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## Council hears requests for freeport exemptions

The Mayor and City Council met for their regular session on Monday night, July 8 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Councilmen James Spill and O. J. Murray were not present for the meeting.

Billy Jacob with Jacob & Martin, Inc. Consulting Engineers of Abilene discussed with the Council a Texas Department of Health regulation mandating testing for surface water disinfection. Jacob told the Council that tracer studies must be done by 1992 and water treatment must be up to standards by July, 1993. Cost of the testing would range from \$9,000 to \$14,000. Council members took the report under advisement.

Jerry Hood and Rick Dry, representing Dry Manufacturing Division and John Edward McAdoo and Bob Hunt, representing John's International, appeared before the Council concerning freeport exemption for businesses in the City. The freeport exemption allows the exemption from taxes of inventory manufactured by a company, held for less than 175 days within the state, and sold out of state.

Both companies' representa-

tives said the biggest portion of their inventories are sold out of state and would be eligible for the freeport exemption if granted. Council members were interested in how much the exemption would mean in tax dollars lost to the City.

Sandee Giles, representing Runnels Central Appraisal District, told the Council the inventory figures used under the exemption would be checked closely by the Appraisal office.

No action was taken concerning the freeport exemption at this meeting.

The Council then approved the awarding of the bid of Edge Gemco, Inc. in the amount of \$13,500 for the demolition of the old water plant. The demolition has been ordered by the State Health Department.

In other action, the Council approved a rate resolution for Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Coleman County Co-op supplies electrical service at the Elm Creek Reservoir park, the pumps at the lake and at the airport.

Routine bills were voted to be paid and the Council adjourned until their budget workshop meeting July 17.



John L. McCoy, left, pays his \$4.75 speeding ticket to Municipal Judge Ouida Nichols. McCoy came back to Winters to pay his fine after 66 years to "clear his conscience." See full story below.

## The "Real McCoy" pays fine from 1925

John L. McCoy is a man who keeps his word. McCoy, from Riverside, California, passed through Winters last Friday on his way to Thomdale and stopped at City Hall to pay a speeding ticket he had received in 1925.

It seems that McCoy and his new bride were passing through Winters in September of that year on their way back to California from Thomdale. McCoy said that a lawman riding a "big horse with four white stocking feet and a star on its forehead" stopped him as he passed through downtown Winters.

The lawman told Mr. McCoy when he inquired as to the problem — "You're going a little fast through town aren't you young fella?" Mr. McCoy replied that he was only going 10 miles per hour and the lawman said "well son, the speed limit's 5 miles an hour. The fine for speeding is \$4.75."

Mr. McCoy said in 1925 \$4.75 was a lot of money (which he didn't have!) and he told the lawman he'd have to work it out by picking cotton he guessed. The

lawman, being a nice fellow, told Mr. McCoy he could just pay the fine the next time he was through town.

Last Friday, July 5, 1991, almost 66 years later, was the next time Mr. McCoy came through Winters and he stopped to make things right. Mr. McCoy walked into City Hall and told clerk Dottie Loudermilk he was there to pay a ticket. New Municipal Judge Ouida Nichols could find no records back as far as 1925, but reckoned the fine might be forgiven but Mr. McCoy said he wanted to pay it anyway to clear his conscience.

Mr. McCoy, who turned 85 on June 25, was traveling with a niece to Thomdale to check on some property he owns there. His wife of 64 years passed away in 1989. Although he was born in Thomdale, he moved to California as an adult and worked in the Water Division of the City of Riverside. He said, "When I took the job, I knew it wouldn't be permanent, but I stayed around for 42 1/2 years before they retired me."

## Junior Rodeo slated for July 26, 27 and 28

The Winters Rodeo Association will sponsor the 1st Annual Winters Junior Rodeo sanctioned by the American Junior Rodeo Association, Inc. on July 26, 27 and 28 at the Winters Rodeo Arena.

The rodeo will be open to AJRA members and non-members alike; however, non-members will compete only for prize money and will not be awarded AJRA points.

Entries will be accepted in the following events by age groups:

- 16 - 19 Boys**
  - a. Calf Roping
  - b. Ribbon Roping
  - c. Bareback Bronc Riding
  - d. Bull Riding
  - e. Team Roping (Boy or Girl)
- 13 - 15 Boys**
  - a. Calf Roping
  - b. Ribbon Roping
  - c. Junior Bull Riding
  - d. Team Roping (Boy or Girl)
- 12 and Under Boys**
  - a. Ribbon Roping
  - b. Break-Away Roping
  - c. Steer Riding
  - d. Optional Race - Barrels and Pole Bending

- 16 - 19 Girls**
  - a. Optional Roping - Ribbon and Break-Away
  - b. Barrel Race
  - c. Goat Tying
  - d. Pole Bending
  - e. Team Roping (Boy or Girl)
- 13 - 15 Girls**
  - a. Optional Roping - Ribbon and Break-Away
  - b. Barrel Race
  - c. Goat Tying
  - d. Pole Bending

Ages are determined as of midnight August 31 of the year that the points are to count toward.

For additional entry information, contact Patricia Smith at (915) 985-3637; for general information concerning the rodeo, contact Arch Jobe at 754-5650.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening at the Rodeo!

## Square Dance in Winters July 19

The newly organized Winters Square Dance Club will have their first dance July 19, at 8:00 pm in the Winters School Cafeteria. Randy Phillips, of Abilene, will be calling. All area square dancers are invited to attend and help make this dance a big success.

All persons interested in taking square dance lessons are invited to attend free of charge.

## Jimenez gives up freedom on Independence Day

The day started early for Runnels County Chief Deputy Keith Collom last Thursday. A call from the family of Gilberto Jimenez came about 6:30 a.m. telling Collom Jimenez was ready to turn himself in to authorities.

Jimenez had been the subject of a three day search by up to 50 law enforcement officers. He is accused of the murder of Jerry Munoz of San Angelo and the kidnapping of Mary Santoya of Winters on Sunday June 30. Jimenez was taken into custody at his parents' home about 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4.

Jimenez was charged with capital murder in the death of Munoz and aggravated kidnapping in the disappearance of

Santoya. Ms. Santoya was picked up at the same residence and taken to North Runnels Hospital suffering from exhaustion. She was later transferred to an Abilene hospital.

Apparently neither Jimenez or Santoya knew Munoz had died from the knife wounds suffered when he tried to prevent the kidnapping. Munoz was Santoya's common law husband and the father of one of her children. They had remained hidden in an area east of Winters, according to statements he made to law officers.

Jimenez remains in Runnels County Jail with bail set at \$500,000 on the capital murder charge and \$100,000 on the aggravated kidnapping charge.

## Hospital Board approves 1991-92 Budget

The Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital met July 8, and approved a \$1,479,000 budget for the year beginning July 1, 1991. This is a decrease of \$45,000 from the 1991 actual spending. Administrator Bob Prewit stated this budget is based on having two doctors for the full year.

A group of businessmen representing Dry Manufacturing Division and John's International

made a presentation to the Board concerning freeport exemption. They explained the freeport exemption as one exempting inventories of product made in Texas and sold outside the state. The Board took no action at this time on the exemption.

In other Board action, Administrator Bob Prewit's contract was renewed at a salary of \$35,000 per year. Following this action, the Board adjourned for the night.

## WTU lowers electricity cost

West Texans trying to hold off the effects of summer temperatures received some welcome news from west Texas Utilities Co. The electric utility has lowered the cost of electricity 7.8 percent for July through September compared to costs for the last year.

According to Gary Moore, WTU's local manager, the interim decrease is part of WTU's request to lower the fuel cost portion of the bill to reflect the price it is paying for gas and coal to generate electricity. The Public Utility Commission of Texas will decide whether permanently lower costs should go into effect beginning in October, Moore said.

Those final costs are expected to be about 2.5 percent lower than they were during the last 12

months. July through September are typically the months of highest use as air conditioners and heat pumps work overtime to keep inside temperatures as much as 30 degrees lower than outside temperatures. The actual size of each customer's bill will be determined by their use.

WTU also offers energy saving tips which can reduce costs through lower use. These include replacing air conditioner filters monthly; closing drapes to keep out direct sun; using heat-producing appliances (such as the oven, washer, dryer, and dishwasher) during the cooler morning and evening hours; and many more ideas.

For booklets and tips on conservation, contact your nearest WTU office.



Trees all over town have been besieged by webworms. The pesky worms will completely defoliate large trees if not controlled as shown by the picture above. When the worms have finished with one tree, they just seem to move over to the next one. If Winters is not famous for anything else, the title of "Webworm Capital of the World" might fit.



The new street sweeper ordered by the City of Winters recently was delivered last week. Factory representatives are due to work with City employees next week in training them to use the new machine. City Street Superintendent Charles Grenwelge says the new sweeper will be put into service as soon as possible.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- July 11-9-1 Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Clinic at NRH
- 11-1:30 Community Lunch at First United Methodist Church
- 1:30 Library Summer Reading Prog.-grades 2-4
- 7-9 Night Swim
- Winters at Tuscola (Senior League)
- July 12-Senior Citizens Meal
- \*Winters Jets vs. Robert Lee (Major League)
- \*Winters A's vs. Dudes (Major League)
- 7:30 VFW Bingo #3-00086-5563-8
- July 13-8 am Ballinger Farmers Market opens at the Courthouse
- First Baptist Church City-wide Youth Rally
- July 15-Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-7 Womens Swim
- 7:30 Winters Rodeo Association to meet at Peachtree
- 7:30 Eastern Star to meet
- District 4-H fashion show
- \*Winters vs. Bronte (Senior League)
- July 16-Noon Lions Club
- 1:30 Library Summer Reading Prog.-Pre-K, K, 1st
- Winters A's at Bronte
- \*Winters Dudes vs. Robert Lee
- 7-9 Night Swim
- July 17-8:30-4 Community of Caring Seminar
- 9 am Ministerial Alliance
- Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-7 Womens Swim
- July 18-8:30-4 Community of Caring Seminar
- 1:30 Library Summer Reading Prog.-grades 2-4
- 7:30 Night Swim
- July 19-Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 VFW Bingo #3-00086-5563-8
- 8:00 Square Dance at Winters School Cafeteria
- July 19-20-Coke County Pageant at Robert Lee



# OIL BUSINESS . . .

By Reg Boles ©1991

I think it's about time we cleared up some things about the oil patch. Telling the difference between fact and fiction can be tough these days.

