

Apples of Gold
An admission of error is a sign of strength rather than a confession of weakness.

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No loitering at Rowena square?

Runnels County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at the courthouse.

Most of the discussion at the meeting centered around Sheriff Bill Baird's request that the county place signs on the Rowena Town Square. The signs requested by the sheriff would help "the problem of young people gathering at the square after the dances at Rowena and drinking beer and getting into fights," Baird told the court.

He said following Saturday night dances, there sometimes would be as many as 200 kids parked and gathered on the square. Baird said he would like to have signs erected something to the effect of "no loitering after midnight." Commissioner Ricky Strube told Baird his (Strube's) constituents are not in favor of creating a new law. "Constable Moeller says there is not a bad problem," Strube went on to say. "I believe you can write tickets for MIP (minor in possession) and deter a lot of that kind of stuff,"

Strube said.

Baird replied that "tickets won't deter the kids—we need a sign to help my department enforce the law." Following consultation with County Attorney John McGregor who said there would be nothing against putting up the signs, but "it might not be enforceable," commissioners voted to table any action until further study could be made. Baird told commissioners, "I want it to be on record I requested this and if no signs are put up, commissioner's court is responsible for not doing it."

Ballinger Police Chief Paul Boggess appeared before commissioners requesting instruction as to how his department is to handle 911 calls for emergency ambulance service after the emergency medical service contracts expire December 31.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless and Judge Marilyn Egan said that Bob McDaniel had told the court he would continue to operate just as he has in the past—"so you should handle 911 calls just as in the past."

Jack Frost nipping at your nose?



Nothing quite like a misaligned congratulatory smooch from 8-month-old Kara Heathcott to the nose of her good friend, Corey Pritchard, who is only six days older than Kara. Corey's big sister, Misty, was named Miss Sno-Queen and Kara's sister, Amy, was first runner-up.

Texas Department of Health still well, active in Winters

"We are still here!"

That is the message the Texas Department of Health (TDH) wants the community to know. The TDH Winters Field Office will continue to provide adult health, immunizations, tuberculosis elimination, communicable disease and other services at their same location, 110 S. Main in Winters. They will also be in Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, and Ballinger.

Some confusion exists due to recent changes in the provision of local health care services. Last summer, TDH announced that some services - maternity, child health and family planning services - formerly provided at their Winters clinic, had been transferred to Outreach Health Services.

This led to the misconception that TDH had closed its doors altogether, which is not the case.

Patients may call the Texas Department of Health office in Winters at (915) 754-4945 for more information.

Misty Pritchard crowned Miss Sno-Queen

Misty Pritchard was crowned Miss Sno-Queen for 1997, following the annual Christmas parade last Saturday. Misty is the daughter of Johnny Bob and Deb Pritchard.

First runner-up was Amy Heathcott, and Rosie Rocha was named second runner-up.

Misty was chosen from a field of seventeen contestants. All the

girls were treated to a luncheon at the Rock Hotel on Friday.

Out-of-town judges for the contests were Nicki Harle, Kelly McGill and Christi Gregory.

Winners in the parade were:

Floats:

1st - First State Bank

2nd - Museum/Rock Hotel

3rd - 2nd Grade Brownie Troop

Decorated Contestant Cars:

1st - Misty Pritchard

2nd - Rosie Rocha

3rd - Amy Heathcott

Other Vehicles:

1st - Wee Care Pre-school

2nd - The Pritchards

3rd - Watson's sleigh

Walkers/Bicycles:

1st - Magical Majorettes

2nd - Keegan Kurtz

3rd - Santa's Helpers & Their

South American Friends

School band concerts Sun.

Mr. Edward Hernandez, Winters Band Director, invites everyone to attend the annual Christmas concerts of bands this Sunday, December 15.

Opening the program will be the fifth grade band at 2:30, followed by bands from sixth grade, junior high and high school.

Admission is free for the concerts which will be in the school auditorium.



MISTY PRITCHARD, left, was crowned the 1997 Sno-Queen during Saturday's Christmas activities in downtown Winters. First runner-up is Amy Heathcott, center. Second runner-up is Rosie Rocha.

Second graders to present "Rootin', Tootin' Christmas"

Winters second grade students will present "Rootin', Tootin' Christmas" on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Setting for the delightful musical is the O.K. Corral. Approximately 67 students will participate in the program under the direction of third grade teachers Troylene Lincycomb, Melinda Meyers, Christy Bearden and Marthiel Russell, along with music teacher, Fran Kidwell. Ya-hoo! See you there!

No Enterprise on Dec. 26; early deadline for Jan. 2

The Winters Enterprise office will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas.

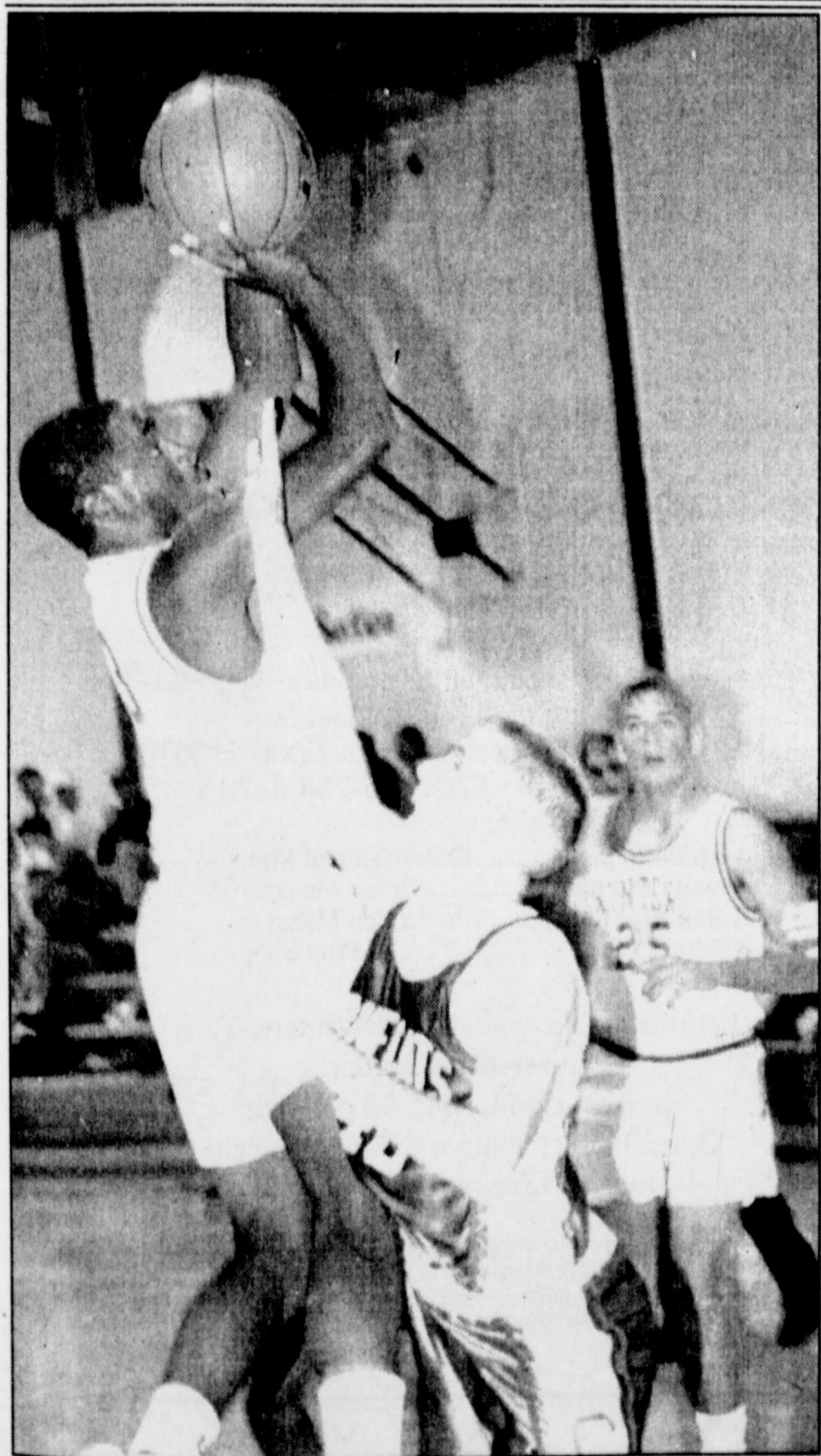
Anyone wishing to publish a Christmas greeting in *The Winters Enterprise* should immediately call 754-4958 or come by the office at 104 N. Main. Greetings and Letters to Santa will be published in the December 19 issue.

There will be no December 26 issue of *The Winters Enterprise*. Due to the New Year's holiday and printing schedule, deadline for news items and advertising copy for the January 2 issue will be December 26.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 12 - Toy Drives continue by FBC Youth & Sheriff's Dept. 10 a.m. 39+, FUMC
- 6-8:30 p.m. Computer Classes at WHS
- 7 p.m. Elementary Select Choir at Penney's, Abilene
- Dec. 13 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Dec. 14 - 9 a.m. Livestock Show workday
- 6:30 p.m. Crews Community get-together
- Dec. 15 - 2:30 Winters schools band concert, WHS auditorium
- Dec. 16 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Winters Squares
- 2:30 Retired Teachers meet, FUMC Ballinger
- Dec. 17 - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. CTO food distribution, Multi-Purpose Center
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open House, First American Bank
- 6:30 Lions Club Christmas Dinner
- 6:30 OES Chapter #80 Christmas Dinner and Party
- 7 p.m. Rootin' Tootin' 2nd grade musical with Select Choir to follow
- 7 p.m., WVFD practice
- Dec. 18 - 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m. Free Blood Pressure check, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 Senior Citizens' Meal
- Dec. 19 - 6:00 p.m. Literary & Service Club Dinner, The Shed
- 6:00 Computer Classes at WHS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



AUBREY NEWTON outjumps his Coleman defender to take the shot during Blizzard junior varsity action. At right is teammate Jay Harris #25.

OIL BUSINESS . . .

By Reg Boles ©1996



We are entering the season when stress increases as you struggle to get everyone that perfect gift and plan huge meals in small spaces. As a stress reducer, humor may help.

In that spirit, here are the top ten worst reasons to get into the oil business.

10. You like the smell of hydrogen sulfide in the morning.

9. Your car needs gasoline.

8. Your uncle told you to, because there are no such things as dry holes—they are just a coverup of the big oil companies.

7. You want to get first crack at all those prizes they give away at gas stations.

6. You like to watch pipe turn to the right because it soothes your inner child.

5. You're under the impression that "stakings" involves hunting down and killing vampires.

4. You know how appreciative everyone will be that you are doing your part to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

3. You think it will be a great gag that you can tell people "I have gas and I'm rich because of it".

2. You've always wanted to have a great nickname like "Red", "Roughneck", or "Bum".

1. Two words: "Windfall Profits".

I had to wait until a few weeks after Thanksgiving for this to make sure you didn't lose your turkey. Ho, Ho, Ho.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Coke County

EXP, Inc. has applied to re-enter the McDonald #2 in the West Fort Chadbourne Field, 9 miles N of Bronte (Depth 5900). Loc. is 467 FSL & 467 FEL of A. Dorsey Sur. No. 474, A-85.

Coleman County

Aurora Gas, Inc. has applications for two wells in the Rough Creek Ranch Field, 2 miles SE of Novice (Depth 3750). The Rough Creek Ranch North Unit #1 will be re-entered and is loc. 330 FSL & 990 FEL of Sec. 45, BBB&C Sur. The Rough Creek Ranch East Unit #1 is staked at 755 FSL & 115 FWL of Sec. 10, Bk. 1, HT&B Sur.

Delray Oil has staked the A. Allcorn et ux - A- #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles E of Talpa (Depth 2600). Loc. is 83 FEL & 2927 FSL of BBB&C Sur. No. 66.

Nolan County

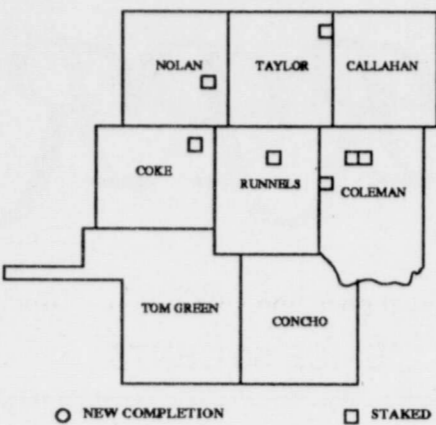
Pioneer Exploration has staked the R.R. Petty #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 4200). Loc. is 918 FEL & 2400 FNL of Sec. 6, Bk. Z, T&PRR Sur. A-1066.

