

Apples of Gold
FAITH—A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

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Prospects bid in package deals for construction of water tower

Pre-owned tank bid of \$177,853 accepted by council; remaining grant funds to be used to paint north tank

Bids from four companies on prospects for a water tower were opened and reviewed in the regular meeting of the City Council Monday, February 26. Prospects were asked to bid in package deals: tearing down the existing tank, providing and erecting a new tank, providing and erecting a pre-owned tank, and painting of the existing tank on the north side of town.

Upon recommendation by Engineer John Voller of Hibbs & Todd, bids for a new tank were denied due to cost. Acquiral of a new tank would exceed the \$221,353 grant funds by \$26,100, with the difference to be paid by the City. Approval of bids for a pre-owned tank would leave available \$30,047 of the grant funds for painting the north water tower.

A bid of \$177,853 was accepted from Pittsburg Tank and Tower for a pre-owned tank contingent upon approval by a City representative to the condition of the tank.

On Thursday, March 11, City Manager Aref Hassan and John Voller met a representative from Pittsburg Tank and Tower in Houston to inspect a pre-owned water tower. Hassan found the tank to be totally unacceptable due to the age and condition.

The tank, built in 1951, was in extremely poor condition with dents and rust.

In an interview on Monday, Hassan told *The Winters Enterprise* that he will report his findings to the council in their next

regular meeting on Monday, March 11, at which time a review of options will be made.

Hassan said Pittsburg Tank and Tower still may offer another pre-owned tower because their bid of \$177,853 was accepted by the council. However, any tank must be approved by a council representative before final approval is given.

McCrea Water Tower Company Inc.'s bids of \$13,400 to demolish the old tank and \$21,600 to repaint the north water tower were accepted.

With summer being the peak water consumption season and lack of time for completion prior to this time, aldermen voted to begin the water tower project in September 1996.

Resolutions were approved to apply for grant funds to build a regulation size softball field at Elm Creek Reservoir with the name Rogers Hornsby Memorial Park and Field and to request park planning assistance.

Teresa Davis, representing the Winters Little League, appeared before the council asking for expansion of the Little League concession stand at the city park. After brief discussion, the item was tabled for further research.

Council members turned down a proposed retirement plan in which city employees would be eligible for retirement after 20 years. The current plan is 25 years.

Notice of election was to be posted March 5. Three positions

are open with candidate filing permitted through March 20.

A Main Street Program grant application was approved by resolution. This is the third time Winters will apply for assistance for this program.

City Administrator Aref Hassan informed of recent correspondence as follows:

- Sales tax for February '96 is \$17,528, slightly over the same period last year.

- Availability of \$8 million grant from Department of Commerce. Winters to seek assistance to bring Gerber Clothing Manufacturing of Ballinger to Winters with employment of 100 individuals, aggregate revenue of \$3 million, and population increase.

- Administrator's completion of required Phase I PhD program at California Coast University.

- Denial of a citizen's claim from TML.

- Informational letters to antennae owners on existing water tower.

- Courtesy response to Senator Sims' offer for assistance.

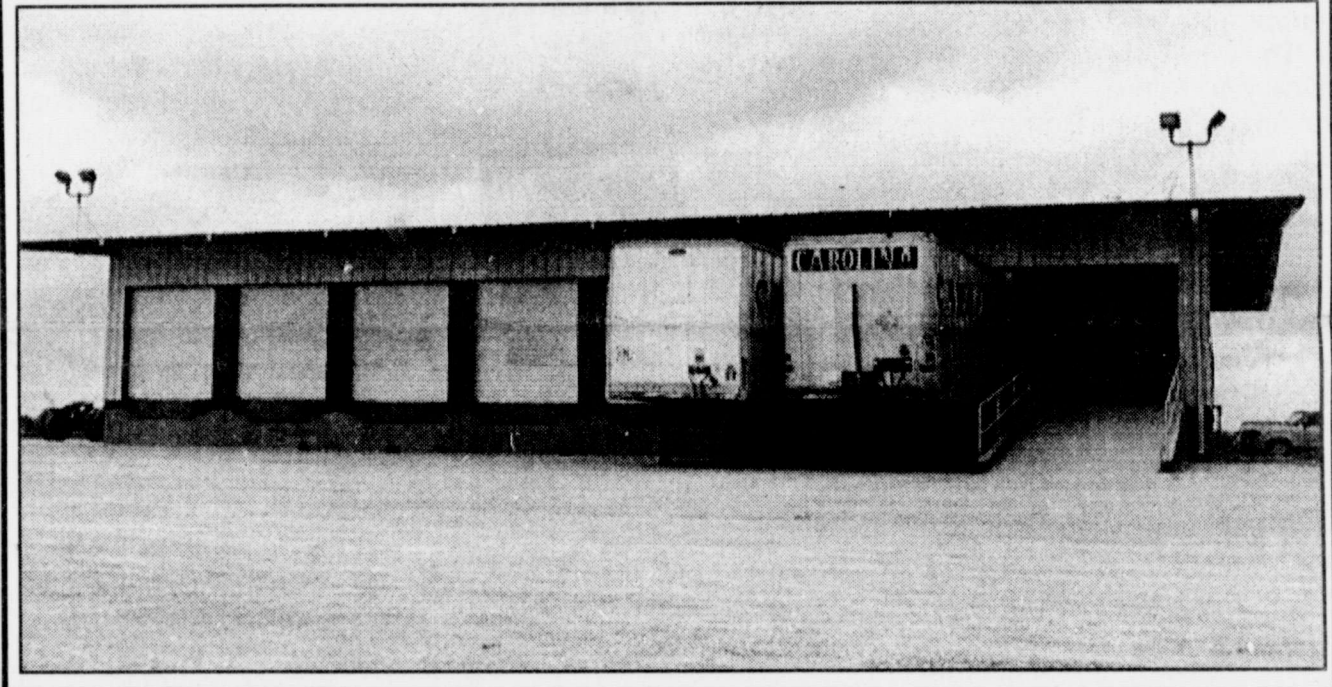
- Change in speed limit as approved.

- Thank you letter to John Cook and his staff for assistance.

- West Central Texas Council of Governments approved \$24,200 grant application to purchase a chipper. Rebecca McKown is to be congratulated for her tireless hard work in submitting all the necessary paperwork.



NEW ABF FREIGHT FACILITY, located north of Winters on the Rodeo Arena road, is now in operation. The 6,300 square foot building has twelve loading bays and a large office area. The business, headquartered out of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, combined the previous operations located in Abilene and San Angelo, and was brought to Winters as a result of efforts by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Committee. The above picture shows the west view and the lower picture shows the east view.



Winters to Ballinger phone calls can be made at no charge beginning March 28

General Telephone Exchange of San Angelo has announced that beginning March 28, 1996, GTE customers in Winters will be able to call Ballinger without a long-distance charge and without any additional monthly service charge.

Once extended calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1+" before the number when placing calls between these communities, but you must dial all seven digits for local and ELC calls.

GTE customers in Ballinger will be able to call San Angelo and Winters without a long-distance charge; however, all GTE residential customers in Ballinger will be assessed an additional \$3.50 per line charge on their monthly telephone bill. Business customers will be charged \$7.00 per line additionally.

Five Blizzards receive b-ball All-district honors

Five members of the varsity Blizzard basketball team have received all-district honors.

John Paul Belew, 6'4" senior, has been named to the first team for district 6-2A.

John Biddix and Mark Deike, both 6'2" seniors, and Kevin Conner, a 6'0" senior, have been selected to the second team.

Receiving honorable mention is Adam Cruz, a 5'8", junior.

The Blizzards are coached by Ed Henley, assisted by Chad Russell.

The charges will be listed as "Expanded Local Calling" in the tax portion of the telephone bill. More information will be provided to affected customers in their monthly telephone bill as the service becomes operational.

The implementation of this seven-digit service may require modification to some telecommunications equipment such as fax machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial long-distance numbers.

Ballinger is being billed for the Expanded Local Calling service

because that city petitioned the Public Utility Commission for such services to Winters and San Angelo.

Winters has not petitioned for service to any other town, which, according to Charles Watkins, Public Affairs Manager for GTE, must be within 50 miles of Winters.

Wingate has petitioned for service to Abilene, Bradshaw, Crews, Norton and Ballinger. Results of those petitions was unavailable at press time.

According to Watkins, a city may petition for service up to five See "Phone Calls" p.5

Winters school board begins search for new superintendent

The WISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Sunday, March 3, to evaluate applications received for the position of superintendent.

Tommy Lancaster, current WISD superintendent, will retire June 30, at the end of his term. He has been with the Winters school system since December 1, 1975.

In the meeting on March 3, the board reviewed all the applica-

tions which had been submitted by the cutoff date of March 1.

According to board president, Charles Allcorn, those applicants who are of interest to the board will be contacted by March 7 when the board meets again. If those applicants are still interested in the position, appointments will be scheduled to visit the applicants at their present schools.

After the school visits, the

WISD board will meet again to review their information and narrow the choices to three finalists.

Names of these three finalists will be published, then the board must wait three weeks before reaching a final decision, according to Allcorn, to comply with board regulations.

Allcorn said the board hopes to make a final selection by mid-April.



SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINNERS (left to right) are: Bill Hudgens, Shannon Cowan, Issac Ferro, Scott Danford, Boys Coach Jonathan Burgess, Don Sparks, Albert Grohman, Assistant Coach Cliff Leifeste, Shelley Barnes, Sammy Little, Elsie Rangel, Stephanie Brunson, Billy Bennefield, Rhonda Williams, Farrina Ramos, Carmen Rodriguez, Junior Brown, Christy Islas. Not pictured are: Girls Coach Shannon Caughron, Assistant Coach Kathy Hampton, and the games director for the area, Freda Perez. See related story on page 4.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 7-9:30-Noon, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Baseball Coaches Meeting, City Hall Chambers
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Masonic Lodge
- TAAS Test
- March 8-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., World Day of Prayer Service, First Baptist Church
- Last Day for Early Voting in Primary
- March 10-2-4 p.m., Gospel Singing, Wingate Baptist Church
- March 11-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 6 p.m., Command* Herbicide Qualification Meeting, Sweetwater
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- SPRING BREAK BEGINS
- March 12-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- Woman's Club
- Texas Stock Horse Program, Taylor County Expo, Abilene
- ELECTION DAY
- March 13-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
- Texas Stock Horse Program, Taylor County Expo, Abilene
- March 14-Noon, Triple L, First Baptist Church
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- Texas Stock Horse Program, Taylor County Expo, Abilene



OIL BUSINESS . . .

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The oil business can be a treacherous place. Just ask T. Boone Pickens.

You may remember that Mr. Pickens, as president of Mesa Petroleum, terrorized oil company executives during the early '80s by reminding them that shareholders are the reason for the company's existence in the first place. Boone Pickens made millions while raising shareholder values in the process.

But, from those lofty heights, Mr. Pickens has hit upon a bit of bad luck. He bet big on gas prices improving, but they haven't improved enough to keep Mesa in the black.

After struggling two years just to keep heads above water, Mesa has tried everything from selling properties to pushing natural gas-powered vehicles.

But, alas, selling unprofitable properties proved to be more difficult than imagined, and Mesa isn't strong enough to wait out the public for acceptance of natural gas power. Mesa and Mr. Pickens are in rough financial seas.

Someone is coming to the rescue, though. An investor who made most of his money outside of the oil patch has offered to step in with \$250 million (more or less) to take possible control of the company and get it over its current rough spot.

What a switch. T. Boone Pickens is being bought out by an investor with an eye to make a few bucks by making a company profitable again. (Well, to be fair, T. Boone isn't being bought completely out, but he is giving up control.)

These developments just go to show you. Nobody is safe from the marketplace. Betting too heavily on the losing outcome can be fatal. The rewards are big because the risk is high.

The same thing about the oil business that offers such opportunity is balanced by the impact of failure. More than any other business, a risk not well considered and too heavily favored will potentially nullify a lifetime's worth of wealth.

It makes for exciting living, but it is not for the faint hearted. Not that the risks can't be managed—they can.

There are ways to venture with safety, fortitude, and forethought. Ask countless others who have managed to hold on to their success and riches.

Some did it in baby steps and some did it in giant leaps, but all of them never took themselves too seriously nor did they let emotion override good sense.

Of course, there are those that have succumbed to nothing other than plain bad luck—so be warned.

However...nothing ventured, nothing gained.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Clear Fork has completed the Patterson #1 in the Suggs Field (8 miles SE of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 80 BOPD in the Ellenburger (perms 6620-6663). Loc. is 2581 FWL & 2570 FNL of Sec. 21, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-17.

Van Operating, Ltd. has completed the Paleface/Cottonwood #1 in the Northwest Estaban Field (4 miles N of Roscoe) at an initial rate of 75 BOPD in the Strawn Reef (perms 6696-6708). Loc. is 467 FNL & 697 FEL of Sec. 20, Blk. 23, T&PRR Sur., A-23.

Taylor County

Midland Oil & Gas has completed the Grand Canyon Jeter #1 in the Big Easy Field (6 miles E of Abilene) at an initial rate of 144 BOPD in the Palo Pinto (perms 3270-75). Loc. is 910 FEL & 1053 FNL of Sec. 58, BAL Sur., A-1240.

STAKINGS

Coleman County

Caddo Operating has staked four wells in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Trickham (Depth 1900). The Taylor Motor Company #20-AB is loc. 790 FNL & 1220 FEL of E. Votaw Sur. No. 224, A-674. The #23-E is loc. 1550 FEL & 150 FNL of same Sur. The #24-E is loc. 1250 FEL & 150 FNL of same Sur. The #25-E is loc. 950 FEL & 750 FNL of same Sur.

Concho County

Stephens & Johnson Operating has applied to plug back the Jacoby -B- #9 in the Brady Creek Field, 5 miles W of Eden (Depth 3720). Loc. is 467 FSL & 2487 FEL of Sec. 71, BS&F Sur., A-95.

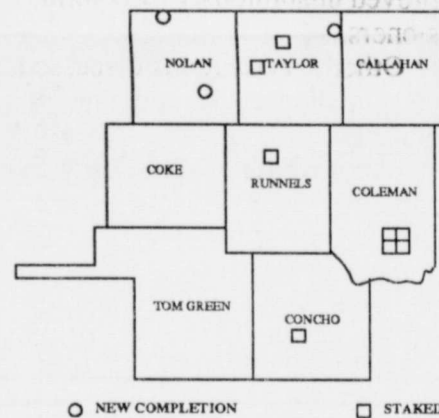
Runnels County

EWD Oil has applied to re-enter the M.L. Deike #2 in the Deike Field, 2 miles E of Wilmeth (Depth 4532). Loc. is 3322 FSWL & 467 FNWL of Blk. 19, H.L. Bays Sur. No. 444.

Taylor County

R. Guffey Oil has staked the Rawlins #1 in the View Field, 4 miles SW of View (Depth 3000). Loc. is 1005 FSL & 2388 FEL of Lot 1, Guadalupe CSL Sur. No. 144, A-76.

Kern Company has applied to re-enter the Humble #1 in the Black Field, 10 miles SW of View (Depth 4971). Loc. is 560 FNL & 660 FEL of Sec. 269, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.



NEW COMPLETION STAKED

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

March 11 thru March 15

Subject to change

Monday, March 11: Goulash, carrot salad, boiled cabbage, combread, and bread pudding.

Wednesday, March 13: Sliced turkey & dressing, cranberries, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, and pumpkin pie.

Friday, March 15: Salmon croquettes, pork & beans, beets, combread, and Jello w/whipped cream.



JOANN and TIM JACKSON are members of Trucker Pals, a nation-wide organization of truck drivers who "adopt" elementary school classes or nursing homes. JoAnn is the daughter of Faye Webb, an LVN at the Winters Senior Citizens Nursing Center. The Jacksons, based out of Minnesota, have adopted the local nursing home and try to stop by during their regular route which runs west of the Mississippi River. They bring souvenirs and mail postcards to the nursing home residents.

Public Library needs donations to upgrade computer

The Board of the Winters Public Library has voted to participate in a fundraising project to upgrade their computer and to purchase C.D. ROMs for certain reference materials such as encyclopedia, dictionary, thesaurus, and atlas. Depending on the amount of money collected, also added may be a Bible study guide, home repair guide, health guide, or trip planner.

C.D.s would have indexes; you simply point and click. Read the screen and if it is the information you want, point and click again. In seconds, you would have a copy of the information you want.

John's International has graciously donated a pickup tool box to be given to some lucky contributor. This tool box is now located in the north front window of the Winters Public Library.

Contributions may be made to the Winters Public Library, 120 North Main St., Winters, Texas 79567. A \$1 donation enters your name for a chance at the tool box.

The date of the drawing will be announced at a later time.

McGregor, Connor honored by State Bar of Texas

John Webster McGregor of Ballinger and Geoffrey Scott Connor of Austin, formerly of Winters, were among 3,730 attorneys recognized by the College of the State Bar of Texas as certified members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on January 27. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than 8 percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

The College was created by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a consecutive three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete 30 hours of CLE each year.

The guest speaker for the awards luncheon was Ronald Kessler, an Austin attorney, Robert L. Meyers III of Dallas, Chair of the Board of the College of the State Bar of Texas, presided over the ceremony.

Obituaries

Lorene Moreland

WINTERS—Lorene Moreland, 87, died Tuesday, February 27, 1996, in a Ballinger nursing home.

She was born on April 4, 1908, in Crews and married D.L. Moreland on March 22, 1926, in Winters. They lived in Arkansas and Texas, returning to Texas in 1945 and living in Winters since 1958.

Mrs. Moreland was a salesclerk and a member of First Baptist Church and Bethany Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, D.L. Moreland, in 1977. Survivors include one son, Jack Moreland of El Paso; three daughters, Dean Robinson of Winters, Dorothy Dunnam of Odessa, and Pat Ambrose of Winters; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rodney Dunnam, Louis Dunnam, Ricky Robinson, Tommy Ambrose, Philip Ambrose, Louis Ray Dunnam, Blade Van Stavem, and Dustin Robinson.

Martha Dianne Valdez

WAXAHACHIE—Martha Dianne Valdez, 36, died Tuesday, February 27, 1996, at Baylor Medical Center.

She was born on February 20, 1960, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Valdez worked as a cashier for a food service chain and was a Catholic.

Survivors include one son, Junior Ortiz of Ballinger; her mother, Janie Nixon of Ballinger; two brothers, Pat Salas of Coleman and Tommy Salas of San Angelo; and three sisters, Lisa Wood of Killeen, and Laura Nixon and Jennifer Nixon, both of Ballinger.

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, at Rains-Seale Chapel. Funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Burial was in the Latin-American Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Julian V. Jaramillo

BALLINGER—Julian V. Jaramillo, 79, died at 4:28 a.m. Sunday, March 3, 1996, at a San Angelo hospital.

He was born on February 12, 1917, in Devine, Texas.

Mr. Jaramillo was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. He was retired from Wright Feed and Seed in Ballinger and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include one son, Conrad Jaramillo of Ballinger; three granddaughters, Leslie, Judy, and Kassia Jaramillo, all of Ballinger; one great-grandson, Lawrence Jaramillo of Ballinger; and a brother, Ben Jaramillo of San Antonio.

Rosary was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at the Rains-Seale Chapel. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Burial was in the Latin-American Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family of Lorene Moreland wishes to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the many calls, visits, cards, and food during our time of sorrow. You were all so kind and gracious.

Dean Robinson
Pat and Tom Ambrose
Jan and Jerry Sims

Card of Thanks

The family of Oneta Williams would like to express their thanks, gratitude and appreciation to all their friends and family at this time of sorrow.

