certified  
**Emergency Medical Technicians**  
Call  
**RANDY NOLTE EMT/P**  
at  
**North Runnels Emergency Service**  
754-5775  
**Class Starting**  
**Friday December 19, 1986**  
6:00 P.M.  
114 S. Church  
(Behind Springer's Pharmacy)

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Open This Friday Night  
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December 13  
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Cover Charge \$4.00 Per Person  
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