Never one to ignore the cry for more information, I have compiled the following list of major statements often made about the oil business. I call it: Myths and Legends of the Oil Patch—Fact or Fiction.

1.) Oil people are so rich, they light cigars with \$5 dollar bills. **FICTION.** \$20's are better.

2.) People in the oil business are only in it for the money. Profit is their only goal. **FICTION.** They intend to go broke like every other self-respectin' businessman.

3.) People in the oil patch are very close and have strong co-worker, and employee-to-employer relationships. So strong, in fact, that even the richest tycoon would give his last penny to help out one of his employees. **FACT.** Rich tycoons gave up pennies long ago, in favor of big bills (see 1.), so your last paycheck may be their last PENNY.

4.) Oil companies are in cahoots with each other to swindle the consumer. There is no real competition. **FICTION.** I guess the "tiff" between Texaco and Pennzoil was a friendly argument over 3 billion dollars.

5.) All oil patch vehicles have "girlie" magazines under the seat. **FICTION.** They are BEHIND the seat.

6.) Oil patch folk are uneducated and ignorant. They just happen to be in the right place at the right time. **TAKE YOUR PICK.** Sounds like a good way to become president, doesn't it?

7.) Oil prices are held up to keep oilmen rich. Oil companies are in control of the whole situation. **FICTION or FACT** for those who refuse to listen to reason. Every oil man who got rich at \$10/bbl raise your hand.

8.) Oil men and women are dirty, messy, and cuss all of the time. **FICTION.** Anybody who says different is a ##@%!!!.

9.) Oil field work is very demanding and requires long hours from the folks at the well-site. **FACT.** Just remember, golf courses are considered an extension of a well-site—any well-site.

10.) It's time to phase out petroleum in the U.S. We are about ready for alternative fuels like solar and wind power to take its place. **FICTION.** I guess you who disagree with me would enjoy paying \$50,000 for a car that goes 50 miles between 24 hour charges. Though, I must admit, wind powered carriages might have a chance in Amarillo, Lubbock or Midland.

I guess I have been a little one-sided in my views, but it was fun anyway.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

### COMPLETIONS

**Nolan County**  
St. Clair Energy has completed the W. Davis #2 in the Doris Field (7 miles N of Blackwell) at an initial rate of 34 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perms 3834-38). Loc. is 467 FWL & 1980 FSL of Sec. 146, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-1386.

**Taylor County**  
AmTex Energy has completed the G. Williams #1A as a wildcat 2 miles N of Buffalo Gap at an initial rate of 105 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perms 2330-36). Loc. is 275 FEL & 500 FSL of A. Mann & R.A. Hobbs Sur.

Spur Oil has completed the C. Sears - A- #2 in the Taylor County Regular Field (10 miles SW of Buffalo Gap) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 4 BWPD in the Capps Lime (perms 4676-81). Loc. is 467 FSL & 1550 FEL of Sec. 233, Blk. 64, H&TCRR Sur.

### STAKINGS

**Callahan County**  
Energy Investment Group has staked the H. Lofland #1 in the Gar-Con Field 2 miles E of Cottonwood (Depth 4400). Loc. is 914 FNL & 1364 FMNEL of H. Moscrop Sur. 15, A-277.

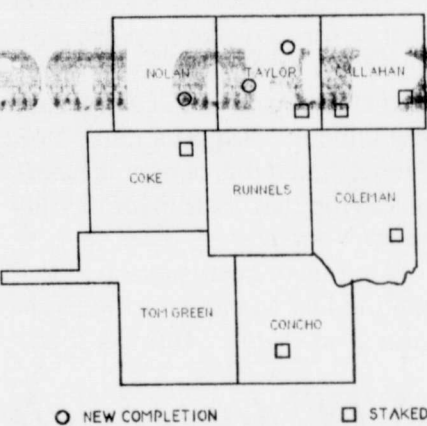
Conquistador Petroleum has staked the W. Chatham #4 in the Annuity Field 2 miles S of Oplin (Depth 4900). Loc. is 4175 FNWL & 1850 FNEL of Sec. 431, J. Perez Sur.

**Coke County**  
Wagman Petroleum has staked the Chadbourne Ranch #3 as a wildcat near the Fort Chadbourne Field area 8 miles N of Bronte (Depth 5900). Loc. is 4175 FNWL & 1850 FNEL of Sec. 431, J. Perez Sur.

**Coleman County**  
San Angelo CETCO, Inc. has applied to plugback the R. James #1 in the Caddo Field 1 mile N of Trickham (Depth 1600). Loc. is 150 FEL & 150 FSL of J. Manning Sur. 89, A-794.

**Concho County**  
SRGOil has staked the Jacoby #K-1 as a wildcat in the Lonesome Dove II Field area 4 miles W of Eden (Depth 4200). Loc. is 1800 FNL & 1200 FWL of the H. Fisher & B. Miller Sur 2874.

**Taylor County**  
Enrich Oil has staked the J. Wagstaff Estate #1 in the Lawn Field 2 miles SW of Lawn (Depth 4300). Loc. is 330 FEL & 2515 FSL of Sec. 432, A. Winters Sur.



## Julie Carpenter to Perform at CCEC Membership Meeting

It is a pleasure to announce that Julie Carpenter of San Angelo, will be entertaining at the 53rd Annual Membership Meeting on July 19 at the Coleman High School Auditorium.

Julie is a 13 year old Junior High School student from San Angelo. She has won the national junior fiddle championship. Julie has recorded her first fiddle album in Nashville, Tennessee, accompanied by Roy Acuff's Smoky Mountain Boys.

Julie has an exciting performance style that has won her standing ovations all the way from the San Angelo Symphony to the Ernest Tubb Midnight Jamboree in Nashville.

Julie plays over 70 shows a year, backed up by her own Family and Friends Band, including many regional and statewide events. Recent appearances have included the National Cowboy Symposium at Texas Tech, the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater in Sonora, the national meeting of Western Writers, the state convention of the Texas Association of Realtors, the Texas International Apple Festival, and a 5-day engagement at Six Flags over Texas with Red Steagall and Johnny Gimble.

Please make plans now to attend the Annual Meeting and enjoy this fine entertainment personality.

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## Pistol shoot held June 29

Twenty-eight people competed in the Runnels County Crimestoppers pistol shoot held June 29 in Ballinger. Competitors came from San Angelo, Sidney, Snyder, Christoval, Menard, Mereta, Roby and Ballinger.

Overall winner was Ken Gibson of Snyder. In the PPC competition, expert division, Rusty Herndon of San Angelo was first place winner. In the markman division, Tommy Pope of Abilene placed first; novice division, first place went to Jerry Neighbors of Abilene. In the women's division, Shelley Gibson of Snyder was tops.

In plates, expert division, Ken Gibson of Snyder, first; marksman, first place, Bill Beazley of Abilene; novice, Jerry Neighbors, San Angelo, first; women's division, Dana Gore of Ballinger was the first place winner.

The pistol shoot raised \$325 for Runnels County Crimestoppers. Prizes were donated by the following merchants:

De'signs, Bagwell Oil, Winn's, Higginbotham's, Apples and Spice, Ballinger Florist, Bryan Jewelers, Bill's Grocery, Bahman Jewelers, Harrison's Auto, Milton's Auto Supply, Lowake Steak House, Dairy Queen, TNT, Broadway Texaco, Wal Mart, Texas Grill, Beefmaster, Dankworth, Ballinger Co-op, Acapulco, Ballinger Feed and Seed, Winters Enterprise, Treadmill, Keel Drug, Talbot Oil, Tasha's.

Thanks to Sheriff Bill Baird for getting the gun range ready and Alan Laza from Mereta for running the matches.

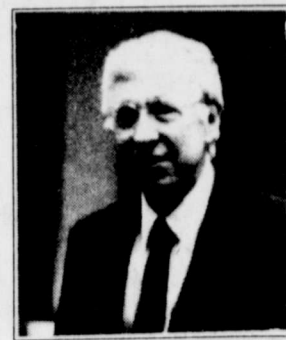
## Student Loan future decided in special election

Texas voters will go to the polls Saturday, August 10 to decide the fate of a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to sell \$300 million in general obligation bonds to fund the state's Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program.

Between 1977 and 1989, the program functioned as a revolving fund — loan repayments covered the cost of making new loans. Since 1986, the demand for student loans to attend college increased from \$12 million per year to almost \$80 million per year in 1990. This unprecedented growth in demand has been attributed to changes in federal financial aid programs, the creation of College Access Loan Program for students from middle class families, and publicity about the relatively low interest rates on the state's loans.

No state general revenue has ever been used to repay bonds supporting the student loan program. For more information about student loans and the need for this constitutional amendment, contact the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at (512) 483-6111.

## From the desk of . . . . .



Senator Temple Dickson  
District 24

Austin - I'd like to invite you to a couple of events in the district. The first comes July 12 when I will assemble experts from the offices of the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture to Abilene for a forum on small and minority business development. These experts will detail what programs and services are available, what new initiatives are under study and what types of assistance people and aspiring business people want and need. In my role as chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee it has become apparent that there is much work to be done to help business do better, not only in my district, but throughout the state. That is why I have organized this forum and why I plan to hold similar ones in the future.

The forum is co-sponsored by the Caruth Small Business De-

velopment Center, City of Abilene, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Industrial Foundation, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Abilene, Black Chamber of Commerce of Abilene, and West Central Texas Council of Governments.

For information and registration, call Jody Houston at Abilene Chamber of Commerce at (915) 677-7241.

I am honored to tell you that July 20th is the date that my hometown of Sweetwater will hold Temple Dickson Appreciation Day. There will be free food and entertainment from 2-6 p.m. in Newman Park. Honorary guests include Governor Richards, Lt. Governor Bullock and various members of the Legislature. There will also be a banquet at the Sweetwater Coliseum Annex at 7 p.m. Reservations may be made through the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce (915) 235-5488.

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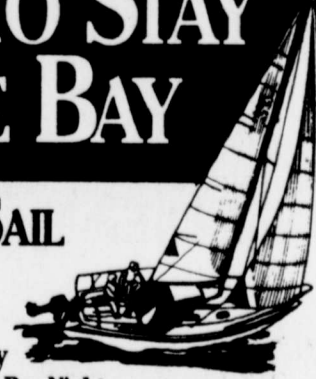
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*The Methodist's Message*

This Sunday is the eighth Sunday in Pentecost. The sermon is entitled "Don't Worry, Be Happy" and the scripture is taken from Matthew 6: 25-34. The Anthem "Hosanna" by G. Alan Smith will be performed by the Chancel Choir.