A special thanks to Winters Hospital, Dr. Biddix, Winters Funeral Home and to those who showed love and support with food, cards and visits.

For a beautiful service, a special thanks to Dr. Jeff May, Dr. Ed Otwell and the Methodist Church. Mother is not with us any longer, but she will never be forgotten and will be in our hearts and minds forever.

Thank You,
Sincerely from our hearts,
Dwayne & Gail Williams
Lavera & Paul Sharp
Judy & Don Parker & Family

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News by Billie Ruth Bishop

We had a busy week last week. The 6th graders entertained us Wednesday morning with a few songs. We are always looking forward to the school kids visits.

On Thursday of last week, Nina Hale and Mary Stanfield visited us and told of their travels to Australia. This was very interesting to everybody, but especially to Curtis Morrison. He had been stationed there during his days of service in World War II. Our thanks to these ladies for an interesting program.

On Friday, we celebrated National Pig Day with a hog calling contest. We have some very talented "hog callers."

This week we are working on crafts. Our project will be decorating blue jean pockets and making wall hangings with them.

Mrs. Corra Petrie is in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after falling and breaking her hip. We pray for a quick recovery for her. We miss her from our midst.

Notice

the office of

Dr. Tommy L. Russell, DDS

will be closed

March 11th thru March 15th

Dr. Russell will be attending Continuing Education Courses.

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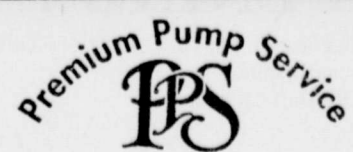
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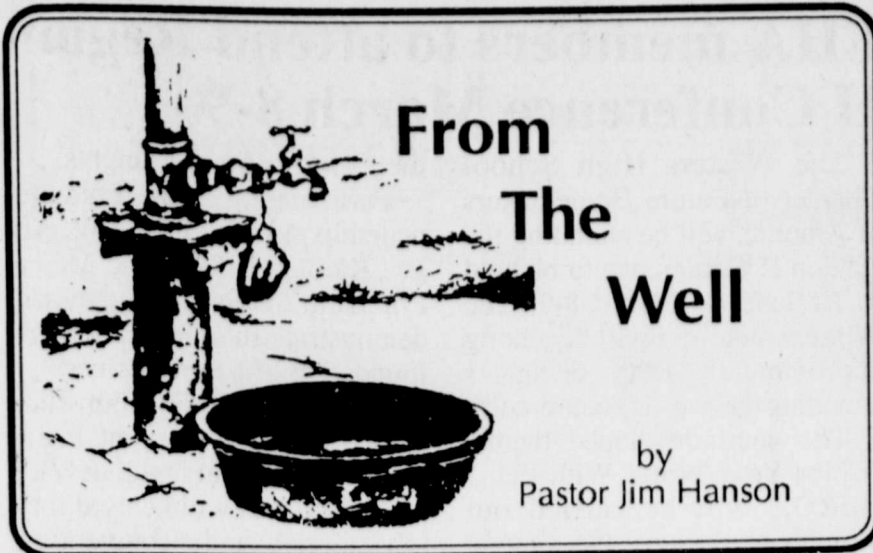
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From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

"Thanks." That's what my grandson said when I commended him. He had been selected "Student of the Week in Science" in his grade at school. Of course I was proud of him. And so I congratulated him. I told him, "Ezekiel, you are a fine young man, and you are doing so well at school." I think he was a little bit embarrassed. But, he looked me right in the eye and said, "Thanks."

I don't know for sure how it made him feel. I do know how it made me feel when he said, "Thanks." I felt a warmth flood my soul. My body, too. There's something good that happens to us when we hear "Thanks" coming at us. It is a divine word, to be sure. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever." I'm sure that when He hears me say it, He feels good.

And, for sure, I know that I feel good when I say it to Him. Or, anyone else as far as that goes. I'm quite certain that Ezekiel felt good, too. Thanks, saying "Thanks" is good for our souls. Hans Selye is a pioneer in studying stress and its effects on our physical health. He has noted that the two emotions most detrimental to health are vengeance and bitterness. On the other hand the most nourishing emotion is the attitude of gratitude. It is good for us to say "Thanks." It is good for our soul.

This was really brought home to me when one of our parishioners shared with me a poem that her daughter had copied and framed together with a picture of her father as a memorial to him. The poem reminded her of her dad. It's taken from a recording by Jimmy Dean, and the title is "Drinking From My Saucer". It goes like this:

"I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow
And as I go along life's journey, I'm reaping better than I sow
And I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

Don't have a lot of riches and sometimes the goin's tough
But I got three kids that love me, that makes me rich enough.
I just thank God for His blessings and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

Oh, I remember when things went wrong and my faith got a little bit thin,

But then all at once the dark clouds broke and that old sun peeled through again.

So, Lord, help me not to gripe about the rough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed,

And if God gives me strength and courage when the way goes steep and rough,

I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy to help another bear his load,
Then I'll keep on drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

Like the 23rd Psalm, "My cup runneth over." Thank God for the saucer. Thank God that we can give thanks.



Fran and Dale Gray now own and operate video store on Tinkle

Fran Gray and son, Dale, are new owners and operators of Gray's Video, located at 200 Tinkle Street in Winters. The Grays purchased the video shop February 15, 1996, from Mary "Corky" Corcoran who accepted employment in Dallas.

Hours of operation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, noon to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays.

According to Ms. Gray, no immediate change in services will be made. Video entertainment offered includes comedy, romance, thriller, action, Spanish, and children's movies, as well as many Nintendo, Genesis, and Sega games. Movies rent from 99¢ to \$3.00 for new releases. Games are \$2.50-\$3.00. Rentals are due by 6 p.m. the following day, with the exception of Saturday rentals which are due on the following Monday. "We only charge for one day rentals on Saturdays" said Dale. "Many stores charge for two days, both Saturday and Sunday, especially for games." VCRs (video cassette recorders) are also available for rent at \$5.00 per day. In-store specials may soon be

offered, but for now the Grays are concerned with customer satisfaction. "We want to be able to have what our customers want," Fran stated. Current new movie releases include "Pocahontas," "A Walk in the Clouds," and "Copy Cat." New game releases include Genesis' "Top Gear II" and "Super Baseball" and Super Nintendo's "Stunt Race" and "Wild Guns."

Fran has resided in Winters since 1961, and was previously employed by Gerber Childrenswear Inc. in Ballinger. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing.

Dale is a Winters native who graduated from Winters High School in 1986. He worked for Charles Bahlman Chevrolet prior to acquiring his own mechanic shop. Dale's Automotive, also on Tinkle Street and across from the video store, services and repairs any vehicle. Drag racing is this single man's hobby.

You are invited to come in and browse through the classics, the oldies but goodies, and the new releases. For reservations, call 754-4984.

Blayne Bell in concert at St. John's Lutheran Church on March 17

Blayne Bell of Forever Hymn Ministries will present a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sunday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. The program will consist primarily of Southern Gospel and Contemporary Christian music.

His hero is Darla Moore. Although paralyzed from her neck down, Darla could sing and she did not hold back from pointing that out to young Blayne Bell. He thought he could sneak by with lip-singing in the high school talent show. "Oh, no" she said, "You are going to SING." And sing he did — to a crowd of over a thousand high school youth. Their applause proved to him that he was born to be a singer. Since that time, Blayne has been serving the Lord Jesus Christ through music, primarily in church concerts.

He has opened for Waylon



Jennings, Johnny Cash, and twice for The James Blackwood Quartet. At the present time, he is a student at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be received for Blayne and his ministry. The public is invited.

County to assist in building soccer field at BHS Sports Complex

A request for help from the county on preparing a new soccer field at the sports complex near Ballinger High School was approved by Runnels County Commissioners at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at the courthouse.

David Cowart, Tom Sykes, and Byron Bauerlein, representing the Ballinger Area Soccer Association, requested the county furnish a road grader to help spread topsoil which had been stockpiled for use in building the new field. Cowart told commissioners the field would be used for the under 12 and under 14 soccer players who had been having to go to San Angelo to play. Children from all over the county would benefit from the use of the field, Cowart told the group.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless told the group he had equipment and manpower which could be used the following day. Following a motion and second, the use of the equipment was approved unanimously by commissioners.

Other agenda items discussed and handled at the meeting included:

• Approved a prisoner custody agreement with the State. Sheriff Bill Baird explained the agreement would allow for the housing of parole violators picked up in the county in a state jail in San

Antonio. The county would only be responsible for transportation.

• Approved the renewal of the cooperative working agreement with the Texas Narcotics Control Program, Abilene Task Force for the period June 1, 1996, to May 30, 1997.

• Approved a lease agreement with Joyce, Lanny, and Charles Bahlman for the office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation located in Winters. The agreement provides for a \$200 per month lease payment by the county.

• Approved the issuance of bonds by the West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation.

• Brought from the table and rejected all bids on maintainers for Precinct 4.

• Commissioner Skipper Wheelless reported from Texas Association of Counties that three things of interest would likely come up in this term of the state legislature: a push for term limits on elected officials, consolidation of some city and county governments, and the abolition of some elected offices.

County Judge Marilyn Egan reported to commissioners that criminal fines and costs levied and collected for the month of January totaled \$11,782. For the period February 1 to 19, the total was \$15,313.43.

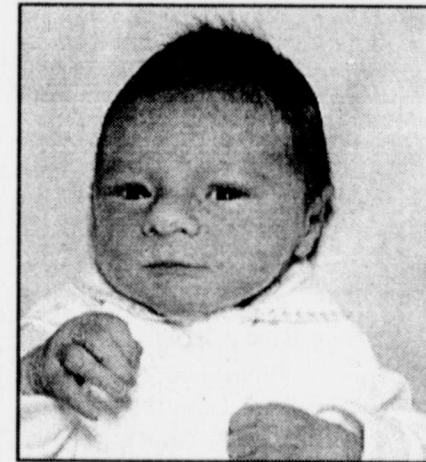
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Edward James Rocha Jr.

Aaron and Stephanie Reyna are proud to announce the arrival of their cousin, Edward James Rocha Jr., born on Friday, February 16, 1996, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. Baby Ed weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Proud parents are Stacy and Edward Rocha of Belle Chase, Louisiana.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Lillian Kent of Louisiana. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Ann De La Rosa of Winters. Welcome Baby Ed!



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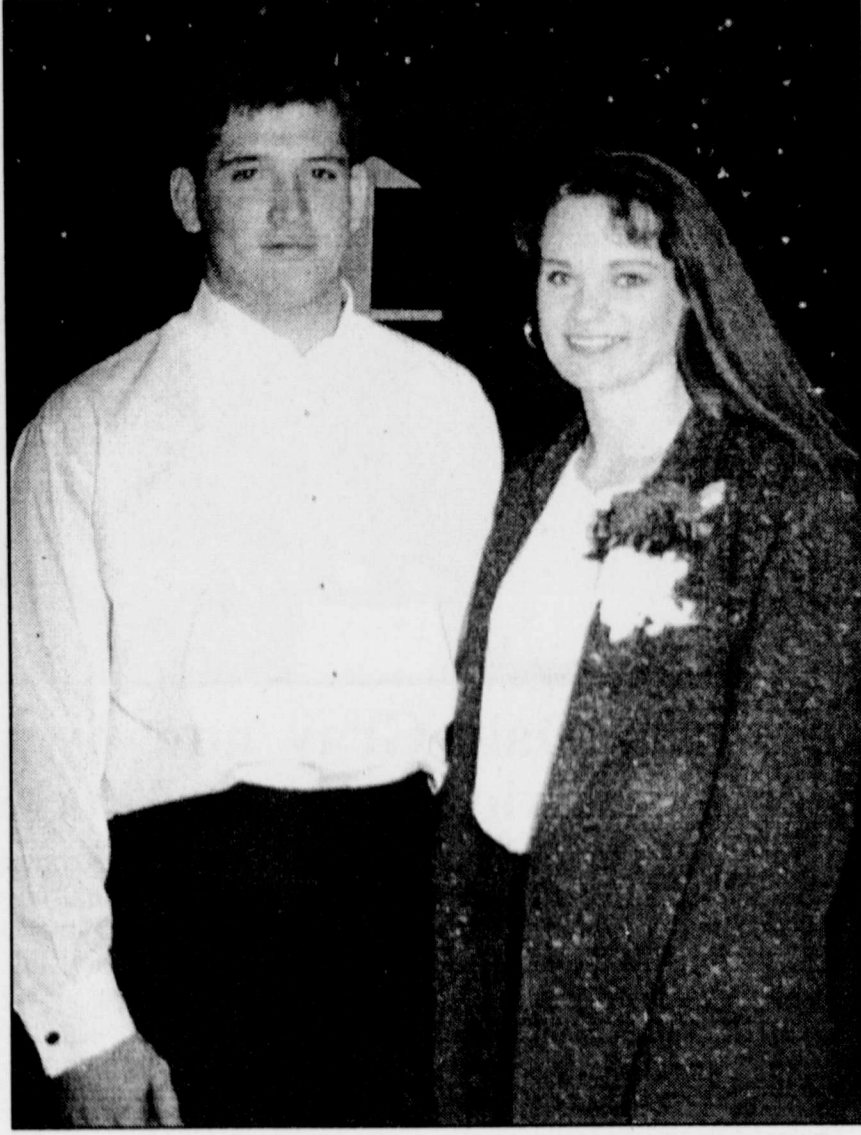
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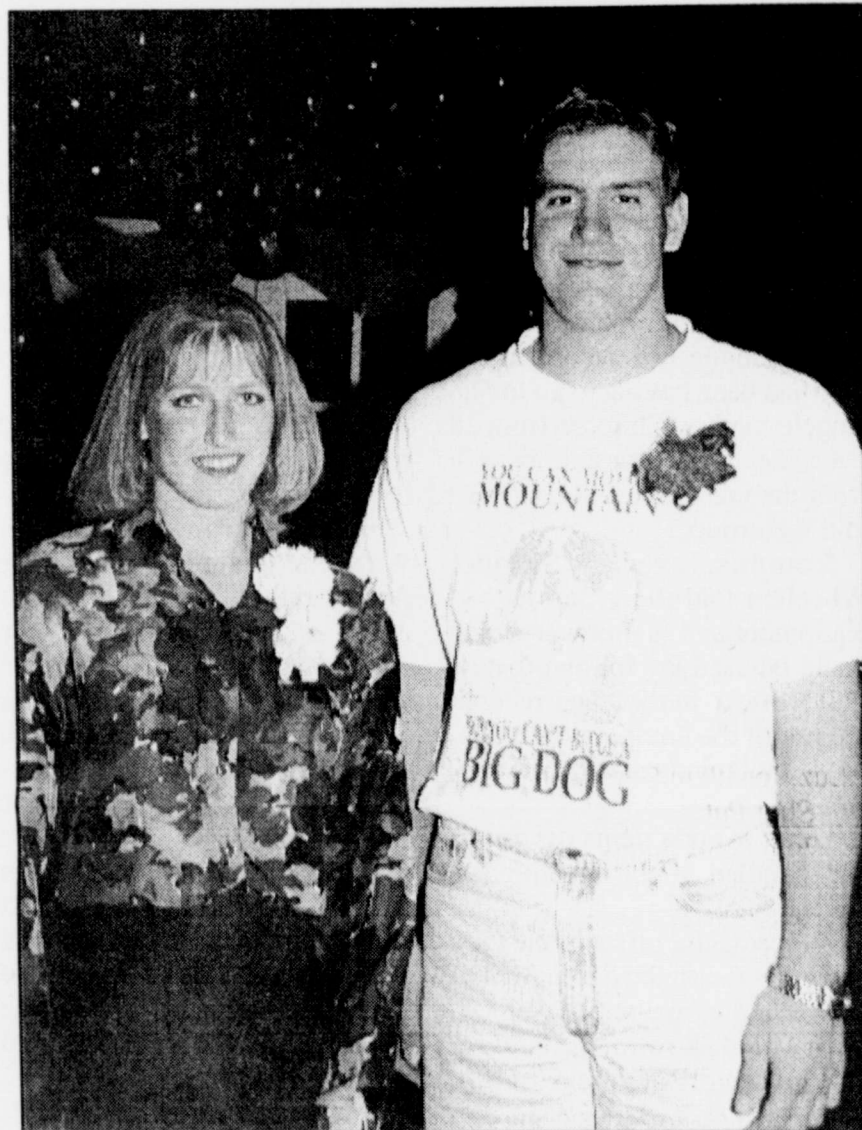
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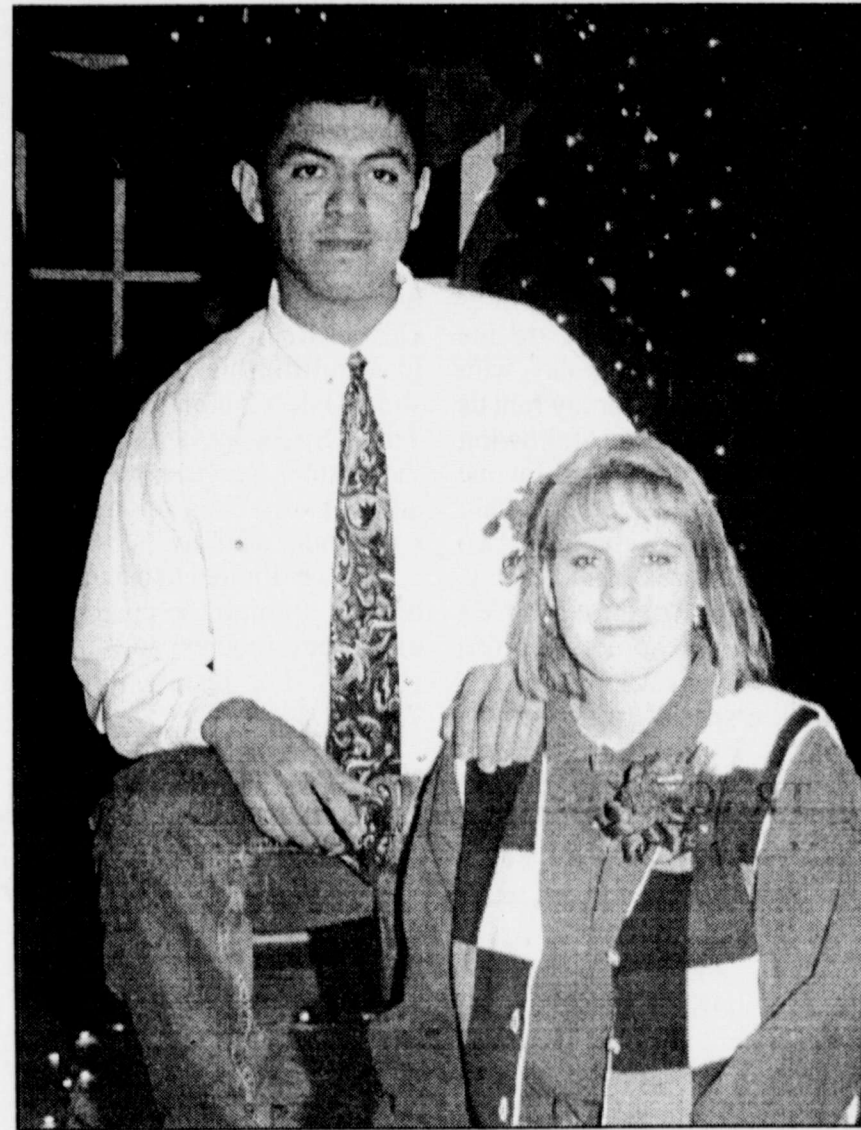
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FHA members to attend Region II Conference March 8-9

The Winters High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will be attending the Region II Conference to be held in Abilene on March 8-9. The Winters members will be among approximately 1,000 delegates attending the two-day conference.

