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## Wait a minute...

By Kerry Craig

Our community made the big-time news last week. We almost made even bigger news.

Just how the poison gas got into the distribution system is still not known, or is not being made public yet. There is, I imagine, a lot to be learned still.

The gas company officials and the workers are to be commended for their prompt response to a real, life-threatening emergency. Our city officials and crews did their jobs very well.

Now I must put on another hat—Emergency Management Coordinator.

The reaction of the citizens of Winters to the emergency was very cooperative. A lot of folks, when asked by officials to leave their homes, stayed there. Still others went back into their homes before gas company officials had given the "all clear".

This was very frightening for those of us working to resolve the emergency situation and to prevent death, injury, and damage.

Many of our neighbors have worked in the oil fields in one capacity or another for years. Almost all of us are connected to the oil industry either directly or through contact with neighbors, family, or business connections.

We have all heard of hydrogen sulphide or H<sub>2</sub>S. Not only does this gas come from gas wells along with natural gas, it smells like rotten eggs—and it can kill you.

The number of persons who disregarded instructions to leave their homes placed their lives in danger. The same is true for the folks that went home before the home was cleared by the gas company also placed the lives of their families in danger along with their own life.

When the evacuation orders were given on radio and television and from the police cars, those orders were deadly serious.

The failure of those who stayed home to follow these orders just could have killed them.

We were lucky that this disaster happened during the summer. Had this occurred during the winter there would be a good chance that lives would have been lost.

With the evacuation orders being ignored by some, the chance for deaths increased alarmingly.

Knowing what kind of chemical we were dealing with, where the gas was going, and how many folks could be affected by it literally scared the officials working to resolve the problem.

For those who left their homes and stayed away until the "all clear" was given, we thank you.

For the workers and officials from Lone Star Gas and the other officials and workers, Thank you for helping to save our lives and the lives of our neighbors.

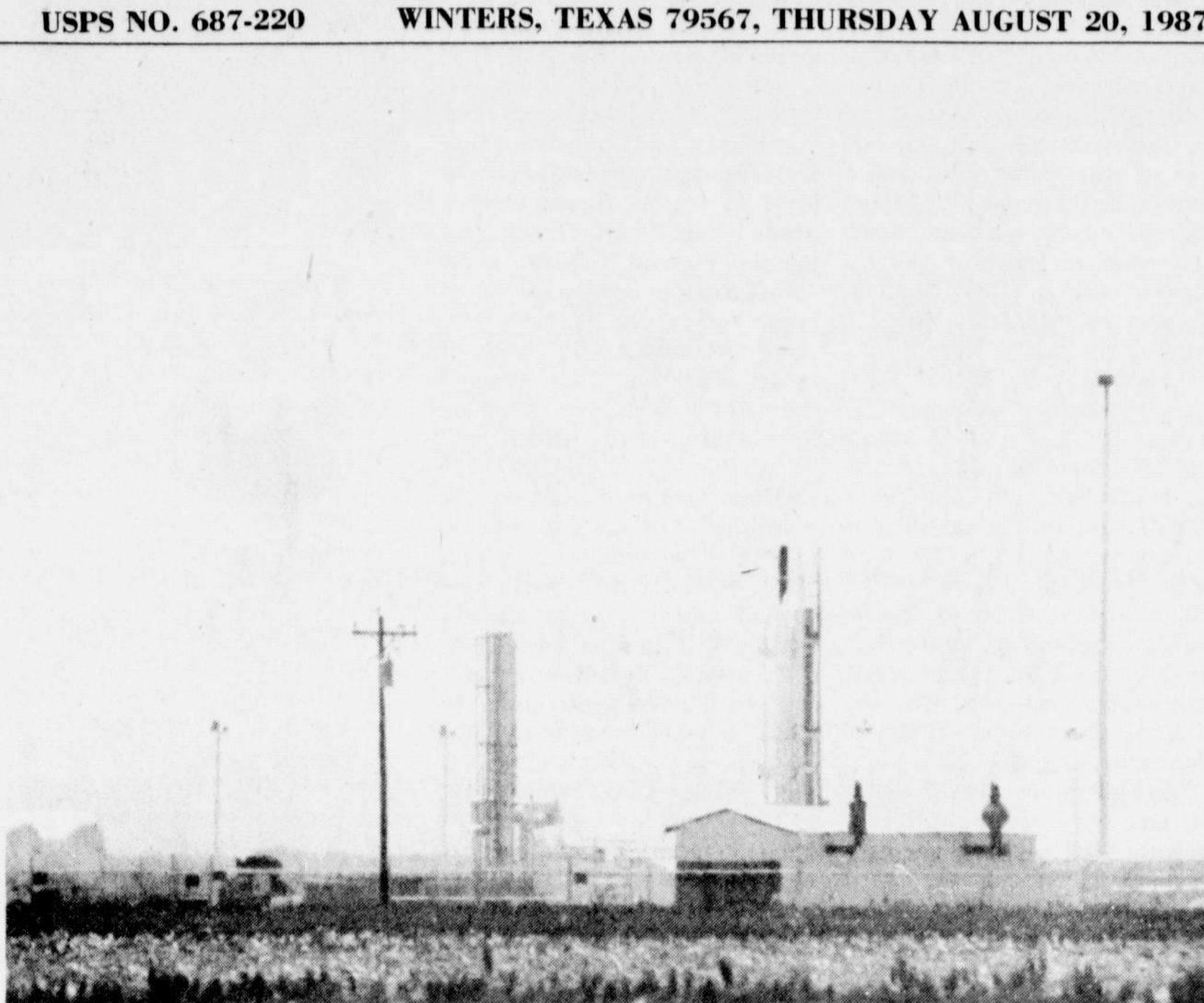
If you think that I have been a bit too dramatic here, I would suggest you read up on hydrogen sulphide, or ask someone who works in the oil fields about it, or someone in the medical profession. They will all tell you the same thing. The gas is deadly—it will kill you.

## Winters Firemen slate Bar-B-Que

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Bar-B-Que on Saturday August 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Winters Community Center.

The annual feed is to benefit the Fire Department by providing funds to purchase needed equipment, repair equipment, and to help pay for training of the firefighters.

Tickets for the annual Bar-B-Que are available from any member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.



## It may have come from here

Lone Star Gas officials speculate that the hydrogen sulphide gas, H<sub>2</sub>S, may have passed through this plant near Winters. The plant provides gas, with the impurities and the H<sub>2</sub>S removed, to Lone Star for distribution to customers in Winters.

A suspected shut-down at the plant allowed the poison gas to contaminate the Winters system, forcing the evacuation of most of the residents of Winters last Wednesday.

# Poison gas forces evacuation orders

Winters residents were asked to leave their homes last Wednesday morning by City of Winters officials, Lone Star Gas officials and Runnels County Emergency Management after gas company officials notified the City of Winters that hydrogen sulphide gas had contaminated the gas distribution system in the city.

Lone Star Gas officials said that the poison gas was found in the lines just after 11:00 a.m. Wednesday by a gas company employee checking on a suspected leak reported by a Winters resident.

After it was determined that the smell was hydrogen sulphide, Lone Star officials notified Winters city officials of the emergency and asked that all residents leave their homes and that businesses close until the toxic gas was purged from the gas lines.

Emergency management officials for the City of Winters and Runnels County began requesting assistance from radio and television stations to relay the emergency information to the residents.

Police officers drove through the neighborhoods using the loudspeaker on the patrol cars to tell residents of the danger and to leave their homes.

Lone Star Gas Company officials called for assistance from its employees from Abilene, San Angelo, Ballinger, Coleman, Brownwood, and other cities to help get residents from their homes and to purge the poison gas from the distribution system.

One Lone Star official said that this was the first time the company has ever had this occur. He said that hydrogen sulphide is something that is taken out of natural gas and that, as far as he knew, there had never been a similar situation where the extremely toxic gas was in an entire distribution system.

Officials speculated that the gas in the lines was coming from a "gas sweetener" plant just southeast of Winters. That plant removes the hydrogen sulphide, or H<sub>2</sub>S, from natural gas. The officials said that the plant was not owned or operated by Lone Star Gas, but that it was operated by a company with whom the gas utility contracts to buy natural gas with the poison gas

removed. They said that there was a shut-down at the plant that allowed the gas contamination. Just how the accident occurred was not known.

As emergency plans went into effect, North Runnels Emergency Service called in all its off-duty Emergency Medical Technicians to handle any gas poisonings and hospital and nursing home plans provided for the care of the patients and

## Band Boosters to sponsor kick-off

The Band Booster Club is sponsoring the season kick-off of meet the Blizzards, with homemade ice cream and introduction of the players, Thursday Night, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blizzard Stadium.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the Blizzards this year.

## Winters Blizzards may have surprises in store

The 1987 edition of the Winters Blizzards are wrapping up their second week of two-day workouts in preparation for their season opener against the Ballinger Bearcats.

The Blue will travel to Hawley this week for their first scrimmage session and will scrimmage with Merkel next week. The season will officially open on Friday, August 28, when the Blizzards go to Ballinger for the traditional opener.

"They're way ahead of what I had anticipated at this point," head coach Danny Slaughter said of his Blizzards Tuesday. "We've got a real young ball club, basically juniors and sophomores. We did not anticipate them being as ready as they are, they have a super attitude."

The coach said that his team is competing well and has more depth right now than any team the Blizzards have had in Slaughter's five years at the helm of the Blizzards.

He said, "we've got people competing for a job that, before they could just line up and they could have the job. We have kids that are having to work for their starting spot and it's helping us."

In a statement characteristic

of the head coach, Slaughter said, "I'm real pleased right now. We've got a long way to go." He added that, "at the same time we have a ball team a way ahead of where I thought it would be right now."

This year's Blizzard team will have four offensive starters and five defensive starters coming back from last year's ball club which, Slaughter says, is not a very good nucleus.

## Secondary students to register Friday

Winters Secondary grades 7-12 will conduct registration in the principal's office, Friday, August 21, 1987, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Students who were pre-registered during April 1987, need not register unless they wish to make a course change.

New students are reminded to bring their most current report card and/or grade slips and immunization record with them.

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## Ballinger man held for assault on a peace officer

A 46-year old Ballinger man is being held on charges of aggravated assault on a peace officer after the man was arrested by sheriff's deputies over the week end on charges of DWI in Miles.

Held, in lieu of bond of \$100,000 is Connie Mac Carson, of Ballinger. He is accused of striking deputy Rick Keeling in the face with his fists and hands.

A spokesman in the Runnels County Sheriff's Department said that deputy Keeling and deputy Rodney Irby were on routine patrol in Miles when they stopped a vehicle on suspicion of DWI. Sgt. Rick Keeling had placed the suspect, Connie

Mac Carson, under arrest when he was struck in the face.

Keeling and deputy Irby then subdued the suspect and took him into custody.

Sheriff's officers said that Carson had been convicted in 1981 on a similar charge when shots were fired at police officers. About a year and a half later, Carson's probation was revoked when he was said to have rammed at least two patrol cars during a chase that began when an officer attempted to stop a car for suspicion of DWI.

Carson was being held Tuesday in the Runnels County Jail in Ballinger.

## Clerk shot during armed robbery

Authorities in Runnels County and throughout West Texas are on the look-out for a man wanted in connection with the robbery of a Ballinger convenience store and the shooting of the store's clerk.

The employee of the Alsup's Convenience store, in the 900 block of Broadway in Ballinger was identified as Rick Compton by Sheriff Bill Baird who said that man was shot in the back by a man that had just robbed the store about 4:35 a.m. Monday morning.

Compton, 27, was still in the intensive care unit of a San Angelo hospital late Tuesday.

Ballinger Police officers were called by Compton, who was able to get to a telephone after being shot.

An undetermined amount of

money was taken by the robber, who fled the store through its back door after shooting the clerk with a handgun.

Officers described the robbery and shooting suspect as being a black male, 5' 10" to 6' tall, heavy build, about 30 years old with a scar or scratch on his left cheek.

It was unknown whether the man fled the store on foot or if he had a vehicle waiting. Officers set up road blocks on all highways leading away from Ballinger within minutes of the robbery and shooting, but found no one fitting the description.

Officers are continuing their investigation into the incident and were said to be working on a picture line-up of possible suspects as well as a composite picture of the robber.

## West Texas Utilities customers to receive refund in December

West Texas Utilities Company plans another refund to its retail customers in December of this year.

The Company was to file a request Monday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$3.8 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during the months of December 1986 through July 1987. The total includes \$3.4 million actual cost savings, plus \$.4 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," Moore said.

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

## Wingate school opening scheduled

Teachers and aides in the Wingate Independent School District will report for the 1987-88 school year on Monday, August 24 for a local inservice day. A faculty meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday morning. On Tuesday, August 25 teachers will attend a Special Education Inservice at Bronte High School. Registration at Bronte will begin at 8:30 Tuesday morning. August 26-31 will be local inservice and workdays.

Classes for the 1987-88 school year will begin on Tuesday morning, September 1, at 8 a.m. The bus will run in time to get students to school by 8 a.m.

The first holiday for 1987-88 will be Labor Day, September 7.

to decline. WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, on May 19, 1987 the Company filed for an increase in base rates necessitated by the completion of the new coal-fired Oklaunion Power Station near Vernon. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to help stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail customers in December subject to approval of PUC. The typical residential customer will receive about \$7.

## Miles Cotton Festival plans being made

The tenth Miles Cotton Festival will be held on September 12 in the Miles City Park. Festivities throughout the day will include arts and crafts booths, a brisket cook-off, a parade through downtown Miles, children's and adult's games and entertainment by area musicians.

A noon meal will be served at the Miles Opera House and fast food booths will be located in the City Park.

A BBQ supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by the Miles Cotton Queen Contest. Shadowfax will provide music for a street dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Miles is located on Highway 67 between San Angelo and Ballinger. For more information call (915) 468-3001.

## August visit slated by Social Security

Edwin Draughon, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his August visit to Winters. He will be at the Housing Project Office on Monday, August 24, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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**Poe's corner**  
by **Charlsie Poe**

**Daughter of local couple honored**

The Marquis Who's Who Publications Board has announced that Nancy Burton Backor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burton, is a subject of biographical record in *Who's Who of American Women*, fifteenth edition 1987-88.

Inclusion in this publication is limited to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their own fields of endeavor and who have, thereby, contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society.

Nancy is Medical Supervisor for Dow Chemical Operations in Freeport. She says it is a full time job that keeps her busy. However, she finds time to be active in Girl Scouts, P.T.A., president of Little League Women's Auxiliary, member of her church council, also member of a Ballroom Dance Club, Riverside Chamber of Commerce and the Country Club.

Ben and Nancy Backor live in Brazoria. He is operations manager for Port of Freeport. They have three children, Ben, Jr., wife and two daughters live in Houston; Mark, wife and baby live in Freeport; Cathi and Roger Corday live in Lake Jackson with daughter, Stephanie.

