

Apples of Gold
MEEKNESS—The doorstep to the temple
of wisdom is a knowledge of
of our own ignorance.

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Winters, Texas

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Funds approved for new junior high building

State to pay two-thirds of \$1.4 million cost

Mike Harris, WISD Superintendent, was notified last week that Winters has been approved to receive approximately \$118,088 as the first of eight annual installments for a new junior high school facility. This is approximately two-thirds of the total building cost of \$1.4 million.

Winters is one of 149 school districts and one of 10 in the Big Country to receive funds that state lawmakers set aside for building programs.

Because Winters submitted its building plan already designed by an architect, construction could start as early as April.

WISD officials chose the design/build, lease/purchase option of the programs available by the state. Requirements of the alternate plan, a bond election by taxpayers, did not allow enough time from date of notification to deadline date.

Jordan Education of Austin will

be the builder and the architect will be Fromberg and Associates of Austin.

Mr. Harris and WISD business manager Jimmy Butler met Tuesday with architects, lawyers and financial institutions in Austin to arrange the sale of bonds for the building project.

The design/build plan requires the builder and architect to guarantee a maximum cost for the facility. With this cost ceiling, bonds will be sold by a non-profit organization formed specifically for this project.

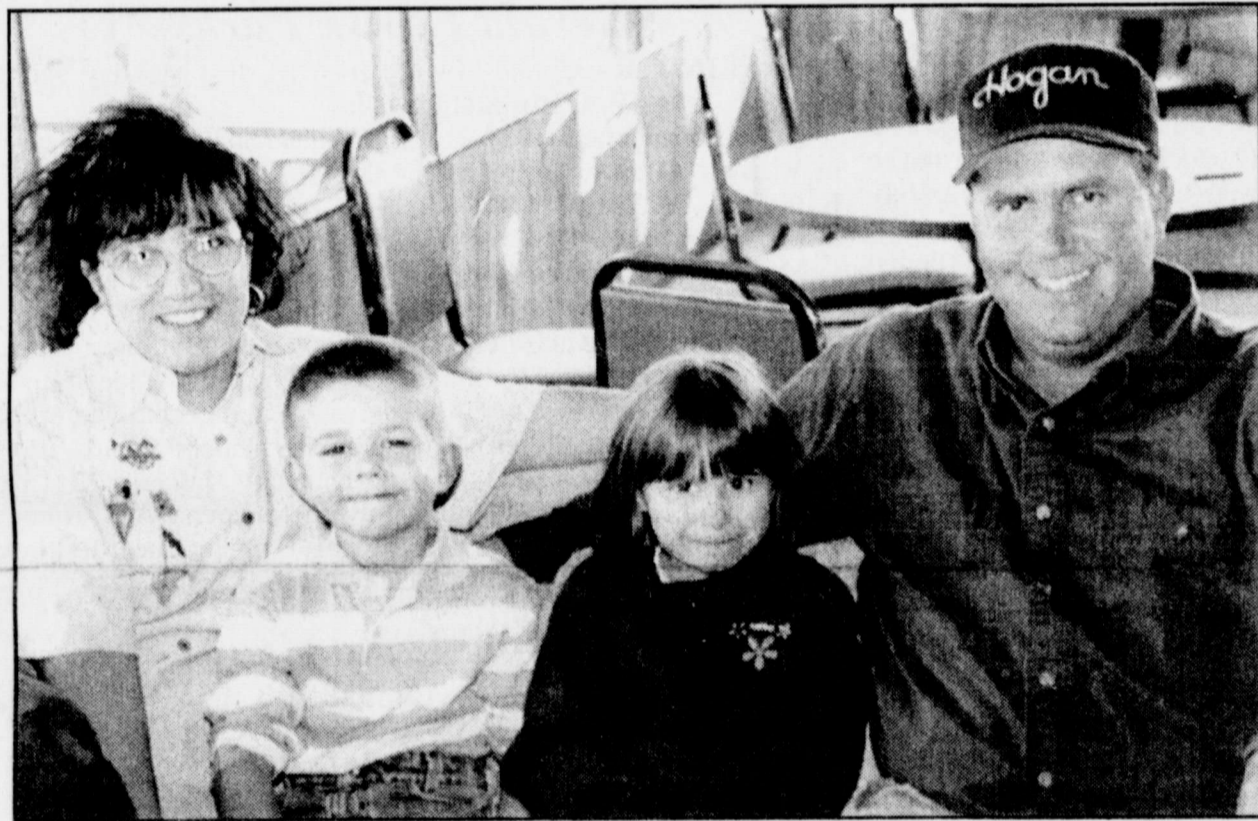
Mr. Butler said, "This organization will look a whole lot like

the school board."

The legislative program set up this process of lease/purchase to hasten the process of schools receiving appropriate funding.

School design and details will be published in *The Winters Enterprise* as made available.

Come meet the new Country Club managers



RONNIE and JOANN HUMPHREYS are new managers at the Winters Country Club and Golf Course. He has 15 years of experience in the golf course business and brings his family to Winters from Llano. A son, Ross, is 5-1/2 years old and daughter Ashley is 4. Ronnie enjoys golf, hunting, and fishing. JoAnn enjoys antiques and quilting.

Winters Lions to flip pancakes for fundraiser

The Winters Lions Club will host a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years old.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward community projects and services including the purchase of eyeglasses for needy school children.

Employers race to meet deadline to provide W-2 forms on time

With 1998 tax season just beginning, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds Texas employers that Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," needs to be made available to their employees by the end of January. Additionally, Form 1099, "Statement for Miscellaneous Income," also needs to be available to employees by the January 31 deadline.

Most employees need this income information so they can file their tax forms early to receive their tax refund. According to the IRS North Texas District, seven out of 10 North Texans receive tax refunds. Last year, the average tax refund was \$1,309.37.

Texans who receive a special TeleFile tax package and plan to file by telephone also need their W-2 statements. That's because

See W-2 FORMS, pg. 6



S.O.S. MENTORS participating in the Support One Student program at Winters Elementary School include (from left) Jean Boles, Nancy Thompson, Rene' Woffenden, Melanie Wade, Carla Harris, Ann Baldwin, David Evans, Ruby Nell Rougas, Betty John Byrns, and Judy Biddix. These individuals work one-on-one with students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Anyone willing to donate just one hour a week is urged to contact Superintendent Mike Harris at 754-5574 or Terry Wyatt, Elementary Principal, at 754-5577. (Editor's note: All of us who "work" as mentors wholeheartedly agree that we are receiving tremendous personal reward from working with these great kids. We encourage everyone to give it a try! With 168 hours in a week, don't you have at least one hour to share?)

Rock Hotel brick sales exceed expectations

The sales of bricks for the Rock Hotel Walkway have far exceeded the expectations of the directors of the Z.I. Hale Museum. As of last Saturday, 664 bricks had been purchased for the walkway in front of the Rock Hotel.

The proceeds will go toward the final restoration of the historic building. The first floor is almost complete and plans are to restore the exterior of the structure next and then proceed with restoration of the second floor.

The brick sales, three major

grants, and many local contributors have provided funds for the project.

Brick orders will be accepted through the end of January. Acme Brick Company will begin making the bricks next week, and it will take about six weeks for delivery. The walkway will be installed after the painting on the outside of the Rock Hotel is completed. A special event is being planned to unveil the bricks after they have been laid.

Corrected copies of the brick

inscriptions are available for inspection at the Rock Hotel (3-5 p.m.), the Chamber of Commerce, Farmers Seed and Supply, First American Bank, and *The Winters Enterprise*. Wrong date or misspelling can still be corrected through January 31. To redo a brick after the information is sent to Acme Brick will cost \$25.

The Z.I. Hale Museum is grateful to everyone who supported this project by buying bricks. The walkway will be a lasting tribute to the families, the businesses, and the community.

Varsity Blizzards forfeit wins for minor UIL infraction

Coach Ed Henley submits resignation

Due to a violation of UIL rules, the Blizzard varsity basketball boys were forced to forfeit their two 8-2A wins of the first half of district competition.

The infraction apparently came as a result of the team receiving t-shirts as Christmas gifts from Nita Henley, wife of basketball coach Ed Henley.

Coach Henley said, "It's an unfortunate situation. Nita has given the kids little gifts for the last six years and we never realized there could be a problem. We certainly never intended to hurt the kids or the basketball program."

The violation was brought to Henley's attention last week by school administrators who had been contacted by Winters Athletic Director Robin Byrd. The incident was then reported to the

district committee.

With the forfeiture of big wins over Ozona and powerhouse Coahoma, and the return of the t-shirts, the Blizzards are now in compliance with UIL rules and all victories in the second half of competition will count.



Coach Ed Henley

Although not requested by school officials, Coach Henley has submitted his resignation but will remain through the present semester and continue his coaching obligations at Winters.

"These young men mean a great deal to me and we're going to try to keep a positive attitude through the rest of the (basketball) season,

added Henley.

During his 8-year tenure in Winters, Coach Henley has obtained a basketball record of 107 wins and 91 losses as of Jan. 26, 1998. His 1990-91 team won the district championship.

In addition to his basketball accomplishments, Henley coached the boys varsity and junior cross-country teams, winning six district championships over the past eight years of competition. His varsity cross-country team won third place at the 1997 state meet in Austin.

In the classroom at Winters, he has taught Life Management Skills and geography, and has also taught driver's education for eight years.

Future plans include moving to the Wichita Falls area where his children and grandchildren live.

"I plan to be a full-time grandpa for a while and enjoy my family," said Henley. "I haven't made any definite plans at this time to return to coaching but who knows what can happen down the road."

See page 4 for a very brief summary of the UIL ruling determining the infraction.

Reminder: Chamber of Commerce Banquet — Kickin' Back in Winters Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m. Details on pg. 6

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Jan. 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
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- Jan. 31-9 a.m.-1 p.m., Women's Enrichment Day, Abilene
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo
- Feb. 1-Noon-5 p.m., Arts & Crafts Festival, San Angelo
- 7:30 p.m., Christians in the New Millennium, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
- Feb. 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 p.m., Christians in the New Millennium, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Census of Agriculture Forms Due
- Feb. 3-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 4 p.m., Friends of Museum
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Directors
- 5-7:30 p.m., Lions Club Pancake Supper, WHS Cafeteria
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Christians in the New Millennium, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
- Feb. 4-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
- 7:30 p.m., Christians in the New Millennium, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
- Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
- Feb. 5-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

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We will continue with our discussion of the recently released Arthur Andersen survey of U.S. oil and gas companies this week.

In our focus on the less apparent but no less important trends spotted in the survey, we will list a few more trends and talk about the significance of all we have discussed over the last two weeks.

Besides the Deepwater Gulf, the \$22-\$25 threshold for significant new exploration in the U.S., and the most attractive locations to produce oil and gas, there are a few other things worth noting in the survey.

When questioned concerning their spending plans for the future, over 70% plan to increase exploration and development expenditures in 1998. Interestingly, most of those planning to spend more are independents, as about half of the major companies questioned plan to decrease development spending.

Almost half of all companies questioned plan to increase acquisition spending. While apparently encouraging for the brokers, this is a decrease over the last several years. It appears that more companies are planning to develop the properties they currently own while curtailing property acquisition to add reserves.

After almost a decade of trumpeting how important the natural gas market was going to be, balance in company focus is returning. More than two-thirds of the companies questioned plan to balance their portfolio between oil and gas. This reverses a trend of valuing gas more highly as an acquisition and development target since the early 1980's.

Finally, a key question and answer for those of you out there trying to put deals together. When asked to list the ten most important factors in applying development capital, the number one driving force was availability of attractive drilling prospects. This was more important than prices, availability of rigs, and regulatory limitations. It was even more important than availability of capital.

This was common between independents and majors. What this says to me is that building a prospect with sound geology and engineering can pay off handsomely in the future. Got any ideas?

In summary, the industry seems to be saying, even under the current price scenario, we will continue to drill wells, work over wells, and improve operations to make the most of things. And, if the pricing powers would just raise the price to \$22 (if you are an

independent) or \$25 (if you are a major), the industry will simply take off.

Further, although some of the larger companies still look longingly overseas, most of the U.S. industry is calling their homeland a prime area for future development. Most are planning on spending more, continuing to acquire as needed (although not as frantically), and hiring the people to do it.

Future development will be for oil and gas, but there may be a shortage of good prospects. In any event, the time is now, not later. See you next time.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Coleman County

Alpine Petroleum has staked the Graves #1-42 in the Walking-3 Field, 4 miles NE of Silver Valley (Depth 2900). Loc. is 1650 FSL & 725 FEL of Sec. 42, Blk. 2, HT&B Sur.

Delray Oil has staked the Brookshier #1-4 in the Rachel Field, 4 miles SE of Talpa (Depth 2600). Loc. is 1484 FSL & 2444 FWL of Sec. 107, Blk. 4, ETRR Sur.