Runnels County

Shamrock Minerals has staked the J.A. Majors #3 in the Lucky Pierre Field, 3 miles SW of Winters (Depth 3000). Loc. is 3044 FNL & 2377 FWL of A.J. Roper Sur. No. 52, A-1267.

Taylor County

Midland Oil & Gas has staked the J. Antilley #1 in the Big Easy Field, 6 miles E of Abilene (Depth 3600). Loc. is 280 FNL & 693 FEL of Sec. 58, BAL Sur. A-1240.



Toys For Needy At Christmas

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department is collecting toys for the needy at Christmas. New and/or used toys (in good shape) will be accepted at the Sheriff's office or The Winters Enterprise in Winters.

Any family needing toys for children at Christmas can contact the Sheriff's office at 365-2121.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all the good friends and relatives who have been so kind and caring during Lessie's illness and after her death. Your cards, telephone calls, and visits when she was ill have meant so much to us these past few months.

Thank you for the tributes given to Lessie, the flowers, cards and memorials and your attendance at the funeral.

Thank you to Gayland Broadstreet, Audine McBeth, and Lillian Cooper for the beautiful service.

A special thanks to the Wilmeth Baptist Church for hosting the wonderful meal and to everyone in the area who contributed.

We truly appreciate the time and effort that you all gave. God Bless You All.

Robert & Judy Robinson
Gayland & Charlotte
Robinson and family

Card of Thanks

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our family and friends for their kindness shown at the loss of our loved one, Bill Milliom. Thanks for all the flowers, food and calls.

A special thanks to Mike Meyer and Bro. Shoemaker for the beautiful service.

Many thanks to the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the lunch they provided.

God bless you everyone.
Doris Jean and Bob
McClelland
Deb and Jacquelyn Brubaker

State Comptroller opens second Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment

(AUSTIN)—State Comptroller John Sharp has opened the Texas Tomorrow Fund's second enrollment period by noting that the pre-paid college tuition program is a better bargain than ever—and a great holiday gift for shrewd shoppers.

"If you're one of nearly 1,000 Texas parents whose child will be born today, you should know that it could cost you more than \$46,000 to send your bundle of joy to college in 18 years," Sharp said. "And that's just for tuition and required fees. Books and living expenses are extra."

"As tuition inflation continues to drive up the costs of a college education, the Texas Tomorrow Fund will be the answer for people trying to save for their children's or grandchildren's futures."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund, first proposed by Sharp in 1994 and approved by state lawmakers during the last legislative session, allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition and required fees.

The second annual enrollment period will run through February 18.

If you buy a contract today for your newborn and pay for it in one lump sum, the price for tuition and required fees will be \$9,652.98—a savings of more than \$36,000," Sharp said.

"But if you're like most parents and don't have that kind of money sitting in the bank, you can buy a contract today on the installment plan," Sharp said. "For just \$82 per month until your child graduates from high school in 18 years, you can still save nearly \$30,000 from the price of his or her tuition and required fees."

Sharp noted that, in addition to the contracts going on sale today, parents and grandparents may order a Texas Tomorrow Fund Holiday Certificate.

"It may not look like much of a toy, but the Texas Tomorrow Fund Holiday Certificate will still be around long after your child has outgrown a Power Ranger or Barbie Doll," Sharp said.

"Parents who wish to order a Holiday Certificate should call my toll-free hotline right away at 1-800-445-GRAD," Sharp said. "These Texans will receive information packets and application forms within the next few weeks—in plenty of time for the next enrollment deadline."

The Comptroller noted that the newly issued contracts cover more credit hours than those sold during the program's first enrollment period earlier this year. Current contract under the four-year public university plan have been expanded from 120 hours to 128 hours.

During the program's first enrollment period last spring, more than 41,000 families took advantage of the pay-now, learn-later program. Nearly 13,000 families have requested information on the program since then.

Sharp said that 81 percent of the prepaid contracts purchased during the program's debut enrollment period were for the senior college plan, covering tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas.

Another 12 percent were for the junior-senior college plan, covering up to 64 credit hours at a public junior or technical college, plus as many as 60 credit hours at a public senior college or university, for a total of 124 credit hours.

The Comptroller said that 5 percent of the contracts purchased earlier this year were for the junior college plan, paying for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical college. Two percent were for the private college plan, covering the average cost of tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

Sharp noted that Texans can also find out about the Texas Tomorrow Fund on his electronic bulletin board by dialing 1-800-227-8392 toll-free or by visiting his Internet site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.

Obituary

Ira M. Stanley

BALLINGER—Ira M. Stanley, 88, died Wednesday, December 4, 1996 at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born January 28, 1908, in Algeria, Texas. He married Eunice Elsie Hagar July 2, 1932, in Winters.

Mr. Stanley was a farmer and a heavy equipment operator for a highway construction company. He was a member of the Ninth Street Church of Christ and a past treasurer for the local AARP.

Survivors include his wife Eunice Elsie Stanley of Ballinger, one son Lester Stanley and wife Geniva of Freona; three daughters: Elrita Melissa Stanley of Ballinger, Loretta Joyce Rae of Odessa, Nelda R. Scott and husband Abe of Goldsmith; four brothers: Nolan Stanley of Big Spring, Delbert Stanley of Big Spring, Dealon Stanley of Big Spring, and Quenton Stanley of Houston; two sisters: Noma Eoff of Winters and Ethel Sawyer of Denton; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glen; a grandson Kerry Stanley, and a great-grandson Elliott Rae.

Services were Saturday, December 7, 1996 at the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger with Max Pratt officiating. Burial was in the Crews Cemetery.

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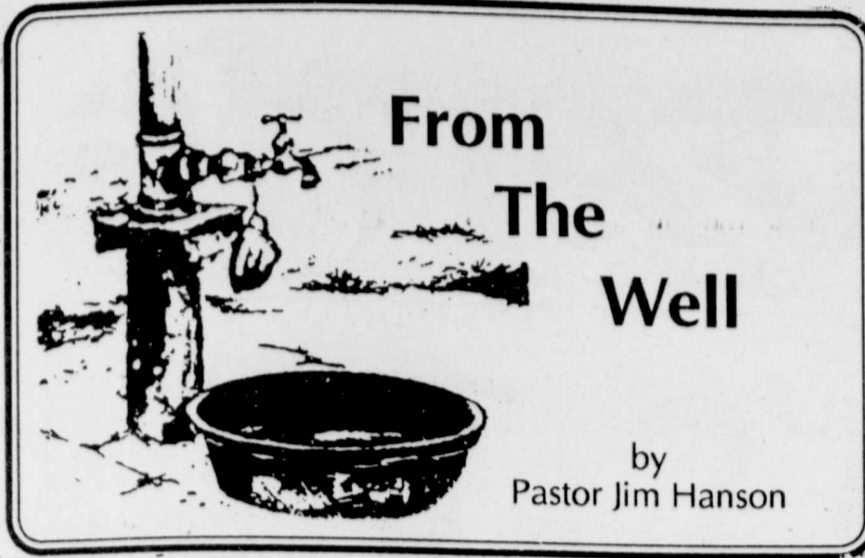
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From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

"Has anybody seen Timothy?", Mary asked. It was about 1:30 on Sunday afternoon. A beautiful fall day in Winters, Texas. We had just finished dinner and a wonderful time of "table talk". Paul and Mary were starting to pack up their stuff, Ramona was doing dishes, baby Linda was sleeping, and I was picking up the living room.

"Have you seen Timothy?" she asked, again. Well, we hadn't. Not for at least 10 minutes. Time enough for him to wander away, even to the highway. Or, out into the country. 2 1/2 year old boys can move pretty fast. They cover lots of ground. And our grandson Timothy seems to have been born with a strong sense of security and self-confidence, and little, if any, fear. Most of the time we are grateful for that. But not always.

Sunday afternoon was one of those "but not always" times. I couldn't help but think, "We should have put a leash on him." Or, "fenced him in". He would go where he would go, and not tell anyone where he was going. He loves to explore and discover, and he really resists hanging on to your hand. His theme song could well be "Don't fence me in". When he comes to church, he doesn't want to sit down. He wants to walk up to the front, examine the altar, step up into the pulpit, look at the stained glass windows, climb the steps to the balcony, go down the steps to the basement. Always looking, and wanting to see things up close. And, all by himself.

Well, our explorer took off, and we didn't know where to find him. We had a few anxious moments, those that are filled with the "what ifs". "What if he got hit with a car? What if he got picked up by somebody? What if he fell into a well?" Anxiety sets in instantly.

But after a few minutes Mary called out, "I've found him." Sure enough, she had. In our neighbor's garden. Apparently he was headed for the pasture, wanting to get up close to the animals. Not paying much attention to the ground he was walking in, he stepped into the wet, saturated soil. And, got stuck. Literally, "stuck in the mud". He couldn't get up by himself. He cried, out of frustration and fear.

In a few minutes we had him home, in the tub. His clothes were mud all over. His shoes, socks, pants and shirt - loaded with mud. He was a frightened little boy... cold, exhausted, and not so self-confident any more. After he was cleaned up, and warmed up, he did say to his mother, "I'm O.K."

Well, it probably isn't the last time he will learn something the hard way. One of the hardest lessons we ever learn in life is that we really can't do just what we please all the time and get away with it. Our culture seems to encourage revolution and rebellion, primarily against authority, tradition, and the ten commandments. Somehow many get the feeling that it's better to do things their way than God's way. Just take one example: the sexual revolution. In the late 50's and early 60's, these were some rather sophisticated folks who thought that the Biblical teachings on sexual behavior were just too restrictive. So, they started the sexual revolution in this country. It started with "having affairs" and encouraging pre-marital intercourse. Then, "no fault divorce". Then, "same sex intercourse". And, now, in Hawaii, same sex marriage.

So, today, the divorce rate is higher than ever. Illegitimate births are higher than ever, higher than any other "developed nation". Child abuse, spouse abuse, sexual harassment and sexual abuse - higher than ever. Our society is mired down and stuck in the mud of self gratification. What or who is going to pick us up out of the mud?

Timothy needs boundaries. He needs to have "some limits" set to his desire to explore. He needs some laws, some fences, some restrictions, and so do we all. The Bible really teaches 10 good laws. We call them the Ten Commandments. What they really are designed to do is keep us all from miring down and getting lost and stuck in the mud, unable to get up and get going. Our freedom is freedom under law. God's law to restrain us from doing evil and encouraging us to do good. We don't need to change the laws. We need to change our lives to conform to God's law. Like it says in "America, the Beautiful", "confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law".

CTO to distribute December 17

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute Non-USDA food items in Runnels County at the following locations: Winters Multi-Purpose Center, 601 W. Pierce, Winters, Tx., Tuesday, December 17, 1996 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM and Ballinger Multi-Purpose Center, 706 S. 8th St., Ballinger, Tx., Tuesday, December 17, 1996 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

CTO, Inc. has no control over what items are available or the quantity of the items. The food items are obtained from the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider without regard to race, color, age, sex, disability, political belief, religion, or national origin.

Shut-ins are encouraged to designate and authorize representatives to pick up for them. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much needed program. For more information call 915/754-4443 on Tuesday or 915/365-2275 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Letter to the Editor

Out of Towner appreciates kindness

Dear Editor:

During our brief visit to your friendly town to witness a Brownwood-Winters basketball game, my husband was in need of medication for his diabetes. In our haste to arrive early for the game, we left his medicine behind.

No sooner did we arrive in Winters than we spied Main Street Pharmacy. We wonder if Winters really knows what a concerned, helpful, and friendly citizen it has?

We do, because of him we could enjoy the game in a beautiful gym with well behaved students and arrive safely at home.

Thank you, Mr. Cross. We will be forever grateful to you.
Sincerely,
Barbara Nix

O.E.S. Chapter #80 Christmas Party

All members of the Winters Chapter #80 O.E.S. are urged to attend the regular meeting at the Wingate Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 pm.

Preceding the meeting, there will be a covered dish Christmas dinner at 6:30. Following the regular meeting, there will be the Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. Mark your calendars now!