On Sunday, July 21, Gary and Carol Turner will be with us as part of our ongoing Centennial Celebration.

**Community Lunch**  
There will be a "Tasting Bee" July 11, from 11:00 to 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This will kick off the sales of the Centennial Souvenir Cookbook which has been prepared by present and past members of Winters FUMC. The cost of the meal and the cookbook

will be \$10.00. The cost of only the meal will be \$4.00, or you may purchase the cookbook for \$7.00.

**Youth trip to Corsicana**  
Our youth will be departing Sunday, July 21, in the afternoon for Corsicana, for a joint work/mission experience with the youth from FUMC Corsicana. We will return late Wednesday evening on the 24th. The cost of the trip is \$35.00, which includes all meals (except two road meals), 3 nights lodging, transportation, and all activities including swimming, skiing, and a special evening of entertainment in Ft. Worth on Wednesday. Registration forms are in the church office, deadline is Sunday, July 14.

**Boy Scouts attend Camp Constantin**

The Boy Scouts of Troop 249 spent a week at Camp Constantin, located on the shore of Possum Kingdom Lake last week. The boys participated in aquatic activities such as swimming, diving, waterskiing, small boat sailing, motorboating, lifesaving, rowing and canoeing.

Classes were also conducted in oceanography, cooking, reptile study, first aid, rifle shooting, shotgun shooting, orienteering, and archery. A total of thirty-one merit badges were earned and three boys became qualified as BSA Lifeguards.

The Scouts and Leaders attending were Robert Bedford, Kevin Conner, Mark Deike, Chris Dry, Dean Evans, Scott Kozelsky, T. J. Meyer, Jason Mitchell, Tony Walden, Heath Watkins, Cody Whittenburg, David Evans, Mike Kozelsky and Fred Watkins.

On Friday afternoon parents were invited to visit the camp for the evening meal and observe the sailing regatta and the water carnival. The troop placed 4th in the water carnival and of the three troop 249 sailing teams entered in the sailing regatta, the teams placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

**Tasting Bee July 11**

The First United Methodist Church is celebrating its Centennial year in 1991. Among the events, the congregation of present and past members have prepared a Centennial Souvenir Cookbook.

There will be a Tasting Bee on Thursday, July 11, from 11:00 to 1:30 at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. The cost of the meal with a cookbook will be \$10.00. The meal only will be \$4.00 and you may purchase the cookbook for \$7.00.

Tickets are available from members of the church.

**Drasco Baptist Church Revival**

Drasco Baptist Church, located northwest of Winters, is having revival services July 17 through July 21, 1991.

Gene Suttle is pastor/evangelist. Harold Campbell is song leader. Lesli Daniel is pianist. Evening services are at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21, lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Afternoon services follow.

**CAMPUS BOUND**

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**First Baptist's Beat**

**WMU discusses freedom**

The Power of Freedom was the topic of study at the First Baptist women's missionary meeting on Tuesday, July 2.

Jo Olive Hancock presided and Charlsie Poe read the prayer calendar for all missionaries observing a birthday on Tuesday. Prayers for their special needs followed.

Beth Bradley, program leader, reminded the women that as ordinary as the power of freedom may seem to us, it may seem extraordinary to someone who is not an American Christian. One characteristic that distinguishes Christianity is its reliance on an individual's freedom to make choices.

The women attending divided in three groups to study the conditions in many parts of the world where this power of freedom appears nonexistent.

Hortel McCaughan, Nadeen Smith and Lillian Eubanks reported that freedom of religion is guaranteed with freedom of the press and speech in Costa Rica, but a totally different situation exists in Bangladesh where restrictions appear in every area of life.

Freedom in Pakistan, where Islamic laws impose detailed rituals, was discussed by Dortha Lawrence, Linda Morrison and Alice Traylor. Also brought out was the fact that "Islamic laws impose detailed rituals. They demand exactly where, when, and how to pray - down to the tiniest detail of how to kneel."

Freedom in Boston was presented by Jo Olive Hancock, Sara Beth Heidenheimer and Charlsie Poe. Power of freedom was obtained at a great cost. Two New England women suffered perse-

**Gospel Meeting at Norton**

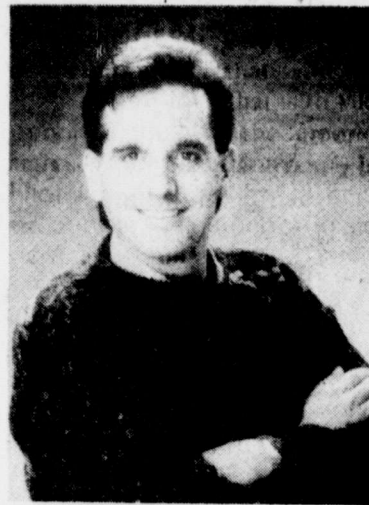
Old Norton Church of Christ invites everyone to their Summer Gospel Meeting. The meeting will be July 14 - July 21 at the church. Speaker will be Jerry Rogers and services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and at 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Following the service on Friday night there will be an ice cream supper.

cution to attain spiritual and physical freedom in this country. Mary Dyer was a Quaker who was hanged in 1660 and Anne Hutchinson was exiled from Boston.

Bradley presented members with a reminder to check, "I am free - or am I?"

The meeting was ended with an original solo by Cheryl Sneed entitled "Thank you."



**Youth Rally**

First Baptist Church of Winters, along with Runnels Baptist Association will sponsor an area-wide youth rally Saturday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. The rally will feature recording artist Gordon Walker. Walker is from the Houston area and is a great communicator with today's youth.

The rally will be held on the First Baptist Church lawn and attendees are advised to dress comfortably and bring lawn chairs or blankets on which to sit. Beginning at 6:00 there will be wild and crazy games, followed by the concert and then a time of refreshment featuring homemade ice cream.

Members of all churches and their youth in Winters and the surrounding area are cordially invited to attend the rally. A love offering will be taken to help with the cost of the concert.

**Spirit Filled Happenings**

By Dixie Leverett, Church Editor, Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist

Small children are truly God's most wonderful creatures. They come in various shapes, sizes and colors. They are always truthful, painfully so sometimes. They trust you no matter what. Their little smile always warms your heart.

The touch of those sticky little hands is like magic. They say the most interesting things, at the most unexpected times, and almost always amaze you. They seem to ask a million questions and find just one more. "PRAISE GOD." We were all once little children and God wants us to be as little children. Full of faith, trust, love, hope and promise. For He said "Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

Our Wednesday night youth service was a great blessing. If you were not there you missed a lot.

Monday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m., our ladies group will meet. July 19 and 20 we will go to Abilene State Park for a fellowship camp out. Singing, praising God and many other activities are planned.

Our "Christmas in July" Sale will be held Saturday, July 27 at Lawrence Brothers Store. Proceeds will go to upholster our pews. All items will be \$5.00 or less. Please make plans to come.

Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church is located at 1017 N. Cryer in Winters, Texas and is a spiritual light growing ever brighter in a seemingly darkened world. Reverend John Haley is pastor.

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

**Thank You**

I would like to say "Thank You!" to Dr. Lee for the fine medical care during my stay at the North Runnels Hospital. I appreciate Dr. Lee and his office staff very much.

I would also like to thank the nurses and staff at the hospital. They did everything in their power to make my stay comfortable. Winters truly has an outstanding medical team.

Everyone's cards, flowers, prayers and visits meant a lot to me. I am thankful to have such wonderful family and friends.

Thanks again,  
Donna Guy

**Thank You**

We would like to thank all of the off and on-duty officers, U. S. Border Patrol, Texas Rangers and the people who let them borrow the dogs, helicopters, horses and all the concerned citizens in Winters in the search for Mary Santoya.

Thanks,  
The Santoya Family

**Farmers' Market set to open July 13**

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the annual Agri-Plex Farmers' Market tentatively set to begin Saturday, July 13, at 8 a.m. on the courthouse square in Ballinger.

The market will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 5 p.m. till sell out and every Saturday from 8 a.m. till sell out.

Farmers and gardeners are invited to bring their produce to sell. There is no set-up fee. For additional information call Kit Hurt 365-3517 or the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce 365-2333.

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## Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz

*My muscles are tight  
And my joints won't bend  
But one thing's still working -  
My tongue - its loose at  
both ends!  
(I didn't say that)  
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First reminder of the Crews School reunion on August 11th. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with anything concerning the reunion, see Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Boles, 403 Wood Street, Winters, phone 754-4842. Any help will be appreciated. Cards will only be sent to those out of the Crews area.

Luther, Neysa and Melinda Sommerville, San Antonio, came Wednesday, spent a few days at Pat Hambright's bedside until leaving for home Sunday.

Ruth and Brad Pape had a nice phone visit with cousin Ray Tierce of Los Angeles, Ca.

Hildegard and W. A. Asbury of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. We worked corn for the freezer.

Eileen, Mike, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater attended the Coleman Rodeo Thursday night. Jeremy won \$2.00, also won a blue ribbon for putting a ribbon on the goat. The Praters won a \$25 gift certificate.

Community supper was well-attended Saturday night with Brenda and Fred Watkins and Doris Wood as hosts.

Dale Duggan called a business meeting out under the stars. Secretary Linda Duggan read the minutes and Eileen Prater gave the treasurer's report. A discussion was held on the work day July 16, probably start at 7:30 a.m. We can use all the help we can get - most of the work will be on the gym floor.

The August community supper was called off until September due to the school reunion being so close. Margie Jacob, Cookie Van Zandt and the Mike Kozelskys will be the hosts for September.

Jimmy, Frances and Coy Chapman of San Angelo came Tuesday night, also Judy Cooke from Winters, out to the Hazel Dietz.

Nila Osborn and Karen McGallion visited with Helen and S. J. Brevard in Coleman who are slowly feeling some better.

Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning and Selma Dietz also visited the Brevards on Sunday afternoon.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Stars spent the 4th of July night with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Visiting Helen and Norval Alexander on Saturday were John, Marvie and Allison Whaley of Denton. Desiree Mathis, Norval and Casey Alexander attended the Coleman Rodeo on Thursday.

Doris Wood and all her children and grandchildren spent the 4th of July at Hords Creek Lake.

Gary Hill of Sweetwater and Mike of Eastland spent Saturday with Claudia. Ronald Hill of Sweetwater came on Sunday.