Runnels County

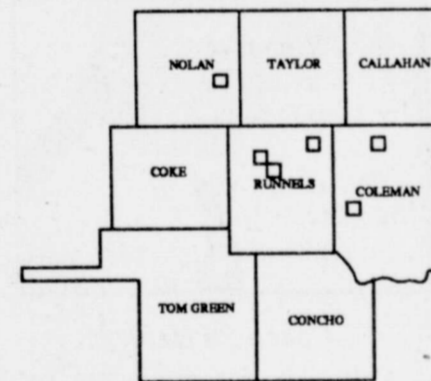
Enrich Oil has staked the J.F. Priddy #2 in the West Winters Field, 5 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4800). Loc. is 467 FEL & 1800 FNL of Sec. 55, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-298.

Pioneer Exploration has staked the O.C. Sykes #33 in the Cree Sykes Field, 3 miles N of Crews (Depth 5700). Loc. is 1167 FNL & 2580 FEL of Sec. 5, HT&B Sur., A-266.

Stoval Operating has staked the Good #1 as a Wildcat, 1 mile NE of Norton (Depth 4999). Loc. is 750 FSL & 860 FSL of Lab. 13, Lge. 271, Burnett CSL Sur., A-19.

Taylor County

Hallwood Petroleum has staked the BMC #1 in the North Dora Field, 15 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 5200). Loc. is 2010 FSL & 1007 FEL of Sec. 59, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.



□ NEW COMPLETION □ STAKED

Nature is reckless to the individual. When she has points to carry, she carries them.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Obituaries

Marcelle Patterson

WINTERS—Marcelle Patterson, 77, died Sunday, January 25, 1998, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born December 13, 1920, in Valera, Texas. She attended school in Ballinger, graduating in 1939. She married Milton Patterson on September 23, 1939, in Paint Rock. She had lived in the Pumphrey community most of her life.

Mrs. Patterson was a homemaker and a Baptist. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Milton Patterson of Winters; one son, John Lynn Patterson and his wife Elaine of Premont; one daughter, Judy Gersbach and her husband Don of Brownfield; two brothers, Odis Reneau of San Angelo and Cliff Reneau of Burnett; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

William Milton Patterson

WINTERS—William Milton Patterson, 80, died Tuesday, January 27, 1998, in North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

He was born January 11, 1918, in San Benito and moved to Runnels County in 1921. He married Marcelle Reneau on September 23, 1939, in Paint Rock.

Mr. Patterson was a farmer and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his wife on January 25, 1998, and a brother, Edwin Patterson in 1974.

Survivors include one son, John Lynn Patterson and his wife Elaine of Premont; one daughter, Judy Gersbach and her husband Don of Brownfield; four sisters, Emogene Onken of Fort Worth, Betty Jo Brown of Winters, Annie Belle Pierce of Winters, and Karen Nell Hancock of Wingate; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Douglas Colburn, Phil Colburn, Scotty Belew, Randall Conner, Keith Paschal, and Mike Mitchell.

Flora McWilliams

SAN ANGELO—Flora McWilliams, 89, formerly of Winters, died Thursday night in Baptist Geriatric Center in San Angelo.

She was born February 5, 1908, in Runnels County and was a lifetime resident. She married Earnest Tounget on May 2, 1926, and he died November 24, 1957. She then married Ralph McWilliams on July 19, 1962, and he preceded in death in 1984.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and Eastern Star.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Armol Tounget; a brother, Troy McMillan; and a sister, Lillie Martin.

Survivors include one son, Ronnie Tounget of Winters; one daughter, Gloria Thomas and her husband Jim of San Angelo; two sisters, Belva Lawson and Arveta Matthews, both of Odessa; one daughter-in-law, Sybil Tounget of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Crews Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Keith Tounget, Craig Tounget, Matthew Tounget, Chad Thomas, Jake Tounget, Rusty Tounget, and Larry Sears.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Winters.

L.C. Briley

MIDLAND—L.C. Briley, 72, died Wednesday, January 21, 1998, at his home.

He was born October 20, 1925, in Winters, Texas, to Arthur Clyde and Ila Mae Sawyer Briley. He was raised in Winters, graduating from high school in Wingate, Texas. He enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in California during World War II.

In 1945, Mr. Briley moved to Midland and began work for the Postal Service. He was employed with them for 37 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ. He was an elder and continued to help with activities at the church.

Survivors include his wife, Veda Briley of Midland; three sons, Thomas L. Briley of Odessa, Ronald Briley of Kerrville, and Bryan Briley of Midland; two brothers, W.B. Guy Jr. of Abilene and Doyle Guy of San Antonio; four sisters, Gwen Bosch of Gorham, Kansas, Lela Mae Adcock of Odessa, Dorothy Minor of Abilene, and Reba McCartney of Abilene; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was Thursday, January 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Services were at 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 23, at the Ellis Chapel with Delos Johnson officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Florene Campbell

BALLINGER—Florene Campbell, 83, died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, January 25, 1998, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Ballinger.

She was born July 31, 1914, in Coleman County, Texas, to Jim Boles and Sally Garden. She married John E. Campbell on July 21, 1934, in Winters.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Ballinger and worked in the restaurant business for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 26, 1979. Survivors include two sons, Douglas Campbell of Sonora and Lloyd Campbell of Salem, Oregon; two daughters, Mildred Tabor of Miles and Jean Campbell of Midland; one brother, Monroe Boles of Winters; two sisters, Ethel Fowler of Odessa and Jewel Skaggs of San Angelo; twenty-one grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger directed arrangements.

Travis M. Barrett

BALLINGER—Travis M. Barrett, 77, died at 9:55 p.m. Monday, January 19, 1998, in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 22, 1920, in Norton, Texas. He married Deene Browning on July 18, 1943, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Barrett retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1961 as a warrant officer after 21 years of service, and then farmed and ranched in the Norton area. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger and the Ballinger American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Deene Barrett of Ballinger; one son, Michael Barrett of Austin; one daughter, Becky Barrett Swiderski of San Angelo; and five grandchildren, Jenny and Liza Barrett of Solana Beach, California, and Jordan, Chris, and Keith Swiderski of San Angelo.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger with Reverend Henry Chisholm officiating. A private family graveside service followed. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, a hospice organization, or a favorite charity.

Gerald Edwin Parks

BALLINGER—Gerald Edwin Parks, 70, died Monday, January 19, 1998, in the V.A. Hospital in Dallas.

He was born June 5, 1927, in Wingate and had lived most of his life in Runnels County. He married Mary Hash on April 6, 1946, in Ballinger.

Mr. Parks was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a welder and a member of Hosanna Bible Church in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Parks.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hash Parks of Ballinger; one son, Gerald Leonard Parks of Ballinger; one daughter, Pat Wade of Belton; one brother, Carroll Parks of Abilene; one sister, Loreta Campbell of Abilene; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, in the Hosanna Bible Church in Ballinger with Reverend A.C. Hammer officiating. Burial was in the Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Bobby Lane Gray

PFLUGERVILLE—Bobby (Bob) Lane Gray, 64, died Friday, January 23, 1998.

He was born in Ballinger, Texas, on October 26, 1933.

Mr. Gray worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture for 19 years, 17 years working in Austin, before retiring in 1982. He was an active and very involved member of the University Optimist Club. He coached Little League baseball in Ballinger and Austin in his earlier years.

Survivors include his loving wife and best friend of 41 years, Della Gray of Pflugerville; one daughter, Tina (Gray) Heine, and son-in-law, James Heine of Pflugerville; one son, Tommy Gray, and daughter-in-law, Myra Gray, of Pflugerville; four grandchildren, Blane and Clay Heine and Dustin and Casey Gray, all of Pflugerville; one brother, Buddy Gray and wife Mickey Gray; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 26, 1998, at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. Graveside services were held at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

Honorary pallbearers were the University Optimist Club.

O.C. Sewell Jr.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—O.C. Sewell Jr., 77, passed away at 12:40 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 1998, in Hopkins County Nursing Home.

He was born September 11, 1920, the son of Odie Crede and Lillian Lee Wells Sewell. He married Dollie Wilson in Sulphur Springs on May 8, 1946.

Mr. Sewell was a former postmaster, district clerk, and county tax collector-assessor. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher for many years. He was a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, past post and district commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Woodmen of the World, and a Boy Scout leader. He was also a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Royce Sewell; and an infant sister.

Survivors include his wife, Dollie Sewell of Sulphur Springs; two daughters, Linda Sewell Dry of Winters and Loretta Hooks Cox of Roanoke; three brothers, Truitt L., Truman E., and Carlton E. Sewell, all of Sulphur Springs; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, January 26. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, in Tapp Funeral Home Chapel in Sulphur Springs with Reverend Fred Lewis officiating. Burial was in Black Oak Cemetery, directed by Tapp Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Nicholas Horton, Brad Carr, Tony Sewell, Troy Sewell, Loy Sewell, and Roger Sewell.

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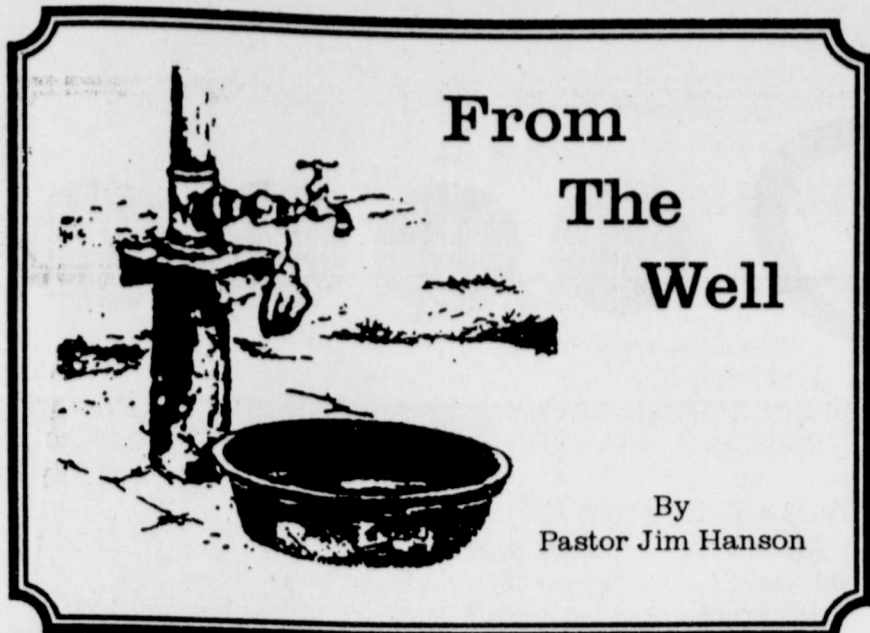
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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"It's tough to grow old." That's what I often hear. And, since I'm 68 years old myself, I listen more closely. And, nod my head in agreement. Especially when one becomes sick—I mean, really sick. Like my brother-in-law Bob, Ramona's sister's husband.

Used to be the picture of health. Hardworking farmer, with big fields of corn and soy beans. How he loved to farm! Moved to a retirement center in southern Oklahoma. Had to go back to work again because of the banking crisis in the 80's. (It really wasn't a farm crisis...it was a bank crisis.) Then really retired about 8 years ago. And has been sick ever since. Cancer. Heart. Diabetes. Now he's on dialysis three times a week. He says, "O Jim, it's tough to grow old. I can't do nothing."

He's just one of the many who find what the sociologist call "the aging process," a difficult time. Our bodies do not function the way they used to. We don't see as good or hear as good and it takes longer to heal. Our joints start to wear out and our knees buckle. It's the fact.

But, there's nothing wrong with growing old. It's not a sin to grow old. In fact the Scriptures have a number of heroes who were not spring chickens...far from it. Abraham was 80 when he heard the call of the Lord and took his wife, his company, his herds, and flocks and took off for the promised land. Moses, too.

The biggest problem for older people is that younger people just don't seem to understand. I can remember a conversation I had with an older friend by the name of Frank Lohn. Frank was a lively old man. He loved to visit, to play cards, and to talk. He used to refer to the "golden years" of America. He called those good old days "B.C." One day I asked him what B.C. stood for. He looked me in the eye, smiled and said, "Before Cars."

One day I saw him on the sidewalk, heading toward town. I asked him, "Frank, where are you going?" He replied, "To see the eye doctor." "Oh," I said, "What's wrong with your eyes?" Quick as can be, he said into my face, "They're 95 years old!" There's nothing wrong with growing old."

Perhaps the toughest part are the feelings and needs that older persons don't often express. Dr. James Dobson, in his monthly bulletin, shares a letter written by an 80 year old mother to her family:

"I hate having to rely on my children to do things for me that I could do for myself a few years ago. The truth is that our roles are reversed now, and I am your child needing you in a special way. I need your patience now when I don't hear what you say the first time. I need your patience when I think too much about the past. I need your patience with my slowness and my set ways.