Poe's Corner by Charlsie Poe



When Lightning Strikes

(My story published in True West in 1973)

Wagons with lumber began to arrive in 1900, and small houses sprang up in Runnels County, which before had been given over to prairie dog towns. The howls of wolves were still common sounds at night, and rattlesnakes were so numerous they kept the settlers uneasy. Nevertheless, Runnels and the little town of Pumphrey were attracting new homesteaders. Land was laid off in sections with roads around each.

The Jerry R. Ritch family arrived from Whitewright, Texas in 1904. Ritch built a white frame house just like his neighbors' but his barn was the tallest in the whole area and served as a landmark.

Prospecting was a favorite pastime of the men at that time. Ritch and four neighbors were light-hearted and excited as they set out on such a trip to Glasscock County, about a hundred miles farther west, where they had heard land could be bought much cheaper. Their maize and oat crops were harvested and other crops laid by, with wonderful prospects for a bumper cotton crop to follow.

It was a sparkling morning, August 20, 1906, when the five men left home in a new covered wagon belonging to Mr. Ritch. They took along equipment and provisions to prepare their own meals and to camp whenever night overtook them.

On the night of August 23, Lora, the oldest Ritch daughter, home from her first year in college, and her three sisters were alone in the house. Their mother had carried a load of grain to the county seat town of Ballinger, thirty miles away. Mrs. Ritch had taken Hugh, the oldest boy, to drive the team; the younger children had gone along for the ride.

At midnight, a knock came at the door. The four girls were frightened since having callers at such a late hour was unusual in this isolated community, but Lora mustered courage to open the door and say "Hello."

Two neighbor boys stood on the porch. One of them blurted out, "Where is your father?"

"He's gone out west on a prospecting trip," May, the second girl replied.

"They got a message on the community phone this afternoon," the boy stopped and stammered, "that four men were killed by lightning, but we're not sure it was the party your father was in."

The girls stood in stunned silence.

"Are you alone?" asked the second boy.

"Yes," said Lora. "Mother and the others have gone to Ballinger."

"Well, someone will find her," said the first boy reassuringly. "If you need any help, let us know."

With that, they were on their way to notify the other families. Lora knew by the way the boys talked, that they were more sure than they admitted, who the men were, but she felt it was her place to calm the fears of May, Pauline, and Amie.

"We don't know for certain that it is the group Papa was with—let's don't panic," she said with a confidence she didn't feel.

Pauline began to cry, "But you remember how they were joking and saying what a nice bunch if widows they would leave if they didn't come back."

"When Papa kissed us goodbye," sobbed Amie, "he told Mama not to worry, that things would be taken care of if he didn't return. He said, 'I've taught Hugh how to plow and he can operate

the machinery."

Lora fell silent. The sounds of night on the prairie that had seemed natural and familiar with her father's protection were now foreboding—made more ominous by the howling wolves in the distance. She was sure the others loved him too, but Lora felt closer to her fun-loving father than anyone. Many mornings, she was happily awakened by his pumping the old organ in the corner of the girls bedroom and lustily singing such songs as "Little Brown Jug" and "My Darling Nellie Gray", or if it were Sunday morning, some religious tune. Even his name, Jerry E. Ritch, had a rhymical sound, and Lora repeated it lovingly. He had been her first school teacher. He had high hopes for her education and was proud she had finished her first year in a Baptist College.

Although her mother was a Methodist, Papa was so intensely Baptist that he wouldn't sing one of their favorites anymore called "Methodist Pie." Lora began to hum the song and the others joined in. It seemed to dispel the idea that anything bad could have happened to their father.

I went to camp meeting tuther afternoon.
To hear 'dem shout and sing,
And tell each udder how to love one annudder
And make Halleluyer ring.
We all go there to have a good time,
To eat that grub so sly,
Applesauce, butter and sugar in the gourd,
And a great big Methodist Pie.
Chorus
Oh! little chilluns I believe,
Oh! little chilluns I believe,
I'm a Methodist till I die,
When ole grim death comes a knocking at my doh,
I'm a Methodist till I die.

(to be continued)

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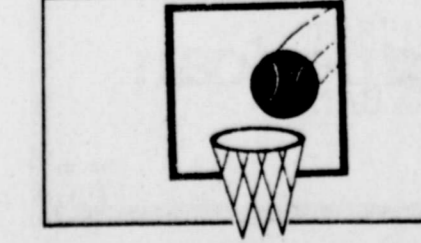
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FFA takes big win in Food Pantry Challenge

By: Deb Pritchard

The Winters 4-H Club is pleased to announce that the Winters FFA Chapter overwhelmingly won the Christmas challenge held last week for the Winters Food Pantry. The Future Farmers collected 1,130 points worth of food, new toys and new clothing. They will enjoy a pizza party compliments of Winters 4-H.

In a friendly challenge, the 4-H Club, FFA and FHA chapters collected items during the week of December 1-8.

One point was awarded for each food item, five points for new toys and ten points for new clothing. Winters 4-H finished with 581 points and FHA tallied 317. The Women's Service League had sponsored the same contest in past years, where the winners "traditionally" collected point totals between 300 and 400. This year's grand total of 2,028 is to be commended.

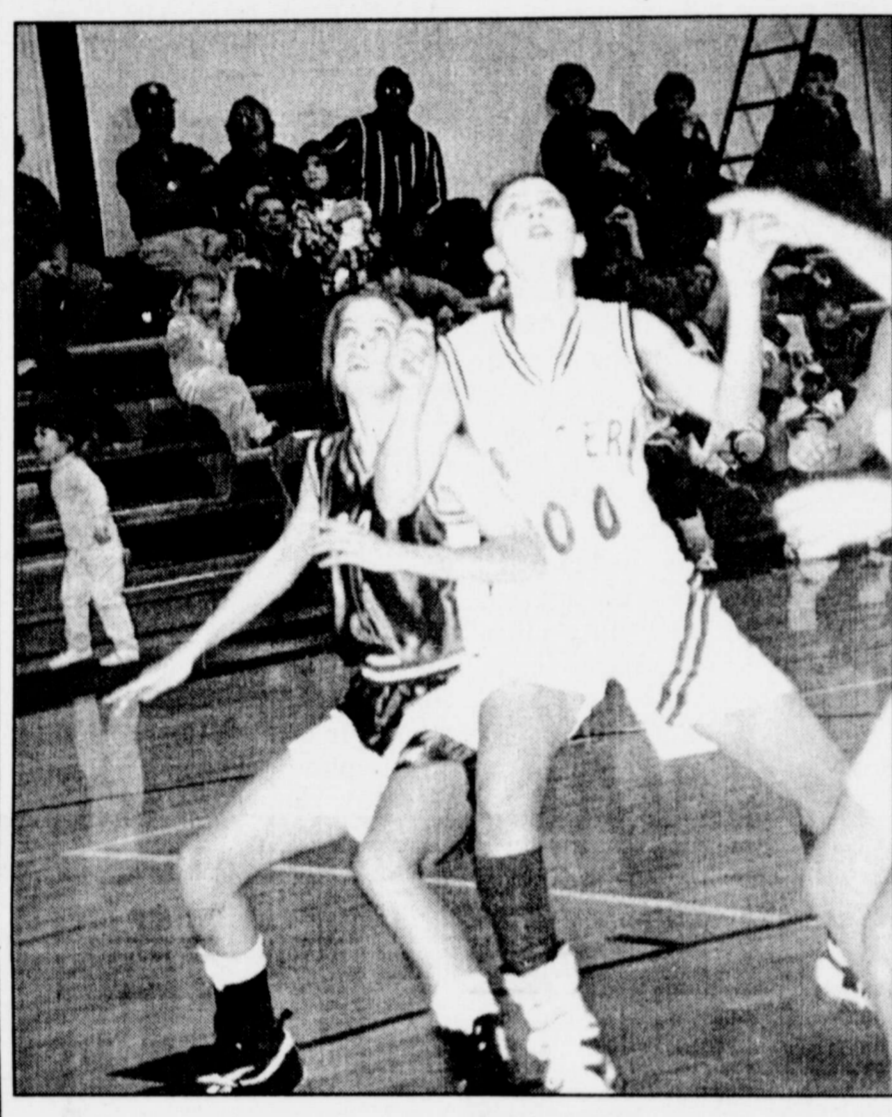
Boxes of the items were turned over to the Food Pantry this week for distribution to those in need over the holidays.

All three organizations would like to thank all who graciously donated items. Those families benefiting from the drive will be the true winners this Christmas season.

The Winters 4-H Club also extends their appreciation to the high school FFA and FHA Chapters for being such models to their elementary counterparts.



WINTERS FOOD PANTRY will be the overall winner in the recent food drive challenge between the 4-H Club, FFA organization and FFA chapter. Representing the clubs were (from left) Jennifer Prewit, Tiffany Donica, Chanda Hoppe, and Robyn Parramore.



JANA PRESLEY #00 of the varsity Lady Blizzards blocks out her Coleman opponent.

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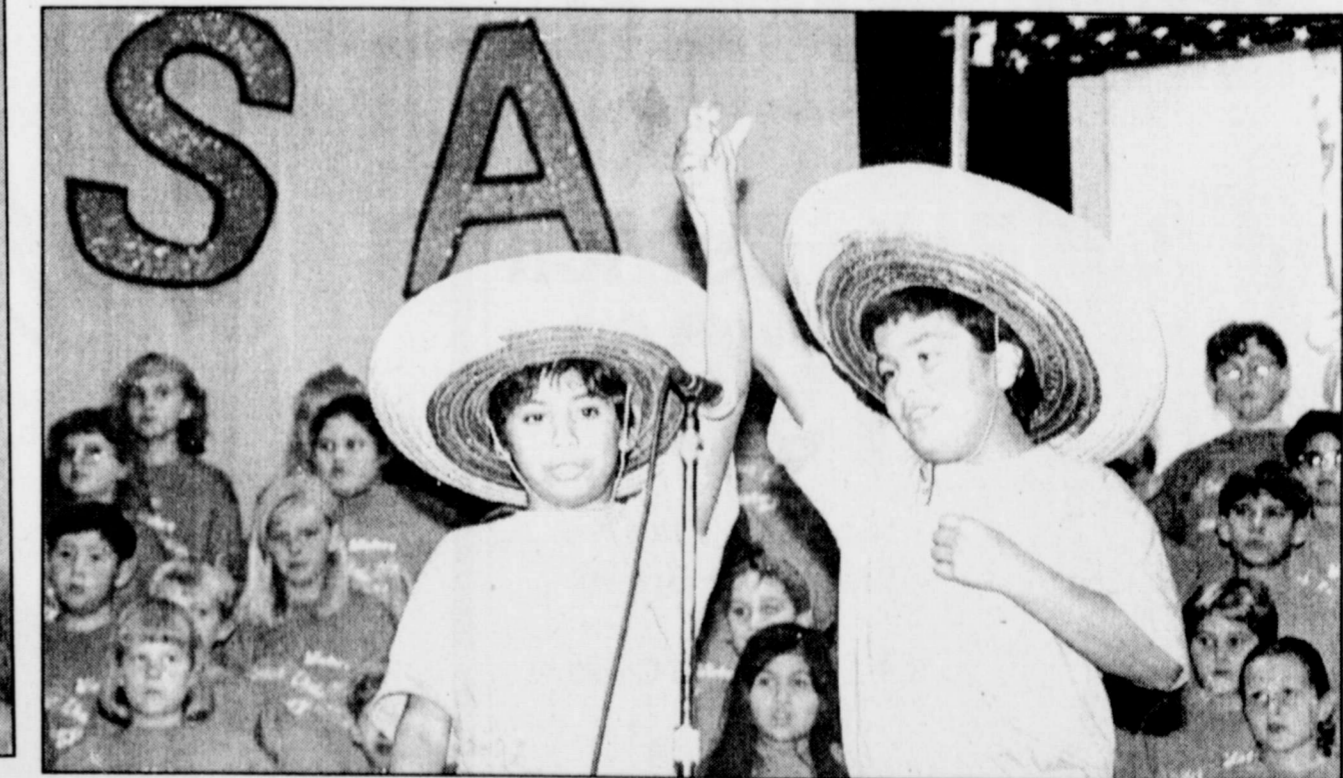
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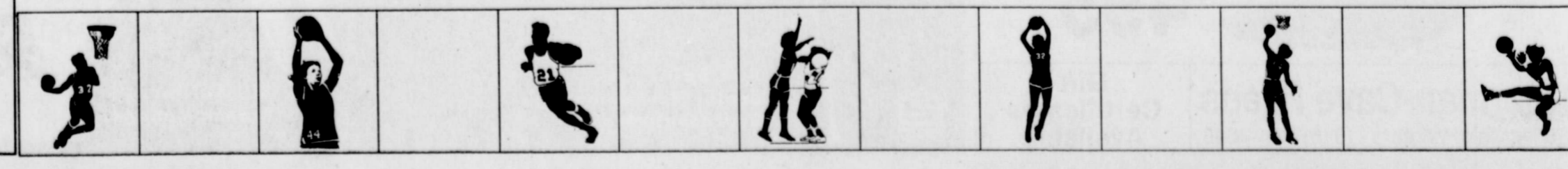
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JALAPENO BROTHERS — Jal and his brother Peno (played by real twins Mark and Matthew Moreno) provided some fancy footwork and sweet harmony during the Elementary Select Choir program "America — Dreams on Review." The choir has been very busy appearing at various programs around the area.