Nila and Therin Osborn visited Louise Osborn in Winters Sunday night.

Hopewell Church Revival starts the 21st of July through Wednesday p.m. Evangelist is Jack Ridlchoover, pastor of Pio-

near Drive Church, Abilene. Music will be led by Dalton Stewart, Music Director of Wylie Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Selma and Hazel Dietz spent the 4th in San Angelo with Jimmy, Frances and Coy Chapman. Janie and Bro. Oscar Fanning were Sunday dinner guests with the Hazel Dietz.

Margie Jacob's recent visitors were Thelma Hoppe and Hattie Goetz, Leona Jacob, Doris Wood and Selma Dietz.

Adeline Grissom and Wanda McCarty were in Abilene Sunday and ate out at the Red Lobster.

Cookie Van Zandt of Winters and Lillian Awalt of Albuquerque, N.M. came out and had supper with Margie Jacob Friday night.

Margie Jacob and all her children and grandkids attended the July 4th pops concert at San Angelo Riverside.

Those enjoying chili dogs at the Faubion Berry Patch Wednesday night were Nila and Therin Osborne, John & Stephanie McGallion; Harvey Mac and Noble Faubion; Chad and Melinda Kraatz; Marvin and Melvena Gerhart; Linda, Dale, Will and Katy Duggan. The Rodney Faubion family hosted. After supper, we all sat back and admired the outhouse Therin Osborn built - a welcome addition to the property.

On Thursday night, several enjoyed Bar-B-Q and a fireworks display. Rodney and Bernie Faubion and Linda and Dale Duggan hosted. Attending were Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning; Marvin, Melvena and Keith Gerhart; Randall, Susan and Dennis Conner; Rodrick Bredemeyer; Sam and Dee Faubion; Linda and David Swaringen; Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion; Jerry and Chad Kraatz; Brett, Sherri and Bryant Mikeska; Brian Faubion; Becky and Elwood Brown; Nila and Therin Osborn; Louise Osborn; Walter Pape; Gladys Cotton; Ruth and Brad Pape; Marque, Bill and Will Mathis; John, Maury, Cole and Allison Whaley.

We wish Bob and Betty Whittemore of Pueblo, Co. many more happy anniversaries. They are Bernie Faubion's mother and dad.

Marque and Bill Mathis honored their son Will on his third birthday with a swimming party at the Winters City Pool on Sunday evening. Those who helped Will enjoy his party were Jody Meyer and children T. J., Shelly and Lacy; Eileen, Mike, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater; John and Mauri Whaley and children, Allison and Cole of Denton; Grandmother Marguerite Mathis, Abilene; Joe, Jeremy; Helen Alexander and grandson Casey; and Will's sister, Desiree. We wish you many more of these happy occasions on your birthday from now on.

After Pat Hambright's surgery on Friday at St. John's hospital, she is resting nicely in room 317.

Chester McBeth, Dennis, Audine and Roy McBeth enjoyed the Coleman Rodeo Thursday night.

Having Sunday dinner with

## Rabbit Twister Festival July 20

Saturday, July 20 is the date for a fun-filled day for the entire family in Robert Lee. That's the day of the "Rabbit Twister Festival."

Special events include the "Rabbit Twister" parade, golf tournament, free afternoon entertainment, washer pitching tournament, food and exhibit booths and an evening fish fry.

The day can be finished off by attending "Ole Coke County-Home of the Rabbit Twisters," a musical pageant in the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre at 102 E. 16th in Robert Lee.

For more information, call 453-2831 or 453-4671.

## Winters ACES receives grant

ACES, a volunteer organization in Winters working on programs to benefit children and young people in the Winters area announces the receipt of grant monies from the West Central Texas Council of Governments. The grant was appropriated through the Job-Training Partnership Act, and the money will be used to implement an after school latch key program for the children in the Winters Independent School District.

At risk high school students and teen parents will be hired and trained to work in the program, which will include such activities as tutoring, block-building, arts and crafts, computers, etc. The latch-key program will be an on-going part of the total program for at-risk students in the district.

Another part of the ACES project includes opening a Teen Center for junior high, senior high and college students. Although plans for opening have been delayed, a lot of work has been done to prepare the building, which is now in the process of being painted. An opening date will be announced later. Persons interested in helping or donating money should contact Susie Johnson at the high school - 754-5516 or Gloria Poehls 754-4635.

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Amantina Faubion in Winters were Melissa Faubion, Jason Harshman from Eules, Robert, Rosa, Holly and Jennifer Englett, Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion, Rodney, Bernie, Gene and Brian Faubion.

Becky and Elwood Brown carried their two grandchildren home to New Mexico after several weeks here.

Nila and Therin Osborn, John and Stephanie McGallion and I were in Abilene Wednesday shopping. I bought house paint - now I need a good painter.

Margie Jacob had all her children and grandkids around her dinner table Sunday.

Doris Wood had a freak accident Saturday night at the supper. She fell with a jar of tea and had stitches on both hands. Also banged up her knee some.



Celebrating their 35th Reunion were these members of the Class of 1956: front row (l to r) Marlene Smith, Sylvia Young Sumner, Patsy Scott Hogan, Darla Gerlach Kruse, JoAnne Smith Carter, Darlene Smith Wilson. 2nd row: Bobby Penny, Don Lindley, Joe Kraatz, Freddy James, Marion Roper, Joyce Davis Lanter, Virginia Spill Flathmann, Shirley Hale Denton, Patsy Hambright Faubion, Barbara Harter Rodgers, Rozanne Hendrix Head, Martha Cooke Gehrels. 3rd row: Lynn Faubion, Garland O'Dell, Robert Gardner, James Spill, Granville Long, Larry Saunders, Bob Webb, Dennis Rodgers, John Hord, Jerry Morgan, Ronnie Huddleston, Bill Lewis, Frederick Lisso.

## 1956 WHS Graduates reminisce

Members of the 1956 graduating class of Winters High School, along with family and friends, spent a day remembering their former years together in school and bringing everyone up-to-date on their families and lives.

Letters and pictures of classmates unable to attend were on display along with old school annuals.

The reunion, held June 29 at the Winters School Cafeteria, started with coffee and muffins at 10 a.m. followed by a barbecue meal at noon.

School board member and classmate, Bob Webb, led attendees on a tour of the high school.

Special awards were presented to Ronnie Huddleston - Bald is Beautiful; Marion Roper - Traveled Most Miles; Larry Saunders - Most Changed; Darlene Wilson - Least Changed; John Hord - Most Gray Hair; Virginia Flathmann - Most Children (5); Freddy James - Most Grandchildren; Martha Gehrels - Person Most Familiar with Winters; and Lynn Faubion - Moved Most Times in 35 years.

Classmates came from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Florida, Ohio and all parts of Texas. Plans were made to have a 40-year reunion.

Those present were Patsy Scott Hogan, Rozanne Head, Martha

Cooke Gehrels, Ronnie Huddleston, Don Lindley, John Hord, Darlene Smith Wilson, Patsy Hambright Faubion and Aubry Faubion, Sylvia Young Sumner, Garland O'Dell, Lynn and Carrol Faubion, Bill and Su Lewis, Larry and Tresa Saunders, Darla Gerlach Kruse, Joyce Davis Lanter, James and Steven Spill, Jerry and Norma Morgan, Granville Long, Jonathan, Barbara, Shirley Hale Denton and Ronnie Denton, Marlene Smith and Elton Smith, Freddy and Laquita James, Barbara Harter Rodgers and Dennis Rodgers, Marion and Janel Roper, Robert and Sandy Gardner, Virginia Spill Flathmann, and Bob and Oleta Webb.

## Winters ACES & WISD present "THE COMMUNITY OF CARING"

by Mitzie Deike

Our children, our future, need everything we can give them, but we are failing to give many of them what they need most—self-esteem, good health, a safe environment, and an equal chance to discover who they are without waiting until well into adulthood. For many teenagers, life for the most part is good. Too many, however, are troubled as children, in trouble as teenagers and young adults. These are the youth growing up at risk, caught in a downward spiral in which poverty and/or abuse are the beginning of a series of interrelated problems; running away, truancy, pregnancy, substance abuse, delinquency, violence and crime. The problems are not unique to this generation but are compounded by rapid societal changes and expectations that make growing up more difficult.

Winters ACES & WISD join together in an effort to provide THE COMMUNITY OF CARING PROGRAM. It will take close collaboration between parents, clergy, educators, health professionals, and community leaders to see that this program is properly developed and implemented. In the COMMUNITY OF CARING SCHOOL, the curriculum asks all of these people to be moral educators: that is to teach

values to young people. The fact is that we are never value-free when we teach, advise, or assist others. In our choice of words, our tone of voice, or body language, we convey values to our students, even at those moments we think we are being very factual and objective about a particular subject matter. Our beliefs, our choices, our life-styles make us who we are. This curriculum does not call for imposing values on young people. It calls for teaching, sharing, living, and modeling values. Teaching respects differences and the rights of others to make their own decisions. But teaching also recognizes the responsibility of the more mature individuals to offer guidance and direction to the less mature.

THE COMMUNITY OF CARING PROGRAM will challenge the students, especially when asked "What will you settle for?" We hold out for high goals, but let them know we think they can reach them. The tone of the curriculum is one of affirmation, not denial. It opens up the prospect of growth rather than acceptance of defeat. It says, "Yes, you can control the future, and the future can be what you make of it."

THE COMMUNITY OF CARING PROGRAM has a message to give through its teachers and participating professionals and parents. That is that the good life needs to be discovered by each person and family. However, we know some traps to avoid—alcohol and drug abuse, sexual promiscuity, child abuse—and we need not be reluctant to point them out. Our educational task is to make adolescents more

aware of their power to make moral choices and to harness that power in directions which are positive rather than destructive. We want to turn the basic value questions back to them so they can discover that they are truly able to distinguish, for example, between what is popular and what is right; between what is immediately gratifying and what is beneficial in the long-run; between what one merely settles for and what one really wants and aspires to. If, in our school, we can build on the sense of "community" it fosters and the "caring" it calls for, we will provide our young people with significant opportunities for moral growth and human development. That is the role and mission of the COMMUNITY OF CARING SCHOOL of which YOU are an important part. HELP US HELP THEM! We need each member of the community of Winters to become committed to the ideals of the COMMUNITY OF CARING.