Nancy was born at Winters November 4, 1932. She moved with her parents and two older sisters, Joyce and Barbara to



**Nancy Backor**

Carizzo Springs in 1937. They arrived just in time for Nancy to start to school for her first year. She finished high school there when she was sixteen and attended Sul Ross College.

After college years Nancy worked at several jobs before she was married to Ben Backor in 1952. They moved to Brazoria where Ben was employed with Dow Chemical Company and she also worked for them. Ben changed to his present job where he has worked for 25 years.

Nancy continued working for Dow. She had a friend who was medical supervisor, but knew that she would soon have to

**Turning grandmas and grandpas into graduates**

Half of the senior citizens in Texas today have never been to a senior prom. This is not surprising when you realize that half of the senior citizens in Texas never completed high school.

Growing up in the Thirties and Forties created many obstacles to obtaining a diploma. The Depression, large families with a lot of mouths to feed and too little income, military service or war effort jobs, and a general belief that a high school degree just wasn't that important were all factors making a person with a high school diploma something of a rarity in pre-World War II years.

"I firmly believe that most seniors have learned as much as many of the kids in high school today," says Allen Baca, a program developer with the Texas Department on Aging. Baca is no stranger to the problems of people who have brains, but no paper to prove it. He worked in jails and prisons for more than 10 years, helping prisoners and probationers prepare for the General Educational Development test, or GED.

"As this generation of senior citizens moved to the different stages of life and the need for learning increased, the most useful tool they acquired was the ability to read," Baca says. "It was, and still is, the most useful tool a person can have. When a person needs to learn more about her or his work, it is done through reading. Hence, many senior citizens find reading a relatively easy skill to acquire because they're motivated to do so."

After joining the TDoA staff, Baca was interested in seeing if his experiences working with prisoners and probationers would work with senior citizens. Baca was given this opportunity

to retire because of ill health. She directed Nancy in taking some courses and then recommended her to the company. Nancy got the job and has remained in her position for 25 years.

The Burtons returned to Winters in 1968 after retirement. They observed their 64th wedding anniversary on the third of August. Their roots are strong here. Clyde's parents came to Winters in 1904 and his father walked and rode a bicycle to establish the rural route system in Runnels County. Billie's father, the Rev. Burke of Ballinger, was a missionary Baptist preacher. The Burton's oldest daughter, Joyce, lives at Carizzo Springs and Barbara is deceased.

ty three years ago when he was contacted by Shirley Archer, program director of the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center in Lamesa. Archer asked Baca about the possibility of GED classes for senior citizens in her center.

"I like to give people the Gates-MacGintie Reading Test to get them going," Baca explains. This test covers vocabulary and comprehension and measures a person's reading level in terms of comparable grade levels. "This usually gets people hooked," Baca says. "Most older people have scored much higher on this test than the grade level they completed in school. When they receive their test results, they are usually chomping at the bit to work on getting their GED."

When Baca went to Lamesa to give the reading test, he expected 10 people to be tested, but news of the event had spread and he found himself testing 35. "One 83-year-old student went back to the kitchen, found a big red apple, polished it brightly and brought it to me just as I began grading her test," Baca recalls. Twenty-four of those tested were found to have a ninth grade reading level or better.

Baca then contacted Pavalos Russos of the Texas Education Agency in Austin and Archer took the scored tests to Herb Kunkel, Adult Education Coordinator in Lamesa. The ball was rolling.

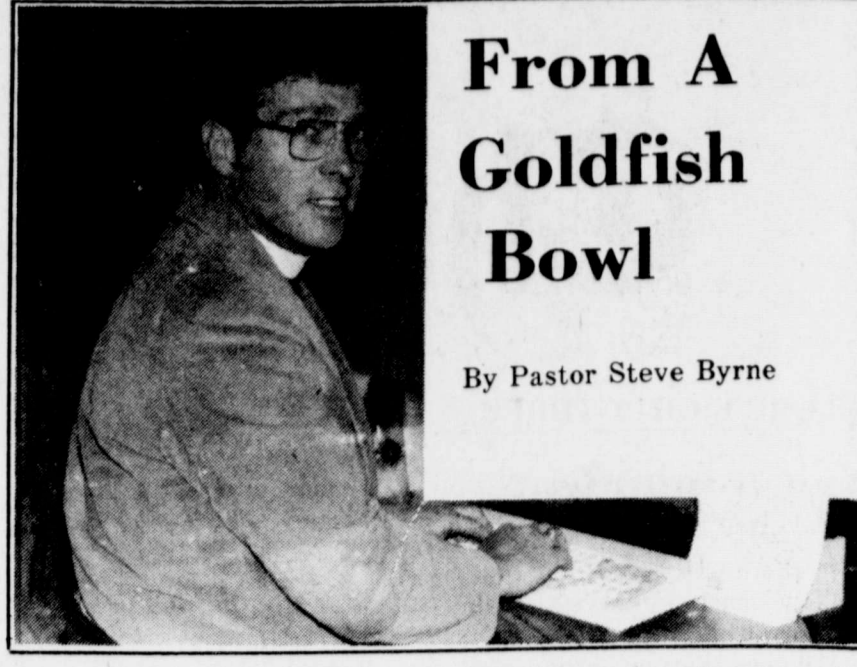
Kunkel met with the Adult Regional Education director in Lubbock. A decision was quickly reached to set up a \$5,000 budget to establish a class unit in the Dawson County Senior Center. A part-time instructor was hired and a teacher's aide was provided to teach the brush-up classes as well as instruct those who wanted to begin a course of study to prepare for a GED. Ten seniors had graduated within a few months.

"Senior centers are an ideal place for senior citizens to obtain their GED," Baca says. "Most of the current setups for continuing education are held at times and places that are not particularly appealing to an older person. Sometimes classes are offered at night, and most seniors do not like the idea of being out at night. Too often, classes are held at schools and many seniors do not have transportation. And these programs usually include a broad spectrum of ages, whereas many seniors feel uncomfortable being around younger people in a learning situation. Especially when it comes to obtaining a high school equivalency.

"In the senior center setting," Baca says, "people are around their peers. They are usually already involved in the center's activities, or are readily accepted if they aren't. Transportation can usually be arranged for those unable to drive, and classes can be held during the day.

"For senior citizens who are interested in earning their GED, their main reason is the personal satisfaction of achieving something they may have wanted all their life. To be able to tell children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that they have earned at GED at a late age is about as good a feeling as one can get. Certainly the mental activity generated by those who seek to acquire the high school degree contributes to their own mental health, which is just as vital to good health as the physical exercise programs."

Such programs are not expensive or difficult to set up, according to Baca. All that is really necessary is to prove a desire and a need within the senior center. This can be done by a simple survey. Then a little leg work in presenting this desire to local Adult Education Co-ops of Continuing Education programs will usually do the trick.



**From A Goldfish Bowl**

By Pastor Steve Byrne

When we lived in Odessa, we had a huge fruitless mulberry tree in the front yard. They are popular trees in the somewhat desert-like climate of far West Texas. Because they grow fast. Provide shade. And their roots grow parallel to the ground, making it easier for them to get nutrients in a relatively dry area.

Which also presented a problem for me. This 20-year old mulberry tree's roots soaked up all the moisture that got close. And made it hard to grow grass under the tree.

It had a stand of St. Augustine under it. But the Freeze of '79 had wiped that out. We bought the house. One of my goals was to have a pretty front yard. That first year I worked and worked. Watered and watered. And fertilized regularly.

Sometimes I would stand and look in amazed awe at how that grass just didn't want to live under the tree. And I would glance over at the sidewalk. Everywhere there was a little crack in it, there was some grass that refused to give up. In its struggle for existence, it had

found a tiny opening. Forced its way through.

And actually was doing pretty well. A lot better than the stuff under the tree.

I resented that grass growing through the sidewalk. For a long time. I would hoe it and it would be back in a short time. After a while, I stopped resenting the grass. And I let it alone.

That grass growing through the sidewalk represented hope. First for the dead or dormant patches under the tree. But then. Later on. Hope for me. Hope for us.

The human spirit is like that grass. We bounce back. We seek out possibilities for survival and growth. Little cracks in life to grow through. Life is difficult. When we need hope the most is when it is the most hidden. And then there is grass growing through the cracks in the sidewalks. All over town.

Jesus' death and resurrection reminds us that there is hope even in the most difficult times. That in the pain of death and in the hiddenness of God lie the roots of resurrection.

Sometimes I need to be reminded of that.

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After 46 years the group met at the Kiva Inn in Abilene, August 8, and also enjoyed a marvelous dinner and a brief encounter of the happenings of the past 46 years, of how much damage each one had done to the population explosion, their advancement in life, etc. They had

a wonderful time.

Those attending were as follows: Florene Berry Flatt, Lorene Berry Thomason, Helen Jenkins Alexander, Billy Mathis, Johnny England, Lucy Poindexter Sanson, Florene Wood McKnight, Cecil McDaniel, Howard Lollar, Ralph Morton, Curtis Morton, and most of their companions. A total of 20 attended the get together.

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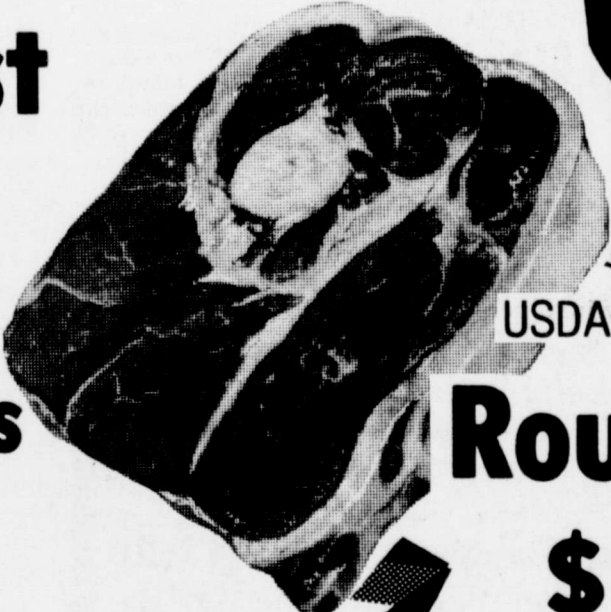


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worked out, near school.  
Call 754-4771.  
17-1fc

**FOR SALE BY OWNER:** 3 BR, 1B,  
home and big workshop,  
corner lot, nearly 2 lots.  
Might consider renting to  
couple only, 212 Roselane.  
Call 676-8702 or 695-2292  
and ask for Rachel.  
17-81c

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Reduced to  
sell beautiful home, 3 BR, 2  
B, on 3 acres, 3 miles north  
on Drasco Hwy, \$68,000.  
Call 915-754-4612.  
20-31c

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Nicest rental property in  
town, within walking  
distance from Winters  
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history. Will consider  
trading anything of value  
for equity, or pay commis-  
sion to anyone who sends  
me a buyer. Evening or ear-  
ly mornings 572-3766.  
21-1fc

**FOR SALE:** 3 BR, 1 1/2 B, central  
H/A, kitchen has built-ins,  
on 1.19 acres. Call 754-4016.  
21-41p

**MID 30's 4 BR, central H/A,**  
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Willowood Properties, call  
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of equal value in the coun-  
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5:30 p.m. or all day  
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over payments, 100  
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806-743-4051.  
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**FOR SALE:** Nice 14 X 70, 2 BR,  
2 B, mobile home, with all  
the extras. On 2 corner lots  
with privacy fence, 2 car  
carport, fenced garden  
area and front porch. Also  
includes 2 60 X 140 lots and  
partial fence. Priced to sell.  
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22-41c

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT:** Three 2-BR apart-  
ments. FHA Rental  
Assistance possible.  
Winters Housing Authority,  
300 N. Grant, Winters,  
equal opportunity housing.  
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38-1fc

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ments. Equal opportunity  
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major kitchen appliances  
furnished, also unfurnished  
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and bath, all bills paid. Also  
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10-1fc

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carpeted. Call 754-4609.  
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**FOR RENT OR SALE:** Nice 3 BR,  
1 1/2 bath, central H/A, \$300  
per month, 202 N. Church.  
Call 754-5301 after 5 p.m.  
21-31c

**FOR RENT:** 2 BR, 1 B, available  
September 1. Call 754-5266  
or 723-2216.  
22-21c

**FOR SALE:** 3 BR, 1 1/2 B, central  
H/A, kitchen has built-ins,  
on 1.19 acres. Call 754-4016.  
21-41p

## HELP WANTED

**WINTERS COUNTRY CLUB ATTEN-  
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executive director. Expe-  
rience preferred. Apply  
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21-31p

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ings with good rates. Call  
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22-21c

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## VA Questions and Answers

**Q—May the current monthly rate of VA benefits received by a veteran be disclosed to a third party?**  
**A—Yes.** The monthly amount of benefits is considered public information, however, information concerning the veteran's disabilities cannot be released without the veteran's prior consent.  
**Q—My wife and I are both veterans and meet eligibility requirements for the VA Guaranteed Home Loan Program. May we acquire property jointly and increase the amount which may be guaranteed by the VA?**  
**A—Yes.** The amount of the guaranty may be increased to an amount equal to the combined total of both your entitlements, however, the guaranty may not exceed 60 percent of the loan.  
**Q—Is it necessary for me to inform the Veterans Administration of my new address if my monthly benefit check is handled by "direct deposit"?**  
**A—Yes.** Failure to keep the VA notified of your current address could result in your missing important correspondence sent to your address of record.

**I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE:** For any  
debts except my own. L. F.  
Pennington.  
21-21p

**LEARN SQUARE DANCING:** With  
Country Cousin, Club  
Wagon Wheel, Tye, Texas,  
September 3, 8 p.m. First  
lesson free, call 692-5549.  
22-21c

## GARAGE SALES

**GARAGE SALE:** Friday, Aug.  
21, 8 a.m. Baskets,  
bedspreads, dishes, boy's  
clothes. New crafts, ideal  
for gift giving, quilts, lug-  
gage, maternity clothes,  
misc. items. 113 Penny  
Lane, Kati Boatright &  
Dorothy Bomar.  
22-11c

**GARAGE SALE:** 311 S. Ar-  
lington, Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m.  
till? Lots of boy's school  
clothes, sofa, table, B/W  
TV, fresh onions and lots of  
misc. items.  
22-11c

**GET READY FOR SCHOOL GARAGE  
SALE:** Children and infant's  
clothes, and shoes, small  
ladies & Jr. sizes 3-5. Lots of  
baby items, toys, etc. 712  
Lamar, Saturday only. No  
Sales Before 8 a.m. 22-11c

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Sat.,  
Aug. 22, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Old Crews Road, East of  
Southside Baptist Church.  
22-11p

**YARD SALE:** Friday only. Fur-  
niture, kid's clothes, lots of  
misc. 212 E. Broadway.  
22-11c

**GARAGE SALE:** Sat., Aug. 22,  
8:30 till? 300 N. Alvera  
across from nursing home.  
Clothes, kitchen stuff, and  
lots of misc. Come see!  
Cake decorating done also.  
22-11p

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that  
the North Runnels Hospital  
District, a governmental enti-  
ty of North Runnels County,  
will receive bids in the office  
of the Administrator at North  
Runnels Hospital, East Hwy.  
53, Winters, Texas, until 5:00  
p.m. Friday, September 4,  
1987, for the following  
equipment:

- 1) 1—4 Bed Central Cardiac  
Monitoring System
- 2) 2—Bedside Monitors

Specifications may be secured  
in the office of the hospital ad-  
ministrator. All bids must  
substantially comply with  
specifications.