"Please be understanding about my personal care habits. I really can't see when my dress is dirty or the floor needs cleaning. I can't remember what time to take my medication, or if I took it already. I take too many naps. I know because you have said, 'Quit spending all of your time sleeping.' Well, sometimes sleep helps me pass the day. When I have nothing but time on my hands, a 15 minute nap seems like an hour.

"Finally, the Apostle Paul wrote, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.' Maybe I can't do all I want to the way I used to, but how comforting it is to know I don't have to rely solely on myself. I guess being 80 isn't so bad after all. God has blessed me so much.

"Love, Mom."

It is tough to grow old. But patience on the part of the younger folks can sure make it easier. And, maybe we who are younger can learn love. For like that same Apostle once wrote, "Love is patient; love is kind; it is not irritable or resentful...it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Even for those who are finding it "tough to grow old."



SERVING UP THE SWEET DESSERTS during the barbeque luncheon last Sunday are (left to right) Betty Vernon, Clara Belle Whittenburg, Juanita Bredemeyer, and Ramona Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church. The church sponsored the meal to benefit Christmas in April, and netted more than \$4,000 for the worthy project.

CIA dinner raises \$4,000

The Christmas in April fundraiser at the school cafeteria was a huge success.

This past Sunday the folks at St. John's served over 370 plates and sold briskets and chickens.

Together with matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8829, and Aid Association for Lutheran Branch #8737, over \$4,000 will be turned over to Christmas in April.

St. John's says a great big THANK YOU to all who gave of their time, energy, and money to make this happen.

God bless you all!

Letters to the Editor

In praise of the Henleys

Dear Editor and Fans: I can't believe what has happened to our basketball boys, Ed and Nita Henley.

Our boys had to forfeit their great victories over Coahoma and Ozona because someone on staff turned them in for UIL violation. Nita gave the boys a shirt for Christmas, out of love for the boys as her extended family. She truly believed she would not be violating any UIL rule because she was not a school employee, cheerleader, mom or dad, board member, or Booster Club member. She had not seen the sentence about "anyone." A major point: She has always given the varsity boys a Christmas present. They have varied as income varies, as with all of us. Our kids have no greater fans than Nita and Ed Henley, nor people that take a greater interest in their lives.

Why now? Every year since they have been here, there was a present. The last 5 years, the shirts have been given.

I realize once the violation has been turned in to the principal or superintendent, it has to be given to the district UIL committee. But why couldn't the person turning this in have given a day for the boys to give Nita a token fee for the shirt. She would have given them a copy of the receipt, which is at St. John's Post. Everything would have been legal.

I know of an incident that occurred in another town by a business person of my acquaintance. This person sent an athletic team a cute toy that he thought they would enjoy. A coach from another sport noticed it and asked where they got them. When he found out, he contacted this team's coach and told him to collect a dollar or so to give to the business person so it would be legal. The business person turned around and donated the amount of money to the Booster Club.

There are other organizations that violate this rule, though out of season. Read the rules. We break it. It does not say how much money; it says monetary value as cookies, gum, candy, and etc. It has been done for years!

What if your child is at a UIL academic meet and forgot or lost their lunch money, and they borrowed from the teacher in charge. If you don't pay it back, isn't that a violation?

Do our teachers and our coaches have to watch their backs with their peers?

I really do not believe people in our district would have turned us

in. I can see an ineligible player, but this?

How did Wall give their senior girls roses and balloons before our game at Wall last year and not be in violation?

Let's address Ed. Look at what all he's done for our basketball program. I know parents that have stated they wish Ed would have been there when their child played. Who has brought boys cross-country to us and has produced state qualifying teams???

Ed also keeps such accurate records and tries to nominate and secure as many honors and scholarships for his boys as he can.

He has coached jr. high football. Who had the Class of '96 in the 7th grade???

Ed. In the Class of '96 was John Paul, Mark D., Kevin, John B., etc. Ed works with all jr. high (basketball) teams til football is over.

I know parents of boys who have had Ed and have a lot more to share than we know.

I could write about how he studies his game films, other teams' game films, scouting reports, the preparation he gives his players, etc.

Sincerely with praise
Name withheld upon request

From Nita Henley

Letter to the Editor: As I am moving to set up our home in another part of the state, I feel compelled to say how badly I feel that my Christmas gift to the boys was misconstrued by a member of the coaching staff.

It then wound up costing my hardworking husband's wonderful basketball team (of which I love every member) the two district wins they had fought so hard to achieve.

In the eight school terms we will have completed at the end of school, may I say I have never enjoyed living among any finer people and will sincerely miss most. And to the Blizzard basketball team, I remain.... Your #1 fan,
Nita Henley

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Volunteers collected \$1,130 for Hendrick Hospice

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Donations this year totaled \$1,130. Proceeds will go to Hendrick Hospice to finance the care of those who cannot afford it.

Each donation was recorded, and the names of folks honored or remembered were printed on a dove, and hung on the tree.

Hendrick Hospice volunteers were Bonnie Lee, Darlene Sims, Odessa Dobbins, M.L. Dobbins,

Estella Bredemeyer, Virginia Brown, Jo Stoecker, Melvena Gerhart, Edna England, Celeste Bahlman, Eula Mae Kruse, Sandy Griffin, Kay Colburn, Betty John Byrns, Betty Gray, Virginia Schwartz, Nina Hale, Phyllis Boles, Noma Eoff, James Cross, Dian Cross, and Joyce Bahlman.

Thank you to all who volunteered, and thank you to all who gave donations. A special thank you to James and Dian Cross who donated and decorated the tree, the space, and often serviced the donations.

Father to address Christians preparing for New Millenium

Mt. Carmel Catholic Church of Winters is hosting a special program, "The Church in the Twenty-First Century - Making Connections for the New Millennium," Sunday through Wednesday, February 1-4, 1998.

Father Joe Nassal will be the guest speaker.

Topics of discussion follow:
Sunday - Who Do You Say That I am?
Monday - Who Do We Say We Are?
Tuesday - What Must I Do To Inherit Everlasting Life?
Wednesday - Where Do We Go From Here?

Everyone is invited to come to the church at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Immunization Clinic set for Thursday, Feb. 5

The Winters office of the Texas Department of Health has scheduled their February Immunization Clinic.

The clinic will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.-

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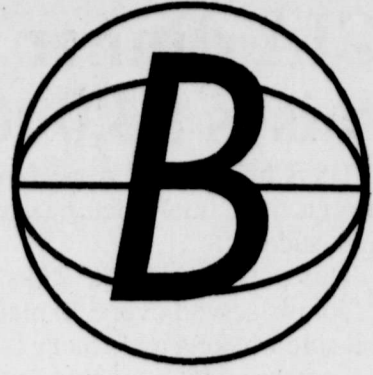
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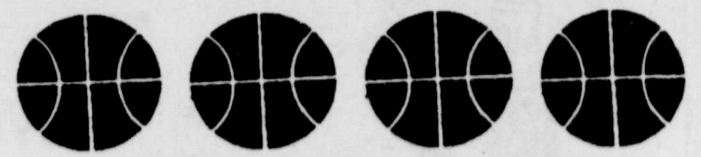
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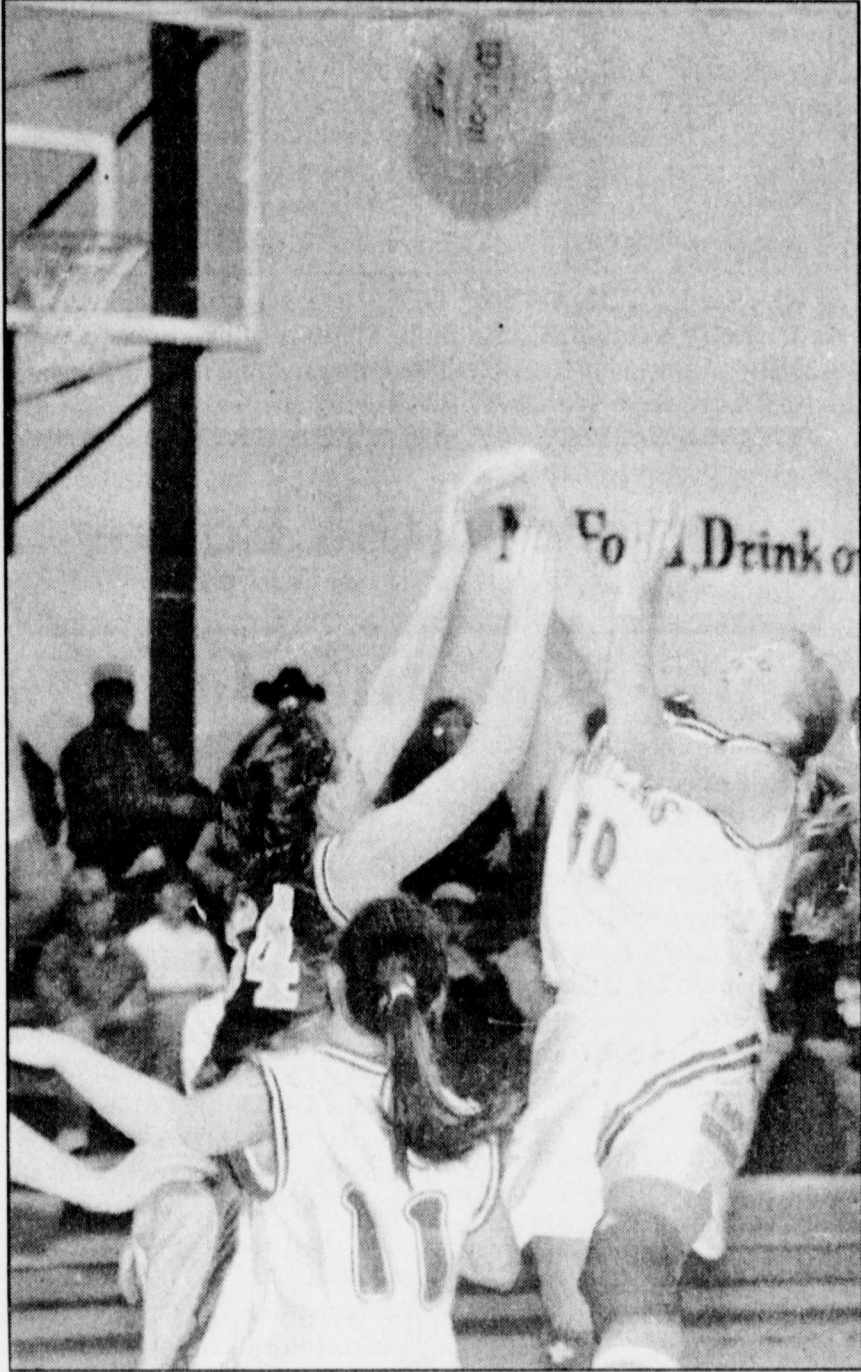
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Oatmeal
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Banana Nut Muffin
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Lunch

Monday-Feb. 2
Corn Dog
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Tuesday-Feb. 3
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Corn Chocolate Pudding
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MARQUE' MATHIS puts up the shot over the Baird defender during varsity Lady Blizzard action.

Editor's note: The following is a very brief summary of UIL rules governing the amateur status of students and awards they may or may not receive. A complete list of rules may be obtained at the WISD administration office.