The youth-developed theme, "Color Your World With FHA/HERO," will be carried out through workshops and general sessions where members will discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Issues that will be addressed at the meeting will be: Gang Violence, Depression, Dating in the 90's, Personality Traits, Self-Esteem, and Family Communications.

STAR events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at the regional meeting. These events will allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Also the new officer team for 1996-1997 will be elected to lead

the region to greater heights.

Participating in the Entrepreneurship event will be J.W. Angel, Karolen Biddix, and Marcie Pritchard. In this event, they will demonstrate the organization and foundation of a new business.

Brandi Gray will be competing in the Job Interview event. In this competition, Brandi will develop a portfolio that will be used for a job interview at the competition.

Robyn Parramore will be running for a regional office for the 1996-1997 school year.

Serving as ushers during the conference will be Stephen Garza and Jeremy Alvarado.

Gayla Clough will serve as the voting delegate.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus, and is considered the "best kept secret." Many people have the opinion that home economics is only cooking and sewing, but, in fact, the leadership and life skills gained can and will be beneficial for many years to come.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS Youth Basketball SCHEDULE

DATE	GROUP	TIME	LOCATION
March 18	K-2nd	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3rd & 4th	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5th & 6th		Old Gym
March 26	K-2nd	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3rd & 4th	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5th & 6th		Old Gym
April 1	K-2nd	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3rd & 4th	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5th & 6th		Old Gym
April 6	K-2nd	9:00 a.m.-noon	Activity Bldg.
	3rd & 4th		
	5th & 6th		

Spring Break March 11-15

Classes of Winters Independent School District will dismiss at their regularly scheduled time Friday, March 8, for Spring Break. Spring Break will be Monday through Friday, March 11-15. No classes will be conducted during this week.

School resumes Monday morning, March 18.

Enjoy your vacation and drive carefully if traveling.

Baseball coaches to meet Thursday

Winters Area Baseball Association has scheduled a coaches meeting Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers for those interested in coaching.

Ski Lisewski, District 4 Little League director, will be available for any questions you may have. He will also give an update on new rules.

For more information, contact Mary Lynn Presley, girls president, at 754-5144; Michael Minzenmayer, boys president, at 754-5094; or Dawn Green, secretary, at 754-4430.

March 15 deadline to nominate school for successful anti-drug program award

Associated Texans Against Crime (ATAC) will present its annual Texas Anti-Drug Education Award to five Texas public schools or school districts who have the state's most successful anti-drug programs. ATAC has already notified superintendents statewide asking for their nominations, but is also accepting information from others who want to nominate the school of their choice.

Each award includes a certificate of appreciation along with a \$1,000 award designated to fund future student anti-drug activities. ATAC representatives will visit the campus of each recipient to present the prize.

Anyone who wishes to nominate a school or school district may do so by contacting ATAC at 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 3500, Dallas, Texas 75201. Please include the school name, grade levels, and a description of how the program is helping students stay away from the dangers of illegal drugs. All entries must be returned

to ATAC by March 15, 1996, and the winners will be notified on March 22, 1996.

Associated Texans Against Crime (ATAC) is a statewide public policy organization established in 1984 to study the Texas Criminal Justice System. ATAC makes recommendations to improve the system, and is committed to increasing public awareness and involvement in criminal justice issues. ATAC is concerned with all aspects of the criminal justice system including juvenile justice reform, parole policies, crime prevention, drug and alcohol programs, and victims rights.

The 1995 Texas Anti-Drug Education Award winners were Abilene Independent School District, Diboll Junior High School, Longview Independent School District, Northside Independent School District, and Odessa Independent School District.

For additional information or questions, please contact Trish Robinson at (214) 855-1990.

Runnels County Reds win Special Olympics Tournaments

The Runnels County Lady Reds Special Olympics basketball team brought home the first place trophy in the female division of the Area 14 tournament held Saturday, March 2, at Ballinger High School.

In the male division II, the Runnels County Reds finished second to the San Angelo Wildcats I team.

A total of seven teams competed in the tournament with 30 athletes participating in the individual skills competition. Teams came from Abilene, Big Spring,

San Angelo and Runnels County.

Winters High School Principal Charles Kidwell was Master of Ceremonies. Paul Boggess, Ballinger Chief of Police, gave the official welcome; Susan Comper, Area 14 Director, led the athletes in the Special Olympics oath.

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Ballinger, Co-op for Special Services, and many individual volunteers were contributors to the area tournament.

On Saturday, February 24, the Reds teams competed in the Area 11 tournament in Arlington. The men's team defeated teams from Fort Worth and Arlington and brought home the championship trophy.

The Lady Reds came in second in their division and Bill Hudgens competed in the individual skills and brought home a gold medal from that tournament.

4TH SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

THIRD GRADE

A
Jacob Bridgeman
Scott Bryan
Rachel Davis
Megan Felty
Shyla Garza
Amber Green
Peter Griffin
Kathryn Hatler
Laura Jackson
Jeremy Mendoza
Marc Paschal
Cody Pritchard
Amanda Ripple
Alecia Sudduth
Kaylee Walker
Katy Wilkerson

A-B
Amber Blacklock
Aaron Cook
Deena Drake
Adam Escalona
Esmiralda Espino
Kendra Esquivel
Mario Esquivel
Adrian Hernandez
Claudia Llanas
Angelita Moreno
Christina Perrie
Amy Reyes
Brenda Rodriguez
Lydia Sanchez

B
Adam Fine
Max Harrison

FOURTH GRADE

A
Will Ahrens
John Heathcott
Joe Jackson
Briana Parramore
Rebekah Sartor
Maegan Schwartz
Kari Walker

A-B

Danielle Clark
P.J. Delacruz
Stacy Delacruz
Timothy Fenwick
Jennifer Hagle
Chance Hogan
Suzanne Jones
Jeremy Jordan
Justin Laird
Eric Lopez
Hope Ontiveros
Cecilia Ovalles
Tayna Price
Jessica Pritchard
Arturo Reyna
Raquel Rios
Basilio Rocha
Jessica Rodriguez
Michael Roman
Francisco Santos
Benjie Valles
Chad Walters

FIFTH GRADE

A

Jena Bahlman
Shane Colburn
Stefanie Davis
Lincoln Edwards
Deanna Goff
Lauren Hogan
Brandon Ripple
Stacey Sneed

A-B

Jared Airhart
Leah Bredemeyer
Allison Calcote
Dana Clough
Michelle Dexter
Amy Esquivel
Veronica Flores
Aaron Gann
Leslye Geistmann
Jacob Goetz
Kayla Hagle
Kemari Hale

A-B

Kirby Hatler
Rusty Jackson
Justin Lange
Josh Leverett
Heather Martin
Lacey Meyer
Matthew Meyer
Amy Patterson
Brian Pritchard
Lydia Rocha
Raquel Sanchez
Guy Slimp
Jose Vega
Stacey Walden
Laci Walker
Stephanie Wilkerson
Willie Wimberly
Justin Young

B

Carissa Bailey

SIXTH GRADE

A

Scarlett McMinn
Wade Parramore
Kelly Walker

A-B

Juanita Armendariz
Staci Bishop
Michelle Burton
Manuel DelReal
Megan Galvan-Nitsch
Travis Grohman
Jeremy Hope
Chris Hoppe
Georgetta Horton
Joey Joeris
Cassandra Johnson
Justin Jones
Kalene Lincycomb
Marie Llanas
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Baseball Scoreboard

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 23, 1996—Stamford
Opponent: Stamford
Winning pitcher: Todd Wellington
Winning Catcher: Todd Strand
Losing pitcher: Mark Deike
Losing catcher: Luke Wyatt
Key plays: HR 3-Stam. 2B Bear Nitsch.
 Luke Wyatt

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7	11	0
OPPONENT	11	12	3

Coach's comments: We left 14 runners on base and the bases loaded 3 times. We just did not hit the ball when we had to.

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 27, 1996—Eldorado
Opponent: Eldorado
Winning pitcher: Jerry Esquivel
Winning Catcher: Luke Wyatt
Losing pitcher:
Losing catcher:
Key plays: HR 2B 3B

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	7	5
OPPONENT	4	0	4

Coach's comments: Mark Deike started on the mound and did a good job. He was relieved in the third by Jerry Esquivel who shut the Eagles down. They combined for a one hitter. Aaron Calcote was 3 for 3 at the plate. Luke Wyatt was 2 for 3.

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 March 1, 1996—Stamford
Opponent: Hamlin
Winning pitcher: C. Shira
Winning Catcher: D. Moore
Losing pitcher: Mark Deike
Losing catcher: Luke Wyatt
Key plays: 2B Bear Nitsch

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	1	7	4
OPPONENT	5	4	0

Coach's comments: We played very well for five innings. Mark pitched very well, striking out 9 in four innings and giving up only 1 hit.

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 March 2, 1996—Merkel Tournament
Opponent: Jim Ned
Winning pitcher: Jerry Esquivel
Winning catcher: Luke Wyatt
Losing pitcher: Billy Herron
Losing catcher: Isenberg
Key plays: 2B John Biddix

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	14	9	2
OPPONENT	4	5	15

Coach's comments: We hit the ball well and played well defensively. Our pitching has been getting better each time we go out.

1996 Varsity Softball



Back, left to right:
Coach Beth Wortham
Jr. Tina Sherman
Soph. Vanessa Luna
Jr. Cristi Burton
Jr. Raquel Luz
Soph. Jennifer Davis
Coach Chris Wilde

Front:
Jr. Michelle Castillo
Soph. Nikki Cruz
Soph. Ericka Martinez
Soph. Jessica Medina
Soph. Joelda Ovalles
Not Pictured:
Soph. Rosie Rocha
Soph. Amy Heathcott

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 26, 1996—Early
Opponent: Early J.V.
Winning pitcher: Eddie Rodriguez
Losing pitcher: Franklin
Key plays: 3B Abe Vasquez

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	9	5	2
OPPONENT	4	4	3

Coach's comments: Eddie Rodriguez 2-3, 3 RBIs. After a busy weekend at the Hawley Tournament, our pitching staff was pretty tired. Jeremy Alvarado and Eddie Rodriguez teamed up to pitch us past Early.

"Phone Calls" cont.
 cities at the \$3.50 per line charge. A charge of \$1.50 per additional town over the five city limit is assessed for cities requesting service to six or more towns. After a city has petitioned for extended local calling, ballots are sent to all telephone service area customers. At least 70 per cent of those voting must approve the resolution for the ELC to be considered by the Public Utility Commission. After approval by the PUC, 6-9 months is needed to implement the new service.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
 March 4, 1996—Winters
Opponent: Stamford J.V.
Winning pitcher: Abe Vasquez
Losing pitcher: Michael Pritchard
Key plays: HR Justin Minzenmayer
 2B Jeremy Alvarado 3B Abe Vasquez

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	8	7	4
OPPONENT	5	6	8

Coach's comments: Jeremy Alvarado 3-4 who pitched 4 strong innings, striking out 7. Abe Vasquez relieved and was the winning pitcher, but needed help from Michael Pritchard who pitched the last inning and 2/3 for the save. Team record: 5-3.

UPCOMING TRACK MEETS

March 9—Eldorado, 9 a.m. Field Events, 11:30 a.m. Running Events, VB, VG, JVB, JVG

VB-Varsity Boys VG-Varsity Girls
 JVB-Junior Varsity Boys
 JVG-Junior Varsity Girls

High School Track Team fell only 4 points shy of 1st place at Bangs

Coach Butts was pleased with the first meet of the '96 season, "We feel like the team has worked very hard and ran well at Bangs".

He would like to thank Coach Byrd (7th grade), Coach Russell (8th grade and varsity sprinters), Coach Wilde (distance coach), and Coach Lipsey (Assistant track coach) for their help in making the start of this track season a success.

At this meet the Junior Varsity also ran in the Varsity division and did well considering the level of competition.

Team standings:
 1. Bangs 135
 2. Winters 131
 3. Goldthwaite 120
Individual scoring follows:
3200 M Run
 Jonathan Cobb, 1st, 11:31.99
 Joe Luevano, 2nd, 11:32.42
400 M Relay
 Jace Wade, John Paul Belew, Jonathan Gann, Eric Bernal, 1st, 45.11

800 M Run
 Ricky Luz, 5th, 2:19.38
110 M High Hurdles
 Eric Joeris, 6th, 18.89
400 M Dash
 Jonathan Gann, 1st, 53.60
 Eric Bernal, 3rd, 54.84
 Jace Wade, 4th, 55.22
300 M Inter. Hurdles
 Jeremy Alvarado J.V., 6th, 49.70
1600 M Run
 Jonathan Cobb, 2nd, 5:18.86
 Joe Luevano, 4th, 5:23.88
1600 M Relay
 Eric Bernal, Jace Wade, Ricky Luz, Jonathan Gann, 1st, 3:37.80
Shot Put
 John Paul Belew, 1st, 49'7"
 Kevin Conner, 2nd, 46'11 1/4"
 Bear Nitsch, 3rd, 46'4 1/4"
 Michael Prewit J.V., 5th, 41'10 3/4"
Discus
 Kevin Conner, 2nd, 131'3"
 John Paul Belew, 3rd, 129'3"
 Michael Prewit J.V., 5th, 116'10"

1995-96 SEASON INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS

	Rebounds	Steals	Assists	Points	Games	Ave.
John Belew	190	117	59	329	19	17.3
John Biddix	74	109	144	245	19	12.8
Dennis Conner	32	8	4	22	10	2.2
Kevin Conner	159	121	56	244	19	12.8
Adam Cruz	28	55	49	96	19	5.1
Mark Deike	104	95	86	89	19	4.7
Josh Grohman	22	7	3	21	18	1.3
Michael Mostad	21	10	11	38	19	2.0
Chris Soto	21	15	15	30	18	1.7
Kenny Whittenburg	13	7	6	24	12	2.0

Coach Ed Henley gives a special thanks to Greg Evans who compiled these very important stats used in determining strengths and weaknesses of teams that Winters played.

Local teacher attends TCTA Convention

Winters ISD Educator Marthiel Russell was among 600 teachers from across the state who gathered in Dallas Feb. 23-24 for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association 1996 Annual Convention.

The local teacher is president of Winters Classroom Teachers, a TCTA local affiliate. She was selected on the local level to represent the CTA as a statewide convention delegate. In that capacity she helped to develop TCTA's legislative priorities for the 1997 session and elected statewide 1996-97 Association officers. The delegate also attended education seminars on such topics as Capitalizing on Cultural Diversity; Sex, Religion, and Parental Rights in the Classroom; and Student Discipline: Options and Implications.

Support your Band Booster Club

Play Ball '96

March 8—Brady, There, 7 p.m., VB
 March 8—Jim Ned*, Tuscola, 4:30 p.m., VG
 March 9—Clyde Tourn., There, TBA, VG
 March 14—Ballinger, Here, 1 p.m., VB
 March 14—Ballinger, Here, 1 p.m., JVB

VB-Varsity Boys VG-Varsity Girls
 JVB-Junior Varsity Boys
 *Denotes District Games

7th grade boys open track season with victory

The Winters Breezes 7th grade boys captured first place with 98 points at their first track meet of the season at Wall on Friday, March 1. Other participants were from Wall, Eldorado, Ballinger, Brady, Grape Creek, Forsan, and Christoval.

Individual scoring follows:
400M Relay
 Josh Minzenmayer, Colby Walker, Aaron Pritchard, and Louis Llanas; 5th

800M Run
 Tony Agüero, 3rd
110M High Hurdles
 Chris Yanez, 1st
100M Dash
 Louis Llanas, 6th
1600M Relay
 Tony Agüero, Aaron Pritchard, Louis Llanas, and Chris Yanez; 2nd

High Jump
 Colby Walker, 1st
 Gabriel Hernandez, 6th
Triple Jump
 Colby Walker, 1st
 Aaron Pritchard, 2nd
 Chris Yanez, 5th
Shot Put
 Josh Minzenmayer, 1st
 Samson Jackson, 2nd
 Andrew Medina, 4th
Discus
 Samson Jackson, 2nd.

Girl Scout troops to celebrate 84th birthday in worldly fashion

Girl Scouting celebrates its 84th birthday March 12, 1996. In honor of this celebration, Girl Scout Week will be observed nationwide March 10-16.

With school spring break coinciding, Winters troop leaders elected to plan a "World Day of Friendship" celebration for this honor on Thursday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m. tentatively at the Scout Hut.

The theme will be "Arts and Crafts From Around the World." Each group of girls will design, show, and give instructions on various activities and trades from a selected country.

Please accept this open invitation to attend. The short program proves to be very informative.... and fun!

How does
 $3/8/79 + 3/8/96 = 12 ?$



"She" knows!

Happy 17th Birthday, Sweetie!

Love you very much,
 Mom & Dad

Identity of birthday girl #1 is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE CUIDAD)

To the Registered Voters of Winters, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Winters Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4, 1996, for voting in a City election, to elect three Alderpersons.
 (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo de 1996 para votar en la Eleccion para electar tres Regidor.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
 Winters Elementary School Library, 702 N. Heights, Winters, Texas
 (Biblioteca Escolar Elemental de Winters, 702 N. Heights, Winters, Texas)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
 (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevard a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
 Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas
 (Municipalidad, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas)
 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 15, 1996
 (entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el 15 de abril, 1996)
 and ending on Tuesday, April 30, 1996.
 (y terminando el martes 30 de abril, 1996.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votardn en ausencia por correo deberdn enlarse a:)

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 (Nombre del secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)

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 (Address) (Direccion)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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Issued this the 5th day of March, 1996.
 (Emitada esta dia 5 de marzo, 1996.)

Nawson McRuff
 Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Poe's Corner

by *Charlsie Poe*



Cool Water

Part 2 of 2

As soon as possible, I went by the old home place. The people who owned it had let it run down. It needed painting and repair. I was glad Mom and Pop couldn't see it.

The two-room house where James and his grandparents lived looked great! Freshly painted and the tin roof replaced with shingles. I stopped, cut off the engine, and got out. Then I noticed the black man sitting in a chair, under the shade tree.

Looking at him, I shouted, "Is that you, James?"

He got up from his chair, as he started toward me, a big grin came on his face, "Can that be you, Charlie?"

We ran to each other and locked arms like long lost brothers. When we could talk, words came tumbling and fell over each other.

His wife, Lucille, came to the door to see what the commotion was. She smiled and went back into the house.

"James, how did we lose track after being such good friends?"

He thought awhile, "The world done it, Charlie. Most folks got to thinkin' only about theyselves. Frens from the pas', seems like they jus' fades away."

I put my hand on his shoulder. We looked at each other and smiled. After all these years, our friendship had survived.

"Yo' gran' mama lef' this place to me and Lucille."

"I'm glad James."

We walked to the backyard where we sat on a bench under the big mulberry tree, in what had been Mom and Pop's yard. Nearby was the cistem built by Pop nearly eighty years ago.

James went to the cistem and drew a fresh bucket of water. He filled the dipper and held it out to me.

"You go ahead, James."

After he finished drinking, he filled the dipper. Again and gave it to me. As I drank, I remembered just how cool the water is, and good!

When I finished, I looked at James. He looked at me. We started laughing and did a little dance.

"James, you and I are fifty years ahead of the times. We've been drinking out of the same dipper since we were ten-years-old, just because the societies of the world try to change us, we don't have to give in to them."

World Day of Prayer program at First Baptist on March 8

The First Baptist Church of Winters will host a program and prayer service on Friday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with World Day of Prayer.

This special service is non-denominational and everyone is invited to attend.