The North Runnels Hospital  
District reserves the right to  
reject any or all bids and to  
award the bid considered most  
advantageous to North Run-  
nels Hospital, Winters, Texas.

(August 20, 27, 1987)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed  
to Michael B. Murchison,  
County Judge of Runnels  
County, Texas, will be received  
at the Commissioners' Court-  
room of Ballinger,  
Texas, until 10:00 A.M.,  
September 15, 1987.

You may bid on the follow-  
ing item:  
—Me-30 Cutback Asphalt,  
F.O.B. at the Plant and  
delivered to Runnels County.  
Bid to be effective until  
December 31, 1987. Delivery  
of Me-30 Cutback Asphalt  
must meet state  
specifications.

The County reserves the  
right to reject any and all bids,  
and to waive any or all  
formalities.

ORDER OF Commissioners' Court  
August 11, 1987.  
Darlene Smith, County  
Auditor  
Runnels County, Texas  
(August 20, 27, 1987)

## NOTICE OF BIDS

The office of the Runnels  
County Judge will receive  
sealed bids (proposals) for the  
operation of the Runnels  
County Emergency Service  
for the Northern half of Run-  
nels County located at  
Winters, Texas and for the  
Southern half of Runnels  
County located at Ballinger,  
Texas.

The bids will be received un-  
til 10:00 A.M. on September  
15, 1987, at which time they  
will be opened at the  
REGULAR scheduled  
meeting at the Runnels Coun-  
ty Commissioners' Court.

Runnels County reserves the  
right to refuse any and all  
bids.

Please contact Judge Michael  
Murchison at the Courthouse  
for specifications and  
requirements.

Michael B. Murchison  
County Judge  
Runnels County, Texas  
(August 20, 27, 1987)

"Genius is patience." Buffon

## Eligible patients opting for out-patient surgery

After Judith Hixon's  
breast cancer was dis-  
covered, she began  
several months of  
chemotherapy treat-  
ments in preparation for  
surgery to remove the  
malignant tumor. On  
the day before her  
surgery, she made the  
rounds at The Universi-  
ty of Texas M. D.  
Anderson Hospital and  
Tumor Institute for the  
necessary preoperative  
tests.

But after that day's  
testing and bloodwork,  
she went back home to  
be with family and  
friends. She packed her  
suitcase leisurely, en-  
joyed a quiet dinner and  
a bowl of strawberry ice  
cream, and then retired  
to bed around 10 p.m.  
"I had a good night's  
sleep, and then I was  
more rested when I  
came into the hospital  
for surgery the next  
morning," Hixon ex-  
plained.

When she arrived at  
7:30 a.m., the surgery  
scheduling coordinator  
handed Hixon her pa-  
tient chart and directed  
her to admissions where  
she received her room  
assignment. Within 20  
minutes Hixon was on  
her way to surgery.

Dr. Charles M. Balch,  
head of the Division of  
Surgery at UT M. D.  
Anderson Hospital,  
reports that an increas-  
ing number of cancer pa-  
tients are opting for  
either outpatient sur-  
gery or—like Hixon—  
admission to the  
hospital the day of their  
surgery.

In fact, the total  
number of ambulatory  
surgery cases at M. D.  
Anderson—including  
both outpatient sur-  
geries and same-day  
admissions—increased  
500 percent over an  
18-month period, with  
an estimated 200 sur-  
gical patients choosing  
ambulatory care each  
month.

"This trend provides  
greater convenience for  
patients and more effi-  
cient use of hospital  
resources," Dr. Balch  
said. "Our patient care  
staff at M. D. Anderson  
also report a reduction

in patient anxiety as an  
encouraging result of  
the same-day admission  
service."

Hixon agreed that  
one more night at home  
before her surgery  
made a positive dif-  
ference. "It really seem-  
ed that I wasn't so wor-  
ried about my surgery  
that morning," she said,  
"and I think I really felt  
better about it. They  
were ready and waiting  
for me when I arrived."

Dr. Balch said that  
while a majority of  
patients—especially  
children—prefer being  
at home with their  
families the night before  
surgery, that conveni-  
ence is enhanced by  
cost savings. As medical  
costs for inpatient care  
continue to rise, pa-  
tients want to avoid the  
expense of admission to  
the hospital the night  
before surgery when-  
ever possible, he said.

"In an effort to reduce  
the cost of hospitaliza-  
tion, patients and their  
physicians are opting to  
skip the preoperative  
day in the hospital, if it  
can be eliminated safely,"  
Dr. Balch emphasized.

Similarly, an increas-  
ing number of eligible  
patients are opting for  
outpatient surgery,  
which means they come  
in for surgery and go  
home the same day,  
avoiding hospitalization  
altogether. A majority  
of the outpatient  
surgery cases at M. D.  
Anderson involve  
diagnostic procedures,  
such as minor gynec-  
ological surgeries and  
breast biopsies. Wide  
excisions of melanoma  
scars are performed dai-  
ly on outpatients under  
general anesthesia.

Dr. Balch explained  
that M. D. Anderson's  
entire surgery service is  
undergoing a definite  
change in philosophy.  
"We're certainly shift-  
ing from inpatient to  
outpatient care as much  
as possible, but only  
under the appropriate  
conditions that do not  
compromise the quality  
of patient care," he said.  
"If there's no particular  
medical reason for a  
patient to be here the  
night before, the patient  
won't be."

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Mr. Paul Jerry

Paula Vinson was at St. Joe in Rowers at 3 p.m. The bride and groom were in Winters.

Father officiate ceremony with an teal blue baskets dogwood flowers white ca English decorated church. accented lace, pin were pla entrance the bride wreaths and a sn

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The briage by walk do a lovely purest rachelle venise e pearls, dangling lavished ing port topped came to wrist. E

P A E H



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Vinson  
**Paula Jo Jansa and  
Jerry Don Vinson wed**

Paula Jo Jansa and Jerry Don Vinson were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena, Saturday, August 1 at 3 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Ethel Jansa of Rowena. The groom's parents are Don and Ann Vinson of Winters. Grandmother of the bride is Mrs. Elvira Halfmann of San Angelo. Grandmother of the groom is Mrs. Ionah Vinson of Winters.

Father Richard Altenbaugh officiated the double-ring ceremony at an altar decorated with an arrangement of pink and teal blue flowers in grapevine baskets on each side. Two dogwood trees with white flowers edged in pink and a white candelabra accented with English ivy and pink candles decorated each side of the church. Two grapevine wreaths accented with pink ribbon and lace, pink and teal blue flowers were placed on the doors at the entrance of the church. Pews for the bride's and groom's family were marked by smaller wreaths decorated with flowers and a small ceramic dove.

Wedding music was provided by soloist, Diane Fuchs, sister of the bride, of St. Charles, Missouri, accompanied by Lorene Schniers, aunt of the bride, of Rowena. Selections included "Theme From Ice Castles," "To Me," "Beginning Today," "Father We Come Today," and "The Ones We Love."

Candlelighters were Chad Lehnert, cousin of the bride, of San Angelo, and Kelley Green of Hobbs, New Mexico. Alter boys were Cory Lehnert of San Angelo and Brian Milford of Abilene, both cousins of the bride. Lectors for the mass were Connie Glass of Miles and Debbie Earnshaw of Ballinger, both sisters of the bride. Offertory gift bearers were Betsy Lehnert, aunt of the bride, of San Angelo, Daniel Halfmann, uncle of the bride, of Round Rock, and Lea Anna and Stan Kvapil of Brenham. Eucharist Minister was Ina Albarado of Rowena.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. For her walk down the aisle, Paula wore a lovely bridal gown fashioned of purest white organza and shiny rachelle lace adorned with sild venise edging and motifs. Seed pearls, iridescent sequins, and dangling cluster pearls were lavished on the gown. A flattering portrait neckline skimmed the shoulders. Puffed sleeves topped lace gauntlets which came to a bridal point at the wrist. Enhancing the waistline

was a large organza bow in back. The bouffant skirt boasted a deep lace flounce and flowing chapel train with lace cutouts accented with seed pearls and iridescent sequins.

The veil was pearl and small flower circlet with tulle outlined in small pearls attached to the back. A bow of shiny rachelle lace enhanced with seed pearls and iridescent sequins adorned the back of the veil. Long strands of lily of the valley accented the sides and back of the veil. The veil was fashioned by the bride and her mother.

The bride carried a bouquet consisting of white orchids, stephanotis, morning glory and gladiolas. The bouquet was a beautiful cascading arrangement which was designed by the bride's sister, Karen Byler of Ballinger. Entwined in the bride's bouquet was her rosary.

Matron of honor was Dena Kalina of Rowena. Maid of honor was Mary Jansa, sister of the bride, Austin.

Bridesmaids were Suzy Bates, sister of the groom, of Lampasas, Melinda Gerhart of The Colony, Tina Smith of Winters, Tracy Hyde of Miles, Carmen Albarado and Norma Albarado of Rowena.

They wore long teal blue dresses of crystalline taffeta. They featured a sweetheart neckline, puffed sleeves and a dropped waistline which came to a V in front and back. Accenting the back of the dress was a large bow at the V. They carried heart shaped grapevine wreaths which were decorated with pink ribbons and lace, flowers of pink and teal blue and baby's breath. Streamers of pink and white ribbon added the final touch to the wreaths.

Junior bridesmaid was Heather Glass, niece of the bride, of Miles. Flowergirls were all nieces of the bride, Tiffany and Brittany Fuchs, of St. Charles, Missouri, Chasity and Leslie Jansa of St. Lawrence, Lindsey Byler of Ballinger, and niece of the groom, Cassie Bates, of Lampasas.

They wore tea length teal blue dresses of crystalline taffeta. They featured a sweetheart neckline, puffed sleeves, and skirts with many ruffles which fashioned to a bustle. Accenting the waistline in back was a bow. These were made by the bride's mother.

They wore teal blue bows in their hair and carried teal blue baskets which were decorated with pink ribbon and lace and flowers of teal blue and pink. Streamers of pink and white rib-

bon with flowers hanging on the ends hung down from the baskets.

Best man was Brent Lancaster of Winters. Groomsmen were Bryan Davis of Graford, Steve Jansa, brother of the bride, of Rowena, Mitchell Jansa, brother of the bride, of St. Lawrence, Andy Smith of Winters, Darrell Daily of Centerpoint, Brett Mikeska of Wingate and Donnie Daily of Blackwell.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails, pleated white shirt, white cummerbund and bow tie. He wore a white boutonniere of gladiola flowers and baby's breath.

His groomsmen wore gray tuxedos, pleated white shirts, teal cummerbunds and bow ties. They wore pink rose boutonnieres accented with baby's breath.

Ring bearers were all nephews of the bride, Shawn and Nathan Glass of Miles, Justin Byler of Ballinger, Jeffery Earnshaw of Ballinger, and Slade Jansa of Rowena.

They wore gray coats and pants, white shirts, and teal blue cummerbunds and bow ties. These were also made by the bride's mother. They wore miniature rose boutonnieres of pink roses.

Ushers were all brothers-in-law of the bride, Roy Fuchs of St. Charles, Missouri, Kerry Glass of Miles, Will Byler of Ballinger, Clay Earnshaw of Ballinger, and brother-in-law of the groom, Larry Bates, of Lampasas.

A reception, supper and dance was held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Rowena and was hosted by their parents. The hall was decorated with grapevine wreaths on the side walls and a beautiful bridal wreath which hung from the center of the hall above the bride's cake. The bridal wreath was fashioned out of a large grapevine wreath and decorated with pink ribbon and lace and flowers. Accenting the wreath were streamers hanging down and four white doves. These were also designed by the bride's sister, Karen Byler.

The bride and groom's cakes were creations by the bride's aunt, Betsy Lehnert, owner of Halfmann's Cake Cottage in San Angelo. The cake consisted of five square tiers separated by crystal twist pillars. Cascading from the top tier down one corner were hand molded lily-type flowers tinted with pink in the center. These flowers were arranged on the corners amid clusters of pink and white stephanotis, lily of the valley and strands of pearls. Topping off this original design was a wedding ornament that consisted of a procelain bride and groom set against a background of lace and pearls, standing amid puffs of tulle, white flowers and pearl clusters. Each tier was adorned with frosting decorations of scallops, cornelli lace, and different designs of stringwork.

The groom's cake basic design was patterned after the bride's cake. A "Precious Moments" ornament adorned the top of the four tiered square chocolate cake. Cascading from the top down one corner were clusters of chocolate roses. They were accented by avacado green and chocolate frosting leaves.

A rehearsal supper was

## Francine Miller receives degrees

Genevieve Francine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller of Winters, recently received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Also a Bachelor of Science in Education specializing in physical education and secondary English from McMurry College.

Francine is a 1982 graduate of Winters High School. While attending McMurry College, she was a member of the Pi Delta Phi serving as Intramural Representative and Pledge Mistress. Also, she served as Vice President of the Dorm Council.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for all you did for us during the sickness and death of our Mother, Winnie B. Patterson. We are sincerely grateful to those who brought food, for the beautiful flowers, cards, and memorials, and most of all for your prayers.

Our thanks to the ladies of the First Baptist Church who brought food and to the Rebekah Class for the serving of the meal. We especially thank Bro. Shoemaker, David Speegle, and Susan Conner for the beautiful memorial service.

To David Wilson and all the staff of the Senior Citizens Nursing Center, our thanks for all you did for our Mother while she was in your home. Thank you for your loving kindness and care.

To Rita Williams and all the staff at North Runnels Hospital, our appreciation for your loving care you gave to our Mother.

To Mike Meyer and staff for the beautiful service and your kindness shown to us.

May the Lord Bless each of you.

The family of  
Winnie Patterson

## Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere Thanks to family and friends for all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and calls while I was in the hospital, and at my children's home, and since I've returned home.

A Special Thanks to Dr. Y. K. Lee and the wonderful nurses and staff at North Runnels Hospital.

My family joins me in saying "Thank You" for the many kind deeds. Your thoughtfulness will long be remembered.