Team: Varsity
Opponent: Co
Place: Winters

WINTERS
OPPONENT
Free throws
Players Name
Dennis Conner
Adam Cruz
Angel Callegos
Justin Minneman
Bear Nitsch
Oliver Ortiz
Michael Pritchard
Chris Solor
Corey Van Zandt
Abraham Vasquez
Kenny Whitten

*Denotes high

Team: 7th Girls
Opponent: Bro
Place: Winters

WINTERS
OPPONENT
Free throws
Players Name
Staci Bishop
Tracey Burns
Georgetta Horn
Michelle Wale
Amanda Ortiz
Monica Rodriguez
Kelly Walker
Kyla Collins
Mandy Pritchard
Isha Lara

*Denotes high

Team: 7th Girls
Opponent: Bro
Place: Winters

WINTERS
OPPONENT
Free throws
Players Name
Scarlett McMillin
Monica Hicks
Juanita Armenta
Megan Nitsch
Jennifer Harrell
Samantha Mann
Kalene Lincove
Cassandra John
Karen Wimble
Amanda Collier

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Team: Varsity Bo
Opponent: Elton
Place: Ballinger

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Players Name
Dennis Conner
Adam Cruz
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1996-97 Varsity Blizzards



Coach Ed Henley

- #14 Allan Conner, 6'0"
- #21 Michael Pritchard, 6'1"
- #24 Corey Van Zandt, 6'4"
- #20 Justin Minzenmayer, 6'2"
- #25 Bear Nitsch, 6'2"
- #15 Abraham Vasquez, 6'1"

Front row:

- #5 Oliver Ortiz, 5'8"
- #22 Angel Gallegos, 5'9"
- #11 Kenny Whittenburg, 6'1"
- #23 Dennis Conner, 6'0"
- #13 Adam Cruz, 5'9"
- #10 Chris Soto, 5'8"

Busy schedule for Winters Elementary Select Choir

On December 12, at 7:00 p.m., the Winters Elementary Select Choir will sing in the courtyard outside J.C. Penney in the Abilene Mall. On December 17, they will perform again following the second grade Christmas program at the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

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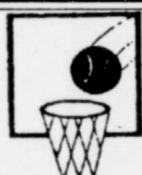
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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
 Opponent: Coleman Date: December 3, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	21	17	19	67
OPPONENT	11	11	11	21	54

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Dennis Conner 11 4 4 1
 Adam Cruz 12 6 4 8
 Angel Gallegos 0 0 1 0
 Justin Minzenmayer 2 5 4 1
 Bear Nitsch 14 8 2 0
 Oliver Ortiz 1 1 0 0
 Michael Pritchard 6 1 0 0
 Chris Soto 3 1 2 3
 Corey Van Zandt 13 6 2 2
 Abraham Vasquez 0 1 0 0
 Kenny Whittenburg 5 6 9 8

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Biff White
 Opponent: Coleman Date: December 3, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	2	11	10	30
OPPONENT	11	11	5	3	30

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Anthony Trevani 6 11 2 1
 Courtney Colton 4 4 1 0
 Chip White 6 3 3 2
 Joe Ortiz 4 9 3 0
 Axel Hicks 4 2 8 2
 Jeremy Alvarado 6 6 4 4
 Jay Harris 4 1 4 1
 Lee Woodford 2 8 3 0

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Lipsey
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 2, 1996
 Place: Brownwood

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	5	13	8	8	34
OPPONENT	14	11	9	9	43

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Justin Calcutt 2 4 2 0
 Samson Jackson 1 4 1 1
 Jeffrey Jordan 2 0 2 0
 Andrew Medina 0 9 3 3
 Josh Minzenmayer 13 8 2 1
 Aaron Pritchard 10 5 3 0
 Colby Walker 6 3 3 2

Team: 7th Girls "A" Coach: Price
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 2, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	6	5	2	17
OPPONENT	0	6	2	1	9

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Staci Bishop 2
 Tracey Burns 2
 Georgetta Horton 0
 Michelle Walden 2
 Amanda Ortiz 2
 Monica Rodriguez 0
 Kelly Walker 2
 Kyla Collins 13
 Mandy Pritchard 2
 Isha Lara 0

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
 Opponent: SA - Lakeview Date: December 5, 1996
 Place: Ballinger Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	16	17	10	26	69
OPPONENT	29	18	13	20	80

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Dennis Conner 11 6 3 1
 Adam Cruz 15 4 3 5
 Angel Gallegos 0 0 1 0
 Justin Minzenmayer 2 1 2 0
 Bear Nitsch 7 5 4 1
 Michael Pritchard 3 3 2 3
 Chris Soto 4 3 0 4
 Corey Van Zandt 4 7 0 3
 Abraham Vasquez 2 4 0 0
 Kenny Whittenburg 20 10 8 9

Team: 7th Boys "A" Coach: Charles Murphy
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 2, 1996
 Place: Brownwood

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	5	6	3	1	15
OPPONENT	12	12	12	12	48

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Joseph Joris 2
 Josh Vidauri 2
 Jeremy Hope 2
 Wade Parramore 3
 Jordan May 2
 Jeffery Oats 3
 Chris Hoppe 3
 Shawn Lawson 3

Team: 7th Girls "B" Coach: Price
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 2, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	4	0	0	14
OPPONENT	4	0	0	0	5

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Scarlett McMin 0 0 0 0
 Monica Hicks 2 0 0 0
 Juanita Armentariz 6 0 0 0
 Megan Nitsch 4 0 0 0
 Jennifer Hamilton 2 0 0 0
 Samantha Montgomery 0 0 0 0
 Kylene Lincoln 0 0 0 0
 Cassandra Johnson 0 0 0 0
 Karen Wimberly 0 0 0 0
 Amanda Cotter 0 0 0 0

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
 Opponent: Anson Date: December 2, 1996
 Place: Anson

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	6	8	14	3	31
OPPONENT	7	6	0	5	18

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Chris Santora 4 0 6 2
 Kenny Green 0 0 0 0
 Matt Angel 3 3 0 0
 Artuyar Martinez 7 2 4 3
 Craig Connor 2 3 1 3
 Oscar Luz 7 2 1 2
 Chris Lujano 8 7 5 4

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
 Opponent: Coleman Date: December 3, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	11	12	5	36
OPPONENT	11	5	6	6	28

Free throws made: 3 of 12 for 25%
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Debbie Buzo 6 3 2 2
 Jamie Bishop 0 0 1 0
 Amanda Cross 4 1 0 0
 Kristen Goff 0 1 0 0
 Angela Jacob 0 0 0 0
 Shelley Meyers 0 0 0 0
 Marcie Ortiz 2 0 4 0
 Missy Pritchard 5 1 3 0
 Kelli Slimo 2 1 0 1
 Tammy Thorpe 4 0 0 1
 Heather Watkins 6 4 3 5

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
 Opponent: Eldorado Date: December 6, 1996
 Place: Ballinger Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	11	14	17	19	59
OPPONENT	12	13	4	13	42

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Dennis Conner 9 23 5 42
 Adam Cruz 8 5 7 33
 Angel Gallegos 0 1 0 0
 Justin Minzenmayer 4 14 13 5
 Bear Nitsch 11 5 7 0
 Oliver Ortiz 0 0 0 0
 Michael Pritchard 1 6 6 1
 Chris Soto 8 2 5 2
 Corey Van Zandt 11 8 3 2
 Kenny Whittenburg 16 8 10 6
 Abraham Vasquez 0 3 3 0

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
 Opponent: Wall Date: December 7, 1996
 Place: Ballinger Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	23	5	5	42
OPPONENT	6	14	4	8	32

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Allan Conner 0 0 0 0
 Oliver Ortiz 0 0 0 0
 Adam Cruz 0 0 0 0
 Angel Gallegos 0 0 1 0
 Jay Harris 1 1 0 0
 Bear Nitsch 2 4 6 1
 Oliver Ortiz 0 0 0 0
 Michael Pritchard 5 2 2 1
 Chris Soto 7 5 4 2
 Abraham Vasquez 0 5 0 0
 Corey Van Zandt 14 12 5 2
 Kenny Whittenburg 5 4 13 6

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
 Opponent: Junction Date: December 6, 1996
 Place: Ballinger Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	9	14	18	51
OPPONENT	12	15	6	11	44

Free throws made: 7 of 15 for 47%
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Allan Conner 0 0 0 0
 Adam Cruz 15 1 1 4
 Angel Gallegos 0 0 0 0
 Jay Harris 0 2 1 0
 Justin Minzenmayer 2 6 8 3
 Oliver Ortiz 0 0 0 0
 Michael Pritchard 3 4 3 2
 Chris Soto 7 5 1 2
 Abraham Vasquez 2 2 4 1
 Corey Van Zandt 6 11 2 3
 Colby Walker 3 4 3 2
 Kenny Whittenburg 18 16 10 10

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 9, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	15	9	6	48
OPPONENT	12	8	15	4	47

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Aaron Pritchard 6 2 2 2
 Colby Walker 7 0 2 2
 Gabriel Hernandez* 0 3 1 1
 Jeffrey Jordan 0 0 1 0
 Justin Calcutt 2 0 0 2
 Josh Minzenmayer 26 14 2 5
 Samson Jackson 0 9 0 0
 Andrew Medina 7 2 3 5

Team: Freshman Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
 Opponent: Hawley Date: December 7, 1996
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	6	9	10	9	34
OPPONENT	6	5	4	0	15

Free throws made: of for %
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Chris Semoya 0 1 0 0
 Kenny Green 2 1 0 0
 Josh Emard 4 2 0 0
 Craig Conner 5 3 1 0
 Chris Lujano 11 7 3 0
 Arthur Martinez* 4 0 3 1
 Oscar Luz 6 3 1 3

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 9, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	12	9	6	48
OPPONENT	12	8	15	4	47

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Aaron Pritchard 6 2 2 2
 Colby Walker 7 0 2 2
 Gabriel Hernandez* 0 3 1 1
 Jeffrey Jordan 0 0 1 0
 Justin Calcutt 2 0 0 2
 Josh Minzenmayer 26 14 2 5
 Samson Jackson 0 9 0 0
 Andrew Medina 7 2 3 5



CRISTIN CORLEY takes a giant leap toward the goal to bring in two points for the varsity Lady Blizzards.

Team: 7th Boys "A" Coach: Charles Murphy
 Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 9, 1996
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	3	8	7	5	23
OPPONENT	10	13	6	14	43

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Joseph Joris 3
 Josh Vidauri 3
 Wade Parramore 4
 Jordan May 1
 Jeffery Oats 7
 Chris Hoppe 5
 Shawn Lawson 0

Team: Freshman Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
 Opponent: Hawley Date: December 7, 1996
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	6	9	10	9	34
OPPONENT	6	5	4	0	15

Free throws made: of for %
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Chris Semoya 0 1 0 0
 Kenny Green 2 1 0 0
 Josh Emard 4 2 0 0
 Craig Conner 5 3 1 0
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The Education of a Small Town Doc

by Dr. Keith Boles

Howdy Winters. Sorry it's been so long. I'm in the middle of the busiest year of my training, the internship year. As I had always heard, residency is tougher than medical school. In medical school, the main objective was learning. In residency it's work, work, work with some learning thrown in here and there. In residency there is also more responsibility compared to medical school which adds stress. I'm given the responsibility of managing some very complicated patients which can be uncomfortable at times. Luckily, there is lots of supervision and, as one of my fellow residents said, you just become comfortable with being uncomfortable.

So far I've done one month of Emergency Room, two months of Obstetrics/Gynecology, one month of Outpatient Clinic, and one month of Internal Medicine.