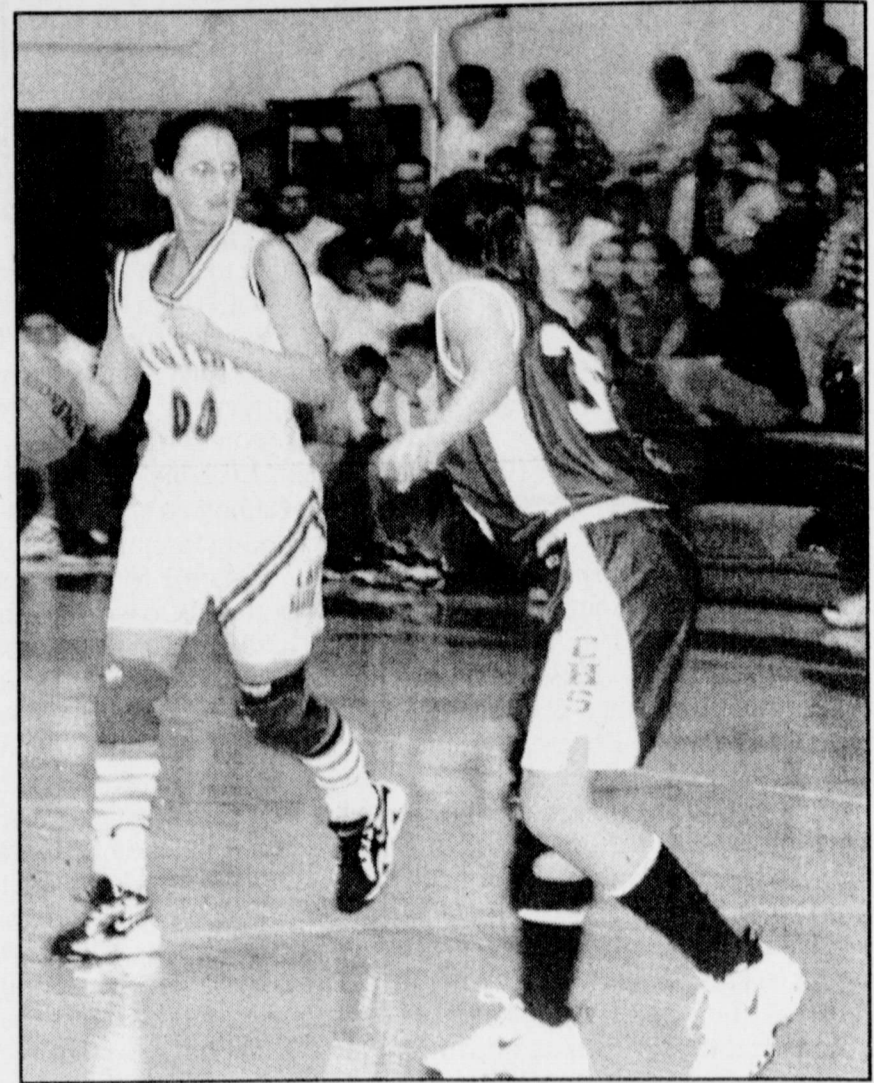
According to Section 441: Amateur Athletic Status of the University Interscholastic League rules, "An amateur participates in athletics for the aesthetic, physical, mental, and social benefits derived therefrom. Therefore, the purpose of such participation is playing for the intrinsic rewards rather than for valuable consideration. The amateur rule is a safeguard against exploitation and commercialization of high school students.

For purposes of competing in an athletic contest, a student in grades 9-12 is not an amateur if that individual, within the preceding 12 months received money or other valuable consideration for teaching or participating in a League sponsored school sport or received valuable consideration for allowing his or her name to be used in promoting a product, plan, or service related to a League contest or accepted money or other valuable consideration from school booster club funds for any non-school purpose.

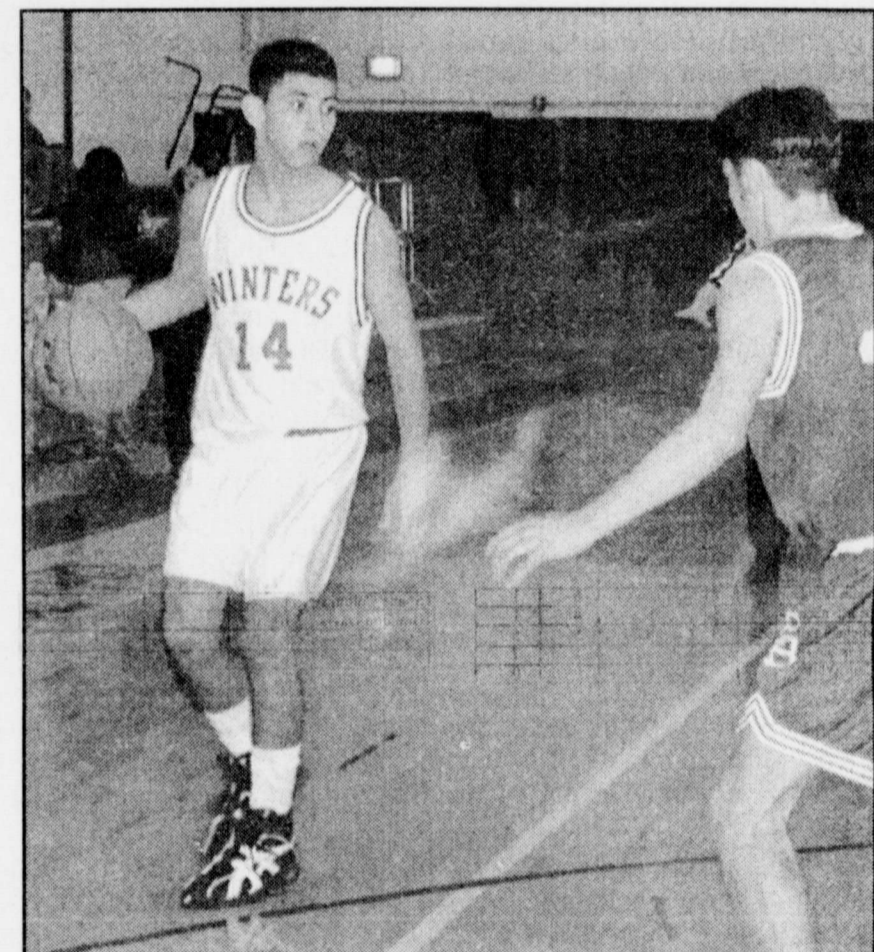
The amateur rule applies only to student athletes in grades 9-12."

According to Section 480: Limitation of Awards of University Interscholastic League rules, "A student may not accept from any source other than the school attended or the school district, any award in money, product, or service for competing in an interschool contest..."

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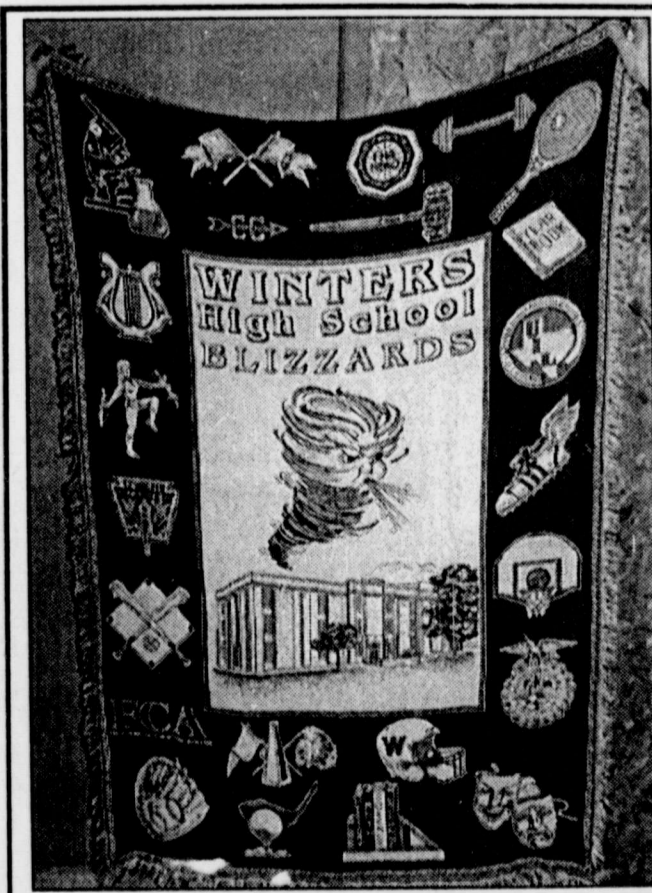
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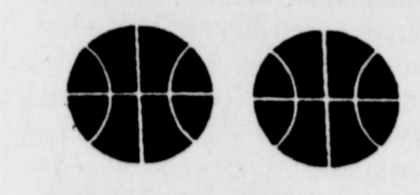
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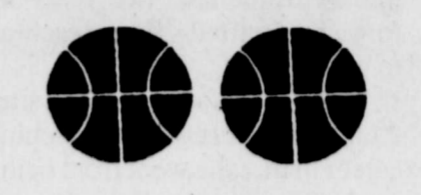
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Opponent: Foran Date: Jan. 13, 1998
Place: Foran

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	10	7	9	14	48
OPPONENT	10	8	2	20	42

Free throws made: 6 of 13 for 46%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jamie Bishop	0	1	2	0
Chesin Corley	11	7	1	0
Amanda Cross	2	0	1	0
Jessica Kozelsky	11	6	5	1
Desiree Mathis	7	6	0	0
Karen Oas	0	7	4	1
Monica Parramore	6	4	1	0
Jana Pringley	5	3	2	3
Noemi Vega	0	0	2	1
Heather Watkins	2	1	2	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Wall Date: Jan. 16, 1998
Place: Wall

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	7	9	1	6	30
OPPONENT	8	7	6	10	31

Free throws made: 6 of 13 for 46%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jamie Bishop	0	1	1	0
Chesin Corley	7	1	1	0
Amanda Cross	0	0	0	1
Jessica Kozelsky	7	10	5	4
Desiree Mathis	2	5	0	0
Karen Oas	9	5	3	2
Monica Parramore	2	0	2	0
Jana Pringley	2	2	1	1
Noemi Vega	0	0	1	0
Heather Watkins	2	0	4	1

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Jan. 20, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	18	13	11	21	68
OPPONENT	10	9	16	23	58

Free throws made: 21 of 40 for 53%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessy Alvarado	3	4	6	6
Kourtney Colom	0	0	1	0
Josh Muenzmayr	4	7	1	2
Justin Muenzmayr	5	13	6	3
Sean Nitch	8	10	6	3
Michael Pritchard	13	10	5	4
Chris Soto	10	6	1	1
Chip White	0	1	0	0
Kenny Whittemore	26	10	5	4
Lee Wolfenden	8	0	1	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Eldorado Date: Jan. 23, 1998
Place: Eldorado

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	9	12	16	13	50
OPPONENT	8	12	18	16	54

Free throws made: 16 of 23 for 70%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessy Alvarado	4	2	1	4
Kourtney Colom	0	2	1	0
Josh Muenzmayr	2	1	0	0
Justin Muenzmayr	0	6	6	1
Sean Nitch	9	8	4	1
Michael Pritchard	3	8	5	3
Chris Soto	6	1	6	7
Chip White	0	0	0	0
Kenny Whittemore	22	13	7	3
Lee Wolfenden	3	8	2	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's comments: Considering all the circumstances of the past week, my kids gave a supreme effort. We shot 23 free throws with them playing man to man, and they shot 51 free throws with us playing in a zone. Enough said.

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Jan. 20, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	13	8	9	18	48
OPPONENT	9	8	10	18	45

Free throws made: 17 of 27 for 63%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Lon Redeneyer	0	0	0	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	0	0
Jessica Corley	6	5	1	2
Jessica DeLaRosa	0	2	0	1
Jacky Dexter	2	2	0	1
Kendra Hope	20	2	9	1
Kacy McCluskey	9	6	2	0
Michelle Paschal	10	10	7	4
Kelli Slump	1	3	1	2
Britney Tackell	0	0	0	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Eldorado Date: Jan. 23, 1998
Place: Eldorado

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	11	7	12	3	33
OPPONENT	10	11	6	6	33

Free throws made: 5 of 18 for 28%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Lon Redeneyer	0	0	0	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	0	0
Jessica Corley	11	5	2	2
Jessica DeLaRosa	0	3	3	1
Jacky Dexter	0	0	0	0
Kendra Hope	7	1	4	2
Kacy McCluskey	9	4	4	1
Michelle Paschal	7	10	2	0
Kelli Slump	2	2	2	0
Britney Tackell	0	0	0	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Jan. 20, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	16	7	11	16	50
OPPONENT	6	11	13	18	48

Free throws made: 14 of 32 for 44%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Matt Angel	1	2	0	0
Craig Conner	0	0	1	2
Ruben Garcia	0	0	0	0
Larry Hoyle	13	9	0	1
Drew Lee	6	2	2	0
Arbur Martinez	3	4	2	0
Robert Medina	2	0	1	0
Aubrey Newton	2	3	4	2
Jon Oas	21	10	7	1
Edrick Portillo	0	0	0	0
Aaron Pritchard	2	1	0	2
V.J. Santos	0	0	2	0
Colby Walker	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: 7th Boys "A" Coach: Charles Murphy
Opponent: Roscoe Date: Jan. 19, 1998
Place: Roscoe

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	14	8	3	13	38
OPPONENT	8	9	13	5	35

Free throws made: 9 of 13 for 69%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Shane Colburn	7	1	0	0
Brandon Davis	0	0	0	0
Michael Flores	0	0	0	0
Rusty Jackson	23	0	0	0
Tim Medina	1	0	0	0
Mark Moreno	1	0	0	0
Matt Moreno	0	0	0	0
Clint Morentax	3	0	0	0
Dusty Palmetto	0	0	0	0
Brian Pritchard	0	0	0	0
Guy Slump	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's comments: In this Championship game, we played very well. We found it tough to score in the second half and that was the key. We lost to a very good team; the only loss of the year, they have itous during the Abilene Tournament. Good job guys.