THE COMMUNITY OF CARING TRAINING SESSIONS will be presented to the school faculty and interested community members on July 17 and 18 at the Winters High School auditorium. The training sessions will begin each day at 8:30 am and end each day at 4:00 pm. Materials will be provided so that each participant can more fully understand the curriculum and its implementation. In order to provide the noon meal, we need an accurate count of those who will be able to participate. Please contact Susie Johnson at WHS (754-5516) or Tommy Lancaster at the WISD office (754-4618) if you are interested in becoming an active part of this program.

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Mr. & Mrs. Conda Holt Richards

## Belew - Richards vows exchanged June 15

Miss Tambrala Kay Belew became the bride of Mr. Conda Holt Richards in a double ring ceremony held Saturday, June 15th at the First Baptist Church of Winters at six o'clock in the evening.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Belew of Winters and the granddaughter of Mrs. Effie Corley of Bronte.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richards of Bronte and Ms. Carolyn Cole of Ballinger and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bryan, all of Ballinger.

Rev. Glenn Shoemaker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Winters officiated. The music was provided by Carolyn Slaughter, organist, Fran Kidwell, pianist, Cheryl Sneed, soloist and Brenna Mikeska and Albert Bernal.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length white satin gown with a solid beaded bodice and a portrait neckline. Her veil was of white illusion and trimmed in pearls and small white roses. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and white roses and trailing English Ivy. To compliment her attire, she wore pearl earrings borrowed from the groom's grandmother and a gold locket that was given to her grandmother by her grandfather before they were married. Both her grandmother and her mother wore the locket in their weddings.

Kim Slaughter of College Station served the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alisha Richards, sister of the groom, of Bronte, and Kim Scott of San Angelo. The attendants wore red tea length dresses made of bridal satin with portrait necklines and princess waists. They each carried three white roses.

The groom's tuxedo was black with a black cummerbund and black tie.

The best man was John Morrow of Bronte. Groomsmen were Carl Beal of Lubbock and Lee Ray of Lubbock. They wore the same attire as the groom, but with red cummerbunds and red ties.

Ushers were Bill Windham, brother of the groom, and Billy Frank Belew, brother of the bride.

Candlelighters were Summer Bryan, cousin of the groom, and John Paul Belew, brother of the bride. Brian Pritchard of Wingo was ring bearer and Natalie Reed of Bronte was flower girl.

The bride's table was covered with a white tablecloth with a lace overlay and decorated with a silver candelabra and white roses. The cake was made by the groom's aunt, Mrs. Sunny Higgins of Ballinger, and adorned with fresh red roses. A silver punchbowl also added to the decorations, and red mints were served.

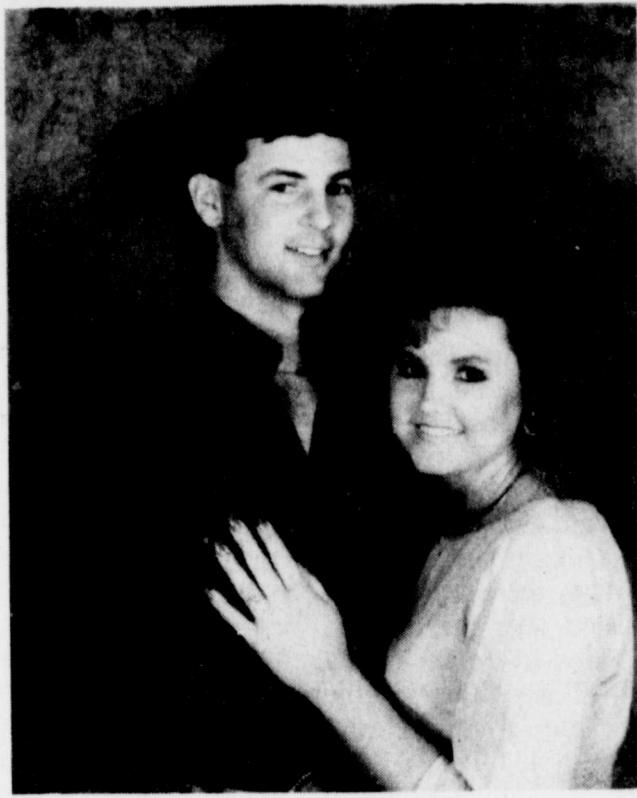
The groom's table was also done in white with the lace overlay and complimented by a silver coffee service. Dipped strawberries were served along with the groom's cake which was also made by Sunny Higgins. It was a red velvet rectangular cake with a heart-shaped cake on top. It was also adorned with fresh red roses. Members of the houseparty included Melissa Hatler, Gina Priddy, both of San Angelo, Teri Bryan and Kristen Carpenter of Lubbock, Jami Morrow of Bronte, Ruth Ann Herridge of Ballinger, and Carolyn Slaughter, Scarlotte Mikeska, Jane Allcorn, Gwen Andrae, and Sherrie Mikeska.

The rehearsal dinner was held in the Carnegie Library in Ballinger and was hosted by the groom's mother and several friends.

The bride graduated from Winters High School and has been attending South Plains College in Levelland. She will attend Texas Tech in the fall, majoring in Elementary Education. She is employed by Second Baptist Daycare in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Bronte High School and attends Texas Tech. He is a senior architecture major and is employed by Ron Reeves Custom Homes in Lubbock.

After a wedding trip to the Bahamas the couple will make their home in Lubbock.



Bobby Palmer and Evette Gruben

## Gruben-Palmer to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Gruben are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Evette, to Bill Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Palmer of Winters, Texas. The bride elect is a graduate of Rotan High School, received a Cosmetology degree from Western Texas College and attends Tarleton State University. She is employed by Le Salon Hair Fashions in Stephenville. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Winters High School and attends Tarleton State University. He is employed by Fletcher Veterinary Clinic. The couple plans to be married August 24th in Rotan.

## Davis-Kewak engagement announced

Denise Davis will become the bride of Jeffrey Kewak of Novi, Michigan August 31st at the James M. Rogers Gazebo Garden in San Angelo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerry and Carolyn Davis of San Angelo. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Kenneth and Gloria Kewak of Novi, Michigan.

## Old Settler Reunion trail ride and camp-out

The first annual Old Settlers Reunion Trail Ride and Camp-out is scheduled for July 19-21. Horse and mule riders and wagons are invited to participate.

The fee is \$10.00 per person and riders may register in advance or at Perini Ranch before 9 p.m. on Friday, July 19 in order to participate in meals. Registrations will be accepted anytime during the weekend also. On Friday, the group will camp at Perini's Festival Grounds with water, restrooms and the Cattle Exchange Restaurant available. Electricity will not be available to campers.

On Saturday, July 20, the day will begin with a Cowboy Breakfast for registered campers from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Leave camp for parade lineup
- 10:00 a.m. Old Settlers Reunion Parade
- 12 noon Old Settlers Reunion Bar-B-Q lunch (at your own expense - if you wish)
- 2:00 p.m. Trail ride leaves old settlers ground and travels back to camp around 5:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Camp supper for pre-registered campers
- 8:30 p.m. (optional) midnight ride to old settlers grounds and old Buffalo Gap. Attend the dance to participate or to just enjoy the music. A slow ride back to camp under the stars.

### Sunday, July 21

- 8:30 a.m. Old Settlers singing and church at the Old Settlers Grounds
- 9:30 a.m. Short trail ride then back to camp for your own lunch and departure.

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## Poe's Corner

by Charles Poe

### Weather Profit - Part 3

A continuing series of articles on Johnny Ballew

"Uncle Johnnie Ballew was farming in a period of time when a man's farming tools consisted of a double disc plow, single row planter and cultivator hoe, maize-heading knife and cotton sack. Before terraces and contour rows," said J. A. Patterson, a neighbor.

"The Ballews were good friends and neighbors," said Mr. Patterson, who passed their home every Sunday morning on his way to church for the three years that he lived in the Mazeland community.

"Uncle Johnnie wrote interesting letters about farming. He advocated planting your crop so that when you left the barn to work on the far side of the field you would be plowing going and coming, and no time wasted with the plow out of the ground. He wrote, 'I've made a crop with three trips to the row: one to bed, one to plant and one to cultivate.'"

"Uncle Johnnie Weather Prophet" is the heading of an article written for the *Banner-Leader*, April 2, 1909. "Rains will come in due season to make a big crop" is the subject of the story which follows:

The singing of the wind is heard in the land. Malaria can't stay up here where the sky remains blue and the little starts continue to shine. The new comers are getting a little nervous on account of the continued dry weather. In 1904 we had our first rain on the 6th of June. We made a good crop with little work.

We got some maize and cotton up early in 1904, but the late crops were equally as good if not better than the early planting. We have 60 days or two months yet in which to plant cotton and at least 90 days in which we can plant maize, Kaffir and sorghum. Small grain is suffering. Some of it is past redemption. But our biggest yields and the largest per cent of our crops are made by the summer rains, which have always come and will continue to come. Year before last our first good rain fell May 28. We had only one more rainy spell after that during the growing season, namely July 8th, 9th, and 10th. That year I made 41 bales and 800 pounds of seed cotton, with my own force by paying out about \$50.00. So you don't scare me any more. I have had it and got over it.

We have great advantages this year over 1904. That year a large per cent of the land in cultivation was fresh sod, just broken out, and there was no season in the hard prairie to start on. I know that the ground was never wet deeper than 16 inches. I dug down to see. Under our fields this year, where the rains have been soaking in deeper and deeper for a number of years, the ground has at least 10 per cent of moisture to a depth of five feet, except, of

course the dust mulch on top. With the water bottled up in our clay subsoil we can make crops with four inches of rainfall. We will get it.

I wouldn't move a peg or even look askant if it didn't rain a drop til the first of June. Some of the best feed crops I ever saw here were planted in July. The thing to do is to work the land into a dust and then get a can of worms and go fishing. Then get up wood enough to last all summer.

Go to every picnic, go to every farmer's meeting. Put away your tear jug. Store up your energies and when the season is far enough advanced for the cold northers to quit coming, it is going to rain to beat the dickens. It always has. It always will. Then get your canopy topped cultivator and make it sing a tune.

We are in good company. Other sections are dry. No use to take the dry grins. Put up a liquid smile and be sure it don't wear off. Our minds and hearts and ambition need stimulating.

### UNCLE JOHNNIE

P.S. Cattle high, hogs high, mules and horses high, wheat \$1.25, corn \$1.00, oats out of sight, maize 80 cents and cotton going up every day. Every commodity sky high. When it rains land is going to take another leap. Watch.