The OB rotation at the Waco residency is especially challenging because at nights, just one resident covers the OB/GYN service at Hillcrest Hospital by his or herself. Private OB/Gyn docs in town are our attending physicians at night but they stay at home unless we call them in for help. The tough part is deciding when to call them.

You are also stretched thin because there are many areas of the hospital you have to cover. We cover the labor and delivery depart-

ment where babies are being born and the post-partum floor where ladies go after they deliver. We also cover the Gynecological floor where ladies who have had hysterectomies and other gynecological surgeries are staying. The most difficult area to cover is the complicated OB patients who are having problems in their pregnancies such as preterm labor, high blood pressure or premature breakage of their water. And lastly we cover Ob/Gyn patients who need to be admitted to the hospital from the Emergency Room (who don't have a doctor).

So, the following scenario can and has happened to me. Beeper goes off. It's L&D (labor & delivery). Nurse says come now, one lady is about to deliver and another will follow her pretty quickly. In the middle of the first delivery, beeper goes off. The nurse on the Gyn floor calls and says a lady who is only six months along has started contracting again. That means I have to go to the floor and determine if she is truly in labor and if she needs to be transferred to labor and delivery. I'm sewing up the first lady's episiotomy. Beeper goes off. It's the ER. They've got a lady down there about to miscarry and she's bleeding profusely. I turn to the L&D nurse and ask, "Can I go home now?"

Ok, now I've got three ladies

who need my attention immediately, but remember, it's just li'ole' me covering the Ob/Gyn service at night and I can't be three places at once. So I just have to figure out which is most urgent and handle that one first. With a lot of work and no sleep, I get everybody taken care of and I get to go home and sleep and prepare for a similar scenario four nights from now (Ob/Gyn call every 4th night).

The good thing about the Ob/Gyn month is you get to go home after your call night is over about 10:00 in the morning and sleep all day. At Waco, on Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, you don't get to go home until 4 or 5 P.M. the next day after your call night which is the way it is at most places around the country. The toughest part about residency is the lack of sleep. If we only had to stay up all night once a month, it wouldn't be that bad. We all have nights we don't sleep well and wake up tired the next day. But in residency, the sleep deprivation is on a regular basis, about one or two times a week, and it's usually no sleep as opposed to 2 or 3 hours. And you're still expected to think sharply and make medical decisions just as if you'd had a full night's sleep. Ha!

Ok, thanks for letting me whine. See ya next time.



JOYFUL SINGERS from all denominations joined voices Sunday evening for the Winters Community Choir's presentation of 'An Evening of Christmas'.

Community Choir performs to full house for 'An Evening of Christmas'

An overflowing crowd attended 'An Evening of Christmas', presented by the Winters Community Choir Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church.

The Winters Community Choir and program were under the direction of Tony Appuglies, Music and Youth Minister of First Baptist Church.

Pianist was Susan Conner and

organist was Lillian Cooper. Randall Conner and Greg Donica operated the sound system.

Special performances were given by Lisa Shipman, Valerie Summerlin, Barbara and Brooke Tounget, Carolyn and Jamie Reeves, Barron Guy, Cristin Corley, Addis Richards, Jana May, Suzanne Tischler, Tony Appuglies, Tobin Burns and Su-

san Sneed.

Also performing was an ensemble of WHS band members including Lisa Poindexter, Noemi Vega, Ida Arizmendi, Kathy Torres, Tommy Henson and director Edward Hernandez.

A reception in Jones Fellowship Hall followed the most enjoyable program by the 50-voice choir and special guests.



Second gear is the best for driving in ice and snow.

Jr. Class to sell Discount Cards

The WHS Junior Class will be selling Business Discount Cards beginning November 25 through December 18.

The cards offer great "specials" from local businesses, and will be in effect from January 1 through June 30, 1997. Cost of each card is \$5.00.

The Junior Class will use the money made toward expenses of the Junior-Senior Prom.

The Junior Class would like to thank the 25 businesses that sponsored ads on the cards, and encourages everyone to buy a Discount Card.



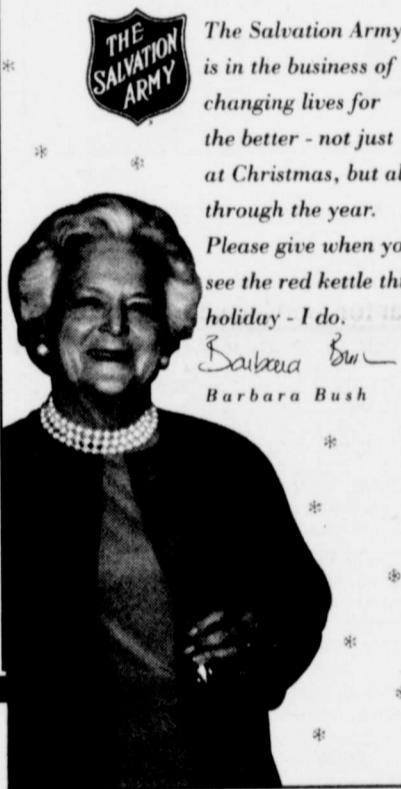
Christmas Toy Drive

to benefit local children sponsored by First Baptist Church Youth

To help, bring a new unwrapped toy (for kids 11 & under) to the FBC church office.

If you have any questions, please call 754-5521.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without The Salvation Army.



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Winters Hospice volunteers are now accepting memorials in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed on a dove at the special tree at Main Drug.

A dove will be placed on the tree for a \$10 contribution to 'Light Up a Life.' Volunteers are on hand from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Reading and literacy central to Texas' public education agenda

By State Senator Bill Ratliff

Sometimes the best solutions to seemingly intractable problems are also the most obvious.

For four years I served as chair of the Senate Education Committee. During that time, I read mountains of studies about our system of public education and what we should do to improve it. But in the heart of my senatorial district, teachers and students were taking matters into their own hands.

Pittsburg, Camp County, may be a small town in East Texas, but it is a good example of the strides being made in public education reform. A few years ago, students in the Pittsburg schools were struggling. In 1992, fewer than half the students at Pittsburg Middle School passed the TAAS reading test. By the time these students reached the 10th grade in 1994, only about 70 percent were receiving passing scores on the test.

That's when Pittsburg teachers took the initiative. Acting with the cooperation of school administrators, they instituted an in-school reading practice program at all grade levels to attack the students' reading problems at their roots.

Using computer technology which measures reading comprehension, assesses reading skills, and rewards reading success, teach-

ers and students now work cooperatively on the students' reading skills. Not only are students reading more in the classroom, but outside reading has vastly increased. The more kids read, the more they like to read.

Furthermore, the more kids read, the better they do academically. The previous 49 percent reading pass rate at Pittsburg Middle School is now better than 90 percent — the same pass rate Pittsburg 10th graders now enjoy. Pittsburg first graders have shown a growth rate of more than two grade levels since this program was implemented in the elementary schools.

And what's more, when reading scores went up, all scores went up. It's difficult for a child to excel in math or science if he or she can't read and comprehend a problem or assignment. Reading and reading comprehension are the foundation of our entire educational system.

Governor and Mrs. Bush have made reading and literacy central to the public education agenda. Local initiatives, such as the one going on in Pittsburg and other schools around Texas, can be the solution which results in significant improvements to our system of public education. Sometimes the most obvious solutions really do work best.

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Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

What a wonderful day for a parade we had! I don't know about all of you, but I had a great time. The weather was beautiful, thanks to you know who above and the parade went as planned, even on time. Below I have listed the winners of the parade and Sno-Queen.

Floats:

- 1st - First State Bank
 - 2nd - Museum/Rock Hotel
 - 3rd - 2nd Grade Brownie Troop
- Decorated Contestants Cars**
- 1st - Misty Pritchard
 - 2nd - Rosie Rocha
 - 3rd - Amy Heathcott

Other Decorated Vehicles:

- 1st - Wee care Pre-School
- 2nd - The Pritchard's
- 3rd - Sleigh with 2 horses/The Watson's

Walkers/Bicycles:

- 1st - Magical Majorettes
- 2nd - Keegan Kurtz
- 3rd - Santa's Helpers & their South American Friends

Thank you to our wonderful Police Department for a job well done in helping control traffic for the parade.

Sno-Queen was a great success. We had 17 entries sponsored by our local businesses, and believe me, they were all beautiful. The judges were Nicki Harle, Kelly McGill, and Christi Gregory. The 1997 Miss Sno-Queen title went to Miss Misty Pritchard, with 1st runner-up going to Amy Heathcott and 2nd runner-up to Rosie Rocha.

All the Sno-Queen contestants were honored with a luncheon at the Rock Hotel on Friday, December 6. The girls were transported from school to the Rock Hotel by bus and we would like to thank the school for their cooperation with this luncheon. Jonna Busher, area Mary Kay consultant, spoke to the girls and gave samples to each. Stephanie Martinez was the lucky winner in a drawing at the luncheon for the \$30.00 gift basket from Mary Kay. Thank you so much, Jonna.

We would like to thank Sherry Mikeska, Lisa Nitsch, Sherry Kurtz, Cecelia Reeves, J'Lynn Cooper, Janet Cason, Brenda Briley, Phyllis Boles, Teresa Davis, and Pat Fenter for helping with the food and serving at the luncheon.

A great big thanks to Kay Sharpes, from the Stitchin' Post, who donated the tiara and sash that the Sno-Queen received, along with helping me directly with judges and their gifts.

A thank you also to Lawrence Brothers, IGA for their donations of candy and fruit for the parade and nursing home. Thank you Janice Pruser, from Winters Flower Shop, for doing a great job with the flowers for Sno-Queen. Thanks to all the businesses who donated gift certificates and donations for the Sno-Queen and the drawing, as well as the drawing that we will have December 24.

There are so many people to thank, but I would especially like to thank the community of Winters and the area for coming out and making this a special day for everyone.

I can't believe it's over. We'll recoup for a couple of days and then it will be time to get ready for the Chamber Banquet. There will be ballots at the Chamber and in the paper for the Citizen of the Year. Please be thinking about who should receive that honor.

Again, thank you, thank you to everyone who made this year's Hard Rock Christmas parade a great success!!!



James E. Bellinger

J. E. Bellinger Marches With Cisco's Band

James Eugene Bellinger, a graduate of Winters High School, and a freshman art education major at Cisco Junior College, is performing this year with the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Band. James Eugene is the son of Paul and Marica Bellinger of Winters, TX.

The Wrangler Band is a marching band that provides half-time entertainment for Cisco Junior College hometown football games in the fall. In the spring, the organization is a concert band, but also performs at basketball games. They also participate in many area parades and special events throughout the year. Each member receives an activity scholarship and a college credit in Physical Education and Fine Arts.

The Wrangler Band, along with Belles drill team, have appeared in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York an unprecedented six times. The band marched there again on Thanksgiving Day this year. The Belles are directed by Kyle Viertel of Albany.

Christmas Baskets to be distributed

Winters Food Pantry and the CTO Commodity Program are combining their resources this year for food baskets for the needy in our community. Baskets will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 17 from 9 AM to 11 PM only at Winters Multipurpose Center at 601 W. Pierce.

Family commodity cards must be presented to receive a basket. If you do not have a card but feel you are eligible, please come by anyway. We want all those in need to receive help. Remember, there will be no commodity distribution this month and the Food Pantry will be closed until December 31.

Classifieds Get Results

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

Please write your name and address on the letter and include a phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures will not be published.

Names will be omitted at the request of the writer provided the letter has a proper signature, phone number, and address. Anonymous letters will not be published.

All letters to the editor remain on file.

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

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



In 1943, one sun spot lasted for 200 days, from June to December.

VFW announces coloring contest winners

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary recently held a Freedom and Responsibility Coloring Contest in the Winters Elementary School.

On Veterans Day, Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz and Vice-President Ruby Carter visited the seventeen classrooms that participated in the contest. They talked to the children about why U.S. citizens have freedom and what the students responsibilities are to keep freedom. The children shared their thoughts with the Auxiliary officers and each other about what a veteran was, how being free gave them a chance to be what ever they wanted, and how they were being responsible.

It was very evident that their teachers had done a good job in covering these subjects. Perhaps the most interesting response was to the statement that in some countries children were told what occupations they would have as adults and received only the education they needed for that. Another discussion that brought disbelief was that in many countries children their age were working everyday with no or very little pay. Going to work instead of school was not so bad to some of the children, but the idea of no pay was not a good thought.