Leona Voss and family

hosted by the couple's parents at the V.F.W. Hall in Rowena.

After their honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will live in Rowena.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Miles High School and a junior accounting major at Angelo State University. She is employed by Halfmann's Cake Cottage.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Winters High School. He graduated from Angelo State University in May 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. He is currently employed by Jansa Construction in Rowena.



## NEWCOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. Santos Uresti are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Alex Phillip Cortez, born August 16, 1987 at Shinoyokohama, Japan, he weighed six pounds and seven ounces.

He is welcomed home by one brother, Angelo Hiro Cortez.

The proud parents are Phillip and Yasuko Cortez.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Abe of Japan.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank you for the kindness shown to our family at the loss of our beloved sister and aunt, Minnie Belitz.

Thank you for the flowers, food, memorials and prayers, they were all appreciated. A special Thank You to the friends and relatives that visited her during her illness and the love and prayers you had with us.

A special Thanks to Pastor Steven for all the comfort and the meaningful service. Also to the funeral home and staff.

The loved ones of Minnie Belitz  
Alvina and Walter Gerhart  
Nieces and Nephews  
Great Nieces and Nephews  
Great-great Nephew

## Card of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation for the telephone calls, visits, cards and prayers that were offered me during the illness and death of my brother.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Mrs. G. W. Scott

**Volunteer.**  
American Heart Association

## Friendly Helpers had lunch out

The Wilmeth Friendly Helpers Club met July 22 with Birdie Bell McNeill. Mrs. McNeill invited the club to eat at the Senior Citizens, her treat.

Members attending were the dinner were: Rosalie Albro, Grace Barker, Doyce Broadstreet, Joyce Broadstreet, Genevieve Denson, Lessie Robinson, Thelma Tubbs, Eva Wright and Birdie Bell McNeill.

At 2 p.m. in Mrs. McNeill's home on Valley Creek, Mrs. Cecil Tekell talked about Home Health Care service and took blood pressures.

Mrs. McNeill served cake, ice cream and ice tea to members attending and two guests, Mrs. Jon McNeill and Mrs. Cecil Tekell.

August 12, the Wilmeth Club met in the home of Lessie Robinson with seven members attending: Birdie McNeill, Grace Barker, Rosalie Albro, Oma Lee Overman, Genevieve Denson, Rosalie Simpson and the hostess, Lessie Robinson.

The next meeting will be in the home of Oma Lee Overman, August 26.

## Card of Thanks

I want to say a big "Thank You" for the help I recieved from two men working in Lakeview Cemetery last Thursday and Alvis Waldrop and Carl Grenwelge, all who helped me with my two flat tires. It was during the hot part of the day and was greatly appreciated.

Billie Lindley



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**Director: Mrs. Dottie Loudermilk**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Jeannie Poe**

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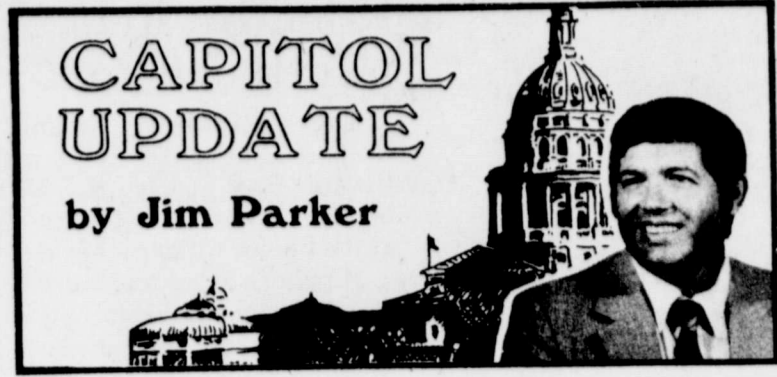
**Classes begin Thursday,  
September 3, 1987**

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Brandon**

From  
**Daddy, Kelley, Angela**

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Police .....754-4121  
Ambulance .....754-4940  
Fire .....754-4222  
Hospital.....754-4553



Please allow me to discuss an issue that I think should be of growing concern to all of us. That is the current trend of issuing bonds to solve our state's financial problems.

By way of background, we have always prided ourselves in this state for having a "pay as you go" clause in our Constitution that prohibits deficit spending. We have been very self satisfied by virtue of the fact that we could not accumulate huge deficits like the federal government has done. By and large, we have been able to operate within that "pay as you go" framework.

Now, when faced with the need for huge expenditures in areas such as our prison system, we have proposed, and you will be voting on, a bond issue to fund that project. Do not be misled into a misunderstanding of the nature of a bond. A bond is simply an evidence of a debt that has to be paid at some future date. Mechanically, it is not at all different than your going to your local bank, borrowing money and signing a note to pay the money at some future date. Any way you calculate that, it's deficit spending. Quite simply, it is spending money you don't have today against money you expect to receive in the future.

Before we go into the merits

of a bond issue, I just want to be sure we all know what a bond truly is. It is a debt.

The merits of the bond issue you are going to be asked to vote on are of the highest order. We desperately need prison space. Even as I am writing this, our prisons are once again closed. Virtually everyone agrees that the construction of prisons is absolutely necessary and I firmly agree with that; my concern is how do we pay for them.

I want you to think about it and I want you to be informed and realize when you vote to use bonds issued to pay for current projects, you are turning away from the historic "pay as you go" approach we Texans have always taken to state government. It may be time for that. I am not saying it's not. What I am saying is that it is a change in the direction of our state and a change in a unique Texas philosophy that we may never regain once it is lost.

Generally speaking, the constitutional amendments we vote on are, in most respects, not of monumental importance; but, I think I can tell you that general obligation bonds that look to future tax revenues of this state for payment and your approval of them may well be the most important constitutional amendment you will ever have the opportunity to vote on.

**VA assists veterans with home loans**

The Veterans Administration wants veterans to know that they should seek VA's assistance if they have fallen behind in their GI home loan mortgage payments.

"We can help the veteran to avoid losing the family home or equity in a home through foreclosure," says Waco VA Regional Office Director Stephen L. Lemons.

The first step for a veteran experiencing mortgage payment difficulties, Lemons advises, is to contact the lender and make arrangements to bring to loan up to date.

If an agreement with the lender cannot be reached, the veteran should ask for assistance from the nearest VA regional office. The toll-free number for the Waco VA Regional Office is 1-800-792-3271.

VA counselors, after reviewing a veteran's financial situation, can sometimes develop a payment plan that will be acceptable to the mortgage company. As an alternative, VA counselors may advise the veteran to sell the property to protect the veteran's equity.

When a veteran defaults on a VA-guaranteed loan, the VA may have to pay the lender a claim of 60 percent of the loan amount up to \$27,500. Defaults of VA-guaranteed loans have risen in recent years partly because of high interest rates in the early 1980's and partly because of setbacks in the agriculture and oil industries.

Some foreclosures during this period could have been avoided through agreements with the lenders or veteran-initiated sale of the property, Lemons says.



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**Crime of The Month August 1987**

Three head of cattle were stolen from Neill Jacob and Myron Halford. This theft occurred between Wednesday, May 17, 1987 and Sunday, May 20, 1987. The cattle were taken from a pasture that is South of Ballinger on the East side of Highway 83 just south of the Olfen road. One of the calves was a holstein and the other two were crossbred calves. All three calves had yellow ear tags with black numbers and all three have brands on their right hips that can be identified. The value of the calves is \$800. If you have any information concerning the theft of these cattle 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 \$1,000.

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**Crews**

By Hilda Kurtz

If you can swallow a pill while drinking from a water fountain, you deserve to get well.

Walter and Margie Jacob were honored by their children and their families with a barbecue supper on their 40th anniversary in the Catholic Hall in Winters, around 65 attended last Sunday evening. Congratulations to both of you and many more anniversaries!

Phillis, Von, Jeff and Jennifer Byrd of Abilene, Ricky, Patsy and Stacy Grissom and Kat and Adeline Grissom met at the Steve Grissom's cabin at Lake Whitney over the weekend. Kat and Adeline also spent two nights with his sister, Viola and Ben Odom, at Lake Whitney.

Katherine Thomas, Dallas, spent Monday through Thursday with the Kat Grissoms.

Jewel and Richard Denny spent several days with her folks in Wichita Falls.

Dinner with Pat and Earl Cooper Sunday were, Brenda, Richard, Dodie and Gina Chambliss of Hawley, Ray and Amanda Cooper of Abilene, and Gracie Cooper of Winters.

Recently with Chester McBeth were Dennis and Audine McBeth, Midland, and Chester's two great-grandsons, Jake and Rusty Tounget, of Germany. By the way Chester's new great-grandson's name is Jason.

During the week with the Coleman Foremans were, Louise Cecil, Susie McDaniel, Dessie Fisher and Fay Ashley, Andrews.

Nila and Therin Osborne were

in Coleman Friday night and saw Amber Fuller and the S. J. Brevards. The were all doing fine.

Nila and Therin Osborne, Sue Campbell and Louise Osborne had dinner with the Wesley McGallian family in Wingate Sunday.

Viola Foster is spending a few days or weeks with Tootsie Tippett in Odessa.

The Rodney Faubion's guests for Sunday dinner were, the Marvin Gerharts, Walter Pape, Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Noble's sister, Winona Goode, returned home after several days here with relative and friends.

Winona Goode and Harvey Mae Faubion visited with friends in Coleman, Alta Hale, Maggie Ruth Stokes, Nooni Berry, Helen and S. J. Brevard. Afterwards they ate out with Netha and Arthur Kirby.

During the week in the Marion Wood home were, Frances Mincey, Big Spring; the Jeff Camerons and son, Steven, Coleman; and the Maloy Bryants and Robert, Abilene.

Louise Cecil and Susie McDaniel, Ft. Worth, and Dessie Fisher, Winters, came out Thursday and visited Effie Dietz. Nila Osborne also came Thursday and Louise Osborne came Saturday and defrosted the deepfreeze.

I'd like to wish Gracie Cooper and Dessie Fisher Happy Birthday and lots more!

Corra Petrie was in San Antonio last week for her checkup with her doctor, had a good

report. She spent sometime with her daughter, the Luther Sommervilles.

With the Bradley Papes during the week were, Ruth's daughter, Elaine Kennedy and son Lee Graig, Dwain Jacobs, all who came from Houston to celebrate Elaine and Ruth's mom, Leona Hicks, birthday with a dinner in Blinger, had cake and all the trimmings.

Stan, Noella Hill and son, Reed, left for their home in Boston Friday afternoon, after several days here with his folks and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, they flew home and arrived ok.

During the week with the Doug Bryans were, Dewitt and Frances, Lelon and Doris, Brent, Dawn and Scott Bryan, Francine Miller, Kendra, Shawn and Jason Nitsch, Alex, Kelly, and Vickie Blackerby, Gary, Cheryl, Susan and Angela Bryan and Nila and Therin Osborne.

Helen and Norval Alexander's grandchildren, Blue, Casey, Brandi and Dusty, returned to their homes after spending the summer.

Our sympathy goes out to Alvina and Walter Gerhart, due to the death of her sister, Minnie Belitz, who was buried Sunday afternoon.

My great-grandson, Brenton Kurtz, will be transferred and fly by plane with his mother, Sherry, from Ft. Worth's Childrens Hospital to Shannon Hospital Monday, August 17.

Paula Baker worked out at the Shopping Basket in Coleman Friday and Saturday selling pizza, mostly having fun.

The annual per capita consumption of soap in the United States is about forty pounds.

**Hospital Notes**

**ADMISSIONS**

August 11 None  
 August 12 None  
 August 13 None  
 August 14 Lillie McKinney, Marie Wheat  
 August 15 None  
 August 16 None  
 August 17 None

**DISMISSALS**

August 11 None  
 August 12 Brenda Kanode  
 August 13 None  
 August 14 None  
 August 15 None  
 August 16 None  
 August 17 None

**Winters Farmer's Market Every Friday 8:00 a.m. until sold out U.S.83 & F.M. 53 Winters**

**NOTICE OF 1987 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you about your taxes. The 1987 effective tax rate is a tax rate that would levy the same amount of operating taxes the taxing unit levied last year on property taxed in both years, plus the amount the unit needs to pay certain long term debts this year. The rate is calculated as follows:

1986 maintenance & operations tax levy.....	\$341,212.93
Less taxes levied to recoup 1985 appraisal roll errors and adjustments for lost value:.....	\$ 781.20
Equals adjusted 1986 maintenance & operations levy:.....	\$340,431.73
1987 total tax base:.....	\$122,143,030
Less adjustments for value of new property:.....	\$ 1,206,730
Equals adjusted 1987 tax base:.....	\$120,936,300
The adjusted 1986 levy divided by the adjusted 1987 tax base and multiplied by 100 equals the effective maintenance & operations tax rate:.....	\$ 00.28149
Plus rate to correct for appraisal roll errors:.....	\$ 00.00000
Plus rate needed to pay debts and obligations:.....	\$ 00.03421
<b>EQUALS 1987 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:.....</b>	<b>\$ 00.31570</b>
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1987 Effective tax rate:.....	\$ 00.31570 per \$100
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt without publishing notices and holding a hearing is:...	\$ 00.32517 per \$100
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt before taxpayers can initiate rollback petition is:...	\$ 00.34095 per \$100
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This notice contains a summary of the calculations used to determine this year's effective tax rate. You can inspect the full calculations at the Runnels County Tax Office with VaRue McWilliams, the County Tax Appraiser/Collector.

**UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES**

The taxing unit estimates that the following balances will be left in the unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Maintenance & Operation:.....	\$75,000.00
Debt Service:.....	\$ 0.00

**1987 DEBTS PAID FROM PROPERTY TAXES**

This taxing unit estimates that the unit will pay the following amounts out of property tax revenues for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes.

Bonds (Principle or Contract Payment to be Paid):.....	\$30,000.00
Bonds (Interest to be Paid):.....	\$ 9,705.00
<b>Total Amount Required for 1987 Debt Service:.....</b>	<b>\$39,705.00</b>
Total to Be Paid from Property Taxes This Year:.....	\$39,705.00
Amount Added in Anticipation that the Unit Will Collect Only 95% of its Taxes in 1987:.....	\$ 2,089.74
<b>TOTAL DEBT TAX LEVY:.....</b>	<b>\$41,794.74</b>

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# Turnrow Tidbits

By Mandie Armstrong  
Runnels County Entomologist

**Turnrow Meeting**  
Thursday, August 20—Farmers Seed and Supply in Winters—1 p.m.

**General Situation**  
Cotton in Runnels and Tom Green Counties is absolutely beautiful! The plants are loaded well and we're seeing very little moisture stress considering the fruit load. Many fields will be needing rain within the next 10-14 days.

Insects of concern in cotton now include boll weevils, bollworms, aphids and spider mites.

Grain sorghum harvest is underway! Yields are just great! Young fields are having insect problems with sorghum midge, conchuela stinkbugs, headworms and such.