March 4, 1996

Dear Friends,

I am leaving for my second chemo treatment at M.D. Anderson and want to thank you for all your prayers. God has a special place in His heart for cancer patients. He is always with me, showing me so much love and strength.

Helen Keller said "Self pity is our greatest enemy." So true! I never feel sorry for myself because I have had a fantastic life. I have had everything I could have ever wanted — great husband, fabulous children and fun, fun, fun!

God is so good. This cancer thing is more of an adventure than Peter Rabbit. M.D. Anderson reminds me of heaven — I love it!

By the end of March, we will have a report on whether or not this particular chemo is shrinking my tumors. Then we find out which direction we go, bone marrow transplant or a different chemo.

Whatever happens, dear friends, know that Jesus Christ is taking good care of this happy little child of His.

Love,

The beautiful bald-headed woman on Coyote Creek—

Ginny Smith

P.S. The good doctor Jimmy is still working in the vet clinic. Sally takes me to M.D.A.

How important is ONE vote!

Editor's Note: The following article was reprinted with permission from the Mount Olive Pickle Company's newsletter, "Food for Thought."

- In 1645, ONE vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- In 1649, ONE vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.
- In 1776, ONE vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- In 1845, ONE vote brought Texas into the Union.
- In 1868, ONE vote saved President Andrews Johnson from being removed from office.
- In 1875, ONE vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- In 1876, ONE vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States.
- In 1923, ONE vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.
- In 1941, ONE vote saved Selective Service — just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Please remember to vote this March. Your one vote can make a difference.

Crews News

by *Hilda Kurtz*



It's tough to be at the age when.....If you go all out, you end up all in.

There was a good turnout Saturday night in the Crews gym. Bill and Marqué Mathis and Dennis and Audine McBeth did a wonderful job as hosts for the baked potato supper. A short business meeting followed visitation.

Corra Petrie was brought to North Runnels Hospital in Winters on Sunday afternoon due to her breaking her hip at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Later she was transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Rev. Ferris Akins and wife Ramona of Ballinger pastored his first sermon at the Hopewell Church on Sunday. Sunday visitors were Rodney Faubion of Lubbock and friend Valerie and Carolyn Webb.

Dee Faubion, Mildred Morrison, Ramona Akins, Nila Osborne, and leader Netha Kerby attended the Annie Armstrong East Missionary Study Monday morning in the church fellowship hall.

After spending several days with Mildred Morrison, Joe and Inez Kerby returned to their home in Amarillo on Tuesday. Later Mildred Morrison visited the Rochas in Winters to wish Mrs. Rocha a happy birthday.

Mildred's after church Sunday dinner guests were Pastor Ferris Akins and wife Ramona of Ballinger, Adeline Grissom, Helen Alexander, and Juanita Shields who all also attended the 5 p.m. church services.

I visited with Mrs. Erma Ueckert, Corra Petrie, and Lawan Foreman in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters on Sunday morning. I also had breakfast with Sissie Alexander before Sunday church services.

Brenda Jacob of San Angelo spent the weekend with Margie Jacob. On Saturday, Brenda Jacob, Cookie Van Zandt, and Margie Jacob attended a good movie in Abilene. They came back in time to enjoy the baked potato supper at the Crews gym. On Sunday, they enjoyed the CYO spaghetti dinner at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall in Winters. Sunday afternoon, Margie entertained Sharon, Jerry, and Brent Engler of Brownwood; Carol, Mike, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky; and Cookie, Brad, and Corey Van Zandt.

Dennis, Audine, and Bill McBeth spent Saturday in Clifton, Texas, attending the cattle sale.

On Thursday, David and Shirley Lake of Tyler visited and had supper with the McBeths.

Visiting Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion during the week were

Walter Pape of Santa Anna, Gladys Cotton of Ballinger, Nila and Therin Osborne, Hilda Kurtz, Rodney Faubion, and Valerie. Carolyn Kraatz and her grandson brought the Sunday dinner.

Helping little one-year-old Bryan celebrate his birthday in the home of Doris Wood on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Connie Bryant of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant; Robert, Douglas, and Doug Bryant of Abilene; Michelle of Brownwood; and Bobbie, Larry, Wes, Aaron, and Travis Calcote.

Doddie and Scotter Drake and daughter Katlain Ray, Pat and Earl Cooper spent Saturday together.

Coleman Foreman ate out Sunday and afterwards visited with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

Wesley and Karen McCallian spent a week with Stefanie in Houston at the livestock show. They returned Sunday night with Stefanie placing 4th on her steer. Congratulations, Stefanie.

Nila and Therin Osborne spent Thursday night with John McCallian in Wingate.

Bill and Marqué Mathis attended the Higginbotham's district dinner Tuesday night in Brownwood. Karen Oats spent Saturday night with Desiree Mathis. Marqueret Mathis of Abilene also visited on Saturday. LaVona and Weldon Foreman of Kerrville spent Sunday through Tuesday with Helen Alexander.

Fairy and Wilbur Alcorn, Johnnie Giles of Brownwood spent Sunday with Pat and Abe Giles.

Margie Jacob, Brenda Jacob, and Hilda Kurtz dropped in to see Carolyn Webb Saturday evening.

Mary Kurtz of Winters came out to see me Sunday evening. I enjoyed every minute. Her visit made my day.

On Sunday, we all prayed for rain!

Shep Community Praise conducted each Wednesday

Shep Community Praise, Worship, and Bible Study is at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Ruby Henson's home (last house on right on paved road into Shep off of Highway 277).

For more information, call Lola Scott at 915/743-2234 after 6 p.m. please.

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Golf Tournament March 16 to benefit Christmas in April

The second annual Christmas in April Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 16, 1996, at the Winters Country Club. Tee off is at 10:00 a.m.

A \$10 donation per player is asked. All proceeds benefit the 1996 Christmas in April program for Winters. Twelve (12) houses are scheduled for assistance this year, with more donations needed.

Bar-B-Q sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available.

To register for the tournament or for more information, contact the Winters Country Club at (915) 754-4679; Sue Spill at First American Bank, (915) 754-4513; or leave a message at (915) 754-4847.

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Gospel singing at Wingate Baptist Church Sunday

J.D. Taylor will be conducting a gospel singing at the Wingate Baptist Church Sunday, March 10, from 2:00 till 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Multi-Purpose Center to be open Tuesdays

Central Texas Opportunities Inc. would like to announce that the hours of operation for the Winters Multi-Purpose Center have been changed from Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., to Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting on Tuesday, March 12, 1996.

CTO feels that these hours will better serve their clients in Winters and the surrounding area.

Also, CTO would like to thank everyone who has supported the organization through volunteer services and donations. However, if you donate furniture, clothes, household items, or the like, make sure that there is someone to receive the items during office hours. Do not leave them at the door. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-625-4167.

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- TX Ginger Rogers' "Lady in the..."
- NFL Hall of Fame city: Canton, ...
- Quitman is its seat
- TXism: "... lick"
- TXism: "try your hand ... it"
- TXism: "the ...go"
- football starters (2 wds.)
- El Paso's silent-film actor Ramon
- 17-across drove a chariot in this film
- TXism: "had a long ... short rope"
- Texans often are accused of this
- Roman emperor
- Goldthwaite's "Kid ... Fiver Fair"
- TXism: "... loop man" (good roper)
- TXism: "... fiddle" (healthy)
- TX Ray Price's "My ... Keep Walking Back to You"
- Paris is its seat
- TXism: "slick as ... seed"
- Dallas restaurateur
- Apollo 11 was 1st on ... surface
- 47 ... Star State
- Dallas Stars goalie Andy
- 5 ... ex-Maverick coach Adubato
- TXism: "sneaky as an ...suckin' dog"

DOWN

- TXism: "hunkered ... to go!"
- TXism: "don't give ... a holler"
- "One ... one Ranger"
- Houston FM radio
- "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies ... Up to be Cowboys"
- actor in western "The Wild Bunch"
- TXism: "worn ... frazzle"
- "Honest ... was not on the ballot in TX in 1860"
- C&W only: ... Dance Studio
- Exxon's forerunner
- TXism: "active as a fox in ... house"
- UT has large collection on this folksinger Ives
- TXism: "last as a prairie fire with ... wind"
- TX-based ... Friday's
- TXism: "bid ..."
- JFK was struck in the head and the ...
- TCU coach Moe
- ex-Ranger pitcher Robb
- USS Texas was built during Dreadnaught ...
- rival to Southwest in '81: ... Air
- SW of San Antonio: ... Ormy
- TXism: "lits like ugly on an ..."
- "Roger the Dodger" (init.)
- this Cal established Boys Ranch in '39 (init.)
- TXism: "took sick"
- DFW arrival guess
- Houston-born ('39) pianist Joe
- TXism: "happy ... in slop"
- TXism: "... two-steps to his own beat"
- William Travis: "I shall never surrender - retreat"
- "Gig ... Aggies!"
- this Carnegie built Dallas library (init.)
- TXism: "from ... to tomb" (lifetime)
- oil field roust ...
- Sacul, TX is this name backwards
- TXism: "stands ... own two feet"
- TXism: "fought tooth and ..."
- TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ... Sueur
- TX Tarzan Ely (init.)
- sportscaster Frank who once worked at Dallas KRLD
- ... and file
- TXism: "... donkey fly?" (no)

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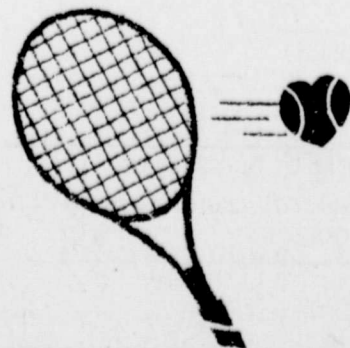
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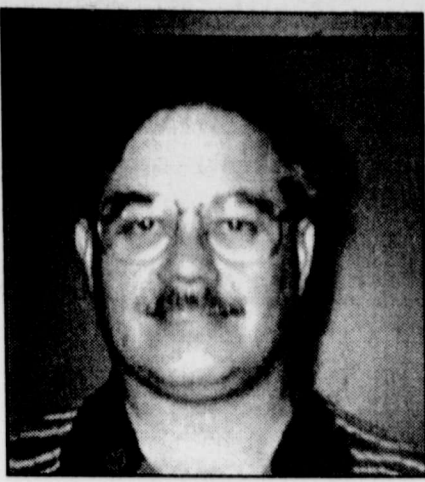
Your County Judge is:

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- Presiding officer of the Commissioners Court
- Responsible for Records Management.

This is an important post!
Remember to vote in the Democratic Primary on March 12, 1996!

Paid for by Marilyn Egan, 217 CR 443, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Mark Goetz to run for Constable



Rhonda have two sons, Jacob (10 years old) and Stephen (6 years old). They attend Winters Elementary School.

Mark has been past president of Saint Johns Lutheran Church Council and is presently vice-president of the Church Council. Mark is also a member of The Texas Narcotics Officers Association, the West Central Texas Peace Officers Association and Assistant Cub Scout Leader of Pack 249.

If elected constable, Mark will begin a Crime Watch Program. The crime watch program benefits property and home owners, enabling them to protect their belongings and assist neighbors in watching each others property.

Mark is 39 years old and has an Advanced Peace Officers certificate in Law Enforcement and also holds a Peace Officers Instructors Certificate. In May he will graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice.

When employed as a police officer in Winters he enjoyed helping the citizens and looks forward to continued service as a fair and dedicated peace officer.

Vote until 7 p.m. in March 12 Primary

Citizens go to the polls Tuesday to select their preferences in the March 12th Primary. Voting locations remain open until 7 p.m. Please refer below to the listing of voting locations within the county.

Democratic candidates included on the ballot and of particular interest to Runnels County are:

- incumbent Marilyn Egan vs. Tom Barkley for County Judge,
 - incumbent John McGregor vs. Karl W. Vancil for County Attorney,
 - Bill Baird, unopposed for Sheriff,
 - Robin Burgess, unopposed for County Tax Assessor-Collector,
 - Skipper Wheelless, unopposed for Pct. 1 Commissioner,
 - incumbent John L. Reyes vs. Charles Richard Moeller for Pct. 1 Constable,
 - Martha Zertuche, unopposed for County Chairman (in charge of complete county, oversees all Precinct Chairmen)
 - incumbent Archie Jobe vs. Mark S. Goetz for Pct. 2 Constable,
 - Lisa Carson Nitsch, unopposed for Pct. 3 Chairman,
 - James T. Self, unopposed for Pct. 3 Commissioner,
 - Mark Travis, unopposed for Pct. 7 Chairman,
 - Mike Riley, unopposed for Pct. 8 Chairman,
 - LeRoy Schuhmann, unopposed for Pct. 10 Chairman.
- Write-in candidates will be accepted on the Republican and Democratic ballots for each party's County Chairman and all Precinct Chairmen. No other write-ins are allowed.



BATTER UP! says Phil Colburn and fellow chef Donna Pritchard as they prepare chicken fried steak for the recent fund raiser luncheon to benefit Winters Area Little League.

Candidate filing in local elections low

As of press time Tuesday, only one candidate has filed in the local elections.

Robert Thomas Cerey has filed for City Councilman, Place 2. Deadline to file as a candidate in city and school elections is March 20. April 4 is the deadline to file in the hospital election.

Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale, Winters, TX.

Your vote will be appreciated
Election Day
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Democratic Primary

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RUNNELS COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS March 12th Election

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION PRECINCT	Location
1	Ballinger Runnels County Courthouse Broadway & Hutchings Winters
3	Housing Authority Building, 300 N. Grant Winters
4	Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 W. Dale
5	Wingate Lions Club Building
6	Norton Community Center
7	Ballinger Community Center, Crosson Avenue
8	Ballinger City Hall, Railroad Avenue
9	Miles City Hall, Robinson Street
10	Rowena Fire Station, Mary Street
REPUBLICAN ELECTION PRECINCT	Location
1	Ballinger Drivers License Office, 602 Strong
3	Winters Winters Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Dale
4	Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main
5	Wingate Winters Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Dale
6	Norton Community Hall
7	Ballinger National Guard Armory, 400 Crosson
8	Ballinger Fire Station, Railroad Avenue
9	Miles Opera House, Robinson Street
10	Rowena VFW Hall, Depot Street

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO) Runnels County (Condado de Runnels) March 12, 1996 (12 de marzo de 1996)

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ross Perot	State Senator, District 24 (Senador Estatal, Distrito Num. 24)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Abner	<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Rhodes
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Clinton	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	State Representative, District 60 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Num. 60)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	United States Representative, District 17 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. 17)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Al Gore	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)
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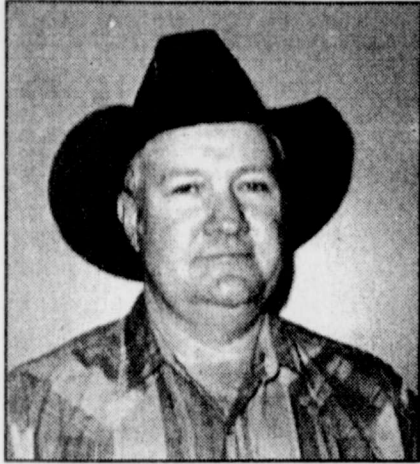
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<input type="checkbox"/> Charles E. Collins	<input type="checkbox"/> George W. Bush	<input type="checkbox"/> John Cornyn
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<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Gramm	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3, Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 3, Duracion Restante del Cargo)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mary "France" LeTulle	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Alan L. Keyes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Janice Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard G. Lugar	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick J. "Pat" Buchanan	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Gian Beaman
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Dole	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Baetz Brown
<input type="checkbox"/> Uncommitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> James (Dan) Boone
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Archie Jobe to seek second term as constable



Since 1992, Archie Jobe of Winters has served as constable for Justice Precinct 2. Precinct 2 being the north half of Runnels County including Crews, Norton, Wilmeth, Wingate, Pumphrey, Drasco, Wingate, and Winters.

Many have asked what a constable does. "As your constable, I am a Texas Peace Officer sworn to protect and serve," says Jobe. "The constable is the officer of the Justice of Peace Court. I serve the citations issued not only by the J.P. Court in this precinct, but from all over the state to anyone living in Justice Precinct 2."

According to Jobe, most of these cases are civil suits from Small Claims Court, although papers are received from the Texas Attorney General's Office pertaining to such issues as child support, environmental protection, and other cases brought by the State of Texas in behalf of the citizens of Precinct 2.

"I am available to assist the Winters Police Department or the Sheriff's Department when called upon," continued Jobe. "I have assisted the Winters Police Department in serving search warrants and at other times when needed."

The position is considered part-time by the Commissioners Court, but is meant to reduce the paperwork of the Sheriff's Department to allow them to concentrate on the criminal aspects of County and District Courts.

Jobe concludes in saying "I will do my best to serve all the papers I receive in a timely manner and will continue to do so if re-elected. Your vote of confidence on March 12th in the Democratic Primary will be deeply appreciated."

Retired Missionary to speak at Triple L

Sue Worthington Carter of Abilene will be the guest speaker at the Triple L meeting Thursday, March 14, in Jones Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carter and her husband, Dale, are retired missionaries to Corrente, Brazil.

Everyone age 55 and older is invited to attend. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon and the program will follow.

Those who would like to play 42, may come at 10:00a.m.

Hunter's Camp with Don Haley

The Dress

"Well, how do you like it?" My wife modeled a lacy new dress across the room, pirouetting like a fashion model on a runway.

"What! Another new dress?" I said, glancing up from my outdoor catalog.

"What'd that thing cost? And how many dresses does it take for one 4th grade school teacher?"

As soon as I said it, I knew I was cooked. I tried to catch the words and get them back in my mouth, but they were already gone.

Like a wounded tigress, she turned to face me — hackles raised, teeth bared, and nostrils flaring.

I didn't sense that slightly pouting look that said her feelings had been hurt a little.

Nope, this time she was mad! "Well, maybe I could sew cotton sacks together to make my clothes," she steamed. "That way you would have more to spend on stuff for yourself from those stupid hunting catalogs you keep your head stuck in all the time."

"I don't know why I even try to look decent. You wouldn't notice if Christie Brinkley walked by. Not unless she had a set of antlers growing out of her head."

"Wanna bet," was right there on the tip of my tongue, but I didn't have the guts it would have

taken to say it.

"If you want to talk about costs, then let's talk cost, starting with you," she began, laying the groundwork like a trial lawyer that smells blood.

"What does your hunting lease cost per year?"

"Uh, well, about \$800 or so but..."

"And that new electric deer feeder, wasn't it about \$300? And then there was the new fiberglass deer blind for \$450."

"And I seem to remember a bill for 40 sacks of deer corn for \$4.50 per sack."

"What about those new space-age camouflage hunting coveralls? Around \$250 as I recall."

"Of course, you had to have matching waterproof boots to the tune of about \$150."

"Then there was that new rifle and scope for \$700 and a new compound bow for \$400 and then there were new aluminum arrows for about \$200."

"And that's just here in Texas. What did it cost to go to Colorado and Wyoming on those elk hunts? \$2,000....\$3,000 per trip."

"What about pickups and gas and motels and tents and lanterns and sleeping bags and shotguns and shells and binoculars and knives and the zillion other little things that cost money?"

"How much does it cost for a non-resident elk license? I seem to remember at least \$350. How much for a non-resident mule deer license..."

"But honey," I broke in, "I was bringing home meat for the family and..."

"Meat! How much meat have you ever brought back? Tell me, how much?"

"Well...none, but I'm a trophy hunter," I fumbled.

"If meat is the reason for all this nonsense, stay home, and we can buy a herd of cattle for a lot less!"