The modern urban native takes the plum, so to speak. The up-to-date rural denizen takes the peaches and cream and the other fellow with the black pants, white vest and clawhammer coat, skims the whey from the milky way.

"Runnels Loses Good Citizen" was the heading of a column in the *Banner-Leader* on May 7, 1909. Uncle Johnnie sells his place near Mazeland and will go west to hunt cheaper land.

F. B. Kimbler was in from the Mazeland country, and made the *Leader* office a pleasant call. He reported that his neighbor, John Ballew (Uncle Johnnie) had sold his place and would give possession immediately and go West prospecting for cheaper land, and settle down and wait for it to grow in price, just as he has done in Runnels County.

"Uncle Johnnie" has done much for Runnels County. He came here with confidence in the country and made good. He was found preaching the good things in life continually, and always looked on the bright side of life. His writings have appeared in nearly every paper of any consequence in the State, and quite a number of other States, and as a booster he has no equal.

Uncle Johnnie owned 240 acres of land, and sold it for \$27 per acre. He bought the land in its unimproved state and had made a splendid farm out of it. We regret to see him leave and hope he will not find anything that will suite him better than Runnels and will come back and continue to live in the best land in the world.



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# Obituaries

## Bernie Parker Purifoy

Bernie Parker Purifoy died July 1, 1991 at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger at age 94.

Mrs. Parker was the owner-operator of Purifoy Abstract Company. Mrs. Purifoy was born September 17, 1897 at Roby, Texas. She was married to John W. Purifoy at Roby on June 20, 1920. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Graveside services for Bernie Parker Purifoy were held on July 3. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with the Reverends Ralph Conrad and Fred Campbell officiating.

Survivors include her husband John Purifoy of Ballinger; a sister, Elizabeth Hogsett, Marble Falls; Nephews, Al Purifoy, Temple and Bill Purifoy of Houston.

## James Ellis Dankworth

James Ellis Dankworth, 93, died Friday, July 5 at his residence in Ballinger. Services were held Monday, July 8, at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger with burial in the Garden of Memories under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home. The Reverend Ferris Akins officiated.

Mr. Dankworth was born May 18 at Bellville in Austin County. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and worked as a meat packer.

He is survived by two sons, J. B. Dankworth of Ballinger and Milton Dankworth of Anchorage, Alaska, one daughter, Eloise Loika of San Angelo, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and one brother, Charlie Dankworth of Ballinger. His wife, Sadie, preceded him in death in 1984.

Pallbearers were Clyde Gabbert, Carl Murman, Mike Dankworth, Jimmy Loika, Randy Loika, and Larry Loika.



## Gaylene Harrison

Gaylene Harrison, 77, former longtime Winters resident, died July 8 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder.

Funeral services were held July 10 at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder with Reverend Don Taylor of the First Baptist Church of Snyder officiating. Graveside services were held at the Lakeside Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker of the First Baptist Church of Winters officiating.

Born October 19, 1913, in Runnels County, Mrs. Harrison lived in Winters until 1979 when she moved to Snyder. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church of Snyder.

She is survived by two sisters, Merle Turner of Fluvanna and Lone Baughn of Snyder, and two brothers, John Sneed of Fluvanna and Hassie Sneed of Snyder. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in 1978.

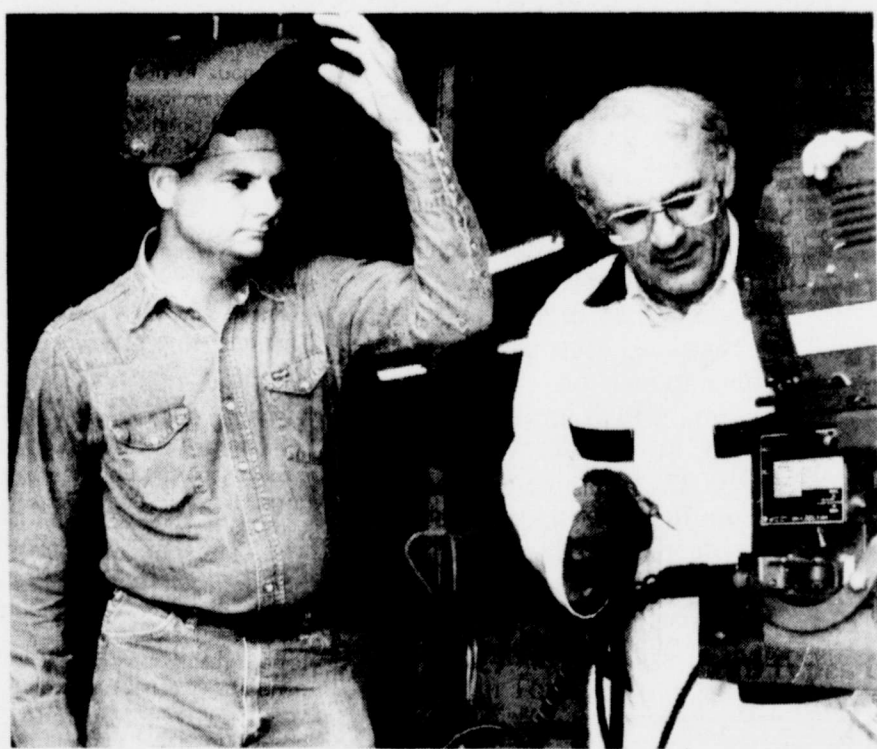
## Dorothea Busher

Dorothea (Dora) Busher 88 of Winters died Tuesday, July 2 in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. She was born March 18, 1903 in Winters and attended school in Winters. She married Cullen Busher on March 15, 1934 in Winters. She was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a member of the Ladies Aid. Her husband preceded her in death in 1963.

Survivors are her son, Bud Busher of Winters, two daughters Naomi Gerhart and Janie Mabry also of Winters. One brother Herman (Slim) Bredemeyer of Winters, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11 at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Eckhard Grimm officiating. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are: Kevin Busher, Oscar Hubach, Kerry Mabry, Terry Gerhart, Toby Gerhart, Joe Gerhart, Joe Wilson, and Ronnie Bums.



## Winters Ag Teacher takes part in Metal Fabrication Workshop

A select group of 25 Texas high school agriculture teachers took part in an intense metal fabrication workshop at Southwest Texas State University this month. Beginning June 17 and running three days, the workshop included demonstrations and hands-on instruction by industry representatives in the use of state-of-the-art, high-tech welding and fabrication apparatus, as well as a tour of the Service-Rhino Corporation in Seguin to observe robotic welding machinery and techniques.

The workshop was sponsored by the SWT Agriculture Department in cooperation with Texas Tech and was taught by Dr. Lon Shell of SWT and G.F. Cavensness of Manor High School. Pictured examining a wire feed, flux core arc-welder are Roy Shackelford, left, of Winters High School and Dr. Shell, right. The short course is presented annually in an ongoing effort to keep Texas teachers working at the cutting edge of modern technology.

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# Letters to the Editor.....

To the Editor:

A despicable act has been committed against the people of Texas. Important legislation to reduce the senseless slaughter from drunk driving and obtain federal government funding for Texas was singlehandedly killed by State Senator Bob Glasgow.

The crime of drunk driving is a staggering public safety and economic problem. Last year, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, there were 1,402 people killed and over 35,000 people injured in drunk driving crashes in Texas. Besides the tragedies caused by drunk driving, it is a terrible financial drain on our state economy, resulting in higher insurance premiums for all of us. Government estimates reveal that drunk driving fatalities cost more than \$500 million last year in Texas alone due to medical costs, property damage, and lost wages.

To help reduce drunk driving, MADD supports the proven law enforcement remedy of administrative license revocation (ALR). Passage of this bill would enable the Texas Department of Public Safety's hearing officers to suspend the driver's license of anyone who failed or refused a breath or blood alcohol test. Upon refusal or failure of the test, the police officer would replace the offender's regular driver's license with a temporary permit valid for 40 days and instruct the offender that he had a right to an administrative hearing during that 40 day period. If the offender did not ask for a hearing during that period, the suspension would take effect when the temporary permit expired. The penalty on a first offense would be a 90 day suspension; offenders would not be eligible for an essential need license until 30 days after their license is suspended.

ALR is already the law in 29 other states and the District of Columbia. The federal government estimates ALR would save at least 150 lives in Texas each year, which in 1988 resulted in a loss of over \$358 million in medical costs, property damage, and lost wages. Apart from its significant deterrent effect, ALR has proven to be a source of revenues in other states due to fines and license renewals. Because Texas has not enacted ALR it is ineligible for \$3.2 million in federal funding next year and approximately \$16 million over the next five years.

Why has Texas not been responsible and passed ALR? Bob Glasgow. Although this measure passed overwhelmingly in the Texas House of Representatives, and even though the Governor,

Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and a majority of State Senators favored passage of ALR, Senator Bob Glasgow assumed the role of dictator and thwarted the democratic process for his personal motives by killing the bill in his committee.

Glasgow's unfair, unethical behavior is understandable because he is a waterboy for the lobbyists, PACs, and special interests in Austin. In the seven months preceding the Legislative Session, Glasgow received an amazing number of contributions from lobbyists, PACs, and special interests, including substantial contributions from the liquor industry. Glasgow's chief aide is the son of the publisher of a periodical for the alcohol industry.

Glasgow's willingness to do the bidding of liquor interests without regard to the merits of the matter became even clearer when he carried the bill allowing the sale of alcohol at Texas Stadium in Irving (which is not in his district), despite the fact that this is a hotly debated local issue. MADD is appalled at the bill, which exempts and indemnifies servers of alcohol from certain types of liability. Enactment of this bill could have an effect on the ability of victims who are injured or killed by drunk drivers to seek financial recovery from servers who irresponsibly provide alcohol to intoxicated individuals at the stadium and who then cause fatal or injurious crashes.

A comical irony is that Glasgow headed up the committee that wrote the controversial ethics bill. Most assuredly, this is another case of the fox guarding the henhouse. Politicians like Glasgow are not part of the solution—they are the problem. He has brought disrespect on the Texas Senate, which should publicly denounce his actions.

MADD is not a prohibitionist organization. We recognize that people can enjoy alcohol responsibly provided they do not drink and then try to drive. MADD's role is to stop drunk driving and support victims of this violent crime.