**Onward And Upward**  
That seems to be where the boll weevil population is headed! This week we've found up to 65% punctured green squares and we have some fields where adult weevils can be found easily in blooms. Overall we're finding about 10% punctured squares in scouted fields.

Remember that the economic threshold for boll weevils is about 15-25% punctured green squares. Pick healthy one-third grown squares to determine the percent punctured.

**Sky High!**  
Our bollworm egg counts have been high this past week! Up to 184 eggs per 100 plant terminals have been reported in scouted fields. Most fields are averaging around 30-40 eggs per 100 plant terminals.

These eggs aren't hatching very well! With these numbers of eggs we should have heavy worm populations but so far we don't have many fields in worm trouble.

Many of you have asked why these eggs aren't hatching. I'm not sure. I think it's just one of those little blessings. Erwin Schwartz explained that it's probably because it's so hot, the moths just aren't feeling very sexy...

Remember that we are now catching about equal numbers of bollworm and budworm moths so we should expect at least some of these worms to be budworms. If you need to control worms and choose a pyrethroid insecticide, be sure to use full rates and add chlordimeform. More information about this in previous newsletters.

**Superfluous Pests**  
Superfluous means "exceeding what is sufficient". Well, I think aphids and spider mites fit into that category!! We have

sufficient problems without those!

Most of you have noticed some spots of aphids in your fields. I would not recommend spraying just for aphids but if an insecticide application is needed for weevils or worms, add an insecticide that will control aphids. Pyrethroid insecticides don't fill the bill here!

Spider mite spots are showing up, too. Azodrin has done a good job on these in the past. Spot spraying spider mites may help slow their increase.

**Two Soap Boxes, Please**  
One won't do as short as I am... Most of the insects we need to mention this week have been discussed at length in previous newsletters so we're just updating you on the current situation this week.

I did want to mention some things some of you need to think about. I think Dr. Tom Fuchs discussed our options very well in his last newsletter and I quote him here:

I know a lot of producers are getting very concerned about the number of dollars they are putting into their cotton crop this year due to increased insect pressure. But I do not think we have lots of options in many fields if we are going to take advantage of our good moisture and make a good crop. Even if we have to put \$30-40 per acre with the current outlook for prices of cotton, a 60-75 pound lint increase will return the money. I believe this is very feasible if we watch carefully what we are doing. A quarter of a bale increase in yield would return a nice profit. The other option is to do nothing and take what is left. *I believe the worst option is to commit to an insect control program and then quite in the middle of it...*

And folks, we're too wishy-washy! While some of you are taking time to decide what to do and taking votes from your friends and neighbors as to what they think you should do, those critics are chomping away! Make a decision and either get with it or forget it. Remember, if you take two weeks to make a decision, scout again before you do anything because your problems have probably changed.

**Final Tidbit**  
The man who rests on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place.  
*Harold Coffin*

**No one can build his security upon the nobleness of another person.**  
*Willa Seibert Cather*

## Cotton harvest-aid management essential

A well managed cotton harvest-aid program is essential to take advantage of improved prices this season.

"Mismanagement of harvest-aids usually results in reduced lint yields and grades," points our Dr. Bob Metzger, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Both can take a big bite out of profits."

"The objective of harvest-aid treatments is to shorten the time open bolls at the bottom of the plant are exposed to adverse weather that may cause loss of quality and lint weight," Metzger points out. "Producers must keep in mind that the bulk of the crop yield and high quality fiber come from bolls set at the lower fruiting positions during the first three to four weeks of fruiting."

Since the cotton crop is late in most areas of the state, producers should take extra precaution and check crop maturity to avoid treating too early with harvest-aid chemicals, notes Metzger.

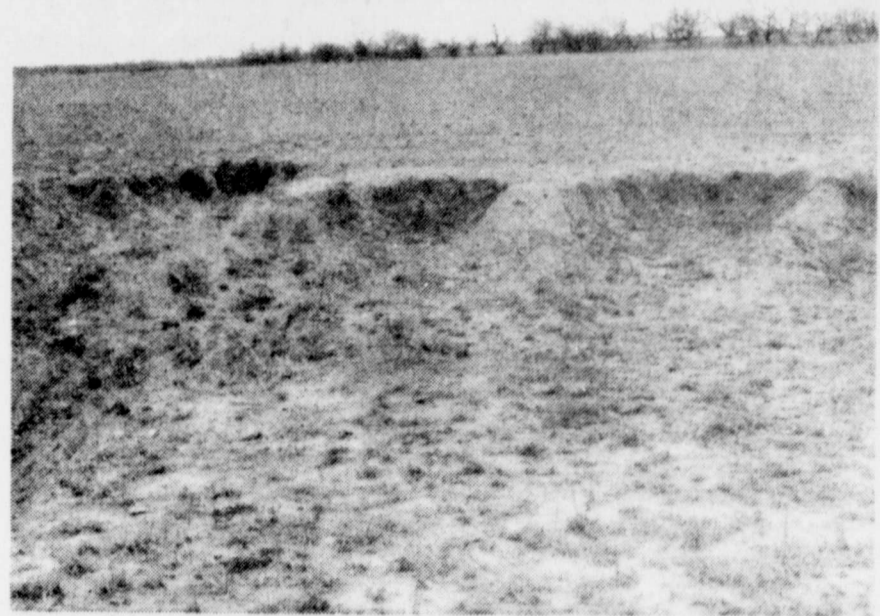
"The old tired and proven method of determining boll maturity is still a good one," says the cotton specialist. "A boll is mature if it cannot be

detached when squeezed between the thumb and fingers, cannot be sliced with a sharp knife, and if the seed coat is light brown to dark in color. The higher the percent open bolls (about 70 percent), the more likely large unopened harvestable bolls will be mature.

Bolls opening at lower positions of the large plant with dense canopies are subject to boll rot and hard lock conditions. Under these situations, Metzger advises cotton producers to treat with Prep when 50 to 60 percent of the bolls are open. Spray rates of 1-1/2 pints (1 lb. active ingredient) per acre will hasten the opening of mature harvestable bolls and induce some defoliation to open up the canopy.

For picker harvest, a defoliant, such as Def or Dropp, should be applied five to seven days after the Prep treatment. With stripper harvesting, the desiccant Gramoxone or Arsenic acid may be applied as the final treatment.

Since boll weevil numbers are up this year in many cotton production regions, Metzger recommends adding an insecticide to the final harvest-aid treatment to help reduce boll weevil populations for the 1988 crop season.



## Erosion Damage

Unchecked erosion is causing losses of 6.4 billion tons of soil each year. The soil is being washed in lakes and rivers and blowing into the air that we breathe. This precious resource can be conserved by covering it with a vegetation such as grass, trees, shrubs, or mulch. This procedure not only holds the topsoil down but it beautifies the area as well. With natural processes such as decaying plants and animals taking 500 years to form one inch of top soil, the loss of topsoil from erosion is costly. For additional information on erosion control and soil conservation, please contact the Soil Conservation Service in Ballinger at 610 Strong Ave., Ballinger, Texas 76821, or phone 365-3415.

to plans for prescribed burns next winter. Plans for prickly pear control and other brush management may include prescribed burning. A detailed fire plan should be worked out with help from your County Extension Agent, Soil Conservation Service personnel or others with professional fire management experience. Most prescribed burns are scheduled during December, January, February or March, but the planning needs to begin months ahead of time. Meanwhile, keep your catalytic converters, welding torches and other flame producing objects away from the dry grass.

One of the drawbacks of grading fire guards is the potential for invasion of undesirable weeds. Care should be taken to prevent bitterweed from invading a pasture by way of the fire guards in country where it is known to occur. Spraying in spring or repeat grading may be necessary to keep it under control. Distaff thistle is another potential weed problem.

If a wildfire comes through a pasture, there are some recommended procedures for reducing the damage. The root system of most desirable grasses will survive the burn, but they may not survive the grazing they get afterwards. If the whole pasture is burned, it is essential to delay restocking until grasses have recovered. With abundant soil moisture this could be less than 60 days, without soil moisture it could be a year or more until recovery. If a portion of the pasture is burned, restocking should not only be delayed until grasses in the burned area have

recovered, but also livestock numbers should be reduced to conform to the size of the burn. Or the remainder of the pasture can be burned under prescribed conditions.

Because of the higher palatability of the regrowth of the burn, livestock will often graze exclusively on the burned area. If the area burned is small relative to the size of the pasture, it would be desirable to put temporary fencing around the burn and restock the unburned portion of the pasture until recovery of the burned area. Range plants, grasses in particular, usually survive a wildfire, but the grazing which immediately follows can be the real killer, according to Allen Turner, County Extension Agent.

## Extension at Home

By Pat Hohensee  
County Extension Agent

### Put Some Spice In Your Life

You're sold on the idea that spices and herbs are one method for ending dull meals, but you're not sure where to begin. How about starting with basil, oregano, garlic and parsley. You probably have these in your spice cabinet right now. First, a brief primer.

**\*Oregano** has a spicy, pungent smell that is reminiscent of cooking from Southern Italy. It gained popularity in the U.S., when troops returned from serving in Europe during World War II. It is found in most Italian dishes, from pizza to spaghetti sauce. Mexicans add oregano to chili powders.

**\*Basil** has a licorice or anise-like smell that is evocative of summer. Basil has a special affinity for tomatoes and is used as a seasoning for pizza, spaghetti sauce, sausage, soups, tomato juice, dressings and salads.

**\*Garlic** is a member of the lily family. Its savory flavor is widely used in soups, meats, sauces, dressings, omelettes, and vegetables. Garlic powder is the dehydrated garlic bud powdered. Garlic salt is salt that has been flavored with fresh garlic.

**\*Parsley** is the most commonly used of all herbs. It has a fresh, clean, mild flavor and is also used for garnish. Parsley has wide appeal and does not overpower foods such as chicken, eggs, fish and cheese. Toss with rice are noodles.

Here are some short recipes to try that use these four spices and herbs:

**—Italian Salad:** Thinly slice mozzarella cheese and tomatoes. Arrange on bed of lettuce. Sprinkle with a mixture of Basil, Oregano and Black Pepper. Add oil and vinegar to taste.

**—Savory Broccoli:** Trim one pound broccoli and put in saucepan. Add 1/2 cup water, 2 T. Garlic Bread Sprinkle and 2

T. butter. Cover and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes.

**—Trout Almondine:** Put 1 1/2 lbs. trout or any fresh fish in single layer on greased pan. Combine 6 T. melted butter, 1 T. Parsley Flakes, 2 tsp. Onion Salt and 1/2 C. sliced almonds and pour over fillets. Broil 5-10 minutes or until fish flakes easily.

**—Buttered Garlic Noodles:** Combine 1/2 tsp. each Garlic Powder and Salt 'n Spice and 1/2 C. melted butter. Toss with 8 oz. package noodles, cooked and drained and 1/2 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese.

If you would like to add extra spice to your family's meals, subscribe to a special free of charge consumer service provided by one spice company. Write to: McCormick/Schilling's Society To End Dull Meals Forever, % Ketchum, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, and request to be a "Spice Xpress" subscriber. There is no charge and you will have handy kitchen spices tips coming your way.

### Wildfire Season!

Abundant grass from the good rains of early 1987 has become a dangerous fuel for wildfires in August. Lightning and human carelessness can start a spark that will be hard to control. One of the only defenses against wildfire on rangeland is the construction of graded fire guards. Graded ranch roads and graded fire guards one-blade wide can't stop a wildfire when the wind is up and the humidity is low. But they occasionally do when the wind is low, and they can provide access routes for fire fighters and points where control measures can be planned. Backfires can be set along fire guards ahead of the wildfire travelling with the wind to burn out an area sufficiently wide to contain the fire when it gets there.

Graded roads and fire guards this time of the year may fit in-

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## Governor announces new low-income housing program

Governor Bill Clements has signed an executive order making the Texas Housing Agency responsible for administering a new statewide low-income rental housing program.

Under the program, authorized by the 1986 Tax Reform Act, approximately \$600 million in federal tax credits will be available for use during the next decade by local governments, non-profit organizations, and for-profit investors who build or preserve housing for low-income Texas households.

"This program represents one of the most versatile approaches to the provision of low-income housing that has ever been authorized by Congress," Clements said.

"Depending on the housing needs of individual communities, it can be used to stimulate new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or simple acquisition of existing properties," he said. "It can be used to produce or preserve a single family house, duplex, or an apartment with hundreds of units; and can be combined with other government housing programs to improve the financial feasibility of a development," he added.

Developers can obtain an annual tax credit of approximately nine percent of the cost of a building for 10 years when they construct or rehabilitate it and rent it to low-income residents. Or they can get an annual tax credit of approximately four percent for 10 years if they acquire a building and rent it to low-income residents. If not all the tenants in a building meet the low-income requirements, the credit is prorated according to the portion of those who do.

To be eligible for the credit, a tax credit recipient must, at a minimum, set aside 40 percent of the units in a development for households earning 60 percent or less of median income or reserve 25 percent of the units for households earning 50 percent or less of median income.

Additionally, gross rents and utilities must not exceed certain maximum limits, which vary from area to area. These requirements must be met for a 15-year period.

Since announcing its intention to administer the program in February, the Texas Housing Agency has received requests for approximately \$20 million in tax credit authority to be used at a rate of \$2 million a year over the next 10 years. Included in that amount are requests for tax credits to be used for new construction of single family rental homes in the South Texas Colonias and in the counties of Nacogdoches and Tarrant; construction of small apartment complexes in Blanco, Quinlan, Cuero, Floresville, Wharton, Jourdanton, and Kaufman cities; and rehabilitation of acquired apartments in El Paso, Gray, Dalla, Galveston, Bell, Kaufman, and Harris counties.

Approximately 15,000 rental housing units will be available for occupancy by low-income families over the next 15 years as a result of this program.

Although the tax credit will be available for use over a ten-year period from the date the development is placed in service, developers and other interested parties must apply for it through the Texas Housing Agency between 1987 and 1989. For further information, please contact the Texas Housing Agency at (512) 474-2974 or 472-7500.

The Texas Housing Agency was created by the Texas Legislature in 1979 to provide affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income families. The Agency fulfills its purpose, in part, by issuing tax-exempt bonds to finance single family and multi-family housing throughout Texas and by issuing tax credits to qualified home buyers and rental housing sponsors. The Agency receives no state or federal appropriations; its programs are self supporting.

## Horse sleeping sickness increasing

Cases of Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE), a horse sleeping sickness, are on the increase, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service veterinarian.

The disease typically occurs each year from June through September, points out Dr. Bruce Lawhorn.

Lawhorn reports that clinical signs observed with the disease are initial hyperexcitability and mild fever followed by impaired vision, circling, drowsiness and dizziness. In still later stages, inability to swallow, weakness and death may occur.