Basketball '98

Catch the Action
Jan. 30—Albany, TBA, TBA, VG, VB
Jan. 30—Grape Creek, TBA, There, 9B, JVG, JVB
Feb. 2—Coahoma, 4:30, Here, 7B, 8B
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Feb. 3—Forsan*, 4:00, Here, 9B, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
JVG Junior Varsity Girls JVB Junior Varsity Boys
9B Freshmen Boys
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
*Denotes District Games

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Jan. 20, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	2	20	6	11	39
OPPONENT	5	12	11	15	43

Free throws made: 10 of 18 for 55%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Tony Aguero	10	3	6	0
Ben Blaine	0	0	0	0
Taylor Brown	0	0	0	0
Justin Calicoe	1	3	1	1
Janzer Donica	0	0	0	0
Jason Equivel	1	5	2	2
G.G. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Hernandez	9	10	2	1
Samson Jackson	13	10	1	1
Craig Jacob	0	0	0	0
Jeffrey Jordan	0	1	0	0
Zack Martinez	0	0	0	0
Justin Mendoza	0	0	0	0
Nasey Murphy	0	0	0	0
Juan Santos	0	1	0	0
Clay Trivick	0	0	0	0
Colby Walker	5	2	4	2

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Fula Date: Jan. 24, 1998
Place: Fula Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	15	13	8	7	43
OPPONENT	9	17	16	13	55

Free throws made: 10 of 18 for 55%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Tony Aguero	4	3	2	1
Ben Blaine	0	0	0	0
Taylor Brown	0	1	0	0
Justin Calicoe	12	4	1	0
Janzer Donica	0	0	0	0
Jason Equivel	7	7	0	1
G.G. Hernandez	1	0	0	0
Gabriel Hernandez	9	5	4	1
Samson Jackson	11	9	3	2
Craig Jacob	0	0	0	0
Jeffrey Jordan	0	0	0	0
Zack Martinez	0	0	0	0
Justin Mendoza	0	0	0	0
Nasey Murphy	1	0	0	0
Juan Santos	0	0	0	0
Clay Trivick	0	0	0	0
Colby Walker	3	1	3	2

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's comments: RECORD 7-8, 3-1 in district. Kids played hard, but came up short.

Team: 7th Girls Coach: Shane Mobley
Opponent: Roscoe Date: Jan. 19, 1998
Place: Roscoe

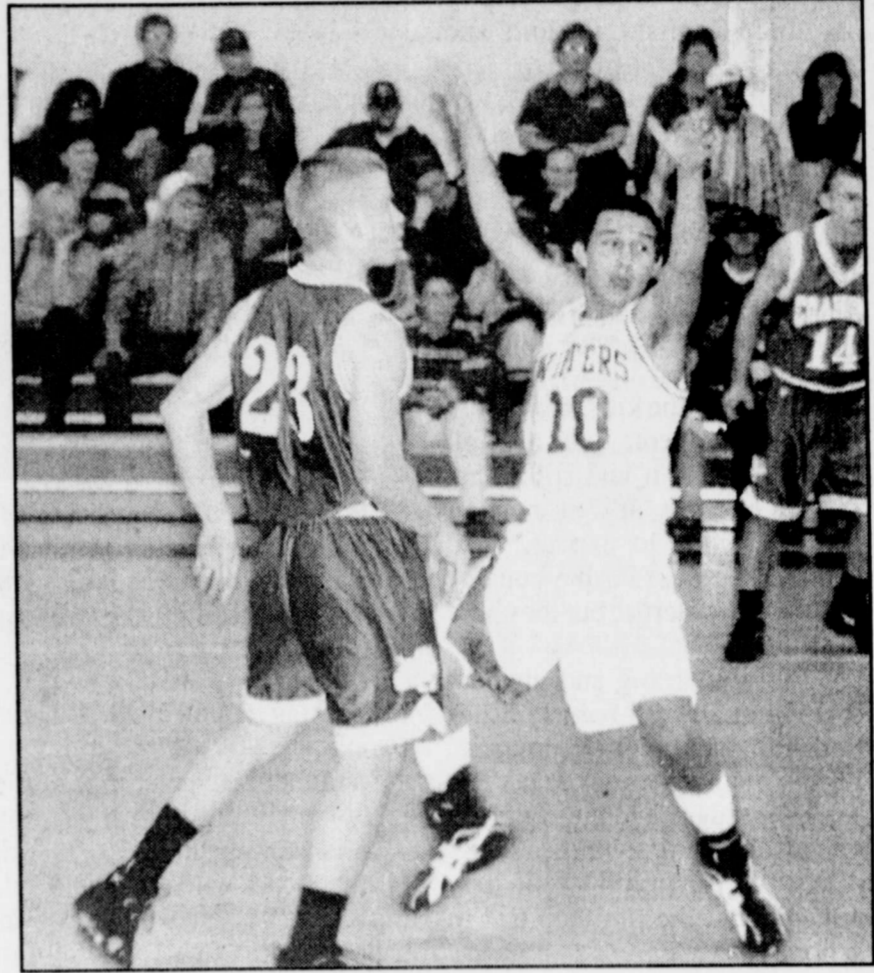
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN	
WINTERS	9	11	8	13	41
OPPONENT	4	6	2	4	16

Free throws made: 6 of 10 for 60%

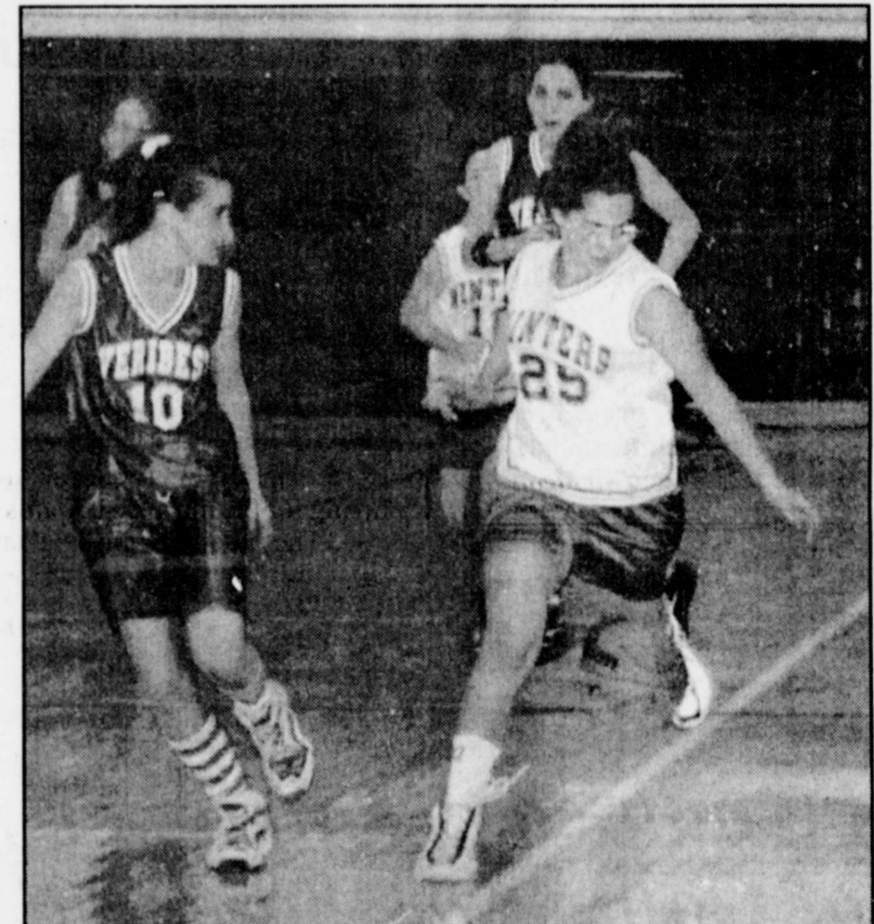
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jena Bahaman	0	6	2	4
Tacarra Bell	5	8	3	0
Allison Calicoe	0	5	5	5
Dana Clough	0	2	1	0
Joann Corley	5	2	2	1
Amey Equivel	0	0	0	0
Kerani Hale	2	2	1	2
Stacey Sneed	4	1	1	3
Lindsay Springer	3	3	3	4
Laci Walker	20	6	15	8

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's comments: The 7th grade girls Breezes took a domination to the Roscoe Pioneers. Laci Walker led the Breezes as the outstanding high scorer of the game. Tacarra Bell and Amey Equivel also played a great offensive game. All the girls including Lindsay Springer, Ally Calicoe, Jena Bahaman, Laci Walker, and Kerani Hale had an amazing defensive game which contained their opponent to under 20 points. Congratulations girls and thank you for the great sportsmanship. And thanks to all the fans for their support!



CHRIS SOTO plays strong defense against the Coahoma player. The varsity Blizzards upset the powerful Coahoma team 68-58 in district competition.



TASSIE HOPSON, 7th grader, dribbles down the court against Veribest.

Mauro issues call for Adopt-A-Beach children's art contest entries

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro urged Texas school children grades K-6 to enter the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program's "Treasures of the Texas Coast 1998" art contest being sponsored by the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

"Once again we're calling on young Texans to help spread our message, 'Don't mess with Texas beaches,'" Mauro said. "I invite all students in grades K-6 to enter our art contest and to share, through their art, what makes the Texas coast special to them — dolphins, sea turtles, sea shells, dunes, waves, starfish, birds, or their favorite beach scene. "Texas children's artwork always reflects the best that our beautiful Gulf Coast has to offer — sunny skies, clean beaches, and clear water," said Mauro. "Our children often reveal truths in their artwork that dramatically show the importance of our beaches and the need for a statewide effort to keep them clean and healthy."

Contest deadline is Monday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m. For information, call 1-800-85-BEACH, or look for the rules on the General Land Office web site at www.glo.state.tx.us. Contest announcements were sent to Texas elementary, middle, and junior high school principals and teachers.

B L I Z Z A R D

Writer's Block

Contributed by students

Readin', writin', and rememberin' with "Miss Bertie"

by Jean Boles

Appearances may have changed through the years, but the giggles and certainly the respect remain the same for Juanita Thompson Shields and Fannie Summers Burleson as they recently reminisced with a former teacher, Bertie Smith Wood as the group gathered at the home of Eloise Brown, Mrs. Wood's daughter.

This was no ordinary meeting of a couple of students with their teacher — this was a joyful reunion of lifelong friends whose relationships began when they all played together as young children. Then through a turn of events, one child became teacher and "ruler" of the other two.

And yes, these ladies DID walk miles to school, even in the snow.

Bertie Smith Wood was born in 1906 to Bland and Jimmie Smith. She grew up in the old Silver Valley Community in Coleman County with her five sisters. She attended school at Silver Valley until the tenth grade, then stayed in Coleman with a sister in an apartment so she could graduate in 1924. (There were no school buses at that time).

With the help of her parents and a loan from an aunt, she spent one year in college and received a certificate to teach for three years. She taught for those three years at Viets School, a one-teacher, one-room country school near Silver Valley in Coleman County.

Three trustees of the Viets School hired "Miss Bertie" to

teach for a salary of \$80 per month for her first year in 1927. Her salary was raised to \$100 per month for the next two years before she "retired" from teaching to get married.

Miss Bertie faced a unique situation at the onset of her teaching career in that she went from being "one of the kids" to "Miss Bertie", teaching arithmetic, geography, spelling, English, reading and writing.

Juanita Thompson Shields was in third grade in 1927, and Fannie Summers Burleson was in fifth grade that same year they became students of Miss Bertie. Two of Bertie's sisters were also her pupils who shared the large school room for grades one through seven.

"I knew all the kids, there were about 15 of them, and they all knew me. Yes, it was somewhat strange because, at first, none of us knew what to expect," said Bertie. "The kids said they couldn't call me Miss Bertie, but they sure did!"

"She was so big and vicious-looking at all of 5 feet, 2 inches tall and a whopping 95 pounds," recalls Juanita in mock fear. "But we did mind her and there weren't any discipline problems."

As the trio reminisced, they talked about the fun they had in school.

"We played fun games like 'Annie Over' and stick ball. And 'Kick the Can' — that's how soc-



BERTIE WOOD stands with former students Juanita Thompson Shields, left, and Fannie Summers Burleson during a recent "walk down memory lane" when the trio gathered in Winters. 'Miss Bertie' taught the two women when she began her teaching career in 1927.

cer got started, you know," laughs Fannie.

With her face beaming, Bertie told of one little six-year-old boy who was totally unable to be still.

"He squirmed while he was standing and he squirmed while he was trying to sit. I finally got him to tell me what was wrong and he said he was upset because he had wrinkles in his stockings and was

embarrassed because Miss Bertie never has wrinkles in her stockings. I was very flattered."

The children also shared in school chores such as carrying a 3-gallon bucket of water about 50 yards to and from the nearby well.

"Sometimes the water wasn't too clean but we were so dry by then that we were glad to get it," laughed Bertie, who added that

the children each had their own cup for drinking.

The outdoor toilets were on the far sides of the school yard with the boys' facility on the far left and the girls' toilet on the far right.

Kerosene lamps were used for light when needed but Bertie remembers that for most days the sunlight was sufficient through the "window lights" since classes were from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., giving the kids enough time to get home and get chores done.

Two boys rode to school on a donkey which they "made to mind using a claw hammer," Bertie said.