It was extremely disheartening to see a tool of the special interests like Bob Glasgow abuse his power and derail MADD's efforts that were supported by the majority of our elected legislators, the people of Texas, and various other concerned citizens organizations. As a result, he will bear partial responsibility for the deaths of many more Texans, the loss of federal money, and the increased costs and higher insurance premiums from preventable drunk driving crashes. We urge all Texans to contact their legislators and ask them to support and pass ALR as soon as possible, despite Sen. Glasgow's opposition.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kirk Brown  
MADD, Texas State Chairman

Milo Kirk  
MADD,  
Texas Legislative Liaison

## Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest are welcomed by *The Winters Enterprise*.

Please write your name and address on the letter and include a phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures will not be published. We will consider requests to include initials only or a pseudonym in the published letter, but the letter with signature and phone number will be kept on file in the *Enterprise* office.

Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Letters should be addressed to: Editor, *The Winters Enterprise*, 104 North Main Street, Winters, Texas, 79567.

## Two Winters students on Tarleton list

STEPHENVILLE, TX — The A and B Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1991 semester has been announced at Tarleton State University. Dr. Robert C. Fain, Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the spring semester which ended in May. Included on the list were 246 students making the A Honor Roll and 911 making the B Honor Roll. There were 865 Distinguished Students named.

Winters students listed on the honor list included Monty D. Smith on the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student and John C. Merrill, B Honor Roll and Distinguished Student.

## "Ole Coke County" pageant coming soon

"OLE COKE COUNTY, HOME OF THE RABBIT TWISTERS" will be presented in Mountain Creek Amphitheater, Robert Lee, Texas, the LAST TWO WEEKENDS in JULY, (July 19-20, July 26-27, 1991).

Sponsored by the Coke County Pageant Association, Inc., the annual historical musical involving approximately 100 County "Rabbit Twisters" or their descendants from other areas depicts 50 years of exciting experiences of early settlers up to the turn of the century.

A Red, White, and Blue - PATRIOTIC SALUTE - by the Pageant Choir will begin at 8:00 p.m. Production time is 8:30 p.m.

For further information call or write:  
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# Annual Meeting

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JULY 19, 1991

## PROGRAM

7-8 p.m. ....Registration & Entertainment  
8-8:30 p.m. ....Business Meeting  
8:30-8:45 p.m. ....Julie Carpenter-Fiddle Player  
8:45-9 p.m. ....Drawing for prizes

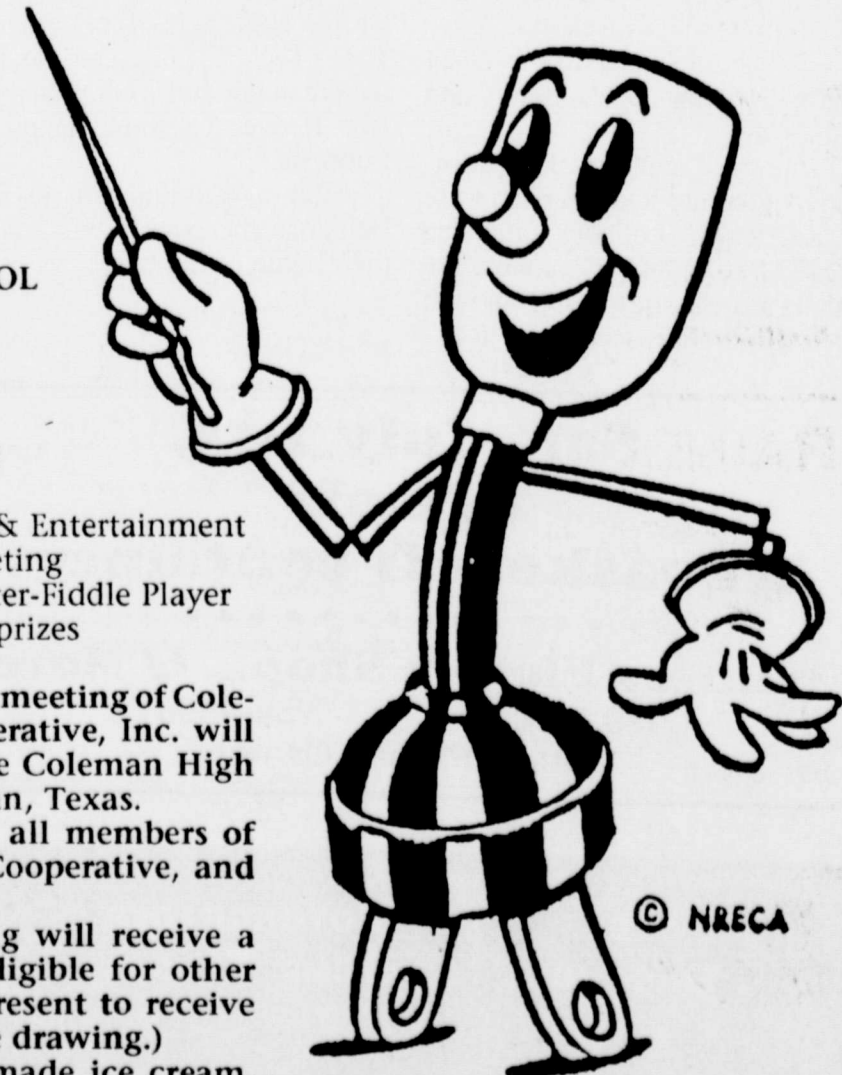
The annual membership meeting of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held July 19, 1991 at the Coleman High School Auditorium, Coleman, Texas.

The meeting is open to all members of Coleman County Electric Cooperative, and visitors are also welcome.

Each member registering will receive a gift in addition to being eligible for other prizes. (Member must be present to receive gift and be eligible for prize drawing.)

Come and enjoy homemade ice cream, cookies and punch.

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## Brent Jacob attends Youth Range Workshop



Brent Jacob, center, displays his certificate awarded at the Youth Range Workshop in Junction recently. Dr. Barron Rector, Range Management Specialist, left, and B. J. Ragsdale, right, Range Management Specialist and both directors of the camp congratulate Jacob on his completion of the workshop.

Brent Jacob, son of Gary and Dinell Jacob, was chosen to attend the Youth Range Workshop at the Texas Tech University Center, Junction, Texas, June 23-28, 1991. Selection of participants was based on outstanding projects or interest in range management. Brent's local sponsor is Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation Service, a strong supporter of range education and leadership development of local youth.

The weeklong Youth Range Workshop, sponsored by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management, is held to recognize outstanding range and ranch youth and to provide them an opportunity for complimentary training in range management and leadership skills. According to Barron Rector and B. J. Ragsdale, Workshop Coordinators from College Station, participants learned to identify range plants, evaluate rangeland potential and current condition, man-

age rangeland for livestock production and wildlife habitat and practice ranch planning. Leadership training featured discussion and training on interpersonal relations, communication skills and group leading practice. Field trips away from the Center were to a Kimble County ranch and the Kerr Wildlife Management Area in Kerr County.

Range Workshop instructors included Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists, teachers from Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities, a range specialist from the Soil Conservation Service, and other members of the Texas Section SRM involved in the management of the rangeland resources.

This was the thirty-seventh consecutive year for this educational activity for youth which began in 1955. More than 1100 youth have benefited from the program. Thirty-six boys and girls were selected from across the state of Texas.

## CCEC Annual Membership Meeting in Coleman this Year

Coleman County Electric Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting will be back in Coleman this year on July 19. The meeting has been held in the Ballinger High School Auditorium the last two years. This year it will be in the Coleman High School Auditorium, located on the south edge of Coleman, close to the Rodeo Grounds where the meeting was held for so many years.

The meeting is shaping up to be another good one, with air conditioned auditorium and comfortable seating. The popular homemade freezer ice cream and cook-

ies will be back again. Also a very good entertainer will be here to entertain the members after the business meeting. There will be the usual prize drawings for adults and children with one major drawing prize. There will be an attendance gift to each member registering, as well as attendance gifts for children.

The last two meetings at the Ballinger High School have been two of the best ever. Please make plans now to attend this year, and enjoy the fellowship with fellow members, while participating in the business activities of your own Electric Cooperative.



How does your garden grow?

## Robert Russell grows a good garden the organic way

Robert Russell, who lives at 600 Alexander Street in Winters, uses an unusual method to grow his garden. Having been in the earthworm business in earlier years, he has transferred some of that knowledge to growing an outstanding garden here.

Russell uses earthworms to transform organic matter/compost into a rich soil for growing a garden full of vegetables. During the winters he piles organic matter and compost in rows over his garden area and keeps it moist. In the early spring, the rains move the earthworms up into the mounds of organic matter. He keeps the mounds moist so the worms can keep working at converting the organic matter and mixing it with their "castings" to make a rich, pliable soil in which to plant his garden.

Russell also uses Naturizer, an organic compost product made

from municipal waste and converting it into compost in a short period of time (6 days) by controlling the temperature and moisture of the material while nature does the rest.

Mr. Russell uses only organic materials in his garden and does not use any chemicals. He started his garden in 1990 and gets most of his organic matter from the local feedlot. This year he has 5 foot tomato plants loaded with tomatoes, some very large cantaloupes (one weighing 6.5 lbs.), okra, cabbage, peppers, watermelons, onions, squash and garlic in his organically grown garden.

A good supply of earthworms is kept growing in a small earthworm bed near his garden. Mr. Russell attributes his good garden to returning the growing of plants to the natural way they should be grown.

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## VETERINARY UPDATE

by Jimmy Smith, DVM

### It's Prussic Acid Time Again

The summer solstice has come and gone and the days are now getting shorter, but no less warmer. With July and August come hotter temperatures and more stress on the crops and pastures.

To you people who are grazing Johnsongrass and hybrid sorghum, let me remind you that these particular groups of plants are particularly susceptible to this heat stress. They respond to this stress by manufacturing prussic acid, which is converted readily to cyanide shortly after it is consumed by the grazing animal. Ruminants (sheep, goats and cattle) are affected acutely. In other words, the effects of the prussic acid are manifested shortly after the forage is consumed. The hemoglobin of the red blood cell is tied up by the cyanide, which is readily absorbed into the blood stream from the paunch. Since the cyanide is occupying its space on the hemoglobin molecule, the oxygen breathed into the lungs has nowhere to go. The result is sometimes a rapid death due to suffocation. Not all doses of prussic acid intoxication are lethal. If an affected cow or sheep lives as long as 30 minutes, its probably not going to die.