The mortality rate in non-immune adult horses is about 20-30 percent but up to 100 percent of susceptible foals may die, notes the veterinarian. The time period from exposure and infection until appearance of clinical disease signs (incubation period) is one to three weeks.

Since mosquitoes are the main vector in spreading WEE, annual rainfall influences the occurrence of equine sleeping sickness. According to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) at Texas A&M University, 45 of 73 blood samples recently submitted from horses suspected of having sleeping sickness were positive for WEE. These blood samples originated from sick horses in many areas of Texas. Although this number of positive samples is above the average received by the TVMDL, this year's WEE problem is not being called an epidemic.

Even though Texas is now very dry, residual mosquito populations may still cause WEE cases through September, says Lawhorn. Therefore, he recommends initial vaccinations followed by semi-annual or annual booster vaccinations to provide protection against this disease. Veterinarians will normally use a vaccine containing a combination of inactivated WEE virus, Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis virus and Venezuelan Equine

Encephalomyelitis virus when vaccinating against these equine sleeping sicknesses.

Lawhorn advises horse owners to consult their veterinarian to insure that vaccinations are current. Immediately contact a veterinarian if a horse displays clinical signs such as those described.

Also, the veterinarian recommends controlling mosquitoes and other bloodsucking insects as an important WEE preventive practice.

## Sharp seeks more trucking permits

Railroad Commissioner John Sharp, speaking today, August 14, to the Coalition of Black Democrats and August 15 in El Paso at the Mexican American Democrats convention, said he will soon propose rules to increase the number of minority-owned motor carriers in Texas holding RRC certificates or permits.

"Of the more than 2,800 transportation certificates or permits issued by the Commission that are now in force, only 3.8 percent are Hispanic-owned and less than one percent are owned by Blacks," Sharp said. "That's simply not acceptable."

Sharp said the rules amendments he will propose for adoption by the three-member Commission would allow the agency to consider minority and minority business enterprise (MBE) status for purposes of issuing Commission transportation certificates and permits.

With Sharp's proposed rules, a minority or MBE applicant would still have to show that a need exists for the proposed service. But, if the Commission finds no other minority firm or MBE has Commission authority to provide the requested service or serve the requested territory, the service of existing carriers may be declared inadequate.

Minority applicants would still have to show the Commission they have or can acquire the necessary capital, personnel, equipment and experience to do the job, and that they could comply with Commission rules and state law and provide good and safe transportation services.

Sharp also said he will set up seminars to show minority businessmen and women how to apply for transportation authority under the proposed rules. "One seminar will explain to seekers in the Hispanic and Black communities how our permitting process works and encourage them to recruit applicants for Commission certificates and permits," he said. "We'll also conduct a seminar for attorneys to show them how to handle the permitting process for their clients."

"I'm committed to the principle that all groups in Texas share in the economic development opportunities that will carry Texas forward in the future," Sharp said. "As the most powerful state agency in the country, I think it's appropriate that the Railroad Commission take the lead."

Sharp indicated he would propose the rules changes to the other two commissioners at the Commission's conference on transportation division matters August 24.

"There are a few who would say this rule change shifts free enterprise to favor minorities," Sharp said, "but I would remind those people that free enterprise does not grant these permits, the Railroad Commission does."

"If regulated transportation is to survive into the next century, ALL segments of Texas must be participants," he added. "It is a little difficult to pull yourself up by your own bootstraps when you don't have any boots."

## Winters ISD schedules registration for 1987-88 school year

Registration for new students in Winters Elementary School will be scheduled for Friday Morning, August 21, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. New students are those who have not been previously enrolled in school in Winters.

When enrolling a student in school, parents should bring the birth certificates or other proof of age on all prekindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students. Immunization requirements must be met. You must bring shot records.

When enrolling a student in grades 2 - 6, a satisfactory credential showing work has been completed in the previous grade must be available.

*School will begin and end at the following times*

*Prekindergarten*  
Morning session 8:00-11:00  
Afternoon session 12:15-3:15  
*Kindergarten*  
Morning session 8:10-11:10  
Afternoon session 11:40-2:40

Martinez, Arthur  
Martinez, Roger  
McDonald, Casey  
Melton, Misty  
Meyer, Shelly  
Nitsch, Jason  
Patterson, Heather  
Presley, Jana  
Rodriguez, Stephanie  
Sлимп, Kelli  
Weaver, Stuart  
Wells, Allison  
West, Thomas  
Willborn, Chrystal  
Williams, Andrew  
Willis, Jennifer  
Calcote, Wesley

*Kindergarten classes*  
*Afternoon session*

Alfaro, Jamie  
Barnes, Donnell  
Calcote, Andy  
Cavanaugh, Andi  
Chavez, Maria  
Cole, Chrissy  
Davis, Justin  
Esquivel, Priscilla  
Galloway, Amy  
Goff, Kristin

Present enrollment is as follows:		No. of Teachers	
PK	a.m. 9 (Feb.-Aug.)	p.m. 7 (Sept.-Jan.)	1
K	a.m. 32 (Apr.-Aug.)	p.m. 22 (Sept.-March)	2
1	71		5
2	77		5
3	85		5
4	75		4
5	72		3
6	54		3

*Grades 1 - 3*  
8:10-2:45

*Grades 4 - 6*  
8:10-3:25

Total enrollment at this time is 511 with 34 teachers. Music is scheduled daily for fourth graders with Mr. McNulty. Band is scheduled daily for fifth and sixth graders with Mr. McNulty.

*Lunch schedules are as follows*  
1st Grade - 11:00  
2nd Grade - 11:10  
3rd Grade - 11:20  
4th Grade - 11:30  
5th Grade - 12:05  
6th Grade - 11:45

Following is a list of prekindergarten and kindergarten students as they are scheduled either for the morning session or the afternoon session:

*Kindergarten classes*  
*Morning session*

Bahlman, John  
Conner, Craig  
Craig, Angela  
Dunlap, Richard  
Esquivel, Monica  
Gardner, Calvin  
Green, Kenny  
Hamrick, Stephanie  
Heathcott, Robby  
Heidenheimer, Kerri  
Hernandez, Priscilla  
Jacob, Angela  
Landeros, Jacinto  
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# Obituaries



## Minnie Belitz

Minnie Augusta Rosa Belitz, 74, of Winters, died at 11:25 a.m. Friday, August 14, 1987 at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home after a three and one-half month illness.

Born March 3, 1913 to Adolf and Minnie Bredemeyer Belitz in Winters, she had lived here all her life. She worked for Spill's Machine Shop, Dry Manufacturing, the Belitz Bakery, which her parents owned and Winters Farm Equipment until her retirement in 1979.

She was a member of the Z. I. Hale Museum, Winters Public Library, Herman, Sons, and St. John's Lutheran Church where she was active as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent for many years. She belonged to the Evening Circle and Women of the Church. She was active in the Chancel Guild and was serving as President in 1987. She served as an officer in all these organizations through the years. She also sang in the choir for 57 years. Minnie served as a volunteer in Preschool, the church office and in the library.

## Matt Allen, Sr.

Matt Allen, Sr., 72, of Ballinger, died Monday, August 10, 1987 at 4:02 p.m. in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Born August 20, 1914 in Ledbetter, Texas, he was a laborer. He married Dominga Nieto in 1964 in Ballinger.

He was a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dominga of Ballinger; two daughters, Dominga Manley and Amelia Allen, both of Ballinger; two sons, Matt Allen, Jr. and Pablo Nieto, both of Ballinger; four sisters, Mayme Robinson and Myrtle Young, both of Artesia, New Mexico, Katie Allen of Monahans and Eola Curry of McCamey; one brother, Ed Allen of Phoenix, Arizona; and six grandchildren.

Services for Matt Allen, Sr. were held Friday, August 14, at 10 a.m. in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church with Rev. John J. Lewis. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Walter (Alvina) Gerhart of Winters; four nieces, Mary Kurtz, Rosalie Sauer, Barbara Kay Smith and Teresa Davis; and three nephews, Walter Alvin Gerhart, Mike Belitz and Mark Belitz.

Services for Minnie Belitz were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 16, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters, with pastor Steve Byrne officiating. Burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Randall Kurtz, Jack Davis, Jr., Michael Belitz, Elton Goetz, James Spill and John Joeris.

## Clarence Reagan

Clarence Everett Reagan, 57, of Fort Worth, died at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 1987 in the V.A. Medical Center in Dallas after a brief illness.

Born August 11, 1930 in Amarillo, Texas, he lived most of his life in Lubbock and married Edith Rasbeary there.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Seabee Branch during the Korean Conflict. He was employed as a truck driver.

Survivors include his stepmother, Naomi Reagan of Lubbock; two sons, Randy Reagan of Caba San Lucas, Mexico and Chuck Reagan of Enterprise, Alabama; two daughters, Sheri Roper of Fort Worth and Terri Stevens of Abilene; one brother, Beryl Reagan of Plainview; one step-brother, F. M. Hoffman of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Services for Clarence Everett Reagan were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, August 15 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Shep Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Brad Stevens, Mike Roper, Johnny Hill, Byron Hutto, Steven Hayes and Danny Reagan.

## Maurice Harper

Maurice Frank Harper, 69 of Seguin, died at 3:29 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 1987 in the Audie Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital in San Antonio after a lengthy illness.

Born October 4, 1917 in Taylor County, he farmed in the Crews area and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Deloma Harper of Seguin; one son, Wayland Harper; two daughters, Debra Ann Harper and Linda Kay Harper; one brother, Mel Harper of San Antonio; and four sisters, Ola Kennedy, Lela Nail, Irene Hickman and Dealious Smith.

Graveside services for Maurice Frank Harper were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 18 at the Lakeview Cemetery with Rev. Glenn Shoemaker, First Baptist Church minister officiating. Arrangements were made by Winters Funeral Home.

## RRC levies fines

Problems under Railroad Commission pollution and well plugging rules netted four companies a total of \$22,500 in administrative penalties Monday.

The largest of the penalties, \$15,000, went to Sunbelt Oil And Gas, Inc. of Dallas for five inactive and unplugged wells on five leases in Nolan County. The penalty included one well each on the Sherry-North, Victoria, and Victoria 5, 6, and 7 leases. Commission records indicate the wells have been inactive for two to three years.

Three companies agreed to pay penalties without admitting any violation of Commission rules. Double H Development of Fife agreed to \$1,000 in penalties for two inactive and unplugged wells on the Shirley Doyal lease in McCulloch County.

DAR, Inc. of Edmond, Oklahoma agreed to a \$3,500 penalty after Commission inspectors documented the unauthorized discharge of over 100 barrels of saltwater into three drilling pits on the company's Aycock lease in Sherman County. Tests of the water indicated a high chloride content of 103,800 milligram per liter.

Chanoco Corporation of San Antonio agreed to a \$3,000 penalty after Commission inspectors discovered the discharge of some 6,700 barrels of oil-contaminated, water-based drilling mud on the Rand Morgan Estate lease in Nueces County. The mud's chloride content was tested at 3,013 milligrams per liter.

To date in 1987, the Commission has levied more than \$541,000 in pollution and well plugging penalties. In 1986, the Commission assessed some \$1.6 million in such penalties.

## Memo from the Chamber Office

Don't forget the Annual Firemen's Bar-B-Que Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. You will see lots of friends to visit with and can enjoy good food at the same time.

The following is a short refresher about the Chamber of Commerce -

The Chamber of Commerce came into existence to protect and promote business.

The dynamic changes in our economic, political and social order today have vastly expanded and altered both the role and the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce.

The effective Chamber today is interested in "total community development." It seeks to match community needs with community resources. Where resources are nonexistent for recognized needs, such resources have to be created. The Chamber recognizes that the identification of community problems, finding the best possible solutions to these problems, and the effective implementation of these solutions is a continuous, challenging and necessary process.

In this process, the Chamber is the logical organization through which the united effort of the business community can make its most effective contribution.

The Chamber also recognizes that it must work harmoniously with other responsible constituencies in the community. It should not seek to be "all things to all people." It should identify the priority problems of the community, and it should identify the community abilities, knowledge, and resources and strive to match the two in developing the most useful solutions to the problems.

All of the business and professional people of the community and all individual citizens are potential Chamber members. The Chamber is a voluntary association and building a responsible and participating membership is a major priority and one of the key elements in a successful Chamber of Commerce.

The general membership is

responsible for electing directors, approving policy and participating personally in the work of the Chamber by taking an active role on committees, projects, etc.

A challenge for the Chamber manager is to motivate more people to participate, to build a team of volunteers who share the responsibility in carrying out the Chamber's Program of Work.

The Board of Directors is elected from and by the members. It is responsible for recommending policy positions to the membership, adopting a Program of Work, approving a budget, including the sources of income and the expenses. They also elect the officers and the Executive Committee.

There are generally more worthwhile things that need to be done than the resources of the Chamber can realistically be expected to handle. One of the major tasks confronting the Directors is to prioritize proposed projects, and to find realistic financial means to implement and fund these needed projects. Volunteers must be found who are willing to give their time and talents to carry out the projects chosen by the Chamber Director as needed to improve the quality of life of a community.

Are you willing to donate your time and talents to work along with other concerned and interested volunteers, to work together to have a better community? Choose your favorite project and volunteer to help make Winters a better place in which to live. It takes all of us working together to accomplish really worthwhile goals. Don't just gripe about the problems, volunteer to be a part of the solutions. Our goal should be to "strive to be the best that we can and to make the most of what we have."



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## Library Notes

by Pauline O'Neal  
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Coming Events

Summer Reading Program, 'Animal Antics' will end August 27. Readers need to be at the Library at 4 p.m. to collect their certificates.

New Members  
Floyd Grant, Jr.

Story Hour

Story hour was conducted Thursday by Susan Conner.

Those present were: Craig and Angela Jacob, Justin and Allison Calcote, Linsey Springer, Ashley Harris, Steve Cavosos.

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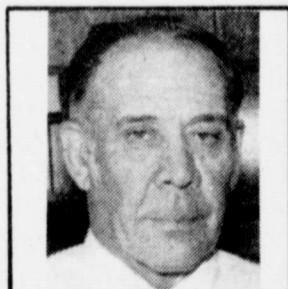
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## News from Oak Creek Lake The future of the mid-size family farm

I've been reluctant to send out very much information about how the fishing is here at Oak Creek this summer for several reasons. We hoped the lake would not have the fishing pressure it normally gets and we got our wish. The lake is working alive with bass just under the legal size limit and these for the most part have had a chance to grow. Not only does the lake have a healthy number of bass it also has bait fish by the millions to feed the game fish. With the moss beds coming back and the other cover that's already there the old fishing hole has a lot of productive water to fish. The action on the bass is early and late, about two hours on either end of day light. Most of the nice strings are being taken on a variety of baits.