Holidays were a special time for the children and their families. Easter meant a big boiled egg hunt for everyone in the community. The eggs were hidden in a pasture across the road from the school.

Mistletoe was used to decorate the school at Christmas. Bertie recalls one particular incident when during the holidays, some young teenagers used the unlocked school for a get-together and burned up all the stove wood. Part of Bertie's job was to get to school early to build a fire in the box heater. On the following Monday morning, it was 16 degrees, with no wood to burn. Only one cold student showed up so Miss Bertie and the student took the long, cold walk back home.

In 1928 Bertie was in Hatchel visiting her married sister, Lois Michaelis, when she met Wesley

Wood of the old Runnels community. After a courtship with trips made in a Model-T Roadster from Runnels to Coleman County, they were married June 1, 1929. They lived more than 48 years on their farm in the old Runnels community. Wesley died in 1977, and Bertie sold the farm and moved to Winters in 1980. She lived here until 1991, when she moved to her daughter's home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Shields is the widow of Jack Shields who was with the Department of Public Safety in Coleman County for 40 years. She currently lives out on the road to Novice.

Mrs. Burleson lives near Wingate and is "famous" for being the mother of Betty Dean of The Shed restaurant.

Bertie's daughter, Eloise Brown, has part of Bertie's pearl button collection in a three-sided glass container which was a Christmas gift in 1927 from the little boy with the wrinkled stockings.

Eloise also has a small glass cat which originally held a built-in pin cushion — another Christmas gift to Miss Bertie, this one from Juanita in 1928.

With stories abounding and laughter filling the air throughout their visit, the mood seemed like Christmas again for these three ladies as they once again talked of "Miss Bertie."

Woman's Club tries line dancing

Ed and Mary Hart of Bronte, callers and teachers of the Winters Squares, led members of the Winters Woman's Club in "line dancing" at their January 13th meeting at the Rock Hotel.

Melvina Gerhart introduced the Harts, who invited everyone to come to the Squares for lessons beginning Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Minutes were read and approved.

Reports were given from various committees. Most enjoyable was the December trip to Abilene for the Gary Morris Concert.

Tommy Russell will give a re-

port of the Main Street Project for the February meeting scheduled for Tuesday, the 10th.

Hostesses were Gail Williams, Marlene Smith, Cheryl Bryan, and Edna Self.

Members attending in addition to the hostesses were Dolly Airhart, Billie Alderman, Joyce Bahlman, Phyllis Boles, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Margaret Burton, Betty J. Byrns, Kay Colburn, Edna England, Melvina Gerhart, Sandy Griffin, Nina Hale, Horte Joyce, Bonnie Kipness, Dorothea Laughon, Bobbie Ludwick, Mary Ellen Moore, Ouida Nichols, Marthiel Russell, and Marlene Wood.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

We would like to say "thank you" to the following individuals who helped with our planned burns:

- Donny Killough
- Gary, Mark, and Brent Jacob Randall and Steven Sneed Bryan and Barbara Davis
- Michael Gray
- Jeff Halford.

It could not have happened without you.
Don and Gene Davis

Card of Thanks

We want to express our thanks to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department for the excellent job they did in putting out our house fire.

What could have been a major fire was minimal because of the quick response and professionalism of the firemen in containing the fire.

Thanks!
Kenneth and Jean O'Dell

W-2 FORMS, cont'd.

TeleFilers will need to enter interest income, unemployment compensation, wages, tax withheld and employer identification number directly from each W-2 Form.

Employees are encouraged to ask their employer for their W-2 if they do not receive it by February 2. If employees do not receive their W-2 or 1099 forms by February 15, the IRS can help by requesting the form from their employer.

Employers are reminded to keep any undeliverable employee copies of Form W-2 for at least four years.

Rutledge seeking County Clerk position

Vicki Rutledge is seeking the position of Runnels County Clerk. She has a place on the Republican primary ballot on March 10 and on the General Election ballot on November 3.

After 14 years of financial and administrative work in the office of First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, Vicki wants to use her experience to serve the people of Runnels County as their County Clerk in an environment that is friendly and service focused. All the personnel, both elected and hired by the county, are in the Courthouse to serve the people of Runnels County. It is their courthouse.

Vicki has been a resident and landowner in Runnels County for

over twenty-six years. Her daughter, Tammy, and son, Steven, attended and graduated from Ballinger ISD. Vicki was very active with their school activities and worked as a substitute teacher nine of the years they were in school. They are all members of First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Vicki is a Certified Lay Speaker of the church and represents the Brownwood District on The Board of Global Ministries of the Central Texas Conference which covers a twenty-six county area. This board deals with the expenses and activities of many facets of the ministry of the church around the world.

Vicki states, "As a landowner, parent, and worker I am very sensitive to the needs of the people of Runnels County. Elect me your County Clerk and I will be there to serve you—the people."



McCown to be honored Feb. 1

E.B. (Tot) McCown will be honored Sunday, Feb. 1, for 50 years of preaching the gospel.

The Smithson Street Church of Christ in Wingate would like to invite all friends to attend a potluck lunch and fellowship following Sunday's morning services.

Lunch will be at the Wingate Lions Building and visitation will follow.

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Citizens of the Year to be named at Chamber of Commerce banquet

The annual Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Highlighting the evening will be the announcement of Citizens of the Year.

A Man and Woman of the Year will be recognized by Chamber members for this past year's efforts in the community.

State Representative Jim Keffer of Austin plans to be in Winters to make his own presentation to the recipients.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Kickin' Back in Winters, Texas." Attendees may come dressed in their best western or simply comfortable attire.

Entertainment for the evening will include performances by the Winters Elementary Select Choir, under the direction of Fran Kidwell and Joanie Prado, and the Cooper Fiddlers.

The Cooper Fiddlers are 15 very talented young adults from Cooper High School in Abilene.

The menu consists of an eight-ounce New York strip steak, a baked potato, salad, roll, dessert,

and tea, catered by James West of Hobo Barbeque.

Cost for the meal and a delightful evening of entertainment is only \$12. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 118 West Dale from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

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Tuesday, Feb. 3: Cheesy beef casserole, green beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and dump cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Pork chops & rice, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, rolls, and Mexican wedding cake.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Fried fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and cobbler.

Friday, Feb. 6: Stew, vegetable sticks, applesauce, cornbread, and cupcakes.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Before you give someone a piece of your mind, consider carefully whether you can spare any.

Hopewell Church had their usual once a month potluck dinner after services Sunday with a real good crowd attending. Viron Wilkerson and Mrs. Ruth Byrd of Ballinger were visitors. There were no Sunday night services.

Ladies attending the Monday Bible study at 9 a.m. in the Sunday School room were Mildred Morrison, Selma Wilkerson, Dee Faubion, Fairy Allcom, Juanita Shields, Nila Osborne, and Ramona Akins.

A funeral was held Saturday for Flora McWilliams of San Angelo at the First Baptist Church in Winters. Burial was in the Crews Cemetery. She had moved from her farm in Crews to Winters and later to San Angelo.

The Crews community folks express sympathy to the family and relatives of Mrs. Flora McWilliams.

Mr. Vance Palmer of San Angelo came to Crews during the week with his large Labrador dog. The dog wandered off and Mr. Palmer asks anyone who has seen or heard of the dog to please call Palmer Seed and Feed store in Ballinger.

Margie Jacob and Sybil Waller spent all day Wednesday with Laverne Goetz. They enjoyed supper and had a hot card game going. On Saturday, Brenda and

Margie Jacob visited Helen Alexander. On Sunday, Carol Kozelsky, Brenda and Margie Jacob, Corey and Brad VanZandt had dinner at the Christmas in April fund-raiser. Later on Sunday afternoon, Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood; Bryce Busenlehner; Cookie, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; and Carol Kozelsky were at Margie's house and watched the ball game.

Will Mathis spent the night with his friend, Corey Sudduth, in Winters. Will also attended Corey's 9th birthday on Sunday.

Nila and Therin Osborne attended Flora McWilliams' funeral on Saturday. Naomi Owens of Ballinger and Louise Osborne came out awhile to Nila's late Sunday.

Helen Alexander's sister, Margie, and Erhard Fisher of Kerville spent four days here. Also visiting Helen during the week were Carolyn Kraatz, Margie and Brenda Jacob, and Nila Osborne.

On Monday, Jan. 19, Maurine and Sara Scott of Sweetwater spent the day with Mildred Morrison. They started for home Tuesday at 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, Selma Wilkerson drove Mildred Morrison to Abilene to her doctor. They did some shopping afterwards. On Saturday, Maurine and Sara came again. They all ate at The Roundup cafe in Winters and then shopped. On Sunday afternoon, Selma and Viron Wilkerson came.

In and out during the weekend with the Gibbsses were Nila Osborne; Saffron, Kenny, Tana, and Lane Gibbss of Winters; and Dennis McBeth. Two ladies came and worked on Georgia's quilt, and Connie also celebrated his

birthday. Many more happy birthdays to Connie!

On Sunday, Georgia and Connie Gibbss were in Rising Star with their daughter, Lynda Ford, and her husband Travis.

Joe Sims spent the weekend with his mom, Wanda King, and husband Wendell.

Kris, Chris, and Casey Rives of Ballinger came Friday night and had supper with the Kings.

Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion say many thanks for the plate lunch dinner from the church on Sunday. Thank you to Therin Osborne who delivered the plates. Carolyn Kraatz carried Harvey Mae to Flora McWilliams' funeral on Saturday.

Brenda, Fred, and Ronnie New of Abilene visited Dee and Sam Faubion during the week.

Elaine Miller brought Bill and Josie Hoppe food plates from the Christmas in April fund-raiser on Sunday.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me and went home with the pickup loaded with firewood.

Brad Pape talked to Ruth on Sunday. She feels some better after being sick for quite some time. Brad has appointments made with his doctor for treatments to begin soon.

My rain gauge showed 3/4 inch of rain.

Visiting Pat and Earl Cooper during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Winters, and granddaughter Dottie Drake with Kaylin of Winters.

Juanita Shields visited her Aunt Pauline Thomson in the Leisure Lodge in Coleman on Monday afternoon.



LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS are made by Junior Girl Scout Troop #163 as they get ready to send in their cookie orders. Girl Scout cookies will arrive for delivery to troops around Feb. 9. Pictured are (from left, clockwise) leader Shelia Paschal, Laura Jackson, Alecia Sudduth, Amanda Ripple, leader Debbie Sudduth, Katy Wilkerson, Kathryn Hatler, and Marci Paschal.

Nylon stockings needed

by MARY KURTZ, President VFW Post 9193 Auxiliary

The citizens of North Runnels County recycle their cans, bottles, newspaper, and aluminum and now we have a new one for you.

Ladies, we need your unwearable pantyhose and knee highs!

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary are making pillows for the American Cancer Society to be used to relieve pressure on the elbows, ankles, hips, etc. of bedridden patients. The cut nylon stockings will be used for stuffing. This filling is soft and easy to wash and dry. The pillows will be given to the Winters Hospice and cancer patients.

This will be an ongoing project, so start saving your hose and give them to an Auxiliary member or leave at Bill's Woodworks & Locksmith at 107 N. Main.

Squares change dancing nights and times

New lessons begin Feb. 5

The Winters Squares will meet on Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning February 5.

The dances will be held in Winters at the Community Center the first and third Thursdays of each month and in Bronte the second and fourth Thursdays.

New lessons for square dancing will also begin February 5. The first two weeks will be free of charge.

Ed Hart will be the caller.

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ACROSS

1 TX Bush's START 2

5 TXism: "___ was a dog he wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)

6 TXism: "take the ___ (gear up)"

7 TX Kristofferson

8 border patrol agency

9 TXism: "he'd be late ___ own funeral"

14 east of Waco in McLennan Co.

18 Dallas Stars is a ___ league team

21 Beaumont C & W songwriter Guy (init.)

22 long ___ Eldarica Pine of south TX

23 TXism: "corker"

24 Cowboys Deion tries to ___ bombs

30 song you would hear on Dallas' KLUV

32 sound system

33 TXism: "a one-___ man" (good roper)

36 fog at DFW can cause ___ visibility

38 Astros & Rangers pitching legend (init.)

39 TXism: "like a ___ saucer" (compatible)

41 this Bud moved the Oilers to Tenn. (init.)

42 TX Bush was the Commander ___ Chief

43 ___ off" (dozes)

45 New England football team

47 motorists have to feed 'em downtown

DOWN

1 TX Bob Willis work before singing (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "could sell ___ to the devil" (persuasive)

3 ACU affiliation: Church of ___

4 ball holders for TX Trevino and Kite

9 TXism: "___ the mark (conform)"

10 TXism: "___ horse town" (small town)

11 TXism: "___ my boots retraded" (got half soles)

12 TXism: "___ a monkey's uncle!"

13 TX Gary Morris hit: "The Love ___ Found in Me"

14 Waco's is seat of ___ Lennan County

15 TXism: "restless as ___ in church"

16 causes to remember

17 keyboard punchers

19 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)

20 town name Quannah means "sweet"

24 TX Mandrell's "If Loving You ___ Wrong..."

25 ex-Cowboys asst. coach Norv (init.)