Signs of prussic acid intoxication are few. Usually you will see an animal either having difficulty staying on its feet or it may even be down. Labored and/or rapid breathing always accompanies the toxicity. The affected animal or animals may or may not be aggressive. The animal's temperature will be elevated. A diagnosis is confirmed by observing a sample of venous blood. This blood will be bright red in contrast to the normal dark colored venous blood. Horses are generally not affected by acute cyanide toxicity, although they are not completely immune to it. Prussic acid poisoning in the horse is usually manifested as a slow, progressive degenerative condition of the nerve supply to the bladder, hind limbs and repro-

ductive organs. The common term for this condition is "sorghum cystitis." Animals which show signs of this type of poisoning exhibit uncoordinated hind limbs and frequent urination. The urine is cloudy and thick. Urine scalds are evident on the inner thighs and inside the hind legs. This condition is irreversible once signs are noted. These horses are not safe to ride, and death of the horse often results from falling down in a place such as a gully or wash from which it may be unable to regain its feet. My personal opinion is that regardless of what the tag on the sack of seed says, horses should not be allowed access to haygrazer fields of any kind.

If you find a cow which you suspect has this problem, don't try to put her in the pen. Since she is already oxygen deprived, stirring her up in any way will kill her for sure. The antidote for prussic acid poisoning is a mixture of sodium thiosulfate - sodium nitrite. This removes the cyanide from the hemoglobin molecule, allowing oxygen to take its place and be transported into the tissues.

With heat stress, the areas in the field that are most likely affected with prussic acid are those in low-lying spots and behind terraces . . . areas where water has stood. These areas will usually be the best looking, healthiest areas of the field.

Prussic acid deteriorates rapidly, so regular haying procedures usually eliminate the possibility of putting up hay which contains the poison. The length of time that the hay crop lays in the windrow to dry usually is sufficient for the prussic acid to break down. The poison also is broken down by the ensiling process, so ensilage is safe to feed, even from stressed fields. Some seed tags claim that their product is low enough in prussic acid even under stress conditions that it is safe for horses. I have no evidence to refute this claim, but I still say if their product is a member of the sorghum family, it's not safe for

## The Crop Connection

by Richard Minzenmayer  
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### General Situation

Cotton and grain sorghum is making excellent progress with the 90 plus temperatures. Cotton ranges from cotyledon stage to the bloom stage. Grain sorghum ranges from just being planted to the soft dough stage.

### Cotton

With the large varieties in planting this year we must certainly scout each field individually because pests such as fleahoppers and boll weevils will eventually move from the older cotton to the younger cotton. It is very important to get our crop set within the next few weeks to avoid the late season insect pests.

### Overwintered boll weevils

Trap catches continue a downward direction, but adult weevils are still being found in many fields. Once cotton reaches the one-third grown square stage, traps around the field are no longer an accurate indication of weevil numbers.

If you are scouting each field and are not using the pheromone traps, use the threshold of one to two overwintered boll weevils per 100 plants during the matchhead square stage.

Timing is certainly important. I'd rather be a day early than a day late. Two applications will be needed in early fields which are located in historically hot weevil areas. Insecticides recommended include Guthion, Vydate, methyl parathion, ULV malathion and Pennacap M.

### Cotton Fleahoppers

Cotton fleahopper numbers are on the rise. Fleahopper numbers ranged from 0 to 55 fleahoppers per 100 terminals. Square sets ranged from 70-98%. Square sets are holding right now, but could drop quickly, so scout regularly. We need to keep our square set above 80% during the first and second week of squaring. After

horses to graze.

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that we can tolerate a somewhat lower set the third week. The economic threshold for fleahoppers during the first three weeks of squaring is 15 to 20 fleahoppers combined with a 75% or less square set. Insecticides recommended for fleahopper control include Bidrin, Cygon 400, Dimate 2.67, Metasystox-R and Orthene 90S.

### Bollworms

We experienced a small egg lay last week and worm numbers range from 0 to 15 treatable worms per 100 plants this week. Right now egg numbers are very low, but could increase within the next week or so. Scout closely!

We can tolerate 10 to 12 treatable worms/100 plants right now in pre-blooming cotton but not in cotton which is blooming.

Economic threshold for blooming cotton is 10 to 12 treatable worms/100 plants. In pre-bloom cotton, 15 to 20 treatable worms/100 plants is the economic threshold.

If treatments are necessary for bollworms in pre-blooming cotton, I would recommend one of the biological insecticides such as Javelin, Biobit, Dipel ES or others combined with an ovicide such as Larvin or Curacron or use Larvin by itself.

### Grain Sorghum

By Dr. Tom Fuchs

Headworm problems have been reported in several fields in the area. Check 50-100 sorghum heads per field using the beat the bucket technique. If you find more than 2 worms 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch long per head, it is time to treat. I would not treat until the biggest worms get to be one-half inch long. They do little damage when they are small, but have high natural mortality. Use Lannate 1.8 at 1 pint/acre, Lannate LV at 12 ounces/acre, Sevin XLR+ at 1 quart/acre or Sevin 80S at 1.25 lbs./acre.

Do not forget to check to see if greenbugs are present while checking your sorghum. The presence of greenbugs may affect your decision or your chemical selection. Lorsban, dimethoate or parathion are good greenbug insecticides. I do not advise use of parathion with a ground rig.

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## Hunter's Camp

with Don Haley

Sparrows have it easy these days. At least, that's the way it seems to me.

Sitting on the patio of my parents home recently, a big, fat, broad-breasted sparrow lit in a bare spot on the mulberry branch above. Glancing down upon where I sat, the sparrow paid me no heed whatsoever, idling away time on the limb until being joined by several others that gave as little consideration as the first.

Gee, things have certainly changed in thirty years or so around the old neighborhood. Why, back in the old days, Bobby Owens and myself would have struck terror into the heart of these sparrows and every other sparrow within range of the B:B guns we toted, a symbol that was as much a part of us and our world as dirty sneakers or wearing our britches-legs out at the knees.

Our hunting territory lay in the outskirts of town, just beyond the reach of city-limit confines, bordered by Virden's fence-line on the north to the Gillispie's house to the south, east to what was then Mr. Curry's wheat field, to the old Ballinger to Winters highway on the west.

Whatever sparrows entered this domain did so at their own risk. In complete opposition to the bird above, the sparrows of my boyhood were elusive and wary. Conditioned by unrelenting hunting pressure, they were as wild as startled deer and as competent an adversary on which to test hunting skills as any ten year old was likely to run across.

Yes, those were the days; crouching beneath Mr. Black's immense pecan trees just across the road, where, in the hush of late afternoon, hordes of sparrows could not help but come to roost. Bobby and I, in association with wonder dogs, Pierre and Red, would slip slowly from tree to tree, scanning the foliage for signs of a sparrow that had momentarily dropped its guard.

And the sparrows didn't feel all that secure just because the sun went down. Under cover of darkness we would sneak in, dancing a flashlight beam across their secret hiding places - trees and bushes during spring and summer; atop rafters and under carports in the dead of winter.

Perhaps the greatest of all childhood thrills lay within the warzone of Mr. Stubblefield's yard at night. The trick was to charge in, harvest a sparrow from astride the 2 x 12 joist spanning his front porch, and escape back across the fence before his dogs tore you to pieces. Like an Indian brave earning a feather in battle, it was a right of passage, a true hero's test of heart and spirit. Once accomplished, it was a feat deserving of eventual legend status and was considered big medicine among fellow sparrow hunters past and present.

While perhaps not fully realizing the importance of our task, Bobby Owens and I were possibly the first and only wildlife biologists in the field of sparrow management to oversee our hunting area. Although the responsibilities of patrolling prime sparrow range and keeping the ever-

exploding population within carrying capacity, balance of the habitat was a full-time job; we would often branch out during the summer months to what we had determined to be a much more noble, challenging, and dangerous quarry - wasps!

The thing that made wasp-fighting so exciting was that they fought back! Like Clint Eastwood in a high-noon shoot-out, we would arm and ready ourselves for the dastardly yellow-jackets that hung high in the gable of Mrs. James' garage. Approaching from opposite sides, with bare backs pressed hard against rough clap-board siding, we would give the signal and open fire like Chuck Connors did on *The Rifleman*.

The wasps fought valiantly and, as many times as not, they won. Being far outnumbered, the honor rested in the holding of your position, fending off strikes from strafing wasps with the butt of your rifle, and continue pumping B:B's into the cowardly wasps that remained with the nest.

Of all the skirmishes we encountered, from giant blister bugs to armies of stinging ants, wasps were no doubt our most respected foe. Wasps were rugged and tough and, if your planning and foot-speed were inadequate for the situation, they made you pay!

Like the time we scouted a huge nest of red wasps hidden amongst a mistletoe clump in the Chinaberry tree above Mrs. Maedgen's chicken-coop. Preliminary reconnaissance revealed that there was little cover from which to stage a surprise assault, but we felt we had no choice but to attack at once.

Almost immediately following our opening barrage, Bobby took a hit to the chest that spun him around. Two more streaking wasps caught him square, one in the small of the back, the other right between the shoulder blades, and he went to this knees. Another hit between the eyes and he was down.

With attack-dogs Pierre and Red creating the necessary diversion, I ran to my fallen comrade, pulling him by one leg, through the stickers and briars, to the relative safety of our two-man fort a short distance away. My heroics were not without penalty though, taking two direct hits to the carotid arteries on the back of my neck that swelled up my head as big as a volleyball.

Since those casualties were hard to smuggle past our moms, the cost of a two-week suspension of our B:B guns, a lifetime ban on wasp hunting, plus an extended stay in the kitchen corner, put a high bounty on that particular wasp nest.

But try as we might, neither of us can recall the eventual outcome between ourselves and those Chinaberry tree wasps. Perhaps fear caused our conscious minds to block it out or the wasp venom affected the neural synapses leading to the memory cells in our brains. In any case, about all we can remember is that we're relatively sure that, based on creed, pride, and neighborhood credibility, we surely must have evened up the score with those wasps rather than face everlasting wasp-hunters shame.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since those carefree and happy times. Much has changed over the years, but much remains the same. What I wouldn't give for just one more good wasp or sparrow hunt! To twist the loading hole in the barrel of the Daisy open wide; to pop off the cardboard cap of a thousand-pack of smooth, copper-coated B:B's; to chunk a hundred or so between my tongue and cheek and blow them softly into the air chamber; to hear the sweet metallic clink of metal against metal.

Ah, yes, those were surely special days, with true magic in each and every battle that we fought. And if you were to ask Bobby Owens - I bet he would tell you exactly the same.

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