Oak Creek is one of the "middle" lakes left that has not been stocked with exotic fish of some sort over the past several years. The only fish not native to the lake are fish we wanted, Mississippi blue cat and the scrappy bronzeback smallmouth bass. The small-mouth bass fishing is different in many ways and requires techniques that differ from the way you fish for the largemouth bass. Six months ago we had fifteen inch smallmouths caught and these fish are only two years old. To catch these old bronzebacks you are going to have to fish the rocky bluffs, drop-offs and structure that has rocking 15 to 30 foot water. The lake has a lot of this kind of water that was fished little up to now. The only bad thing about all this that once you hook on to a few of the smallmouths its gonna be tough to decide where to do your fishing.

It wouldn't be any trouble making up your mind if you saw what I got to see this past Sunday evening. Steve Meldrum of Midland had two black bass, caught on top water baits that tipped the scales at nine pounds, eight ounces and five pounds,

Recent research regarding the economics of farm size indicates why the mid-size family farm is dying.

And technology changes in the future will make it even more difficult for these farms to compete, according to an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University.

Dr. Ronald D. Knutson says that although the mid-size family farm has been the backbone of U.S. agriculture, it is bearing the brunt of current financial stress.

Knutson adds, "There is a consensus that agriculture is likely to be dominated by small farms that earn the majority of their income outside of farming and by large farms."

He says that the family farm survival problem has been referred to as "the disappearing middle."

Knutson defines a mid-size farm as one that meets the following conditions:

- The majority of both the management and work must be done by the operator and his family.
- A close association must exist between the household and the business.
- Managerial control must be exercised by the operator.
- The farm must obtain a majority of its income from farming.

Knutson says that research conducted during the past five years on this subject in the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University sheds some light on why "the mid-size family farm is disappearing."

Large farms also are able to sell their commodities at higher prices and are more effective at developing and implementing marketing plans, he adds.

Research also indicates that large farms may be more progressive in adopting new technologies than mid-size family farms.

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appearing."

He says, "There has been progressive expansion in the most efficient size of farms and, as a result, mid-size family farms have been losing, or have lost, their comparative advantage."

Knutson adds that a study to be released soon relating to the economics of size bears out the cost advantages for large farms in the nation's three largest crop producing states.

The study revealed that in California cotton production costs per pound decrease as size of farm increases to at least 8,000 acres.

In Texas and Kansas, the study also disclosed that wheat costs per bushel decline as production reaches the 4,000-acre mark.

Additionally, the research showed that in Nebraska, corn costs fall on farm sizes of up to 3,700 acres; while in Kansas, sorghum costs became progressively lower as production reached 4,000 acres.

California rice producers realized progressively lower costs as production reached or exceeded 6,000 acres, according to the study.

"The study documented in every instance that large farms do have lower unit costs of production," Knutson says.

He points out that large farms are able to buy farm inputs at lower prices and market their production at higher prices.

"If quality discount purchases are not available from farm supply firms, large farms become classified as distributors and receive up to 20 percent discounts on inputs," Knutson explains.

Research also indicates that large farms may be more progressive in adopting new technologies than mid-size family farms.

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## Congressman Charles W. Stenholm

Several key issues of the Farm Credit System underwent significant revision during the recent congressional markup of the bill by the House Agriculture Committee.

"This legislation provides tools needed to allow both the farmer and the Farm Credit System to work out of the many credit problems they both face," said the Stamford Democrat.

Basically the legislation contains five major components:

- 1) Guarantee of Borrower Stock-A five-year guarantee of farmer/borrower "B stock" to ensure investments in the system will be preserved.
- 2) Restructuring of Distressed Loans and Borrowers Rights-These provisions would provide that loans in nonaccruing status would be restructured if such restructuring would prove to be the less costly as compared to liquidation of the loan. New borrowers' rights include: review of adverse credit conditions, homestead authorities, rights of "first refusal" so family farmers have an option to purchase foreclosed property, borrower access to information and an improved FmHA interest rate buy-down program.
- 3) Farm Credit System Assistance-Authorization of funds to be appropriated to prevent the Farm Credit System from collapsing. Couple the federal assistance Temporary Assistance Corporation to make appropriated funds available. The TAC would work with troubled FCS institutions to develop business plans that maximize self-help and make efficient use of federal funds.
- 4) Secondary Market Establish a new secondary market for agricultural loans, under which commercial farm lenders and the FCS will gain new access to capital markets. With this access, farm lenders can obtain funds to finance their farm-borrowers at reasonable interest rates.

— 5) Farm Credit System Improvements-The bill provides that a "FDIC type" insurance program be established to assist FCS institutions that become unsound in the future. Reorganization of the system's structure is provided by dissolving the 36 Federal Land Banks and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and vesting their powers and capital into the Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Bank Associations which they serve. Authority will be provided for the local associations to establish a new type of capital that would be "at risk" and eligible to pay dividends to borrowers. The local associations would have established new capital adequacy standards to provide a measure to gauge the strength of the institution. "This bill represents a good compromise crafted by the House Agriculture Committee. I feel confident the bill will be the type the House of Representatives can be proud of," said Stenholm.

## Sheep and goat field day slated

A sheep and goat field day on September 3 will provide area producers a chance to observe research and education projects under way at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

The program will include talks, tours and commercial exhibits designed with sheep and goat producers in mind.

Registration and viewing of commercial exhibits will open at 9 a.m. at the center, located six miles north of San Angelo on U.S. 87. There is no charge for the program although a dutch treat catered meal is scheduled at noon.

The morning session will include a six-stop walking tour featuring a cross-section of projects at the center. Tour coordinator is Dr. Carl Menzies, resident director of research for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Chris Lupton, coordinator of the Wool and Mohair Research Laboratory, will discuss work that he and his staff have completed recently concerning wool preparation. This work concentrated on the profitability factors involved in whether or not to grade wool on the ranch.

Dr. Charles Livingston and Dr. Maurice Shelton will give a "Sheep and Goat Disease Update" at their stop on the tour. Livingston is a research veterinarian and Shelton is a research geneticist.

Continuing on the tour, Dr.

Millard Calhoun, research nutritionist, will discuss how nutrition affects mohair growth and quality. Calhoun and Lupton have been conducting research using Angora goats in confinement to determine how protein and energy affect mohair growth and quality.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range researcher, will discuss "Grazing Trails with Forage Shrubs," and describe his extensive research on such native plants as littleleaf leadtree and fourwing saltbush. He also has extended the research to include animal rates of gain, consumption and other factors to determine if the forages are really as good as they appear.

Another tour stop will deal with "Strategic Feeding of Ewes" by range nutritionist Dr. E. Huston. He says strategic feeding refers to providing supplemental feed to range ewes at critical production periods.

Completing the tour will be a discussion by Dr. Russell Cross and several research associates from the Animal Science Department at Texas A&M University. The stop will feature "lamb nuggets," a lamb preparation innovation that promoters hope will carve a niche in the fast food market for sheep producers.

The afternoon program in the center's auditorium will be directed by Pleas Childress, Ozona ranchman and newly elected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

New developments for managing mesquite and prickly pear will be presented by Dr. Jake Landers, range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Landers has done extensive work with several new chemicals cleared for mesquite and has had some kill rates as high as 90 percent.

Following Landers, Shelton and Water Valley ranchman Dr. Bud Turner will discuss opportunities for increasing lamb production. Turner has achieved high reproduction rates in his ranch flock for several years while Shelton continues extensive research work in the field of reproductive efficiency in sheep.

Three outlook presentations will deal with the sheep and goat industry. A market update and outlook will be given by Dr. Ernest Davis, Extension economist at Texas A&M University. Bill Pfluger, San Angelo ranchman and president of the National Wool Growers' Association, will discuss the lamb import situation, and Tony Chisholm, wool procurement representative for Forstman and Company, Inc. at Dublin, Georgia, will explain factors his company seeks in wool.

Concluding activities at 3 p.m. will be an optional tour of forage shrub plots with Ueckert.

For further information, contact Dr. Carl Menzies, resident director of research, or Ken Cook, district Extension director, 7887 North Highway 87, San Angelo, Texas 76901; telephone number (915) 653-4576.

## Sports

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Notice of 1987 Effective Tax Rate for WINGATE I.S.D.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you about your taxes. The 1987 effective tax rate is a tax rate that would levy the same amount of operating taxes the taxing unit levied last year on property taxed in both years, plus the amount the unit needs to pay certain long term debts this year. The rate is calculated as follows:

1986 maintenance & operations tax levy:	\$ 113,024.00
Less taxes levied to correct appraisal roll errors and adjustments:	- \$ 1,860.00
Equals adjusted 1986 maintenance & operations:	= \$ 111,164.00
1987 total tax base:	\$ 9,909,795.00
Less adjustments for value of new property:	- \$ 17,740.00
Equals adjusted 1987 tax base:	= \$ 9,892,055.00
The adjusted 1986 levy divided by the adjusted 1987 tax base and multiplied by 100 equals the effective maintenance & operations tax rate:	\$ 1.1237 / \$100
Plus rate to correct for appraisal roll errors:	+ \$ 0 / \$100
Plus rate needed to pay debts and obligations:	+ \$ 0 / \$100
Equals 1987 effective tax rate:	= \$ 1.1237 / \$100
1987 effective tax rate:	\$ 1.1237 per \$100 of value
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt without publishing notices and holding a hearing is:	\$ 1.1574 per \$100 of value
The maximum rate the governing body can adopt before taxpayers can initiate rollback petitions is:	\$ 1.2135 per \$100 of value

\* SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

This taxing unit estimates that the following balances will be left in the unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Maintenance and Operation \$80,000.00

SCHEDULE B: 1987 Debts Paid From Property Taxes

This taxing unit estimates that the unit will pay the following amounts out of property tax revenues for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes.

NONE

Less Amount That Will Be Paid From Funds Listed in Schedule A - \$ 0

Total To Be Paid From Property Taxes This Year = \$ 0

Amount Added in Anticipation of Unit Will Collect Only \$ 0

Total Debt Tax Levy = \$ 0

This notice contains a summary of the calculations used to determine this year's effective tax rate. You can inspect the full calculations at the Wingate School Business Office, Wingate, Texas.

dairy farms and size of farm. The result is that large dairy farms have a higher average output per cow," Knutson says.

"The research results should not be surprising. They are consistent with trends that have been taking place in agriculture toward fewer—but larger—farms," he adds.

Nevertheless, the "disappearing middle" is an important agricultural policy issue, Knutson said.

"This is particularly significant since future technological changes will make it even more difficult for mid-size family farms to compete," he said.

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## Athletic Medicine

by Dr. J. E. Adams, M.D.

### Sports Psychology

The gallery buzzed with excitement as they made their way to the second tee of sudden death playoff. The two golfers, with their caddies, walked quietly down the stately, tree shrouded, manicured fairway. A brisk breeze was blowing right to left, skipping multicolored debris from the crowd across the green battleground of the combatants.

As the first golfer grasped the wooded club from his caddie, he looked down the fairway. Mentally he was taking measure of the 450 yard expanse, broken halfway with a dogleg and a treacherous sand trap. The crowd sensed his debating whether to attempt a long high shot over the trees at the dogleg or a shorter, safer shot into the dogleg itself. As he bent over to place his ball on the tee, he picked up a piece of errant paper and flung it into the wind. The debris flew as though pushed by an unseen hand.

Concentration was etched on the athlete's face as he took stance over the ball. The crowd's murmur silenced as he reached into his inner self and swung the wood to the waiting sphere. The white projectile sliced into the wind, off of the fairway, to die an ignominious death in the rough.

In retrospect, the golfer's problem lay not with the wind, the dogleg, or the sand trap. The culprit was a bad shot he had made on the eighteenth green which necessitated the sudden death playoff. The memory of that shot kept stealing into his brain, ruining his concentration and destroying his confidence. This is the difference between the good golfer and the great golfer. The good golfer and the greater may have the same degree of technical expertise, but the great is able to concentrate on the task at hand and to ignore everything else. This is

### Sports Psychology

This intriguing field assists the athlete to be as psychologically "in shape" as he or she is physically. The specific sport and of the particular stresses involved with that sport. In addition, thorough understanding of the athlete's psyche is required. On the professional level, this is one technique that may lead to truly enhanced performance. The Japanese and Chinese have used similar techniques for hundreds of years in the martial arts.

The modern sports psychologist also has tremendous input following sport injury. He or she prevents the athlete from having unrealistic expectations following injury. The athlete is encouraged to view the situation in a rational, self-enhancing way rather than from a self-defeating perspective.

Another area of importance is the teaching of relaxation techniques to the athlete. Many physical complaints seen in athletes such as upset stomach (gastritis), alopecia (hair loss), difficult breathing (hyperventilation syndrome), and even drug or alcohol abuse is secondary to the athlete's attempt to control stress. If the athlete is able to handle stress by relaxation techniques, these undesirable maladies will have less of a chance of occurring.

Considering the benefit of sports psychology to the professional athlete, perhaps the greatest benefit could be to youngsters. It has been well documented that heavy training and high pressure competition in children may lead to a loss of interest in athletics and exercise. If the parents and coaches could keep in mind that the purpose of athletics, in this setting, is to teach sportsmanship, develop skills, and to have fun, the percentage more youngsters would stay involved in sports.

### English silver to be featured at Fine Arts Museum

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts will open its 1987-88 exhibition season with an exhibit featuring exquisite old English silver on loan from the Dallas Museum of Art. "The Hoblitzelle Silver Collection" exhibition will feature over 60 pieces of silver dating from the early 18th century to the mid 19th century.

The exhibition will open on Thursday, September 10 with a public reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition will continue at the museum through October 11.

The Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle Collection of English Silver ranks as one of the most comprehensive collections of English silver in the United States and includes striking examples of work from major silversmiths like Paul Storr, Paul de Lamerie and Hester Bateman. The period represented in the collection was England's great age of arts and letters, as well as a time of consummate craftsmanship. All the elements of the craft—ornament and mass, volume and decorative line—were in perfect

balance. Each piece in the Hoblitzelle Collection is one of beauty and refinement.

The entire Hoblitzelle Silver Collection includes 334 pieces of flatware and 200 pieces of holloware. Among the pieces to be on exhibition at the Fine Arts Museum will be a cake basket, a soup tureen, a footed tray, a brandy warmer and a dinner table setting.

"We are delighted to offer the people of West Texas an exhibit of such extraordinary quality," stated Howard J. Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. "It is a wonderful opportunity to view exquisite decorative arts and learn about cultural history at the same time. We are pleased that the Dallas Museum of Art agreed to make this possible."

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts is located at Avenue C and Burgess Street, San Angelo. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. There is a small admission fee except during exhibit openings when admission is free. Groups interested in tours should contact the museum.

### SEE YOUR DOCTOR

DON'T IGNORE ALLERGY SYMPTOMS

If you're like many of the one in six Americans with hay fever, you'd almost rather ignore its symptoms than treat them. That's because the treatment sometimes was worse than the condition. Now, however, your doctor may have good news for hay fever sufferers.