26 state employment agency (abbr.)

27 to burst forth

28 TXism: "spit and baling wire it"

29 TX Martin film: "Dead Men Don't Wear ___"

31 in Hunt Co. on 69 get possession

35 TX school rule: "No ___"

36 Fossil Rim Wildlife has bred black minos

37 Littlefield gas co.

40 TXism: "put up ___ shut up"

44 SW of San Antonio on I-35: Von ___

46 lubricates

48 this Temple-born Rip starred in "Blind Ambition"

54 this Henry was '91 Astros relief pitcher

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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Veterans Auxiliary to promote random acts of kindness

by MARY KURTZ, President of the VFW Post 9193 Auxiliary

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary is a busy group of ladies trying to promote Americanism, patriotism, youth activities, help to veterans and their families in need, safety, cancer aid and research, and many other things. We work with the National and State VFW organizations plus what we do in our own area. Sometimes we enjoy the projects we are asked to do, sometimes we just do them to please others, and sometimes we say no, that is not right for us and our community.

This year we have one that we think is just right for us and our neighbors. Something that nearly everyone around here does anyway some of the time, so we will just do more of it and involve those that need a little prompting.

The project is promoting the "National Random Acts of Kindness" which is celebrated in February. Our statewide project is to promote it especially among the youth as an alternative to gang violence and gang involvement, but we want to go one step further and promote it to create kindness in the lives of all our neighbors.

To use as our guiding thoughts:

1. If you think there should be more of something, do it — randomly.

2. Kindness can build on itself as much as violence can.

3. Giving is receiving: What I give to someone else I am truly

giving to myself. Marianne Williamson says, "As we give, so shall we receive. Service does not mean self-sacrifice; it means giving the needs of another person the same priority as our own."

4. When I get upset, angry, moody, or stressed, doing something thoughtful, generous, and totally unexpected can change my outlook dramatically.

5. Kindness might best be defined as love in action — love that is generated by a spirit of compassion, a genuine caring for others, and a desire for them to be happy. Even small acts of kindness have far-reaching effects, much like the continuing ripples caused when a pebble is tossed into a pond. Kindness is so powerful that it can quiet people's anger, soothe their pain, and help them see their good. The thought and words and actions of our loving hearts can create a kinder and more loving world. (Adapted from Daily Word, 4-6-95)

6. A kindness done today is the surest way to a brighter tomorrow.

Catchy phrases: Kindness cost nothing. Kindness is contagious. Start an epidemic or catch it. Kindness makes the world go round. Kindness counts.

Gifts that don't cost a cent: The gift of really listening.

The gift of affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholds.

Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of laughter. Share clipped cartoons, great articles, and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

The gift of a written note. It can be a simple "I love you" or "Thanks for the help" note, or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The gift of a compliment. A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job," or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

The gift of a favor. Everyday, go out of your way to do something kind.

The gift of a cheerful disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good.

We challenge each of you to do at least one random act of kindness each day in February and see if you and those you have contact with are not happier. I dare you to smile at everyone you meet and see if they don't smile back and smile at the next person they meet. Rhea Parramore, WHS Student Council sponsor, has already agreed to accept the challenge. The student council and secondary school members will be participating in the statewide project. Start promoting your random acts of kindness now!

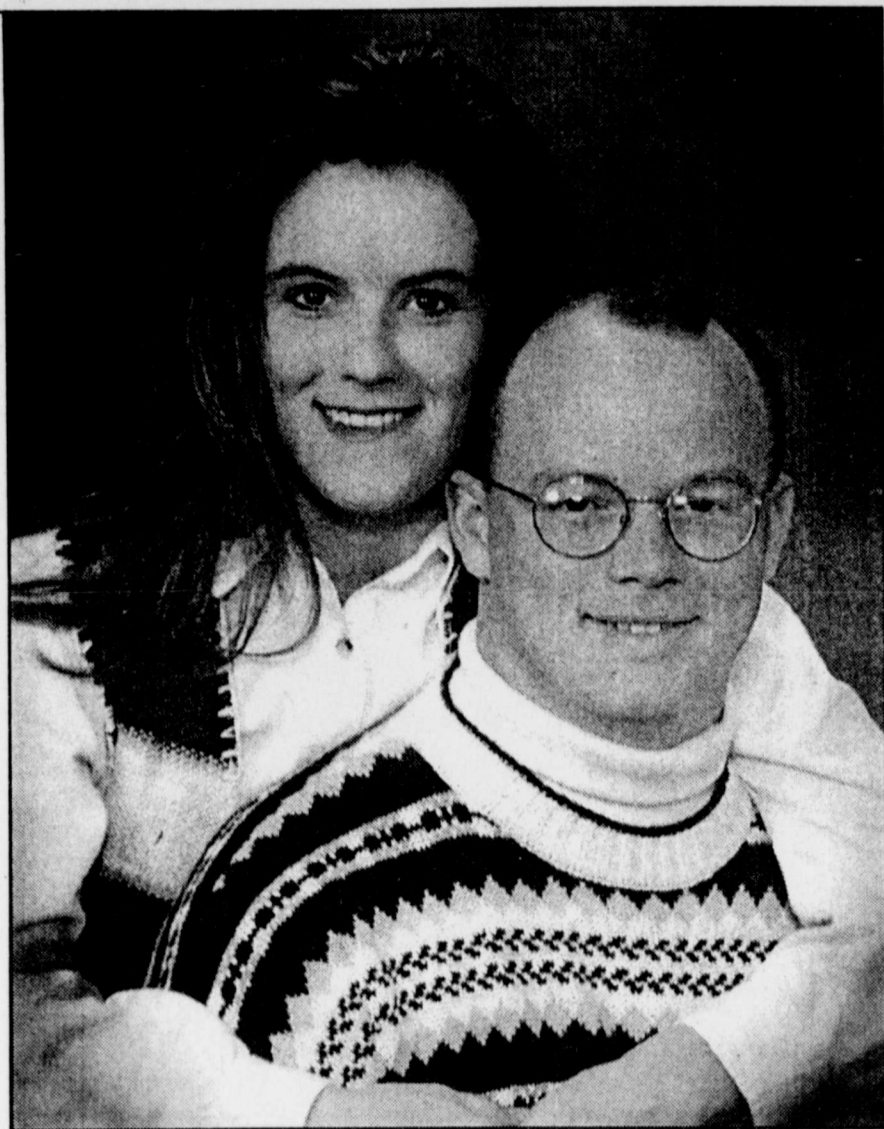
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



Brooke Killough and Brent Green

Killough, Green to marry in June

Mr. and Mrs. Donny Killough of Winters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brooke Lea Killough of San Angelo, to Brenton Lee Green of Littlefield, Texas. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Green of Winters.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mrs. John H. Parker of Abilene and Mrs. C.C. Killough of Winters. Grandparents of the future groom are Mrs. Louise Reding of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Green Jr. of Winters.

A June 27, 1998, wedding is planned at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Winters.

Brooke graduated from Winters High School in 1995 and is a candidate for May graduation at Angelo State University School of Nursing.

Brent is a 1990 Winters High School graduate and a 1994 graduate of Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. He is employed by Littlefield Independent School District.

Exotic insects invade Grace Museum

Exotic insects are invading the Grace Museum on Saturday, January 31. The planned invasion, from 9:30-12:30, is the first in a series of Celebrate Science Saturdays hosted by the museum.

The Wonderful World of Insects, otherwise known as Bug University, is planned for children in grades K-5 and their parents. Families are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite bugs. Prizes will be awarded for originality.

Dr. Michael Hall, entomologist from Louisiana State University, is leading the study. He will bring many strange and interesting creatures from all over the world. The Abilene Zoo is also bringing insects and helping with the program.

Activities will include beetle races, making bug art, and more exciting and informative fun for the entire family. Bug University is sponsored by the Junior League of Abilene and The Bug Doctor. Space is limited. To register call Laura Lee Utz, Curator of Education at the Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St., 673-4587.

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

Heartburn

The Course of Heartburn

Typically, heartburn from reflux into the esophagus begins within an hour or so of eating, and may continue for several hours. Frequent recurrences are common, especially if the problem is related to a weakened esophageal sphincter. Generally an episode of heartburn resolves itself.

IS HEARTBURN DANGEROUS?

Usually, heartburn is not dangerous. However, frequent heartburn over a long period of time may indicate other problems, such as a peptic ulcer.

Frequent, severe heartburn can cause erosion of the esophagus, resulting in bleeding, difficulty swallowing, and other problems.

WHAT CAN I DO TO AVOID HEARTBURN?

- Avoid smoking and overindulging in food or alcohol.
- Exercise moderation in your intake of fats and deep-fried foods, spices, coffee, tea, and tomato products.
- Do not lie down or bend over shortly after eating.
- Avoid tight belts and other restrictive clothing.



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Eleven on ASU Dean's List

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the university.

Those listed from Winters include Charles Lance Brown, a chemistry major; Brandi M. Gray, a pre-medicine major; Zane Guy, a kinesiology major; Austin T. Jobe, a computer science major; Jason D. Jordan, a computer science major; Cheryl Chancey Kruse, a math and science major; Lisa Lee Nitsch, a government and psychology major; Robyn R. Parramore, a communication major; Winston K. Thompson, a kinesiology major; Jamey West, a business major; and Deedra Renee Yates, an accounting major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Castillo enlists in U.S. Navy

Shawn Castillo, a 1996 graduate of Winters High School and a resident of Winters, enlisted in the Navy's Delayed Entry Program on Jan. 9, 1998.

Shawn enlisted into the Advanced Electronics and Computer Field, where he will be working on and with state of the art computer equipment.

Castillo, the son of Ms. Carey Cadena of Winters, will be eligible for \$15,000 through the Montgomery GI Bill for college and will receive a \$9,000 bonus when he completes his school.

Shawn will be leaving for basic training at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, on Feb. 23, 1998. Seaman Recruit Castillo's recruiter is MM1 Jason Fickbohm from Navy Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas.

Rebekah Class speaks of angels

Scriptures were read from the Bible about angels during the monthly business meeting of the Rebekah Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church. The class met Monday night, January 19, at the home of Virginia Schwartz.

Following the scripture reading, Darlene Sims gave a devotional about angels.

Darlene also sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," accompanied by Lillian Cooper.

Those present were Emily Pendergrass, Doxie Lou Marks, Virginia Brown, Jo Poe, Cecelia Reeves, Betty Paschal, Darlene Sims, Lillian Cooper, Patty Rosson, and Virginia Schwartz.

Hostesses were Patty Rosson and Virginia Schwartz.

Texas Baroque Ensemble to be in Abilene

The Texas Baroque Ensemble and The Classical Chorus of Abilene will combine to present G.F. Handel's oratorio Solomon on February 7 at 8 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. Musicians from throughout Texas as well as Colorado and Kansas will unite to give their rare performance.

Reserved seating is available by calling 915-676-4100.

Susan Ferre of Garland conducts the combined groups. She is an internationally recognized organist, performing in Europe, Scandinavia, Brazil, and North America. She helped found the nationally acclaimed Texas Baroque Ensemble in 1980; an ensemble that plays on period instruments, which she now directs. The Ensemble participated by invitation in the opening festivities of Dallas' Myerson Symphony Hall.

Solomon is a majestic masterpiece featuring music of triumphal praise, military might, and tender love songs. This is one of only three performances in the United States this year.

For more information, please contact Betty Karol Wilson, executive music director, at 451 Pine Street, Suite 410, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Classifieds Get Results

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

We continue with the men



Charlsie Poe

Sit down and get comfortable, "you ain't heard nothing yet!"

The Winters High School Class of 1947 was the largest class ever to graduate at that time with 62 members. Thirty-seven members with their spouses and the teachers made a total of 73 attending the class reunion in October, 1997. Seventeen of the members are deceased. Others wrote who could not attend.

We will continue with the boys who wrote for the souvenir book being prepared.

Robert Dobbins of Hereford said that after graduation he farmed around Winters for 4 years before going to Hereford to a farm in Castro County. In 1953, he was drafted into the army. He was discharged in October 1954. A large part of the time was spent in Korea.

Returning to Hereford, he began farming again. In 1958, he married Gwendolyn Gully and they had four children, two girls and two boys. Carla married Russ Levuman. They live in Colorado and have a daughter, Ashleigh, and son, Dustin. Son Robby has two boys, Chris and Cody. He lives in Hereford. Carol is married to Kurt Hasley. They live in Tennessee and have two boys, Thalen and Mason. Richard and his wife, Paula, live in Amarillo. They have a daughter, Amanda, and son, Kalem. My wife and I continue to live on the farm but we are retired.