"And back to this dress thing!" "If you begrudge me something new occasionally, especially to work in, maybe I'll just quit my job and..."

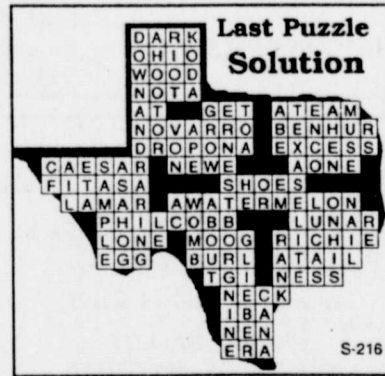
"Honey...Honey," I pleaded. "Could we just start over. I'm really sorry about the dress."

"Well...maybe," She softened slightly, that little pouty look returning to her face.

"So, how do you like my new dress," she pirouetted, holding the skirt out with one hand.

"Oh, honey," I exclaimed, "it's beautiful and it looks so good on you."

"Are you sure that one new dress is enough..." ©1996 Don Haley



Texas stock horse program being explored by Industry Task Force

by EDITH A. CHENAULT
Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station

A program for horse owners interested in stock horses has been set for March 12-14 at the Taylor County Exposition Center in Abilene.

The first two days of the program will be devoted to stock horse maneuver identification and rider and horse training techniques. The third day will include evaluation of participants and their horses against the criteria set for the ideal stockhorse.

"There are more than one million horses in Texas that are owned by professionals, amateurs, working and recreational horse owners," said Dr. Doug Householder, horse specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Many horse owners have nice, athletically-bred horses. They want to become more skilled in riding and training techniques, and they want their horse to be well-broke and versatile," Householder said.

"Also, many horse owners would like to be able to train their own horses and horseback cattle working skills," said Jack Brainard, a Quarter horse breeder and trainer from Aubrey.

"They'd also like to participate in low-key, low-cost, closer-to-home evaluation-type competitions where their horses could be objectively evaluated and scored," he added.

In response to that need, a Texas Horse Industry Task Force made up of stock horse breeders, judges, trainers, educators, and horse association and industry representatives, is exploring the needs of the stock horse owner, Brainard said.

Task force members are

Brainard, Roger Blackmon of Baird, Dr. Bill Jackson of Stephenville, Dennis Sigler of Muenster, Dr. B.F. Yeates of Bryan, and Householder and Pete Gibbs, Extension horse specialists, College Station.

Presently, task force members are identifying the performance maneuvers of the ideal stock horse and how to best offer practical knowledge to the horse owner.

Input is being sought from the American Quarter Horse Association, American Cutting Horse Association, National Cutting Horse Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Quarter Horse Association, and other groups and associations.

During the three-day clinic, participants will be asked to give their recommendations on the overall concept, as well as about the educational program, evaluation and competition, and possible sales.

"The program will be modified, as appropriate from attendee recommendations, to fit industry needs," Householder said.

Brainard will conduct the stock horse clinic on March 12-13. The competition classes on March 14 will include stock/ranch horse pleasure, trail, cattle handling, basic maneuvers, timed event, and versatility. The cost of the program is \$50.

Further information is available from Roger Blackmon, telephone (817) 725-6805; Jack Brainard, (817) 365-9587; or Dr. Householder or Dr. Pete Gibbs, Extension horse specialists, (409) 845-1562.

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED March 4, 1996, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on March 4, 1996, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, 1996, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO.	STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
3410	City of Winters, a municipal corporation, Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Johnny Wright, aka John T. Wright, Sammie Wright and The Winters State Bank, Lienholder (In Rem Only);
Tract 1	Lots 13 and 14, Block 18, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 604, Page 29 of the Deed Records and Vol. 141, Page 114 of the Deed of Trust Records, Runnels County, Texas;
Tract 2	Lot 15, exc. South 70 feet, Block 18, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 488, Page 781 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
Tract 3	Lot 16, exc. South 70 feet, Block 18, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 498, Page 713 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
3416	City of Winters, a municipal corporation, Winters Independent School District, Runnels County Education District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Jose H. Medrano aka Joe Medrano Lots 2 and 3, Block 3, Meeks Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 234, Page 118 and Vol. 208, Page 141 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
3431	City of Winters, a municipal corporation, Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Olen Potts, Virgil Wallace Fowler and Florence May Fowler Lot 19 and 49 feet of Lot 20, Block 17, College View Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 391, Page 303 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
3439	Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, a municipal corporation and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Alfred Ortegon, Dora Ortegon, Emma Ortegon Ramirez and Cecilia Ortegon Lot 10, Block 20, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 272, Page 312 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
3440	Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, a municipal corporation and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Johnny D. Phillips aka J.D. Phillips Lots 4 and 5, Block 16, Spill 2nd Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 483, Page 403 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;
3744	Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, a municipal corporation and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Frank Aleman Lot 4, Block 3, Meeks Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 25, Page 362 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas;

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 4, 1996, at Ballinger, Texas.

By *William Baird*
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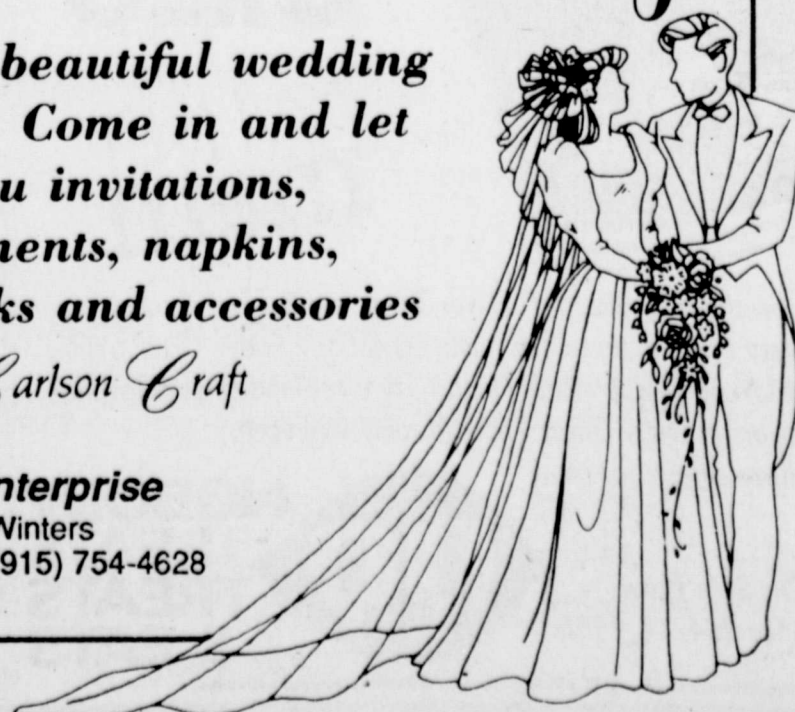
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Public Record
COUNTY COURT
Rudy Sanchez, Bronte, 02-23-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Clemente Nava Jr., Ballinger, 02-26-96, Driving While Licenses Suspended.
H.B. Maas, Rowena, 02-26-96, Theft of Property Taxes by Check.
Charlie Ruben Genge, San Angelo, 02-26-96, Theft.
Jimmy Gomez Jacques, Ballinger, 02-26-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
Pete Torres, Ballinger, 02-27-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Sherry Barnett, Bronte, 02-27-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Ernest M. Cavazos, Ballinger, 02-27-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Mark L. Smith, Odessa, 02-27-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Kristy Pringle, Winters, 02-27-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Latresha Allen, Ballinger, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Donna Harris, Bronte, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Mrs. Leo Minzenmayer, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Dale R. Maness, San Angelo, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Debra N. Coombs, San Angelo, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Lisa Frenzel, Rowena, 02-28-96, Theft.
James Cheesman, Paint Rock, 02-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Rachel C. Bearden, San Angelo, 02-29-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Laura Munoz, Sterling City, 02-29-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
John Espinoza, Bangs, 03-01-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Chip Jackson, 03-01-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Janie Asvedo, San Angelo, 03-01-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Santos Nava, Winters, 03-04-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
Jesse Lynn Saunders, Rowena, 03-04-96, Driving While Intoxicated.

DISTRICT COURT
Anthony Rodriguez vs. Sista Marie Rodriguez, 02-29-96, Divorce.
Cynthia Lisa Lopez vs. Daniel Padilla Lopez, 03-04-96, Divorce.

DIVORCES GRANTED
Perry Blake Poe vs. Jeannie M. Poe, 03-04-96.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Tommy Lee Dean and Faye Michelle Fink Webb, 03-04-96.

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Call report of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department
Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded to 11 emergency calls during the month of February, 1996, as reported by Rodrick Bredemeyer, recording secretary for WVFD:

Feb. 3 1:00 a.m. Grass and fence on fire at 607 Fannin. Dispatched 1 truck.

Feb. 8 3:10 p.m. Grass fire on Albert Brown and Bud Davis places, 1 mile east of Winters on SH153. Dispatched 3 trucks.

Feb. 10 10:15 p.m. Tree and possible grass fire from REA power line, 4 miles north of Winters on Drasco Highway. Dispatched 3 trucks.

Feb. 11 5:20 p.m. Grass fire at Mike Davis residence, 5 miles north of Winters. Dispatched 1 truck.

Feb. 12 1:20 p.m. Grass fire on Kurtz place, 1 mile west of Winters. Dispatched 1 truck.

Feb. 12 2:15 p.m. Assisted Moro and ECCA Fire Depts. on grass fire at Wessel place, 2 miles north of Drasco. Dispatched 2 trucks.

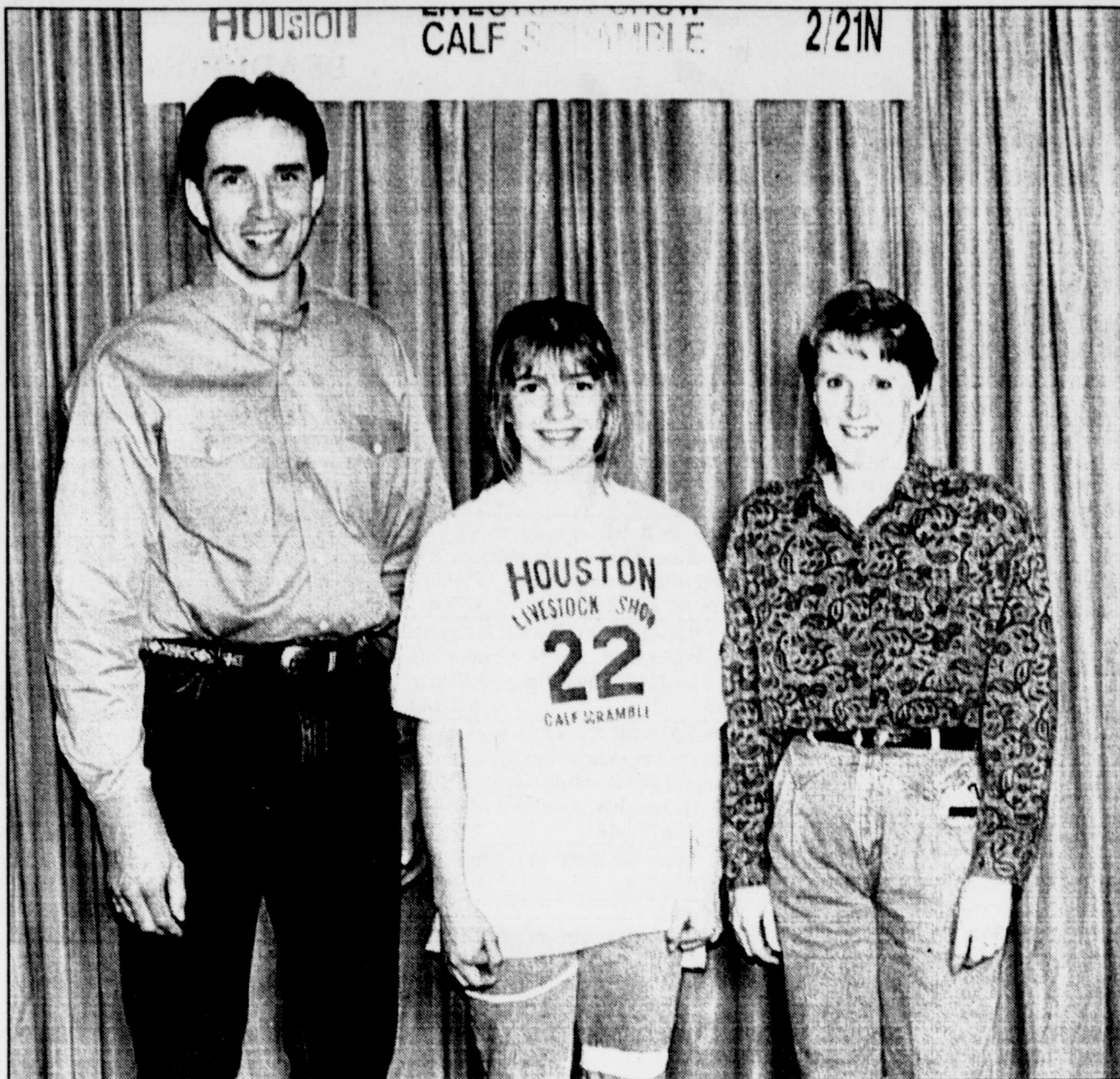
Feb. 19 4:40 p.m. Grass fire at old Reedy Exxon Station on north edge of Winters. Dispatched 2 trucks.

Feb. 21 3:30 p.m. Assisted Lawn Fire Dept. on hay and grass fire, 1/2 mile east of Content. Dispatched 2 trucks.

Feb. 22 2:45 p.m. Grass fire on Therin Osborne place, 6 miles east of Winters. Dispatched 2 trucks.

Feb. 23 12:30 p.m. Assisted Lawn, Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, ECCA, and Wingate Fire Depts. on large grass fire, 14 miles north of Winters at Guion. Dispatched 2 trucks.

Feb. 24 7:00 p.m. Grass fire on B.J. Gully and Merfield ranches, 7 miles northeast of Winters. Dispatched 2 trucks.



MISTY PRITCHARD (center) was fortunate in being selected from among 28 contestants by the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble Committee as a "Hard Luck" winner. Though not catching a calf in the scramble, her extra efforts, determination, and sportsmanship paid off. Sponsors Chris and Kathy Howes will donate a \$1,000 certificate for the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer. The animal will return to show next year at the 1997 stock show.

Generous sponsor turns scrambler's hard luck into a dream come true

Strength and determination were not enough to catch and halter one of the 14 strong-willed calves into the winner's circle for Misty Pritchard, a student from Winters, Texas, during the calf scramble at the February 21, 1996, evening performance of the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

But, lady luck smiled on this young contestant thanks to the generosity of Chris and Kathy Howes. Misty, a student at Winters High School, will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate for the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer.

Misty was selected to receive the hard luck award by members of the all-volunteer Calf Scramble Committee who watched carefully as 28 young scramblers competed to catch only 14 calves.

"Hard luck winners are selected based on extra effort and determination as well as sportsmanship demonstrated in the arena during the scramble," said Robert Norwood, Calf Scramble Committee general chairman.

During the year that follows,

Misty will groom and feed the animal, maintain extensive financial records and submit monthly reports to the Houston Show officials and to her sponsor on the heifer project. In addition, each winner will be required to create a detailed scrapbook highlighting the progress of the heifer during the year and write a 500-word essay about the experience.

Lance Raseh, Runnels County Extension Agent, will oversee this project offering advice, support, and guidance throughout the year.

In 1997, Misty will return to the Houston Show for special showing competition with other 1996 calf scramble winners to compete for a variety of special honors.

"Friendly competition, tenacity, and resourcefulness create unmatched excitement for the audience and contestants," remarked Norwood.

"Since its beginning in 1942, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble program has been one of the most popular events at the rodeo. Almost 14,000 animals worth an estimated \$5

million have been given to the youth of Texas, thanks to the generosity of the calf purchase certificate donors," he added.

The calf scramble is held during each of the 20 rodeo performances which feature world class entertainers, the world's largest livestock show, a horse show, and some of the best cowboys in the business.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which ran through March 3, supported education and benefited the youth of Texas through programs such as the calf scramble as well as through individual scholarships and endowments to Texas colleges and universities.

In 1996 alone, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will invest more than \$4 million in Texas students in the form of scholarships, endowments, research grants, other educational projects, and various agricultural programs. Since 1957, the Show has placed almost \$40 million in the hands of more than 11,000 Texas young people to enhance their education.

Runnels County Club Calf Sale set March 9

The Runnels County Club Calf Sale is Saturday, March 9, at the Ballinger Community Center.

Offered will be 25 top quality steers and calves born in the Summer and Fall months. Most breeds will be represented.

See calves by Natural Service and AI Sires such as Witch Doctor, Full Throttle, Little Mike, Pistol Pete, Take Charge, and others.

Display is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The auction begins at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (915) 365-3289.

Production must be turned in to calculate APHs

Every year, APHs (actual production histories) will be recalculated by adding the most recent year's production history to the previous years production records that were used to calculate initial APH.

During the recalculation process, approved APH yields may not decrease by more than 10% compared to the previous year's approved APH yields. Also, the approved APH yield may not increase more than 20% compared to the previous year's approved APH yield.

It is important that all production be turned in to your FCIC agent so APHs will be calculated correctly.



FIRST PLACE JUNIOR NEATNESS AWARD in the Market Goats division at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo was earned by Winters FFA members (front, l to r) Jessica Pritchard, Kim Crouch, (back) Lori Jobe, and Zane Crouch. Representing the Neatness Commission is (far right) Mary Nester.



SECOND PLACE JUNIOR NEATNESS AWARD in the Barrows division at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo was earned by Winters and Miles FFA members and Runnels County 4-H'ers. Pictured are (front, l to r) Cody, Mandy, Jessica, and Misty Pritchard; Pat Kainer, Neatness Commission; (back) Kevin Briley, Jason and Justin Strube; and J.W. Angel.

Runnels County youth proudly exhibited stock at San Antonio

Runnels County was well represented at the recent San Antonio Stock Show that was held February 12-17. Each and every exhibitor from the county deserves to be congratulated for a job well done. The kids worked very hard the whole week keeping things neat and clean.

Cotton Conference set April 2; March 25th deadline for pre-registration

The Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held April 2, 1996, at the San Angelo Convention Center. Topics will address all major questions pertaining to the 1996 cotton production season. CEUs will be available to commercial, non-commercial, and private applicators.

Partial topics include: Overview of Current Farm Bill Provisions, Irrigation Timing and Frequency, Soil Fertility Management During Hard Times, Fertilizer Supplies in the Future, Section 18 Process Status of Crisis Exemption, Pirate®/Confirm®, Furadan®, Environmental Conditions and Biological Control, New Weed Control Options in Cotton, Use of PGR's and Pix® Stick, and Beet Armyworm Breakout in 1995 in Texas and Oklahoma.

If you pre-register by March 25, there is no registration fee. Registration at the door will be \$10.00.

To register, call the Runnels County Extension Office at 915/365-5212 or the Tom Green County Extension Office at 915/659-6524.

The Runnels County swine exhibit, comprised of Runnels County 4-H, Winters FFA, and Miles FFA, took home second place honors for the second year in a row, receiving a banner and \$100 in prize money. The kids missed first place by only 1 point.

Local 4-H'ers exhibited market lambs, market steers, market barrows, and heifers. Everyone displayed excellent showmanship throughout the week and should be congratulated for their efforts.