Children had colored pictures of the United States Shield, the original 13 Star Flag, the United States of America Flag with its fifty stars, and The Statue of Liberty. There were 260 children participating with each receiving a prize. The first three place winners in each room received ribbons. The second and third grades received pens with the inscriptions "Knowle as Power" and "Above and Beyond" the VFW Dept. of Texas State Commander Alexander Vernon's motto for the 1996-1997 year.

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary says "Thank You" to the children who participated and a special "We Think You Are Great" to the teachers who took the time to promote Americanism and Patriotism to their students.

The following children won ribbons:

Butler

- 1. Jami Harris
- 2. Ryan Meyers
- 3. Kasi Lewis

Davis

- 1. Meagan Shaw
- 2. Marie Perez
- 3. Sonia Annendariz

Tekell

- 1. Cory Fenwick
- 2. Camille Kruse
- 3. Daniel Jacquez

IST GRADE

- 1. Lilianna Herrera
- 2. Laura Armendariz
- 3. Christina Guerrero

Colburn

- 1. Clinton Schwartz
- 2. Christian Jacquez
- 3. Aracelie Flores

Parramore

- 1. Kaighan Price
- 2. Shelby Walker
- 3. Patrick Escalona

Sneed

- 1. Britny Fisher
- 2. Tory Burns
- 3. Andrew Sanchez

2ND GRADE

- 1. Keegan Kurtz

2. Vanna Henson

- 3. Patricia Carillo
- Lincycumb**
- 1. Chris Guerrero
 - 2. Trenton Grohman
 - 3. Ty Cason

Honorable Mention-Hector Reyna Meyer

- 1. Ashli Phillips
- 2. Anthony DeLaCruz
- 3. Amanda Brewer

Russell

- 1. Ismael Aargon
- 2. Allan Green
- 3. Yesenia Flores

3RD GRADE

- 1. Paige Geistmann
- 2. Raysha Garcia
- 3. Leo Landeros

Mitchell

- 1. Krystal Gibbens
- 2. Elizabeth Sarton
- 3. Ana Diaz

Pringle

- 1. Ashley Vasquez
- 2. Jordan Sanchez
- 3. Vickie Santoya

Smith

- 1. Angel Ramirez
- 2. Frank Perez
- 3. Miranda Lara

Town Criers



Ryan Christopher Young

Jason and Tammy Young are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Christopher Young.

He was born December 2, 1996 at 9:03 A.M. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/2" long.

Paternal grandparents are Carl and Kathy Young. Maternal grandparents are Rick and Linda Dry of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Mary and the late H.O. Hubach. Maternal great-grandparents are Ben and the late Marjorie Tischler and Frances and the late Hal Dry. His uncles are Justin Young and Chris Dry, all of Winters. His great-great-grandmother is Vivian Stafford of Little Rock, Arkansas.

William Ethan Bredemeyer

Bill and Sharla Bredemeyer are thankful to announce the birth of their son, William Ethan Bredemeyer. He was born Wednesday, November 27, 1996 at 8:58 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Ethan's paternal grandparents are Edward and Frances Bredemeyer of Winters. His maternal grandparents are Gerald and Neil Rollins of Westbrook.

Paternal great-grandmothers are Hilda Bredemeyer and Alice Peeks of Winters.

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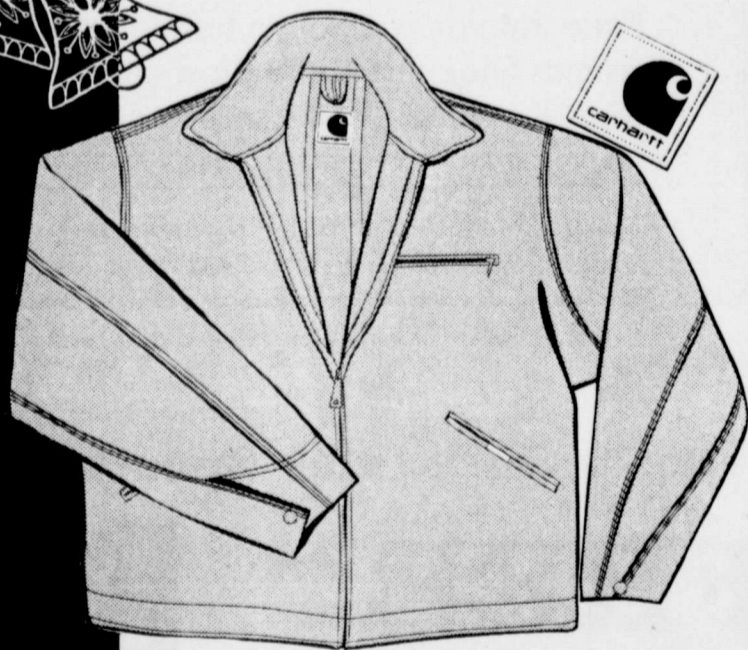
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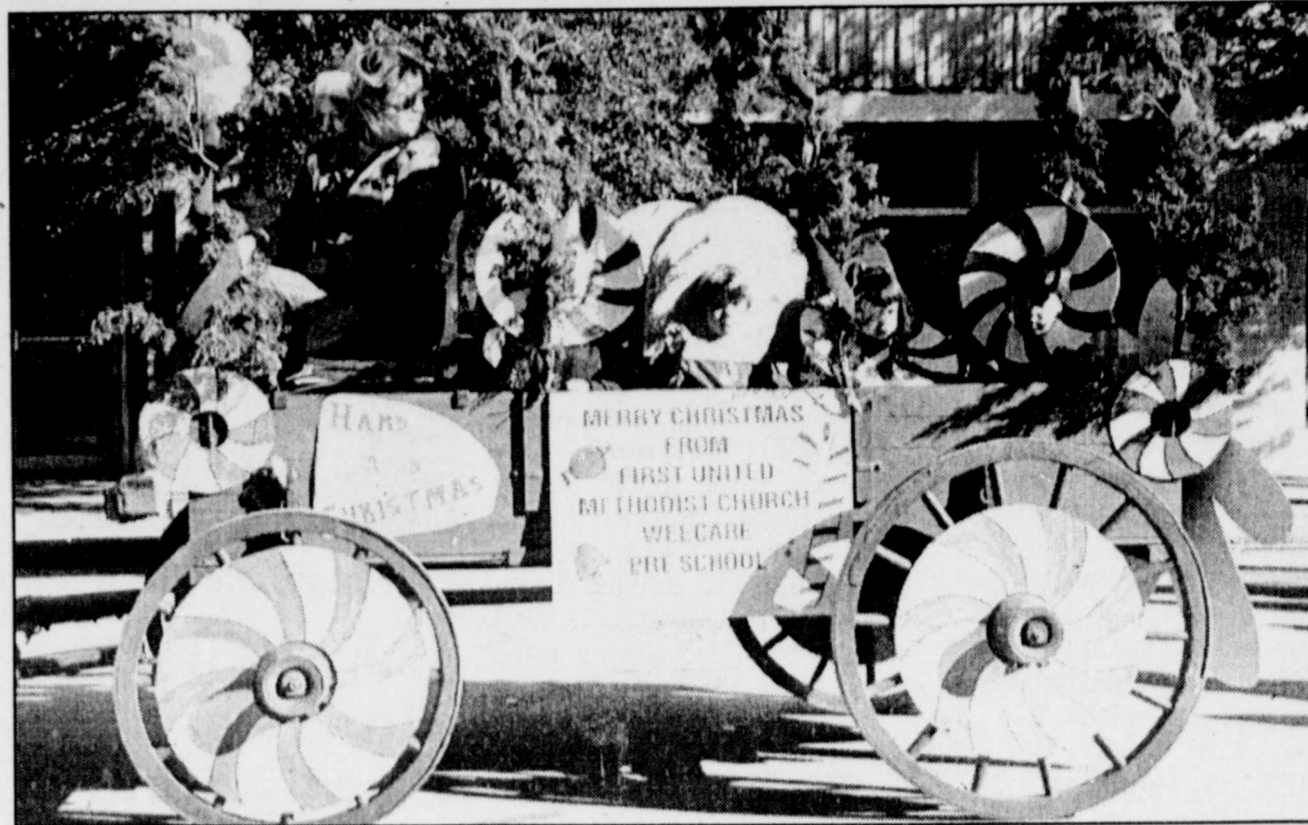
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BROWNIE TROOP #181 performed 'Silent Night' during intermission of the So-Queen contest.



WEE CARE PRE-SCHOOL of the First United Methodist Church took first place in the 'Other Decorated Vehicles' division with their Hard Candy Christmas float.



SANTA AND HIS WORKERS were very busy Saturday as the Winters Chamber of Commerce kicked off the Christmas season with its annual parade, Miss Sno-Queen contest, and Christmas ball. Giving Santa a hand were (from left) Sherry Kurtz, director; Julie Springer, Chamber manager, and J'Lynn Cooper, director.

Medicaid Helps Elderly Afford RX Drugs, Other Health Costs

Right now, less than half — nearly 5 million — of the nation's neediest, most vulnerable older persons who are eligible for public benefits such as Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps and Medicaid actually receive them. Part of the problem is that many eligible persons don't know about these benefits or how and where to apply for them.

The American Association of Retired Persons may be able to help.

AARP, the leading organization for people age 50 and older for nearly four decades, seeks to educate and enroll older persons in these misunderstood and underutilized programs through its Public Benefits Outreach ef-

fort. This is part of the organization's new mission of becoming a dynamic presence in every community, shaping and enriching the experience of aging for each member and for society.

"Initially, AARP's efforts will focus on Medicaid, a federal program that provides health care to low-income persons of all ages, including the elderly," according to Martha Duerksen, AARP's Economic Security-Income Maintenance Specialist in the Southwest Region. "For millions of older Americans with limited income, health care seems like a luxury they can't afford."

Medicaid, a separate program from Medicare, is called "medical assistance" in some states. One popular feature is helping to pay for prescription drugs and some health services not covered by Medicare. Other services might include nursing home care, physician exams, in-home services and transportation costs related to medical care.

To be eligible for Medicaid, persons must be able to meet income and resource guidelines. In most states, elderly citizens who receive monthly benefits through SSI are automatically eligible. Most elderly persons with incomes below the poverty level are also eligible for assistance in paying their Medicare expenses under the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program.

Under QMB, state Medicaid programs will pay for Medicare premiums for physician and out-

patient visits, hospital deductibles and cost-sharing expenses. These out-of-pocket costs are too expensive for many people, but must be paid for Medicare benefits to remain active.

A related program, the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), covers only monthly premiums for physician and outpatient visits for elderly individuals with slightly higher incomes.

"Through Medicaid, costly health services are made more affordable," Duerksen said. "AARP is excited about the opportunity to help recruit millions of elderly persons eligible for this public benefit. Many don't know Medicaid will pay for certain services not covered by Medicare. Still others have difficulty with the application process and can't get to the appropriate office. In many communities, homebound persons are visited by a caseworker, or they can have a representative apply on their behalf."

For more information about the Medicaid program in your state, contact your local Department of Social Services, usually listed under "government agencies." Or call the Health Care Financing Administration at 800-638-6833.

To learn more about AARP's Public Benefits Outreach efforts, call Duerksen at 214-265-4060.

From Across The Mayor's Desk



by Dawson McGuffin

Unity, togetherness, community warmth and a personal and collective positive attitude, are mostly noticeable when a social event takes place.

In our Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7, 1996, I noticed the unity and positive community attitude all the way from the beginning line up of the parade to the ending point.

Most citizens offered something to make this event a success. Everybody was jolly with a Christmas spirit. This attitude was noticeable in every face. One could see the big smiles and collective effort to make this beautiful day happier for everybody. Everyone was doing something, getting ready to be in the parade or getting ready to watch the parade. Whatever the case was, it was for community excitement, and welcoming the jolly Christmas season to town.

There, I consider my mayoral duty to extend my appreciation and whole hearted thanks to all who contributed and participated with a positive, jolly attitude in our Christmas parade.

I thank Mr. & Mrs. Thatcher for donating the use of their beautiful classic vehicle for me to ride in as well as chauffeuring me, too. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Mara for donating the use of their vehicle for our City Manager to ride in. I thank Flowers, Etc. for donating the ornaments for these vehicles and to Rebecca McKown for decorating them.

Thank you Lawrence Brothers IGA for the generous donation of candy. I really appreciate and thank the entire crowd in the parking lot at Wes-T-Go and along both sides of Main Street. I am glad we went by the Senior Citizens Home. Since it was such a pretty day, most of them were out enjoying the parade.