My greatest memory of high school is our senior trip to Old Mexico. The school was caught on fire in Del Rio. Mr. McCoy, our driver, put the fire out before there was much damage but he got sick and Mr. Lasater had to drive. We boys thought he wouldn't make it up the hill in Garner National Park, but he did after grinding a few gears.

Herbert M. Kurtz of Arlington, 1504 Arrowhead, married 42 years to Clara Hiel of Ballinger. Daughter, Mellisa Kurtz Lanier, degree Texas A&M, 1982. Grandson, Bradley Lanier.

Enrolled in college on football scholarship. Served our country during the Korean War. Returned

to Winters area. Worked in oil and gas business and raised cattle.

Returned to Texas A&M. Received B.S. degree in engineering. A registered engineer in Texas; a member of American Society of Safety Engineers; assistant regional director for five states. Developed safety and health standards for general industry, construction and oil and gas. Work required travel in nearly every state including Alaska.

Retired after 30 years of service. Two and a half months later, Lane Tempo Vaught (LTV), air craft manufacturing, employed him to be in charge of their safety and health program, located in Grand Prairie.

He retired for the second time, but continues to do a little consultant work in safety and health for industry plus the U.S. Dept. of Labor OSHA.

He plays golf nearly every day, wood working with crafts, and plays some tennis.

He tries to remember the good times, softball, baseball, school activities, and Eskimo Club.

Clinton Little, 3248 Sales Blvd., Abilene. After high school, I was in the trucking business. Went into the army in 1950. Got out in two years and worked at Baird's Bakery for awhile, then at Central Texas Iron Works 33-1/2 years. They sold out, and I was retired in 1986.

I married Mary Ellen Michaels 11-14-51. We raised four kids: Marilyn (Mrs. Jackie Tennison) was an ag teacher at Winters, then principal; Jimmie Little of Cisco; Gary Little of Springdale, Arkansas; and Donny Little of Abilene. We have had nine grandchildren, seven survive. They are J.T. Tennison of Dyess AFB, Abilene; James Tennison of Hamilton (sheriff's dept.); Randy and Sara Little of Cisco; Jamie, Jodie, and Katie Little of Springdale, Arkansas. We have two great-grandkids, Joshua and Ashlie Tennison of Abilene.

I had a brother in this class, Carroll Little. He wanted to go to A&M. I helped him finish college. He became a dentist and was doing well at Borger, Texas, when he was killed in a plane crash in '68. He was married and had three children: Jaycile Spears, a doctor in Dallas; Susan Allgoods of Norma, Oklahoma; Jessie Little of Wichita Falls, an attorney. There are five grandchildren.

Mathis graduates with masters

Marqué Burney Mathis of Winters was among 296 students at Angelo State University to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Mrs. Mathis received a master of science, with a major in biology.

Winters pledged over \$700 to West Texas Rehab

West Texas Rehabilitation, during its Telethon on January 10, received \$730 in gifts and pledges from Winters, according to Pastor Jim Hanson who helped to man phones at the St. John's Lutheran Church. Others from the Winters area may have called in to Abilene.

Hanson says, "For sure, the Telethon was a great success, and, for sure, folks from Winters did their part! Thank you to all who support West Texas Rehabilitation."

Weight Watchers to meet Feb. 2

Men and women are invited. For questions or more information, contact Susan Ripple at 754-5688 after 5:00 p.m.

Weight Watchers will conduct its first weekly community meeting Monday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center in Winters. The center is located at 601 Wood.

This meeting is very important and all who plan to join should attend at this time. The number of sessions or weekly meetings will be determined by the quantity of new members who attend on this night. The more who come, the longer the sessions will continue.

Lou Alcalá of Abilene will direct the 1-2-3 Success Plan. There is no special food to purchase. You and your family may enjoy the same meal!

The first 10 to 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to a question and answer session set especially for those members who are already in the program elsewhere and wish to transfer to Winters.

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Texas Farmers Union convention set for Jan. 30-31 in Plano

Texas Farmers Union members will convene January 30-31, 1998, at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas, to conduct the organization's annual business. The convention opens at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, and concludes with a banquet session at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, January 31.

Convention goes will be addressed by Texas officials and candidates for state offices, as well as by national agriculture leaders. Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Vice President and Meeker, Colo., rancher Kathleen Kelley will speak on the impact of current policies on America's system of family farm agriculture. Kelley two years ago authored an extensive research document on agricultural concentration and its impact on farm prices.

Rep. Charlie Stenholm, the ranking member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, will address the group Saturday morning, Jan. 31.

TFU policy will be debated and adopted Saturday afternoon from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Policy debate is vital to the organization as it sets TFU priorities for the coming year.

National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson will be the featured speaker at the convention's closing banquet Saturday evening. He is expected to review the impact of 1997 legislative and other policies on producers, as well as review NFU priorities for 1998.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp also will speak to the group at Saturday's luncheon.

A leadership conference "Working Today for a Better Tomorrow" will be held prior to the convention at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, conducted by Jennifer Luitjens, NFU.

Texas Farmers Union is a general farm organization representing farmers and ranchers on issues from farm income to rural health care.

Conservation News & Notes

Deadline to order windbreak trees is February 2

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins. However, windbreaks establish more than a living boundary; they also provide protection for the residence.

Seedlings to create windbreaks, produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock, are now available for order through the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District. Stock is limited and landowners are encouraged to order trees as soon as possible.

Deadline to order trees is Monday, February 2. Please call the NRCS office at 365-3415 or come by 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger.

Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

"Nutrition and Your Health" workshop planned Feb. 5

Another "Nutrition and Your Health" workshop will be held Thursday, February 5, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room. This free of charge program to be conducted by Patricia Hohensee, county extension agent, will focus on food buying on a budget, healthy eating patterns, and simple

1997 Census of Agriculture report forms due Feb. 2

Farmers and ranchers received 1997 Census of Agriculture report forms three to five weeks ago, and USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reports that most forms have been returned. Farmers and ranchers who have not yet completed their forms are reminded that the deadline for returning the forms is Feb. 2.

Farmers and ranchers who are holding their forms because their financial records are not available should complete their forms using their best estimates. Those who received a Census of Agriculture form but haven't returned it because they don't operate a

farm or ranch should make a note of that on the form and return it so they will not be contacted again.

Farmers and ranchers who are thinking about not returning the form are reminded that they are required by law to answer the Census. Each mailed form, reminder, or personal visit from a Census taker costs time and money and delays the release of data, currently scheduled to begin in the spring of 1999.

Assistance in completing Census report forms is available from the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Austin or in your

local area from USDA's Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Farm Service Agency staff. Farmers can call the National Agricultural Statistics Service's toll-free number at 1-888-4AG-STAT for assistance or to obtain a report form.

All information collected in the Census of Agriculture is kept confidential by law. This Census will provide benchmark agricultural statistics for decision making for the next five years for the U.S., for Texas, and for each of the nation's 3,100 counties.

Rural Hero nomination deadline February 3

Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1997 Rural Heroism Award are now being accepted, according to Ben Bullard, council president.

To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1997. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching.

The 1997 recipient will be announced April 6, 1998, at the

Texas Safety Association, 59th annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than February 3, 1998. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco, Texas, 76708.

The letter of nomination should include a written account of the

incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

The 1996 winner was Clay Nuckles of Hondo, who attempted to rescue his father from a vicious attack of killer bees while clearing land with a bulldozer.

Bullard has been president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council for 21 years.

Team Roping for Rehab scheduled Feb. 7-8

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center announces the first annual Team Roping for Rehab will be Saturday and Sunday, February 7 and 8, at the Taylor County Horse Barn. All proceeds will benefit the Rehab/Abilene and San Angelo.

Ropers will compete for cash prizes along with Ryon's saddles for the high money winner of each roping. Buckles will be given to the first place average winners of each roping.

Books open at 8 a.m. Saturday for #3 1/2 and #2 1/2 ropers. Cost for 3 head is \$30. Roping begins at 9 a.m. On Sunday at 8 a.m., the books open for #6 and #5 ropers. Cost is 3 head for \$40, and roping begins at 9 a.m. All ropings are

progressive after one. The numbering systems are by Coors, Bud Light, and 1/2 U.S. A negative Coggins test is required.

Underwriting has been provided by Dry Division/Selkirk, Inc. of Winters, Texas; Bill Reed Distributing, Wes-Tex Drilling Company, John and Stella Chalmers, Thomas Hicks Construction, Joe Allen's Cahoots, Ronnie Smith Transmission, G & M Cattle Company, Abilene Trailer Sales, Brown Cattle Company, and The Hitchin Post, all of Abilene, Texas; and Brooks-Maberry of Sweetwater, Texas.

For more information, please call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at (915) 793-3507 or Ray Douglass at (915) 993-4503.

EPA answers questions on information hotline

To better serve the public's growing interest in up-to-date and accurate information about the environment, the Environmental Protection Agency's office in Dallas has expanded its public information services to include a toll-free hotline.

Weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST, an EPA representative will quickly refer callers to

the correct agency and person, making it much easier to get information. After hours and on weekends and holidays, callers may leave a message to receive a reply during hotline hours.

For citizens calling from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, or Texas, EPA's information hotline number is 1-800-887-6063. Se habla Español.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Now is the time to watch for external parasites on livestock

Heavy lice and tick infestations are a common winter problem in cattle, robbing them of vital nutrition when they need it most.

Lice populations increase dramatically during cold weather and that's when cattle need extra energy, not less. The drain on the animal can cause weight loss, reduced milk production, unthriftiness, and reduced rates of growth that can make the host more susceptible to disease.

Lice are one of the most costly parasites of cattle, accounting for millions of dollars lost each year due to reduced feed conversion, weight loss, anemia, and death. Effective control of lice requires two treatments two weeks apart, if using a product that only kills the lice and not the eggs. The second treatment will kill the lice that hatch out between treatments.

Four alternatives are available for lice control: pour-ons, spot-ons, injections, and sprays. All animals in a herd should be treated.

These treatments will kill all active forms but not eggs. Retreat the entire herd 14 to 21 days later.

Ticks on the other hand, are best controlled using sprays. Pour-ons and spot-ons do not adequately control ticks in most cases. The winter tick is a problem now in many areas. They attach deep within the ears of livestock and can cause intense irritation, accumulation of wax and excretion, which may cause infection to develop in the ear.

When spraying ticks, lice, and mites, use enough water to cover the animal thoroughly. Apply sprays at a pressure of 250 to 350 PSI. Insecticides labeled for tick control include Co-Ral®, Anchor®, Permethrin II®, Atroban®, and Ectiban®. Always read and follow insecticide labels on insecticide rates and application intervals.

For more information on managing external parasites on livestock, please contact your county extension office.

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By Ace Reid

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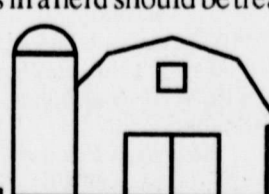
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TDH moving rabies air war to Odessa, then to Burnet

After dropping some 1.5 million vaccine baits over South Texas to combat a canine strain of rabies carried by coyotes, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) has moved its annual airborne assault on rabies to Odessa.

Beginning January 26, some 1.1 million vaccine baits were dropped in portions of 40 West and Central Texas counties to immunize foxes against the gray fox strain of rabies and keep the deadly disease from reaching domestic animals and humans.

The drop covered 20,000 square miles of West and Central Texas. This year's battle in South and West Central Texas is part of a multi-year TDH plan to eradi-

cate rabies carried by foxes in West-Central Texas and coyotes in South Texas.

Since TDH's first annual vaccine airdrop in 1995, there has been a 98 percent decline in animal cases of canine rabies in South Texas. Since the first annual airdrop in West and Central Texas in 1996, there has been a 93 percent decline in animal cases of gray fox rabies. There have been no human cases in either area since the airdrops began.

The Odessa portion of the project is expected to take 7-10 days, and will then move to a base airport in Burnet for completion of the gray fox portion of the 1998 airdrop.

Texas Production Credit Association declares cash patronage dividend

The Board of Directors of Texas Production Credit Association has declared a cash patronage dividend to its stockholder/borrowers for the year ending December 31, 1997.

The cash patronage dividend equals approximately 1% of average member borrowings for the year. Texas PCA members will be receiving their checks in February.

"As a farmer/rancher owned financial institution, we give our earnings back to our members,"

said Chairman Nolan Niehues of San Angelo. "Our goal is to have a very competitive rate for our members and still return our earnings to them. We have done this the past two years since we began the patronage program."

Texas PCA is a member owned lender specializing in agricultural and agri-business loans. The institution serves members in 39 counties in West Texas with offices located in San Angelo, Big Spring, Snyder, Marfa, and El Paso.

As a product of the public education system, I want all American students to have what I had—access to a quality education that enables them to pursue any career they wish, and take on any challenge they choose. Giving our students the best education in the world is a moral imperative and, especially, an economic necessity. — Richard Riley
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