Results of the show are as follows:

MARKET LAMBS

Josh Minzenmayer
6th, LW Finewool
20th, HW Finewool Cross

Other Participants

Jana Jackson
Meagan Minzenmayer
Danielle Wilde
Doug Hohensee
Dusty Hohensee
Tara Hohensee

MARKET STEER

Participants
Keri Hoelscher

Kevin Briley
Justin Wiley
Lance Schwertner
Jimmy Halfmann
Roxanne Halfmann
Matthew Kalina

MARKET BARROWS

Jordan Howard
1st place MWI OPB
Misty Pritchard
11th place MW Duroc

Other Participants

Kim Jansa
Jana Jackson
Robby Heathcott
John Heathcott
Kevin Briley
Justin Strube
Jason Strube
Renee Walden
Mike McCoy
Lea Schwertner
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AG DAY

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

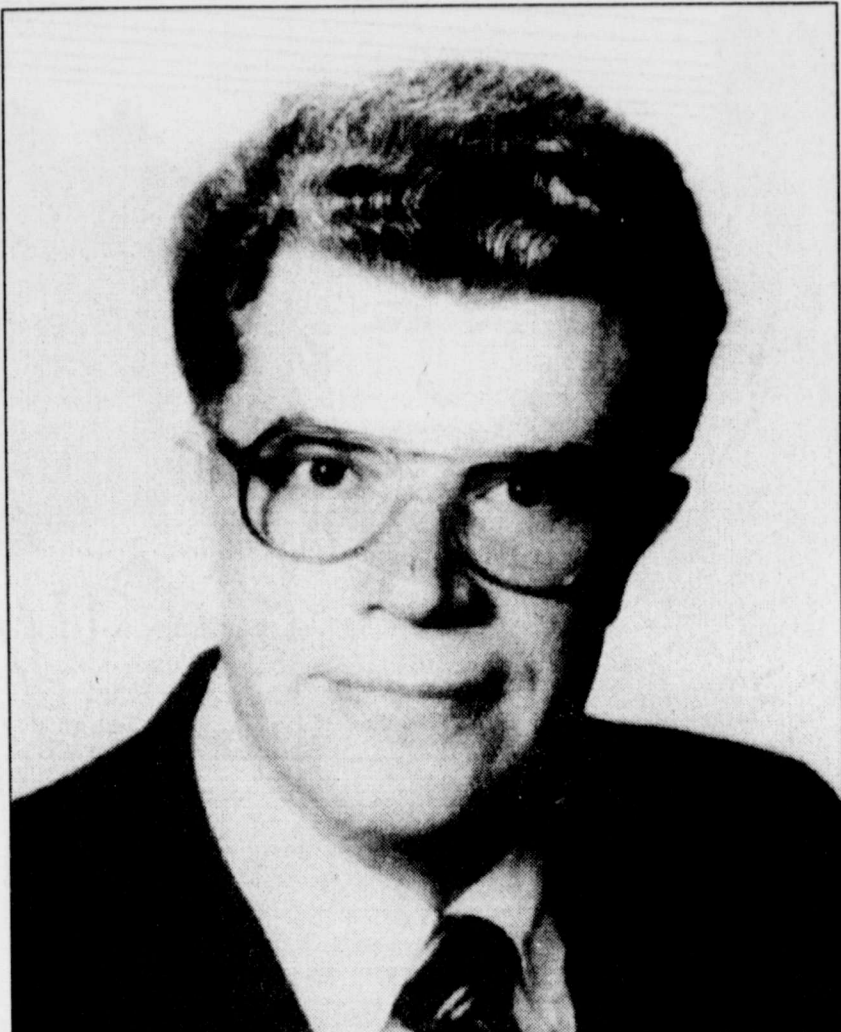
A Special Section of The Ballinger Ledger and The Winters Enterprise

Jack Jackson keynotes evening address at Ag Day, March 12

Fitting into the Ag Day theme "Surviving, Changing and Moving Forward into Agriculture" will be keynote speaker Jack Jackson of Dallas. His address follows the 6:45 p.m. awards assembly recognizing the 1996 Farm Family and Agribusiness man and Pat Lee 4-H Scholarship recipients.

As a young professional, Jackson worked for American Airlines as a jet aircraft instructor. His enthusiastic style, futuristic thinking, and sincerity about people quickly escalated him through the ranks. In 1974, American appointed him their one and only Goodwill Ambassador Extraordinary. Since turning to a professional speaking career, he has addressed over 4,000 groups and more than 1,000,000 people.

What Jack Jackson brings to Ag Day is his motivational powers of helping people in a rapidly changing economy. Jackson will provide insight into change that results from adversity, particularly the ag adversity recently experienced



in the Runnels County area. Surviving and thriving by doing business in a new way is Jackson's prescription for recovery.

An uplifting and motiva-

tional message will also be brought by Jackson to the ladies' program from 3:30-4 p.m. Experiencing his dynamics will be a treat for all ages.

Emergency fire aid expanded

WASHINGTON - The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced on Thursday, February 29, that President Clinton has ordered additional federal aid for Texas to support the state's firefighting efforts. The action requested by the state amends the President's emergency declaration issued Friday, February 23.

FEMA Director James Lee Witt said the amendment

makes federal funds available to pay 75 percent of the eligible costs for deploying state firefighting resources, including contracted and National Guard forces, in advance of fighting fires. The aid is in addition to the 75 percent federal payment for the mobilizing and advance staging of federal firefighting resources ordered by the President on February 23 to assist state fire suppression efforts as required.

Witt said that the additional assistance applies to the positioning of state firefighting resources only in counties designated for federal aid. Counties designated for the emergency assistance in this area include Brown, Coryell, San Saba, Taylor, and Tom Green.

Fire conditions are still being evaluated in other areas and additional counties may be designated for assistance based on the assessments.

Ag Day addresses the challenge of moving forward in agriculture

Don't miss the 11th Annual Runnels County Ag Day Tuesday, March 12 at Ballinger High School.

This year's event, co-sponsored by the Runnels County Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, addresses the challenge of "Changing, Surviving, and Moving Forward in Agriculture."

Doors open for registration and the Trade Show at 10:30 a.m. The giving away of door prizes, sponsored by the Trade Show exhibitors, begin at 11 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

Sign-up for door prizes for both the producers and ladies is at the registration table at the front entrance to the high school.

Special door prizes will be awarded to early-bird participants from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the conclusion of the afternoon programs. The lucky winners must be present to win and can claim their prize at the sponsoring booth.

At 11:30 a.m., exhibitors and Ag Day attendees will be treated to a chicken breast sandwich with trimmings, compliments of the "Gold Star Sponsors" which include Wingate Gin, The First National Bank of Rotan-Ballinger Branch, Haechten Insurance Agency, The First National Bank of Ballinger, The First National Bank of Rowena, Texas Wheat Producers Board, First American Bank, S.S.B. and KRUN Radio.

The Producers' Program,

sponsored by "Silver Star Sponsors" Ranger Seed Co., Norton Gin and Wilbur-Ellis, is held in the auditorium.

Speakers will discuss a variety of issues such as cattle marketing opportunities, crop insurance and USDA Farm Programs, total resource management to sustain an agriculture lifestyle, family stress management during economic hard times, and future plans and strategies for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

The Ladies' Program, sponsored by "Silver Star Sponsors" Security State Bank, Boatmen's Bank of San Angelo and Citizens State Bank, also begins at 1 p.m. in the Home Economics rooms. Topics to be covered include insurance dilemmas, healthy dining, farm chemicals and the effects on family health, living up to your superwoman image and knits making fashion statements.

Throughout the afternoon, a Health Fair will be conducted in the junior high gymnasium (former high school gym), located off the snack bar area of the cafeteria. All local residents, rural and urban, are invited to take part in the Health Fair.

The mid-afternoon hospitality breaks are in the snack bar area of the cafeteria and are provided by Ballinger Wool and Mohair, Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, Shoppin' Basket, Lawrence Bros. Grocery and Winters Chamber of Commerce.

A joint producers and ladies' program segment is held

in the auditorium. During this joint session, a panel discussion on "Stress Management Practices to Sustain the Farm Family" will be conducted.

Panelists include Monsignor Larry Droll, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Wall; Pastor Jim Hanson, St. John's Lutheran Church, Winters; Mike Mauldin, CEA-AG Runnels County; and Patricia Hohensee, CEA-FCS, Runnels County.

At the conclusion of the afternoon programs, participants can enjoy a barbecue brisket plate, cobbler and tea, catered by The Shed. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased anytime during the day at the front registration table.

And not to be left out, area youth can attend a special Youth Program, sponsored by Coleman County Electric Co-op, and held in the ag building, located behind the high school next to the tennis courts. There will be lots of door prizes and a nominal \$3 admission fee to help cover meal and program expenses.

A special evening of entertainment is planned featuring singing by 15-year-old Meagan Shelburne of San Angelo, followed by the awards program recognizing the 1996 Farm Family and Agribusiness of the Year and presentations of the 1996 Pat Lee Memorial Scholarships.

The highlight of the evening is keynote speaker, Jack Jackson, an inspiring motivational speaker with a positive message on how to stay ahead in today's rapidly changing economy.

Special art show attraction features two area artists

A special attraction at this year's Ag Day is an art show featuring art depicting agriculture and rural Texas.

Featured artists are Hugh Campbell III and Barbara

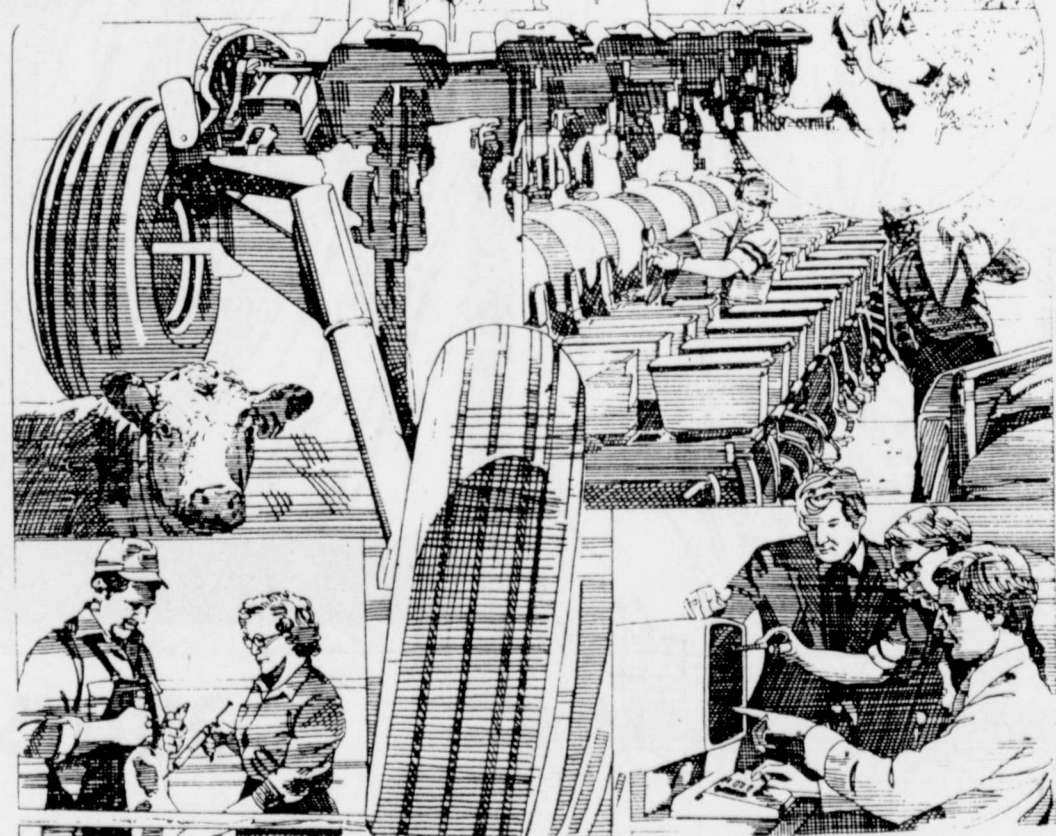
Earwood (Elsie Belk's mother).

Both of these individuals have trained extensively and their works have garnered national attention.

Come visit with these two artists to learn more about the talents and accomplishments of both.

AG DAY In Recognition of Runnels County Agriculture

Tuesday, March 12



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Healthy diet stressed in presentation by health club director

Randy Coleman, membership director of Health Club of San Angelo and former River Club chef, will be addressing the ladies from 2-3 p.m. He will speak from his first-hand experience about the importance of diet, nutrition, judicious food preparations and exercise.

According to a feature article in the May '95 issue of Southern Living Magazine, Coleman was twice the man he is today, until he decided to drop more than a few pounds. He believes that commitment to healthy eating is a lifetime process. He intends to demonstrate low-fat cooking that can be done by busy persons who don't enjoy cooking.

Coleman will help his audience learn to appreciate the flavors of food and to accept the fact that you can't fight genetics. "Work with what you've got," he says. "You may never look like a fashion model, but do the best you can with what God gave you."

Coleman was born in Miles and reared in San Angelo. He graduated from Angelo State University with a business degree. He has 10 years' experience managing restaurants, from breakfast to white tablecloth.

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1996 Runnels County Ag Day Ladies' Program Schedule of Events

- 1 p.m. "Insurance Dilemmas - Can't Live With It, Can't Live Without It"
Kay Wachs, Texas Dept. of Insurance, Austin
- 1:45 p.m. "Family Concerns for Chemical Safety"
J.D. Clark, American Cyanamid
- 2 p.m. "Dining for the Health of It"
Randy Coleman, Health Club of San Angelo
- 3 p.m. **Break and Trade Show Visitation**
- 3:30 p.m. "Living Up to Your Superwoman Image"- Jack Jackson
- 4 p.m. "Knits Making Fashion Statements"
Iwanda Blesing, local professional seamstress and machine knitter
- 4:15 p.m. **Break** - to join in joint session with producers' program
- 4:30 p.m. "Stress Management Practices to Sustain the Farm Family"
Panel discussion: Monsignor Larry Droll, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Wall; Pastor Jim Hanson, Lutheran Church, Winters; Mike Mauldin, CEA-Ag, Runnels County, and Patricia Hohensee, CEA-FCS, Runnels County
- 5 p.m. "Reflections on Ag Day" - Randall Conner, president, Runnels County Executive Program Council
- 5:30 p.m. Supper - catered by The Shed (\$5 per person)
- 6:45 p.m. Awards program
Keynote speaker - Jack Jackson

Evening entertainment features young female country vocalist

Providing country western entertainment prior to the evening program is Meagan Shelburne of San Angelo.

Her up and coming country sound has attracted attention statewide.

A native of San Angelo, Shelburne is 15 years old and attends John Glenn Junior High.

In 1996, she was first chair of the Junior High Region Choir, was third chair in 1995 and has received a Division 1 on her solo all three years in junior high. Other singing awards she has received include first place in the 1993 Fiesta Del Concho Talent Show and runner-up in the

1995 Country Showdown in San Angelo and Marble Falls.

Shelburne is the daughter of Harold and LaQueta Shelburne. She has two sisters, Meshia and Mercyla. She is the granddaughter of Milton and Lela May Shelburne of Ballinger, Charles and Margret Timmons of Bronte, and Johnny and Wilma Nell Gann of Winters.

She is also lucky enough to have three great-grandparents, Stella Shelburne of Ballinger, Twala Timmons of San Angelo and Daisy Sims of Bronte.

She enjoys singing, listening to music, being with friends and spending time with her loving family, in her little



spare time.

Plan to hear Meagan Shelburne between 6:25 and 6:45 p.m. in the B.H.S. auditorium.

Chemical rep gives safety tips, precautions to homemakers

"Farm Chemicals and Your Family's Health" will be addressed by J.D. Clark, sales representative with American Cyanamid Co.

This 1:45 p.m. presentation in the Home Economics Department focuses on safety in handling clothing use in pesticide applications.

Homemakers will be informed about why they should

be concerned with clothing that has been exposed to chemicals and how to properly launder them.

Clark will also discuss the

homemaker's role in encouraging family members to practice safety precautions when handling chemicals.

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Cattle market cycles, effects of drought discussed at Ag Day

Cattle producers develop their cow herd and select the best bull for them.

From conception to weaning is approximately 18 months. Yet, most producers spend less than five minutes planning where, how, and when they will sell their calves. Most do it out of habit and tradition - strip them off of the cow and send them to the sale barn. It is the easiest way to market calves. It is also the least efficient and the most costly to the producer.

It is estimated that 70 percent of all calves in the U.S. are classified as Spring born and 30 percent are classified as Fall born. The Spring calves are weaned in October, November and December; whereas, the Fall calves are weaned in June, July, and August.

Based upon historical data, annual prices for calves, feeder cattle, and fed cattle have predictable seasonal highs and lows. During the last 15 years (1980 to 1994) the seasonal low for calves occurred in October, the seasonal high for feeder cattle occurred in February, and the seasonal high for fed cattle occurred in April.

During the years of a bull market (1987-1993) the seasonal low for calves occurred

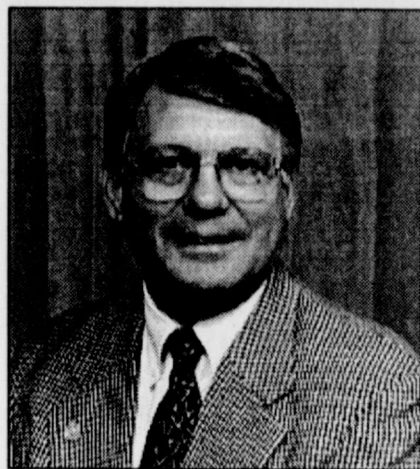
in October, November and December, the seasonal high for feeder cattle occurred in August; whereas, the seasonal high for fed cattle occurred in March, April and May.

From 1980 to 1986 and 1994 (Bear Market) the seasonal low for calves occurred in October, November and December, the seasonal high for feeder cattle occurred in February; whereas, the seasonal high for fed cattle occurred in March, April and May (Block 1995).

With respect to the annual price cycle, calves that are weaned and sold right off of the cow are typically being sold during the lowest times of the year. Retained ownership provides producers an avenue to move their production from a time of seasonally low prices into a time of seasonally higher prices.

At this year's Runnels County Ag Day, Dr. Ernest Davis, professor and Extension economist from Texas A&M University, will discuss cattle market cycles, marketing opportunities and the effects of the drought.

Davis is a native of Brown County. He grew up on a stock farm, raising cattle, sheep and goats, which were subsidized by a funeral home and prickly-



pear burner.

He completed a bachelor of science degree in animal science at Oklahoma State University, May 1962. He served his active military duty at Fort Bliss in Air Defense Missiles during 1963-1965, attaining the rank of Captain.

Davis was an assistant county Extension agent in Comanche County prior to his military service and assumed the same position in Jefferson County after completing his military tour.

Davis finally became a Texas Aggie in 1967 when he entered Texas A&M University for his advanced education. He holds master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees in agricultural economics. He has held his current position, Extension economist-livestock marketing, since 1971.



Photo courtesy of Bud Dillard

RUNNELS COUNTY RANCHERS are having to get rid of calves and cull their cow herd because of the extremely dry weather since last fall. Lower cattle prices and higher feed prices are squeezing the cattleman.

Health Fair provides screenings, health education at Ag Day

A Better Living For Texas Health Fair will be conducted in the old gym at Ballinger High School in conjunction with Ag Day, March 12.

Between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., those attending can plan to participate in preventive health care screenings and health education efforts provided by several area health care providers.

Ballinger Memorial Hospital will conduct cardiac risk appraisals and blood pressure testing. The physical therapy department is providing flexibility testing and fitness education.

North Runnels Hospital invites the public to participate in diabetes screening and

blood pressure testing provided by their health professionals.