After the parade, many were enjoying the excitement going on in front of the Chamber of Commerce.

I surely do not remember everyone's name, but my appreciation and gratitude go to all who put in time and effort, cars, carts, bikes, horses, trailers, or anything else for the parade.

Our Chamber of Commerce Directors and manager worked very hard. Our Police, Fire, Street

and Water Departments put in a lot of work, time and effort to make the parade run smoothly. All the businesses and individuals that participated in this parade, and I cannot list them all, did a marvelous job. I extend my warmest appreciation and firmest gratitude to them all. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We have welcomed the Christmas season very well with our parade. Now let us make it as jolly and light-hearted as we can with Christmas lights. Let us put more Christmas lights out, especially those of us with a business or home on Main St.

Let us enjoy ourselves and impress out-of-towners who drive through our town after dusk and before dawn. Let us impress them from the point that the sign reads, "Welcome to Winters" to the sign that reads "You Are Leaving Winters". Let them enjoy our Christmas Lights and take that impression with them to keep until next Christmas.

Let us prove with this example, that the smaller a town, the higher the community pride. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. Thank you again.

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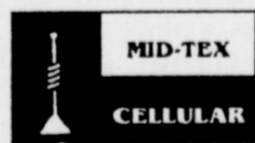
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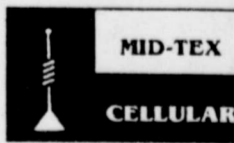
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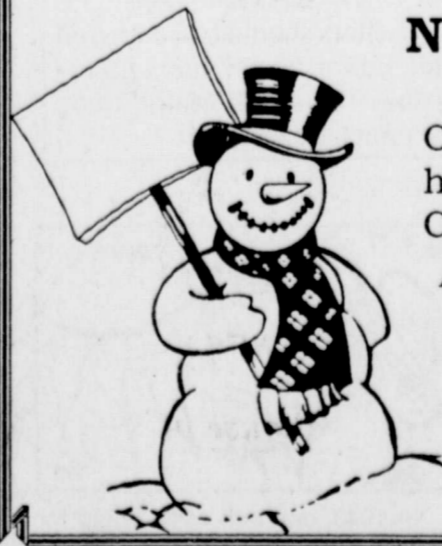
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MAGICAL MAJORETTES (from left) Ashley Gann, Kelsey Jones and Angela Gann were part of the entertaining twirling troupe that won first place in the Walkers category of the parade.

Official Records

**County Court
December 2**

Pete Farias, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana.

Jimmy Carson, Ballinger, filed for criminal mischief.

Martin Fuentes, Rowena, filed for driving while intoxicated.

December 3

Jacinto Martinez, Ballinger, filed for telephone harassment.

Harvey Dane Laird, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated.

December 4

David Garcia, Ballinger, filed for terrorist threat.

Reynaldo Cavazos, Jr., Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Natasha Rice, Ballinger, filed for theft of service.

Kay Freeman Messer, Carlsbad, filed for driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana.

December 5

Estevan Vasquez, Jr., San Angelo, filed for terrorist threat.

Ernest Ray Guevara, San Angelo, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

December 6

Tommie O'Dell, Wingate, filed for assault.

Travis Merle Willborn, Winters, filed for terrorist threat.

Marriage Licenses

December 2

Samson Wayne Elliott and Martha Jean Hogue Elliott

Daniel Sandoval and Terry Galicia Ornelaz

December 4

Juan (Camarillo) Rangel, Jr. and

Patricia (Leon) Lemus

December 6

Jose Robert Velasquez and Rosemary Mitchell

District Court

December 4

Paul Sklenarik dba Miles Locker Plant vs. Stanley Ohnheiser dba OMA's Choice—suit on account.

Divorces Filed

December 6

Wyman C. Burson, Jr. and Alicia Cortez Burson

Divorces Granted

December 2

Joe Ramirez Diaz, Jr. and Maria Guadalupe Diaz

Johnny Glynn Willborn and Tracy Lynn Willborn

December 5

Jearld Wayne Martinez and Heather Martinez

Justice Court

Precinct 1

Criminal

December 2

Rickey Zertuche, filed for public intoxication.

December 3

Bobbie D. Feist, filed for hunting turkey without landowner consent.

December 5

Josie Dean, filed for theft by check.

Martha M. Hester, filed for theft by check.

Virginia Stamper, filed for issuance of a bad check.

Stenholm receives Watchdog of the Treasury award

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has once again been presented with the Golden Bulldog Award by the Watchdogs of the Treasury Inc. for his efforts in the 104th Congress to cut federal spending, eliminate waste, and reduce the deficit.

These awards are presented to those members of Congress who consistently vote to contain unnecessary government spending, based on a compilation of selected votes on economic and fiscal issues published in the "Economy Voting Record." Stenholm received his first Golden Bulldog Award in 1980 and has received it repeatedly since then.

"The Watchdogs of the Treasury is a well-respected organization dedicated to reducing federal spending and the national debt, and I am honored to have once again received this special recognition," said Stenholm.

Watchdogs of the Treasury is a Washington, D.C.-based nonpartisan organization whose award for fiscal integrity in government is presented on an annual basis.

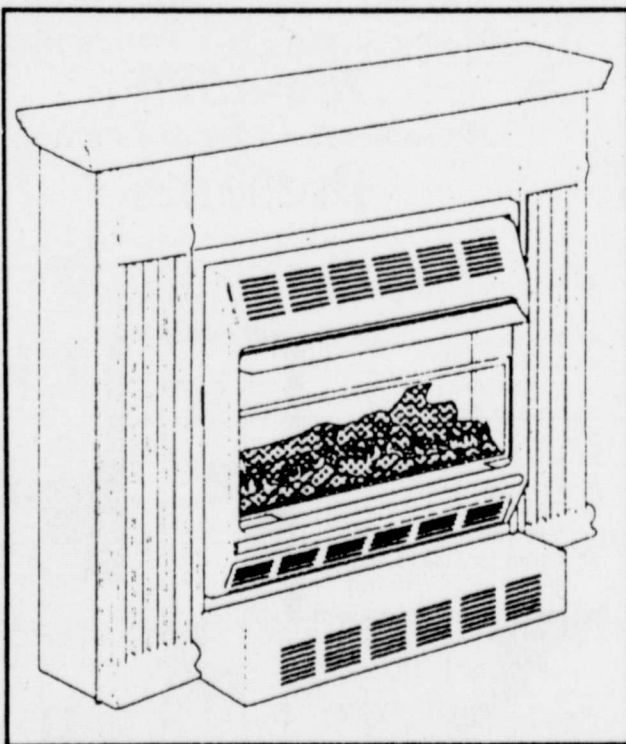


LITERARY AND SERVICE CLUB members had a good time in their rocking chairs "Rockin' 'Round the Christmas tree."

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Karen Gail Rightmire became the bride of Keith Murray Collom November 23, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church in Winters. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Dale Schultz and Dr. Jeff May.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rightmire of Fort Worth. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Collom of Crews.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Amanda Collom of Lubbock, daughter of the groom. Matron of honor was Amy Schultz of Tempe, Arizona, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaid was Holly Lecuyer of Joshua, sister of the bride.

The groom's best man was his son, Courtney Collom, of Crews. Groomsmen were James Harrell of League City, best friend of the groom, and Larry Collom of Winters, the groom's brother.

Ushers were Toby Virden of Ballinger and Butch Icenhower of Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

The bride's gown was designed by Private Label by G and was white Italian satin with beaded French alencon lace and satin corded braid. The dress had a modified sweetheart neckline set in basque bodice with satin corded braid surrounding the neckline. The skirt was a full bell with patterned lace windows and vertical braid to the scalloped chapel train.

She carried a bouquet of

cascading gardenias, stephanotis, bridal white roses and baby's breath.

The bride's attendants wore teal satin basque dresses with intermission length trains, sweetheart necklines and puff sleeves. They carried a nosegay of white roses, gardenias, miniature pink carnations and daisies.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the Mary Sykes Auditorium of Carnegie Library in Ballinger. Members of the house party were Elizabeth "Dot" Schroeder of Ballinger, Cindy Colao of Dallas, Shelley Sowell of Spring, Joyce Weems of Winters, Bobbie Collom of Winters and Tara Drake.

The rehearsal dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Collom.

The bride graduated from Carter Riverside High School in Fort Worth and Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She received her Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of North Texas-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1984 and is a board certified family physician at Ballinger Rural Health Clinic.

The groom graduated from Friendswood High School, attended San Jacinto Junior College and College of the Mainland. He is currently Runnels County Commissioner of Precinct 2.

Weight Watchers to form meetings in Winters area

Losing weight safely and effectively will soon be easier than ever for residents of Winters, TX as Weight Watchers begins signing up members to attend weekly community group meetings. Community group meetings offer the same Weight Watchers program that has helped members achieve their weight-loss goals for more than 30 years, the difference is that meetings are held at convenient community locations such as churches, schools and civic associations rather than at traditional Weight Watchers centers. By offering meetings in these locations, members can participate in the Weight Watchers program without a commute to a distant city or suburb.

At the meeting Weight Watchers will introduce the new Freedom Plan, a bold new weight loss plan that requires no food scales, features larger portions and gives members the option to "take the weekends off". With the support of the group, Weight Watchers offers a behavior plan, teaching effective weight management skills that create positive lifestyle habits, and a recommended activity plan that helps members burn more calories.

"Members of our community groups not only learn how to lose weight and change habits, they also have fun while they are doing it," said Area Director Sheila Falk. "What could be better than creating an extended family where you can share in the success of your peers and benefit from their tips and words of encouragement? Through the years, we've learned that community groups actually help members achieve great success while having fun at the same time."

Currently, more than 40 community group meetings take place on a weekly basis in towns from Perryton to Brownwood in West Texas, and from Orange to Del Rio in South Texas. New groups are offered in six-, eight- and 10-week sessions (depending on the size of the group enrolling) with a cost of \$79 per person. Once a community group is established in an area, meetings will continue to be held as long as interest remains high.

Those wishing to start their New Years resolution now can call 1-800-651-6000 to find out about community group meetings in Winters, TX.

Weight Watchers of South Texas, Inc., founded in Houston in 1967, is one of the largest Weight Watchers franchises in North America, serving South, Southeast and West Texas, as well as Santa Barbara County, California. Meetings are held annually in more than 100 cities and annual membership exceeds 100,000. Its franchisor, Weight Watchers International, Inc. is headquartered in New York.

Crews News by Hilda Kurtz



If it goes in one ear and out the mouth, it's probable gossip.

Crews community get-together will be Saturday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Dee and Sam will be hosts. Bring your favorite covered dish and a gift ornament to exchange for your tree. If you are bringing a child to the party, please be sure to bring a gift for the child.

Hopewell Church visitors in Sunday services were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boatwright of Winters and Bro. Akins' daughter Ferria Childs and her two children Chandler and Breanna of Marlin, Texas.

The Kenny Cartwright family moved to their new home in Alpine last week end. Kenny has taken a new job as a veterinarian's assistant. Eileen came Thursday night and brought me some chickens.

We wish the Cartwrights the best.

Steffanie McGallian, Nila and Theron Osborn's granddaughter, had microscopic surgery on her knee Friday in San Angelo. She is recuperating nicely at home and learning to walk with crutches.

Ronnie Walters of Aleo and Mrs. Louise Walters of Ft. Worth spent the week end with Doris Wood. They attended the Aledo vs Sweetwater game. They also visited Ronnie's daughter, Mary Anna.

Connie and Georgia Gibbs visited Lynda and Travis Ford in Rising Star on Saturday.

Patsy Giles of Brownwood spent Saturday with Leona and Charles Matthes.

The Bill Mathis family attended the varsity girls' basketball game in Coleman. Winters won.

Bill and Marqué attended the Higginbotham's Managers Christmas dinner in Comanche. On Saturday, the Mathis family attended the Winters Christmas parade. Will rode his 4-wheeler in the parade and his friend Vanna Henson rode with him.

Desiree Mathis and Karen Oats spent the day in Abilene Christmas shopping.

Margie Jacob came Monday to pick up some pecans and had coffee with me.

Sharon Engler and Bryce Busenlehner of Brownwood spent the week end with Margie Jacob. While there, they all pitched in and put up and trimmed Margie's tree. On Friday night, they all attended the Christmas supper at the activity center and joined in the games. Margie went to Mrs. Edith Everett's on Thursday night and played Skip-Bo.

Donald and Donna Alcorn of San Angelo spent the week end with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn.