Your doctor can prescribe an anti-histamine specially formulated to relieve the bothersome side effects of allergic rhinitis, or hay fever—sneezing; runny, itchy nose; watery eyes; breathing trouble—without causing the usual side effects—drowsiness, dulling of the mind, and sleepiness.

The symptoms of hay fever occur when dust, pollen or another allergen provokes your body's immune system to produce a special antibody and a series of reactions that release a substance called histamine. Histamine and other substances cause the symptoms associated with hay fever. Antihistamines,



Hay fever sufferers take heart: your doctor may have good news for you.

which have been around since 1946, effectively block certain receptors to these substances in human cells.

Like other antihistamines, the drug Seldane is prescribed for relief of seasonal allergic rhinitis. Unlike earlier medications, it does not cause sedation because it does not readily cross the blood brain barrier.

Many people view this as a sneeze-fighting reason to visit their family physician.

### Texas home sales rise in 1987

During the second quarter of 1987, the rate of existing home sales in Texas increased 24.9% over the same period in 1986. After a brief slowdown in the first half of 1986 and steady rebound since the third quarter of 1986, sales volume is now reaching levels achieved in 1985, according to bill Stinson, president of the Texas Association of REALTORS (TAR).

"This tremendous increase is a reflection of many potential buyers who were waiting to see just how low interest rates would fall before jumping into the market. When rates stopped falling, they began buying, fueling sales in most areas of Texas," Stinson said.

Interest rates hit their lowest point since December 1977 when rates dropped to 9.09% in March. In April rates edged up just slightly to 9.14%. "While the increase was slight, it gave the green light to those waiting to get the lowest rates possible," said Stinson.

"Another factor in all this activity is investors shopping for bargains now that prices have declined to meet the market forces of supply and demand. I guarantee these investors are confident in the long term health of the Texas economy or they wouldn't be buying here now," Stinson said.

### Museum has special railroad exhibit

To tell the story of a giant railroad, you need a giant exhibit and plenty of space.

So the Galveston Railroad Museum has set aside 365 feet of track in its depot and 1,250 square feet of gallery space for a special exhibit on the Union Pacific Railroad.

Beginning with a massive locomotive and freight cars, the Union Pacific exhibit also includes wall-sized display panels, movies, slide shows and exhibits that tell the 136-year history of the giant railroad.

The Union Pacific is a 22,000-mile rail system that serves 21 states from Illinois to Oregon and Washington in the

On a seasonally adjusted, annual basis, the sales rate of previously owned homes in Texas rose to 226,500 units in the second quarter of 1987, compared to 181,400 units in the same three-month period in 1986. Sales include single-family houses, town homes and condominiums.

Texas ranked fourth among states in overall resale activity. The sales rate for the nation was up 5.6%.

TAR, the largest trade association in Texas, has more than 50,000 members. TAR is dedicated to increased professionalism in the real estate industry and belongs to the National Association of REALTORS.

north, and from Texas and Louisiana to California in the south.

While most of the exhibits and equipment are being installed at the museum now, the prize piece—Union Pacific's famous Locomotive #951—arrived at the Museum Tuesday, August 11. The bright yellow, 167-ton diesel locomotive is the last of the railroad's fleet of E-9 streamlined units, which pulled passenger trains around the United States during the 1950s and 1960s.

The Railroad Museum will feature the Union Pacific Railroad in its exhibits and programs through Labor Day.

Already the largest collection of restored rail cars, locomotives and railroad artifacts in the Southwest, the museum has designated a full gallery and one of its five depot tracks to the Union Pacific.

Other tracks contain restored Pullman cars, steam and diesel locomotives, exhibit cars, freight cars and a restaurant inside a restored dining car.

Inside the museum, visitors can eavesdrop on conversations of travelers in the old 1930s passenger depot, operate a railroad model of Galveston Port, and view audio-visual programs about Galveston and Texas history.

The museum, located at the corner of Strand and 25th Streets in The Strand Historic

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- Keep the computer away from rooms with carpets. This can help avoid static discharge, which can damage the computer circuits or wipe out data on your disks.
- Make sure air can circulate freely around the computer and peripherals to avoid building up heat.

Use safely grounded, covered three-wire electrical outlets for your computer system.

District, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Tickets for admission to the museum are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children, ages four through 12. Children under four are free.

For more information about the Union Pacific exhibit or other exhibits at the Railroad Museum, call (409) 765-5700.

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**Gas —**

Evacuation centers were opened at the Winters Community Center, the Winters City Hall, and the First Baptist Church.

The first major step by Lone Star Gas was to completely move everyone from the Penny Addition of the city. It was there that the gas company opened valves to purge the gas from the high-pressure lines in Winters.

To further complicate matters, a severe thunderstorm moved into Winters during the evacuation of the residential area bringing heavy winds and rain.

For a short time traffic was halted on U.S. 83 along the Penny Lane area.

After the high-pressure lines were purged, gas company workers then began to work through the city on an almost house-by-house basis to clear the lines of the toxic gas.

Lone Star employees equipped with detection equipment and breathing equipment, accompanied by law enforcement officers, took the city section by section checking the lines and clearing the bad gas from service lines.

At 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, almost 10 hours after the gas was discovered, residents were advised that they could go back into their homes. They were advised to sleep with doors and windows open and to not light any gas pilot lights, to call the gas company the next morning to have their gas service restored.

Only a few people reported any problems associated with the gas. Emergency Medical Technicians said that three persons were cared for at the evacuation center, two with medical problems not related to the gas and one child with a laceration from broken glass on the playground at the City Park.

**Wingate Community Center news**

For you who don't know about our community center in Wingate, formerly "Dunn Store." It has been undergoing a massive remodeling and still more improvements or in the planning stage.

Meantime it is ready and available for use. Perhaps you have plans for family reunion, school class reunions, children's birthday parties, by children we may add is 1-90 years old. Private parties large or small. In fact any get together for fun.

Any interested may call the following people for information and available dates. Please give us a call, Oletha Riley, 743-8055; Ruby Phillips, 743-8095; Tony Soto, 743-8505 or nights 743-6231; Wanda Hurt 743-6888 or nights 743-8133.

their gas and to clear their gas lines. Again additional crews were called in by the gas company to handle the calls.

Officials of all involved agencies expressed concern that many residents did not leave their homes during the emergency or that they returned to their homes before it was certain that the deadly gas had been cleared from their lines.

Gas company officials said that if the accident had occurred during the winter, when gas heaters were being used, the problems would have been much greater, that probably there could have been some deaths as the result of the toxic hydrogen sulphide.

**Information needed**

In preparation for a Class Reunion of the Winters High School Class of 1941 information is needed as to the present whereabouts of the following classmates.

Listed in parenthesis is the parent of the student: Lorene Bailey (unknown), Ralph Cole Mrs. (J. W. Cole), Billy Hamor (W. F. Hamor), Hazel Lee (Walter Lee), Dorothy Martin (J. M. Martin), Betty Jean Ryan (L. H. Ryan), Gladys Smith (H. J. Smith), Wilson Smith (L. B. Smith), and John Nix (unknown).

If you have information concerning these classmates please contact J. P. Drake, 209 Circle Drive, Winters, Texas 79567; area code 915-754-4804.

**Gramm plan goes to President**

The Congress has overwhelmingly approved U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's urgent legislation to protect depositors in savings and loan institutions and to launch a "self-help" program for troubled S&Ls.

"Depositors all over the country can now be confident that those deposits are good up to the full insured limit," Gramm said during the final Senate debate on the bill.

The "Thrift Industry Recovery Act" rebuilds the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.'s funding and offers individual thrifts a chance to "revitalize themselves through a self-help program," Gramm said.

The bill was passed on votes of 96-2 in the Senate and 382-12 in the House. President Reagan is expected to sign the bill into law shortly.

The Congress approved the addition of \$10.8 billion—all provided directly by the thrift industry and with no taxpayer financing—to the insurance fund to protect S&L depositors.

"I insisted on a self-help program with no taxpayer funding and I am particularly pleased that we won on this issue," Gramm said.

More than 50 such troubled S&Ls exist in Texas alone, Gramm noted.

"Local savings and loan

**Optimism seen in Texas farm picture**

Higher cattle and cotton prices are expected to improve the 1987 agricultural income for Texas, according to an economist in marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

These two commodities account for more than half of the state's farm income, says Dr. Carl G. Anderson of the Texas A&M University System.

Livestock receipts may exceed \$6 billion, an increase of 11 percent from a year earlier. Crop marketings are expected to total about \$3 billion to remain about steady with a year ago.

"In addition, large government payments and agriculturally-related income from hunting leases, horses, and other outdoor recreation, and off-farm income will likely increase net farm income from 5 to 10 percent this year," Anderson estimated.

Farm expenses overall will probably remain stable, he predicts. Energy and chemical expenses may increase slightly, while depreciation, capital and land costs are expected to remain low.

Anderson notes that land values are showing signs of stabilizing, the credit crunch appears to be easing, and with the weaker dollar, export prospects are improving.

"Farm commodity markets the first half of this year compared with the same period last year, show prices 25 percent higher for calves and lambs, wool is up 20 percent, beef cattle and sheep are showing a 15 percent increase, hogs are posting a 12 percent rise, and milk is up 3 percent. Partially offsetting these increases, however, are 7 percent lower egg prices and 4 percent lower broiler prices," Anderson says.

He points out that most crops are marketed in the second half of the year. At mid-year, however, prices for cotton are substantially higher, and rice is up slightly from levels of a year earlier. Sorghum and corn prices are considerably lower, with wheat down moderately.

The keys to restoring farm property lie partly beyond the farm gate, Anderson says.

"Nationwide, a smaller deficit, lower interest rates and a weak dollar are needed to facilitate capital investments and enhance farm exports. Stronger trade agreements and a competitive world price would help encourage agricultural shipments overseas," the economist adds.

With low agricultural returns, producers are striving to use more and better production and market information to manage a business, not just a farm, Anderson explains.

associations play key roles in bringing growth, jobs and housing to their communities. To lose them would be a devastating blow to many communities," the senator said.

"This program is designed to attract new investors and to speed the recover of both the savings and loans and the communities they serve," Gramm said.

**Eddy Arnold joins Rex Allen as Spokesman for 1987 Cattlemen's Round-Up**

This year the legendary Eddy Arnold will join Rex Allen as spokesman for the 28th annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children which benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center located in Abilene and San Angelo.

The two talented performers will be seen and heard throughout the Southwest on radio and television appealing to ranchers and farmers to donate livestock and cash to be used in helping to operate this private, non-profit treatment and diagnostic network facilities.

This year the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will serve more than 11,000 handicapped children and adults from throughout Texas, neighboring states, and Mexico. No one is ever denied services due to inability to pay.

Arnold, whose career spans four decades, was the featured entertainer at a special, highly successful, benefit for the Center earlier this summer. Eddy Arnold has sold more than 60-million records, a record topped only by the Beatles, Elvis Presley, and Bing Crosby in



**It's hot in there!**

Gary Jacob seems pleased with the Young Farmer's efforts at the barbecue pit last week. The Winters Young Farmers catered barbecue and all the trimmings for the Runnels County

Field Day, August 11. The meal was sponsored by several seed companies who exhibited grain sorghums in the county test plot.

**Taxes drive up the cost of gasoline**

In recent months, Texans pulling into their local service stations for gasoline have been confronted with rising pump prices, partially due to the recent nickel hike in the state's motor fuels tax. And there's more bad news: Increased federal excise taxes on gasoline could loom in the future.

Motor fuel is one of the most heavily taxed commodities in the nation, according to the Texas Oil Marketers Association, and those taxes continue to grow. Effective January 1, 1987, the state gasoline tax jumped from 10 cents to 15 cents, in a move designed to aid Texas' crippled budget. That means that the state motor fuels tax has tripled in less than five years.

Today, Texans pumping gasoline into their vehicles, pay the 15 cents state excise tax and 9.1 cents in federal excise tax for a total of 24.1 cents in combined taxes.

But officials of the Austin-based trade association predict that federal excise taxes will also rise this year. TOMA President Lynton Allred of Hereford said that federal taxes could increase to 10 cents per gallon in the spring, making the federal tax on a gallon of gasoline 19.1 cents. If this tax is enacted, consumers in Texas would be faced with 34.1 cents per gallon of state and federal gasoline taxes. Or, in other words, more than 33 percent of the price for a \$1.00 per gallon purchase would be paid in taxes. "What motorists should realize," said Allred, "is that when the cost of petroleum products eventually rises, those increased taxes will still be with us. For instance, earlier in the year, over a one-month period of time, some major suppliers raised their wholesale prices 8 cents. That move, in addition to the nickel jump in the state

gasoline tax, increased pump prices significantly."

The Texas Oil Marketers Association is the largest state petroleum marketing and convenience store organization in the country, representing more than 700 businesses that own, supply or operate more than 10,000

branded and unbranded service stations and convenience stores in Texas and the Southwest. These firms supply petroleum products to two-thirds of the state's retail motor fuel outlets, as well as the vast majority of agricultural, commercial and industrial users.

**U.S. Yellow sorghum high in nutritional value**

Yellow sorghum exported by the United States is superior in nutritional value to the brown, high-tannin, bird-resistant sorghum that is exported by other sorghum-producing countries.

Studies done by Dr. Lloyd W. Rooney, Professor of Food Science and Agronomy at Texas A&M University, have shown that U.S. yellow sorghum has 95 percent of the feeding value of corn, while the feed efficiency of brown sorghum can be 10 to 30 percent lower than that of yellow sorghum.

The United States produces and exports little brown sorghum. USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) inspectors at U.S. ports have stated that U.S. sorghum for export rarely contains more than one-half percent brown sorghum.

Sorghum exported from Argentina, South Africa, and Thailand, however, usually contains high levels of brown, high-tannin grain. Brown sorghum from Argentina is often erroneously considered equal in feeding value to U.S. yellow sorghum. When the brown

sorghum is used, its poor performance can convince buyers that all sorghums have inferior feeding value.

High-tannin sorghum kernels contain condensed tannins in a pigmented testa, while nontannin sorghum kernels do not have pigmented testa. All sorghums with a pigmented testa are classified as brown sorghum according to FGIS guidelines.

"Sorghums without pigmented testa do not have condensed tannins and their nutritional value is 95 percent of that of corn," said Dr. Rooney.

In order for buyers to determine the percentage of brown sorghum in a market sample, Dr. Rooney suggests using the bleach test, which uses common household bleach (NaOCl, 5.25%) and potassium hydroxide. The bleach test is relatively easy to use and is the best method for determining the percentage of brown kernels in a sample. Kernels with a pigmented testa, when exposed to the chemical solution, turn black; kernels without a pigmented testa are bleached pearly white.

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