Shannon Medical Center's Community Education Department will provide cholesterol screening and heart tracings for the fair. The cholesterol screening will determine total cholesterol levels (not HDL and LDL). The tracings or EKGs are being done "just for fun" to show how electrical activity of the heart flows and to give individuals a personal picture of their own heart tracing.

The Texas Department of Health professionals will provide Tetanus-diphtheria immunizations. If you have not had a booster within 10 years

or had an injury, come by to see Jana or J'Lynn.

Texas Tech University Health Science Center will provide accident prevention and child safety education services under the direction of Sue Prewitt, R.N.

City Eye Care's Dr. Michael Bacigalupi will perform glaucoma screenings.

W.I.C. will also sponsor a booth and do testing for iron deficiency.

Health Fair services are an excellent way to stay on top of health care needs. During times of rapidly growing health care costs, preventive health is the feasible answer to good health.

Special programs involve youth in Ag Day activities

"FUNdamentals for Success - Your Ticket to the Top" will be the youth seminar at Runnels County Ag Day.

Faith Ballard, Hamilton County Extension Agent and her "Crossroad" teen leadership team will lead the seminar from 4-6 p.m. in the BHS ag department.

Through group involvement and interaction, participants will gain insight into the little things that make a big difference in the way that others perceive you.

Learning early in life to say and do the right things improves youth's chances of garnering the respect they deserve

from peers and adults.

The Hamilton Leadership Team helps youth adopt a code of ethics that sets them apart in a negative society.

Following the fun and learning-filled seminar will be drawings for lots of door prizes provide by county merchants.

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All youth between the ages of nine through 19 are invited.

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Mandatory or not, crop insurance is in, disaster payments are out

For many farmers, crop insurance has seemed pointless. Why bother with extensive crop insurance, the thinking goes, if the government will bail you out in a disaster?

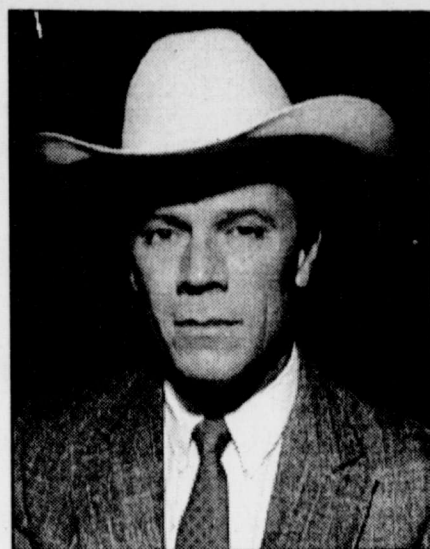
In fact, there have been cases in which farmers paid for crop insurance, only to watch their neighbors get federal disaster relief with less paperwork and fewer headaches, said Ken Stokes, Texas Agricultural Extension Economist.

But things are changing, according to Stokes. If the recent requests are any indication, Congress evidently means what it said in the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994: No more disaster payments for farmers, due to budgetary constraints. Instead, producers must rely on crop insurance to safeguard against financial meltdown.

In the fall of 1995, certain legislators requested \$41 million in disaster relief for cotton farmers, whose crops were damaged by insects.

This was the first disaster-aid request since passage of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act went into effect. And, as promised, Congress quickly turned down the request.

"Crop insurance is an issue that is never fully settled," Stokes said. "But it is becoming clear that either farmers



go with crop insurance or they are putting millions of dollars of credit at risk."

The bottom line: Producers can't expect to fall back on disaster relief.

To make up for the lack of disaster payments, the U.S. Department of Agriculture required farmers in 1995 to buy crop insurance coverage if they wanted to participate in federal programs.

At the very least, producers had to buy minimum coverage with Catastrophic Crop Insurance, or CAT. For a \$50 administrative fee, they would be guaranteed coverage of 50 percent of the crop yield at 60 percent of the government designated price, given a complete crop failure.

However, mandatory crop insurance became a hot-but-ton issue for farmers in 1995. According to Kenneth D. Ackerman, deputy administra-

tor for risk management in the Farm Service Agency, one of the chief concerns that farmers had about mandatory insurance was the issue of multiple ownership. With multiple ownership, each of the owners had to pay the \$50 fee for mandatory insurance to cover their share of the farm, even if their share was quite small.

Crop insurance changes in 1996 will attempt to solve this problem - assuming that crop insurance remains mandatory. Meanwhile, as Congress and the White House hammer out a budget compromise for '96, the issue of mandatory insurance remains in question.

Says Ackerman, "We won't know whether crop insurance will be mandatory in 1996 until the budget deal is final. Until then, farmers should base their actions on what's in the law right now."

At this year's Runnels County Ag Day, Harold Bob Bennett, state executive director of Farm Service Agency, will discuss USDA programs and crop insurance issues.

Bennett also is in partnership with his two brothers in Hart, Texas, in a cattle feeding business and is an active member of various farm and commodity groups.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is married and has two daughters.

Contributions from sponsors keep AG Day going each year

What keeps Runnels County Ag Day going?

The generous support from area businesses and organizations who know what an important contribution Ag Day makes to Runnels County.

It can get expensive to produce the high level of educational programs offered by events such as Ag Day and it is the goal of the Runnels County Extension Office and Runnels County Crops and Home Economics Committees to continue to bring quality programs to the residents of Runnels County.

In order to help defray the costs, there are three levels of sponsorship offered to the community and designed to give everyone the opportunity to participate in the event. They are Gold Star, Silver Star and Star Sponsors.

Each sponsor plays an important role in the success of Ag Day. This year the complimentary noon meal will be courtesy of "Gold Star Sponsors" Wingate Gin, The First National Bank of Ballinger, Haechten Insurance Agency, The First National Bank of Rotan-Ballinger Branch, First American Bank S.S.B., Texas Wheat Producers Board, and the First National Bank of

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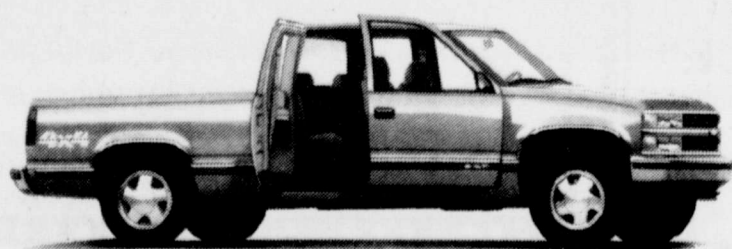
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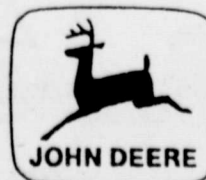
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Prof. White presents a program on sustaining an acceptable agricultural lifestyle



For the past 10 years, a great deal of time, thought and research has been put into the theory that to remain afloat in agriculture, one must manage all his resources to the best of his ability. One of the pioneers in this effort and indeed one of the most recognized is Dr. Larry White.

Dr. White, professor and Extension range specialist at Texas A&M University, is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in the Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management.

White received his bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1963 with specialization in range and wildlife management from Northern Arizona University; his master of science degree in 1965 in range management from the University of Arizona and a Ph.D in 1963 in range management with a minor in botany from the University of Arizona.

He worked as a range management advisor to the Kenya government (1967-1969), was assistant and associate professor range ecosystem management in the school of Forest Resources and Conservation (1970-78) at the University of Florida and joined the faculty of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in 1978 as Extension range specialist located in Uvalde.

He has been professor and Extension range specialist with the Texas A&M University System since 1991. He was

promoted in 1993 to professor and Extension specialist with a 25% teaching appointment, grazing management, rangeland environmental issues, and total ranch management statewide. His program has emphasized adult education, demonstrations and applied research concerned with prescribed burning, grazing management with emphasis on stocking rate decisions, total ranch management, environmental issues, and ecosystem management.

Dr. White's theories and strategies from Total Resource Management have been taught at seminars throughout Texas. Participants learn the value of pro-active planning, goal setting, and strategic management. He stresses the need for total family involvement, as well as the importance of emotional and financial well being of the family. Through a planned effort it is hoped that families can sustain an acceptable lifestyle in agriculture.

Private applicators attending Ag Day obtain two CEUs

Self-certification is here! This is the new process by which licensees manage their own continuing education records.

Private applicators attending the entire Producers Program at the 1996 Runnels County Ag Day will be eligible to receive two CEU credits. These credits will be issued as follows: one in IPM and one in general.

Producers will no longer be

required to fill out a scantron sheet, but it will be necessary for them to complete a Continuing Education Register form which asks for their private applicator's license number or social security number.

All private applicators interested in receiving a certificate verifying they attended the necessary programs and earned two credits will be required to complete paperwork with this information at Ag

Day. Please don't forget to bring your license number of social security number, because with the new self-certification procedures, no late "paperwork" will be accepted.

Remember, you must collect and keep a certificate of completion from each course you attend.

These certificates will be issued at the conclusion of the afternoon producers programs.

1996 Ag Day Schedule of Events

10:30 a.m.	Trade Show Visitation
11:45-12:55	Complimentary lunch catered by The Shed
1-2 p.m.	Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Assoc. Gin Delegate meeting- Joe Forester Gymnasium (new gym on north end of high school)
Producers Meeting in the auditorium	
1 p.m.	Opening remarks and introductions Mike Mauldin-Runnels County Extension Agent-Ag
1:20 p.m.	"Outlook and Impact of New Cattle Numbers and Effects of the Drought" Dr. Ernest Davis, professor and Extension economist-TAEX
1:45 p.m.	"Sustaining an Acceptable Agricultural Lifestyle" Dr. Larry White, professor and Extension range specialist-TAEX
2:10 p.m.	"Making Crop Insurance Decisions" Dr. Laurence Crane, director of education and training, National Crop Insurance Services
2:35 p.m.	"USDA Programs and Crop Insurance Issues" Harold Bob Bennett, state exec. director, USDA Farm Service Agency
Break and Trade Show Visitation	
3 p.m.	"Boll Weevil Eradication in the Southern Rolling Plains - An Overview of 1995 and Plans for 1996" - Kenneth Gully, president, Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Assoc.
3:30 p.m.	Osama El-Lissy, program dir., Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation
4:30 p.m.	"Stress Management Practices to Sustain the Farm Family" - Panel discussion: Monsignor Larry Droll, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Wall, Tx.; Pastor Jim Hanson, Lutheran Church, Wall, Tx.; Mike Mauldin, CEA-Ag, Runnels County, and Patricia Hohensee, CEA-FCS, Runnels County
5 p.m.	"Reflections on Ag Day" - Randall Conner, president, Runnels Co. Exec. Program Council
5:30 p.m.	Supper - catered by The Shed (\$5 per person)
6:45 p.m.	Awards Program Keynote speaker - Jack Jackson

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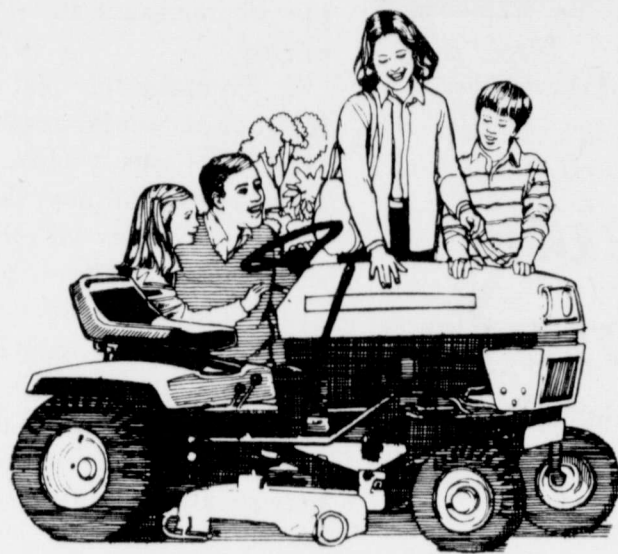
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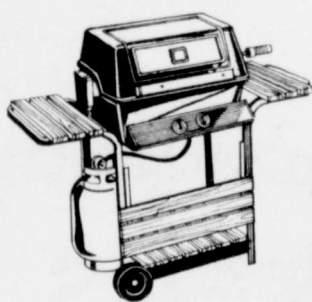
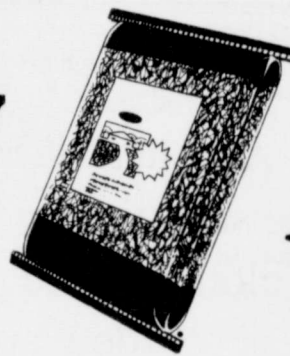
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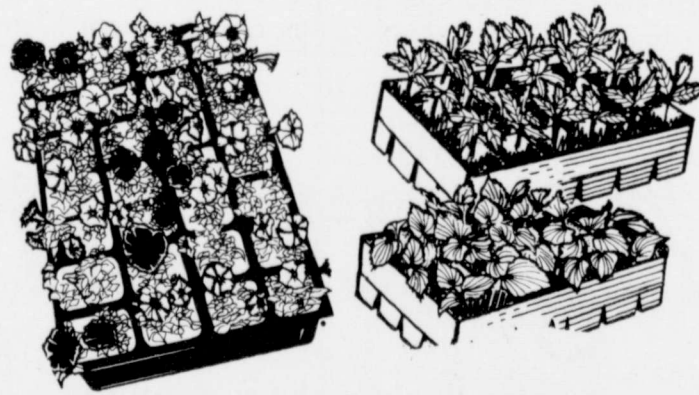


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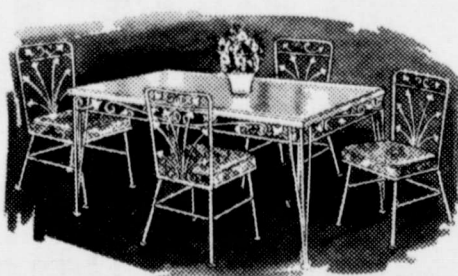


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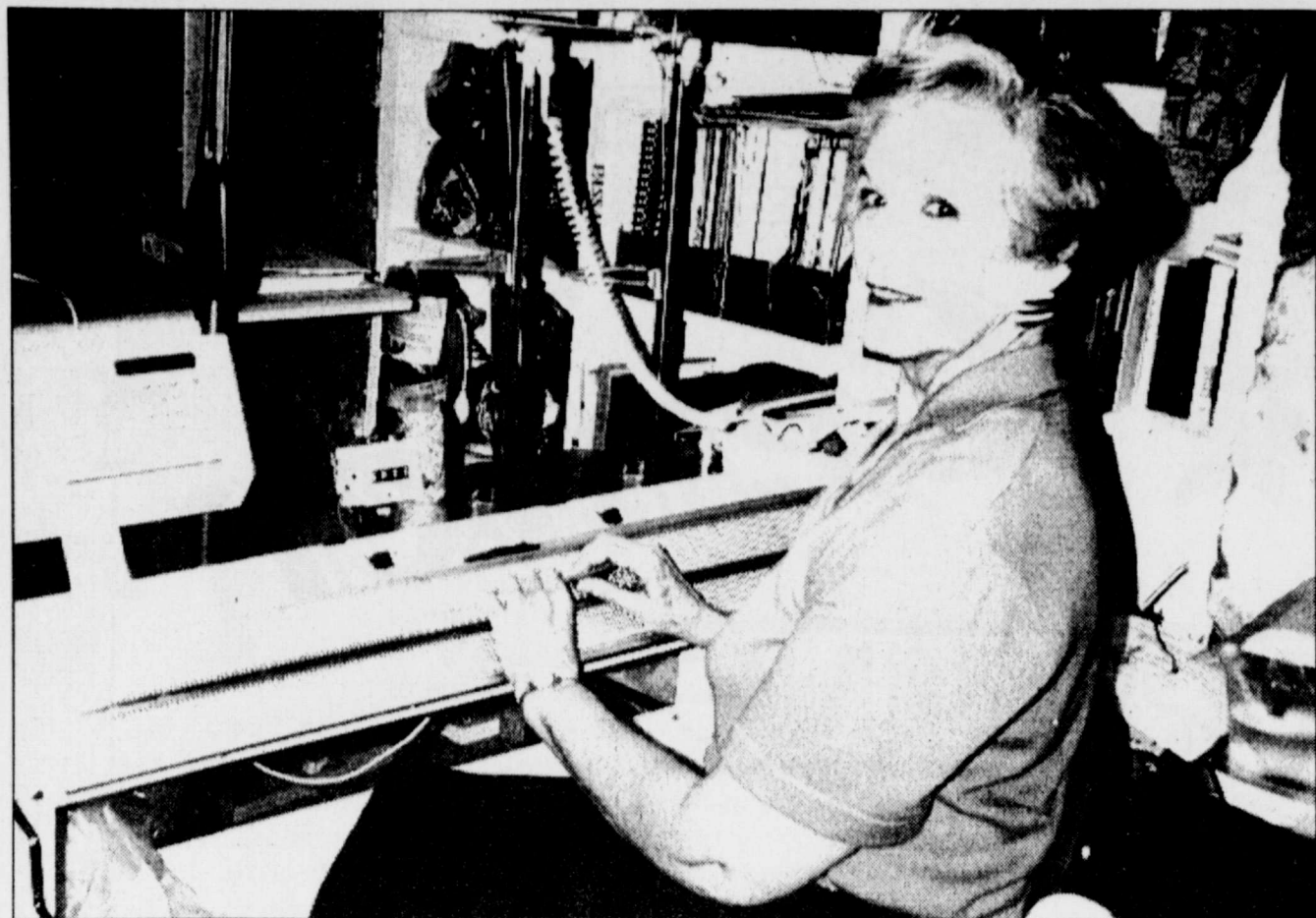
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Two Ag Day programs in the home economics department feature what's new for the sewing room.

An early bird "Sew - What's New" program from 11:30 a.m. to noon will be presented

by representatives of San Angelo Sewing Center and Ethel Jansa of Rowena. They will preview new gadgets, notions and machines that make life simpler for seamstresses and quilters.

At 4 p.m., Iwanda Blesing will focus on revolutionary advancements from hand knit-

ting to machine knitting.

While she demonstrates knitting skills on her European knitting machine, models will showcase examples of her knitting creations.

The idea of being able to knit intarsia, fairisle, lace and stockinette sweaters, as well as elegant dresses, skirts and pants was a dream come true for a hobbyist.

Farmers considering crop insurance should contact the FSA first

It has become increasingly important that farm producers consider crop insurance.

The following are some key points and helpful tips to get producers through the process of purchasing crop insurance.

1. The first step to make is the local Farm Service Agency (FSA). They can answer general questions and sign producers up for basic catastrophic coverage, which is 50 percent coverage at 60 percent of the government designated price. If a producer is interested in additional coverage, or buy-up insurance, the FSA office can refer them to private insurance agents in the county.

2. To make the best choice for your particular needs, consider previous yields. However, it is not necessary to document yields with the FSA office or an insurance agent. Producers merely need to self-certify that the information is correct. This information is subject to spot checks though, and any misrepresentation may result in penalties or cancelled insurance.

3. Producers may want to give some attention to finding an FSA officer or a private insurance agent who can explain their options thoroughly and clearly. There are many choices available to producers shopping for crop insur-

ance. There are also a number of questions to answer, such as "How much can I afford?" or "What are my needs?" If someone can help make this process clear and answer all your questions, you can make a better choice.

Producers may want to begin the process of shopping for insurance over the winter, to allow for enough time to find the right agent and consider your options thoroughly. The deadline for applying for insurance varies from January 15 in South Texas to March 15 in the Panhandle. Check with the local FSA office or a private insurance agent. The deadline in Runnels County is March 15.

4. While it is important to find an FSA office or agent who can explain your options clearly and thoroughly, beware of agents who promise you a better deal. All agents are selling the same product, which is government insurance. You do have the option of purchasing additional insurance from private providers. Unless this is your choice, however, you are buying the same insurance at the same price from any agent around.