Brad and Ruth Pape spent Wednesday in Abilene Christmas shopping. Later they ate out at the China Garden. On Saturday, they enjoyed the Winters Christmas parade. Afterwards, they drove to Ballinger to see the many Christmas lights and do more shopping.

Sally Mae and Wilmer Gerhart of Winters came out and spent Sunday afternoon with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart. It was also their 62nd anniversary.

"Happy Anniversary" to the Gerharts.

Maurine, Bob and Sara Scott of Sweetwater spent Saturday with Mildred Morrison. Helen Alexander came Sunday.

Nila and Theron Osborn had lunch with the Wesley McGallian family in Wingate Saturday. Louise Osborn came out Sunday awhile to see the Osborns.

Harvey Mae and Nobel Faubion spent Thursday in San Angelo with her doctor. Eileen and Tiffany Cartwright from Alpine came by Thursday late. Nila and Theron also dropped in Thursday night.

Albert and Alta Mae Spill spent Friday with Bill and Josie Hoppe and brought a delicious apple pie. The Hoppe children came Sunday and brought food and more food. Ruby Carter and her daughter also came Friday.

Carolyn Webb and Edith Everett went to see Al and Nita Brewitt on Tuesday and came home on Friday. They enjoyed the Christmas parade in Winters on Saturday.

Dee Faubion, Ramona Akins, Mildred Morrison, Juanita Shields, and Nila Osborn had Mission Bible study in the home of Netha Kerby on Monday morning.

Juanita Shields made a trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and David Hawes in Houston. From Houston they went to Daytona Beach to visit Juanita's sister-in-law and brother-in-law Mary and Bill Reginer. While in Florida, they visited the Kennedy Space Center, on down the east coast across to Naples, Florida, back to Tampa, Florida, then flew to Atlanta, Georgia before returning to Houston and back home.

Visiting Juanita Shields over the week end was her friend from Abilene, Linda Stokes.

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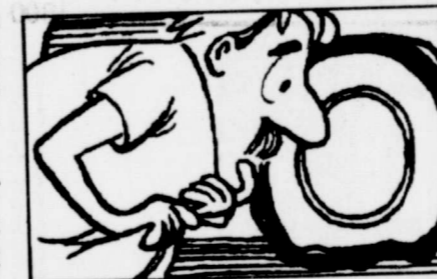
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ACROSS

1 TXism: "went to the well ___ too often"

5 TX Minyard's is a ___ store chain

6 TXism: "get your ducks in ___"

7 ___ Grange, TX

8 evergreen tree

9 door openers

14 Padre Island beach surface

15 Bill Moyers was LBJ's press

19 TXism: "when ___ (never)"

21 Paris is its seat

22 TX Kenny sang "Don't Fall in Love With a ___"

27 Cowboys & Oilers must protect stars under ___ B

28 in Young Co. on 79

29 alma mater of Oilers Dishman

30 town on Trinity Bay

32 Santa ___ TX

34 TX Ernie Banks hit this 12 times in the majors (2 wds.)

37 state Apiary organization (abbr.)

38 TX Willie's Farm ___

39 TX Dersch swam ___ stroke leg of '92 Olympic relay

40 in Henderson Co. on 175

42 NYSE symbol of TX Oryz Energy Co.

43 TX Lake ___ del Rey (The King's Salt)

DOWN

1 TXism: "he's three pickles short ___ full barrel"

2 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"

3 in TX, cars need an AC ___ system

4 Sonora is on the western slope of this region (2 wds.)

8 State ___ of TX

9 Ann Richards gave a famous one at '88 DNC (2 wds.)

10 Mrs. Connally (init.)

11 TXism: "knocked down a peg ___ two" (toddler)

12 TX "Bandit Queen"

13 Cullen Davis was found not guilty in death of this Farr

14 targets of TX DPS

15 TXism: "I'll ___ you a new hat size!"

16 Paul Quinn College rel. affiliation (abbr.)

17 character Thiola in "Wild Texas Wind"

18 365 days (abbr.)

20 San Antonio's "Fiesta ___ beau"

22 TX drink slangily

23 TXism: "___ rat" (toddler)

24 "to ___ is human"

25 TXism for small amount (2 wds.)

26 TX Fawcett's character Jill in "Charlie's Angels"

28 ex-Rocket Thorpe

31 San Antonio's ___ Jimenez Thanksgiving dinner

33 ___ "Too Tall" Jones

35 jazz instrument of TX Ornette Coleman

36 blue jeans inventor Levi (init.)

38 TXism: "fits like sardines in ___"

41 TXism: "he's holding all the ___"

44 units of measurement at Luling's Watermelon Thump (abbr.)

45 TXism: "sling it on the wall and ___ sticks" (try)

47 Sinatra in "Four for Texas" (init.)

52 Comanche's court-house: "Old ___"

53 former gov. Richards

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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RUNNELS COUNTY FARM BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES at the 63rd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in San Antonio December 1-4 were (front row from left) Ella Condra, Linda Duggan, Elaine Pelzel, Sam Bennett and Pat Lange. Back row, same order, Doyle Condra, Dale Duggan, LeRoy Pelzel and David Lange.

Runnels County Farm Bureau delegates attend 53rd annual convention

Seven voting delegates from Runnels County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 63rd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention, December 1-4 in San Antonio.

They were Dale Duggan, Doyle and Ella Condra, LeRoy and Elaine Pelzel, and Doug and Debbie Bryan.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized

Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Nashville, Tennessee.

Speakers featured at the convention included U.S. Senator Phil Gramm and Jolene Brown, who combined cutting edge content, wholesome humor, and real life ex-

amples. Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB President; David R. Krebs of Portland, TFB Secretary/Treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB Executive Director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the re-election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus.

Sheep and Goat Commodity Board elect directors

Canvassing of the ballots submitted by producers for the biennial election of the Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board on November 21, 1996 resulted in the following directors being selected to serve a six-year term as directors for each of the three districts that comprise the referendum area: DISTRICT 1: Dwight Childress, Crockett County; DISTRICT 2: Alfred (Mac) Gilliat, Real County; DISTRICT 3: Bill Sneed, Coleman County.

They will be sworn in at the first meeting of the Board in 1997. The Board is pleased that directly mailed ballots resulted in better returns than our initial election, and wishes to express their appreciation to all those who participated in this process.

A brief update on the use of funds collected includes: Predator Control - ADC Supplemental Aerial Hunting - 2 helicopters paid through December, 1996, and ammunition purchase, \$242,500; Hot-Spots program \$7,597.95; Special equipment-training collars \$700.00; LPC collars-220 replaced and 200 additional inventory purchased to expand this program \$8,911.75; Total of \$259,709.70.

Research-Renewal of Immuno-contraceptive Research with Denver Wildlife Research Center \$10,000.00; Education-"Predators in the Classroom" additional multi-media materials to complete project, \$8,000.00; Sul Ross State University- Predator Food Habits Study, \$2550. Total, \$10,550.00. Overall Total, \$280,259.70.



ALSO REPRESENTING RUNNELS COUNTY at the Farm Bureau convention were Debbie and Doug Bryan with their son, Cannon.

Livestock Show work day scheduled for December 14

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association met Thursday, December 5 to finalize plans for the 1997 Winters Stockshow. A workday has been set for Saturday, December 14, at 9 A.M. The barns, washracks, and arena will be cleaned and repairs made. All association members are asked to attend.

A second and final clean-up day is slated for Saturday, January 4 at 9 A.M. Last minute preparations for the barns will be done at this time. This year's stockshow will be held the following weekend on January 10 and 11.

In other business, the number of entries were discussed and classes divided. On Friday, January 10, there will be 17 rabbit entries, 24 head of lambs and 28

goats. Clarence Milliom of Clyde will judge rabbits and Marvin Ensor of Seminole will judge lambs and goats.

Beginning at 8 A.M. on Saturday, January 11, Ernie Eckert of Menard will judge 71 head of hogs. After a Bar-B-Que lunch of brisket and all the trimmings, 28 steers and 8 heifers will be judged by Davey Vestal of Eastland.

If you have not already been contacted, members will be soliciting shares from businesses and individuals before the show. All share donations go directly to the youth in the form of prize money. An auction will also take place around noon on the Saturday of the show. If you wish to donate, you may contact Jim West, Roy Shackelford or any association member.

LEGAL MATTERS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES



CATALOG AND MAIL ORDER SALES

THE HOLIDAY SEASON is the busiest time for shopping in Texas. Many of us are pressed for time and welcome the convenience of shopping by telephone or mail. The rewards are many, but there are a few risks as well.

The overwhelming majority of mail and phone order businesses are legitimate, but there are some unscrupulous marketers out there who are willing to take your money and send you nothing.

That is why we at the Office of the Attorney General have put together a few tips to help you avoid becoming a victim. Remember, when you shop by mail or phone, you are protected by federal and state laws.

Fair Credit Billing Act

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is charged with protecting consumers who shop by mail. Under the federal Mail Order Rule,

vendors must ship ordered merchandise within the advertised time period. If no specific shipment date or delivery time is promised, the seller must send your merchandise no later than 30 days after receiving your order. For consumers paying by credit card, delivery must occur within 30 days after the account is charged.

Know your rights

If the sellers are unable to fill your order within 30 days, they must send you an option notice. The notice must tell you the new shipping date and inform you of your right to cancel and request a full refund. If you choose to cancel your order, the seller must mail your refund within seven working days. If you bought on credit, the seller must adjust your account within one billing cycle.

Sometimes catalog pictures can be deceiving. If what you receive is substantially different from

what you expected, you have the right to cancel the contract and return the merchandise. Write the company immediately to inform it of your intention. If you have any doubts about the company's reliability or honesty, consider keeping the goods until you actually receive your refund.

If you didn't order it, don't pay for it

What if you receive something in the mail that you did not order? Mail order con artists sometimes send an item, along with a phony invoice, hoping that you will be fooled into paying for something that you did not order. In most cases, you may consider it a gift. While there are exceptions, such as agreements you might have with a book or record club, the general rule is: if you didn't order it, you don't have to pay for it.

Mail order tips

Read all advertisements carefully. Remember that pictures can be deceiving. The quality of the item may be lower than it appears in the ad. Also, the performance of the product may not match the ad's claims. In one case, we sued a mail order company advertising a cologne "guaranteed" to make men irresistible to women. Despite the guarantee, a number of consumers were disappointed and requested refunds.

It is always best, of course, to protect yourself by dealing only with reputable companies. If you have any doubts about a particular business, contact our Consumer Protection Division, the Better Business Bureau, or the U.S. Postal Inspector to see if any complaints have been filed.

For more information

If you have any questions about mail order sales, please contact your nearest Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office or call us toll free at (800) 621-0508. If you have Internet access, you can check out our home page at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

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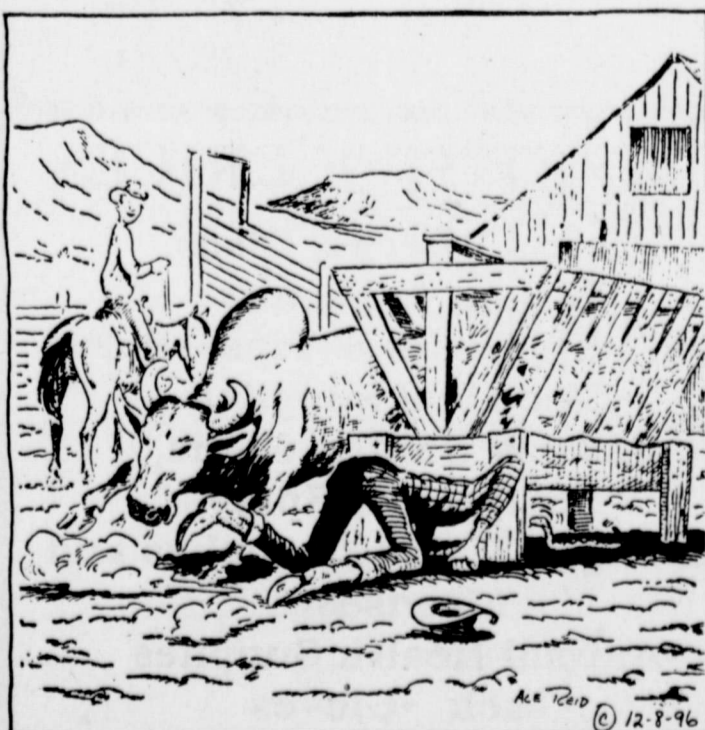
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