5. Get a copy of your policy and actually read it. This will ensure that you understand your rights and responsibilities. For instance, it is up to

the producer to notify insurance providers on a timely basis of potential claims. It is also important to understand what your policy will provide for you.

At this year's Runnels County Ag Day, Dr. Lawrence M. Crane with National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) will be on hand to discuss "Crop Insurance Issues" and help producers understand the steps to making wise decisions when purchasing insurance.

NCIS is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of more than 140 crop insurance companies in the United States. Their offices are located in Overland Park, Kansas.

As director of education and training, Dr. Crane is responsible for industry-wide educational initiatives. He oversees the development, provision and maintenance of products and services required by companies to meet their training needs.

Dr. Crane was born and raised on a crop and livestock farm in Idaho. He received bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Brigham Young University and a Ph. D. from Texas A&M University, all in agricultural economics. He lives in Overland, Kansas, with his wife and five daughters.

Dry conditions heighten threat of wildfires

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer warned Texans not to let down their guard against wildfires, even if their area is lucky enough to receive some rain over the next few days.

"Everything is so dry that any rain will bring only brief relief to those who live in areas of high wildfire danger,"

Bomer said. "Barring long, soaking rains throughout the spring, this threat is something we're going to have to live with for awhile. Outdoor burning and discarded cigarettes will continue to be dangerous."

Bomer urged wildfire-threatened property owners to take precautions immediately by clearing debris, dry grass,

underbrush and dead wood for at least 30 feet around their homes and other buildings.

For more tips, Texans can call the Texas Department of Insurance for a free brochure entitled *Wildfire Warning*. The 24-hour, toll-free order line is 1-800-599-SHOP (7467). In Austin, call 305-7211.

"Too much farm and ranch land and too many homes and buildings already have been claimed by wildfire this year," Bomer said. "Texans need to

be aware of the danger and take appropriate action."

Those whose property has been damaged by fire should contact their insurance agent or company as soon as possible. If they still have questions or complaints, they can call the Texas Department of Insurance's toll-free consumer helpline between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The number is 1-800-252-3439 or in Austin 463-6515. Spanish-speaking operators are available.

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Farmers still in limbo over 1995 Farm Bill

Many of the nation's farmers and ranchers, including those in Runnels County, have been dealing with one of the worst droughts since the 1950s. To make matters worse, with two months gone in 1996, the "1995 Farm Bill" is still in limbo.

Although the U.S. Senate passed its version of a farm bill several weeks ago, the House did nothing and went home for recess. The House reconvened on Monday, February 26 and on Wednesday, Rep. Charles Stenholm, (D-Stamford) had this advice for lawmakers as they moved toward wrapping up House action on the controversial "Freedom to Farm Act" overhauling U.S. farm programs, "For heaven's sake, let's not make it worse."

House members took the

advice in one key area, killing an amendment that would have wiped out the marketing loan program for cotton, critical for many West Texas farmers.

The House voted on Thursday to reject the amendment by Reps. Steve Chabot, (R-Ohio) and Joseph P. Kennedy, (D-Mass.) that would have wiped out cotton loans beginning in 1999. Current loans in the federal program would have been due by a 1998 deadline.

Defeat of the amendment was described as a major victory by a Stenholm aide, who said the program would not be affected under the Freedom to Farm Act.

Even without amendments like those by Chabot and Kennedy, Stenholm argued passage of the Freedom to Farm measure will put U.S.

farmers at a disadvantage with heavily-subsidized farmers in other countries, especially in Europe.

Republicans have backed the agriculture overhaul as one of many proposals to cut federal programs and balance the federal budget. The measure would phase out most agriculture subsidies over seven years. During that period, farmers would receive a commodity payment based on the average of their individual payments over the past five years regardless of the size of their future crops or whether they planted at all.

Payments to farmers would decline across-the-board over each of the seven years.

Stenholm last year strongly backed a Democratic alternative to the Freedom to Farm approach that would have kept current commodity programs intact, cutting spending by \$4.4 billion rather than the \$13.4 billion in the Freedom to Farm bill.

Stenholm said, "let us not make things worse by pursuing the idea that somehow, some way, our producers can compete in the international marketplace without our government standing shoulder-to-shoulder with them."

Stenholm, ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture General Farm Commodities Subcommittee, also highlighted the impact of killing the wool and mohair program three years ago.

When the program was eliminated, "everybody rejoiced the editorial boards, the TV commentators-everyone rejoiced that we'd killed the wool and mohair program."

"What's been the result for the United States?" he asked. "U.S. sheep breeding herds have dropped 21.6 percent. Lamb imports have increased by 50 percent, wool imports by 11 percent and 16,000 families have quit the sheep industry."

Tom W. Smith, president of the National Cotton Council says, "The lack of specific details about 1996 farm policy is creating confusion and uncertainty for farmers, their lenders, their suppliers, their processors, and their customers." Smith, a West Texas native, says farmer have been left in the dark.

"In some areas, farmers are planting their crops without knowing the final rules," Smith says. "Others will be unable to secure production financing necessary to begin planting. The frustration in rural communities is reaching a crisis level."

The council, joined by other cotton interest organizations, sent letter to House members this week calling for prompt action on the Agriculture Market Transition Act (H.R. 2854), which is essentially the same legislation included in the agriculture title of the Balanced Budget Act.

NCC urged support for a rule that provides for limited amendments, and opposition to any amendments that do not have the support of House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas.

Smith said the House Agriculture Committee's Agriculture Market Transition Act-or the

bill passed by the Senate-would be acceptable to the U.S. cotton industry.

The national cotton leader says cotton farmers and other industry members simply cannot wait any longer for farm policy details. "Further delays threaten to undermine a commodity (cotton) that realized a retail value of more than \$120 billion in 1994, or 40 percent of the total retail value of all U.S. commodity crops," smith says. "We need quick House action, a prompt House-senate conference and a presidential signature."

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Congress passes AMTA legislation

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) voted to pass the "Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA)," legislation to replace traditional crop subsidies with a system of fixed payments.

The House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 270-155; the Senate approved similar legislation earlier this month.

"Despite my serious reservations about this bill, I recognize that the nation's two million farmers need a policy in place on which to make their

1996 planting decisions," said Stenholm. "By voting for a farm bill today, the process will continue moving along and, hopefully, some of the problems with this bill can be worked out in the conference with the Senate."

The House narrowly rejected amendments to eliminate government support programs for peanuts and sugar. Stenholm successfully stopped the House effort to eliminate the marketing loan program for cotton. Unfortunately, the House rejected the Gunderson dairy compromise, which would have provided stability to dairy producers.

"I could at least understand the point of eliminating subsidies if there was a level playing field for our producers in the international market-

place," observed Stenholm. "But it is foolish to think our producers can somehow compete without our government standing shoulder to shoulder with them when foreign governments so heavily subsidize our competitors."

Stenholm introduced amendments in the form of a Democratic substitute to provide \$3.5 billion for a Fund for Rural America.

"If the federal government is going to withdraw from its partnership with the American producer, investments need to be made in rural America to ease this transition," said Stenholm. "We proposed to increase USDA's authority to make improvements in rural infrastructure for water delivery and sewage disposal, research, education,

extension, insurance and conservation."

The substitute also included provisions to provide oil seed loan rates and retain permanent farm law providing for permanent farm support authority.

This bloc of amendments was rejected by the House. Also defeated was an amendment Stenholm introduced to replace the provisions of the bill with a modified version of the Senate farm bill in an effort to expedite the final enactment of policy on which farmers could plan for the current crop year.

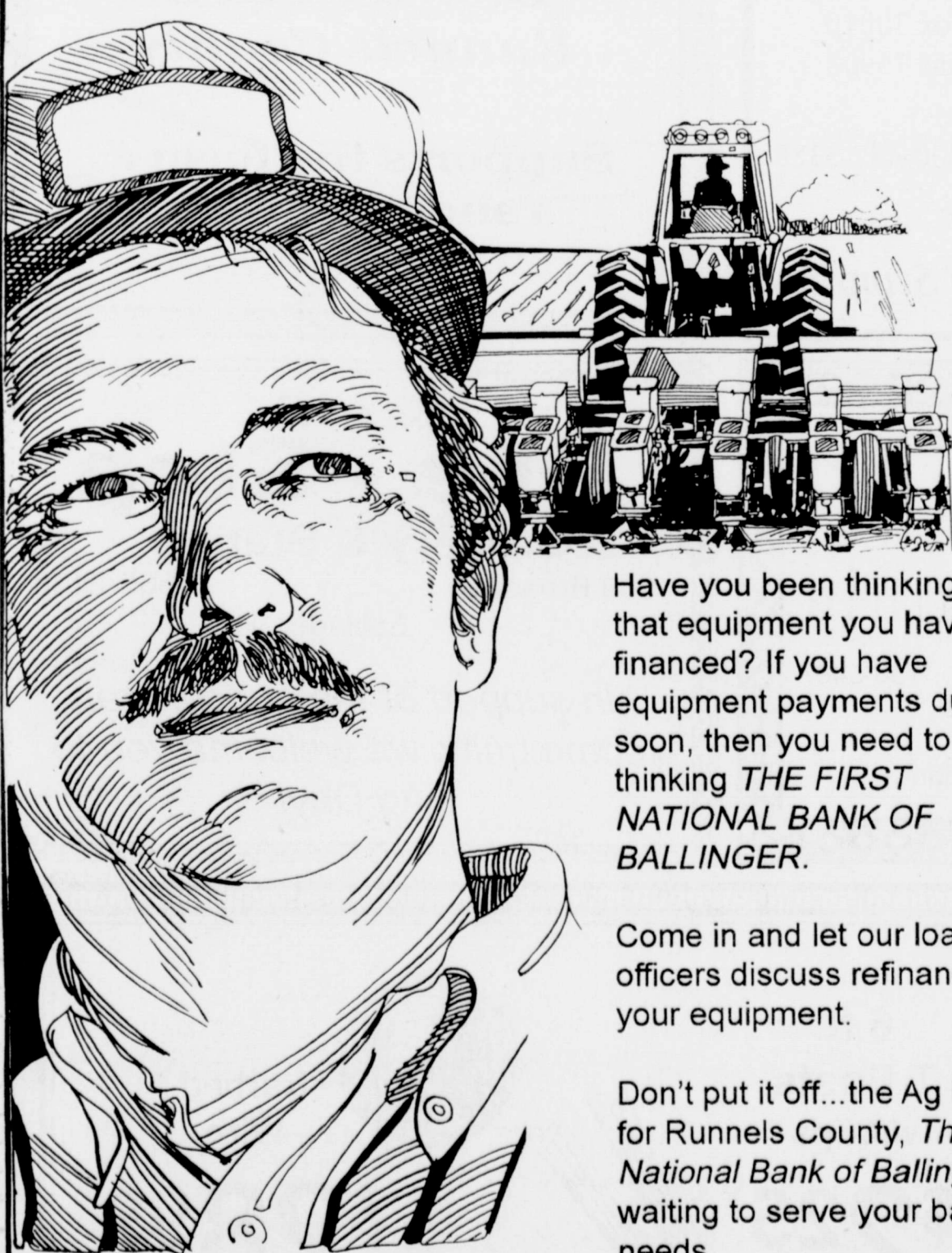
"House action improves the bill and gives us a good basis from which to further improve this legislation in conference," added Stenholm.

Wheat farmers, cattlemen suffer

Much of Runnels County suffered a disastrous cotton crop in 1995, and now faces the prospect of a short wheat harvest. Grazing has been almost non-existent, according to County Extension Agent Mike Mauldin.

"Conditions here are critical," he said and "many dollars being lost this year in wheat grazing."

"Producers are feeding both hay and protein-profits, if any existed, are being fed up by the day."



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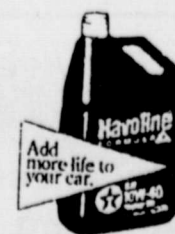


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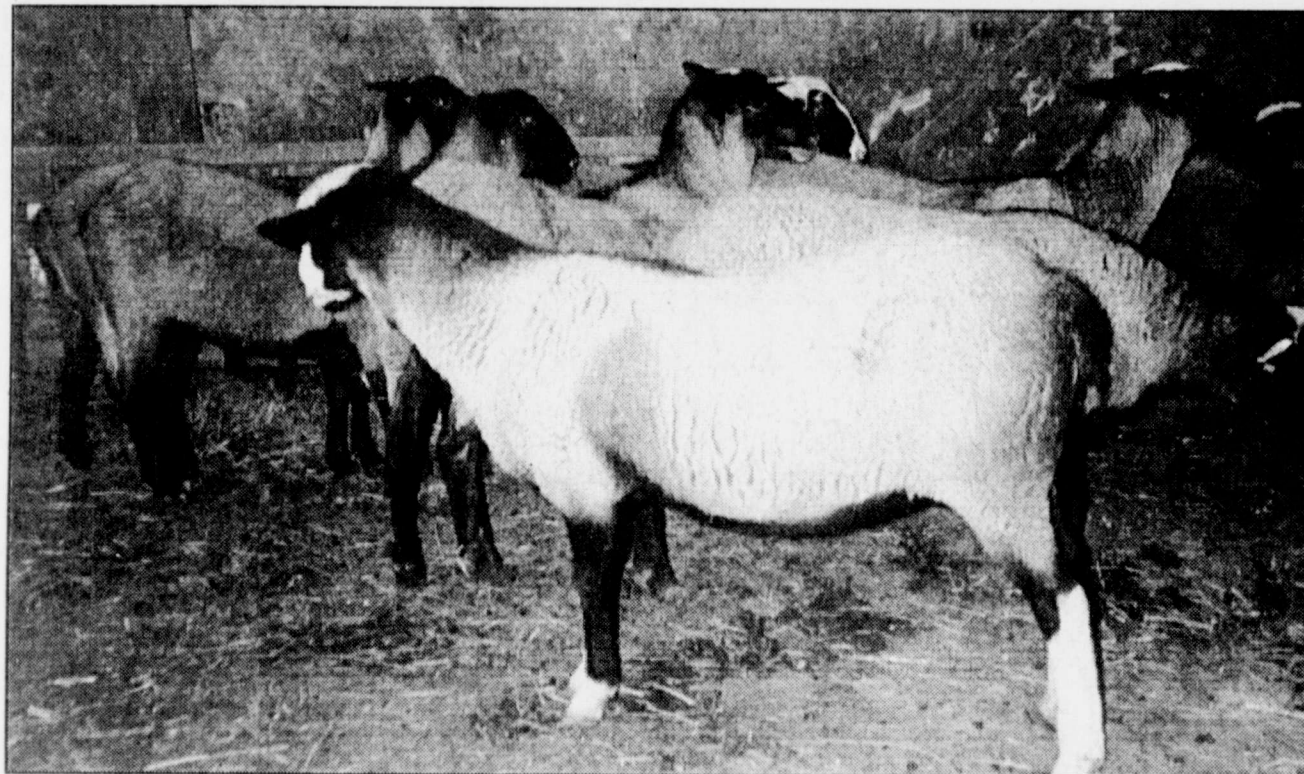
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MIKE HELM, SONS BRYAN AND BRADY, try to hold the quintuplet offspring of a Romanov ewe. These five lambs make the 17th offspring from the ewe in two years.



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TYPICAL ROMANOV ewes a short time after shearing. Note the stocking feet and white markings on the head along with grayish wool.

Helms believe Romanovs will help sheep ranchers survive

Mike and Pam Helm believe the answer to the sagging sheep industry's problems since the withdrawal of the wool support by the federal government is to increase the lambing rate. Their answer to that problem has been to buy a sheep native to Russia which has a unique genetic makeup and passes its desirable traits to offspring, even when crossed with other breeds.

The Helms live on a small five-acre farm near Winters. Mike is a fourth-generation sheep producer and his belief is that success in the sheep business is a game of numbers-getting the highest return from a small parcel of land. Realizing they would never be able to buy enough land to run thousands of sheep, but might be able to acquire enough land to run a few hundred sheep, the Helms began looking for a way to produce more lambs per ewe.

Mike and Pam believe the Romanov could give them an edge by being able to send more lambs to market. The Romanov was exported from Russia through France to Canada in the early 1980's. Genetically different from North American and British breeds of sheep, the Romanov breed is considered a "pure gene," not a "cross" of other breeds.

The Helms bought two Romanov rams and eight ewes in 1992 from David and Nicki Blackstone of Lewisville, Ohio. The Blackstones became one of the first Romanov breeders in the United States in 1988 when they purchased

two rams and several ewes from Canada.

Mike and Pam began looking at the Romanovs after seeing an article in a trade magazine with a photo of David Blackstone holding a set of quintuplets born to one of his ewes. The information on the Romanov breed showed an impressive tendency for multiple births, along with early sexual maturity, out-of-season breeding, docile rams, superior milkers, excellent mothers and hardy, aggressive lambs.

Because of the Romanov's early sexual maturity, ram and ewe lambs must be separated by the age of 70 days. The Helms separate their rams and ewes, at 60 days. The Romanovs are suited to an accelerated lambing program. One of the Helm's ewes lambed for the first time at 11 months in February, 1994, producing four lambs, then again in October with three lambs, again in May with five lambs and again in January with five more lambs, for a total of seventeen lambs in a two year period.

Romanov producers expect their ewes to raise four lambs unassisted, according to Mike. "The Romanovs are ideal for the man who lambs out on pasture. Newborns have a strong will to live and typically are up on their feet and nursing shortly after birth. Romanovs are also excellent mothers. The man who can't always be there at lambing time will find the smaller heads and lambing ease to be a major advantage."

But, while they have sold

Romanovs in California, New Mexico and Oklahoma, the Helms have had a hard time convincing West Texas sheep producers of the benefits of cross-breeding Romanovs.

"Purebred Romanovs don't have what people are looking for out here," Pam said. "Romanovs have black in their wool, and a lot of people are against Romanovs because of that. They are afraid cross-breeding with Romanovs is going to mess up their wool."

But the Helms say Romanov cross breeds usually lose all or most of the black present in their mothers. And, they point out, the ewe crosses retain the high lambing rate, rapid maturity and out-of-season breeding qualities present in their mothers.

Now they can get multiple lambs every eight months from each Rambouillet-Romanov ewe cross in their commercial flock and still get top dollar for the animal's wool. By comparison, the Helms say they average only one lamb-occasionally getting twins-per year from their Suffolk and Rambouillet ewes.

The Helms say their experiences the last two years have convinced them Romanovs are a worthwhile investment and they say they will continue to work with them as long as they raise sheep. In the meantime, they hope to convince their fellow sheep producers in Texas of the same thing.

"Having those extra lambs to take to market without increasing your number of ewes is going to make a big difference to a lot of producers," Pam says. "It has for us."

Trade show exhibitors are the backbone of Ag Day

The backbone of Runnels County Ag Day is the Trade Show and Exhibit Booths.

Each year businesses and organizations are extended an invitation to be an exhibitor at Ag Day to meet and talk with area residents and to show them their latest products.

This year the Trade Show begins at 10:30 a.m., showcasing over 30 indoor and outdoor exhibits.

Along with industry-related non-profit organizations such as the Farm Service Agency, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., and the Texas A&M Entomology Department; representatives from seed, implement, chemical, insurance, financial institutions, and various other agricultural-related businesses will be available to discuss their products and answer questions. There is something of interest to both rural and urban residents as exhibitors to cover a wide range of interests.

Commercial booths for out-of-town exhibitors include DowElanco, G&P Seed, All-Tex, CIBA, Cyanamid, Rhone-Poulenc, SEEDCO Corp., Delta Pine & Land Co., Ranger

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