

Apples of Gold
MEEKNESS—A man wrapped up in himself
 makes a very small bundle.



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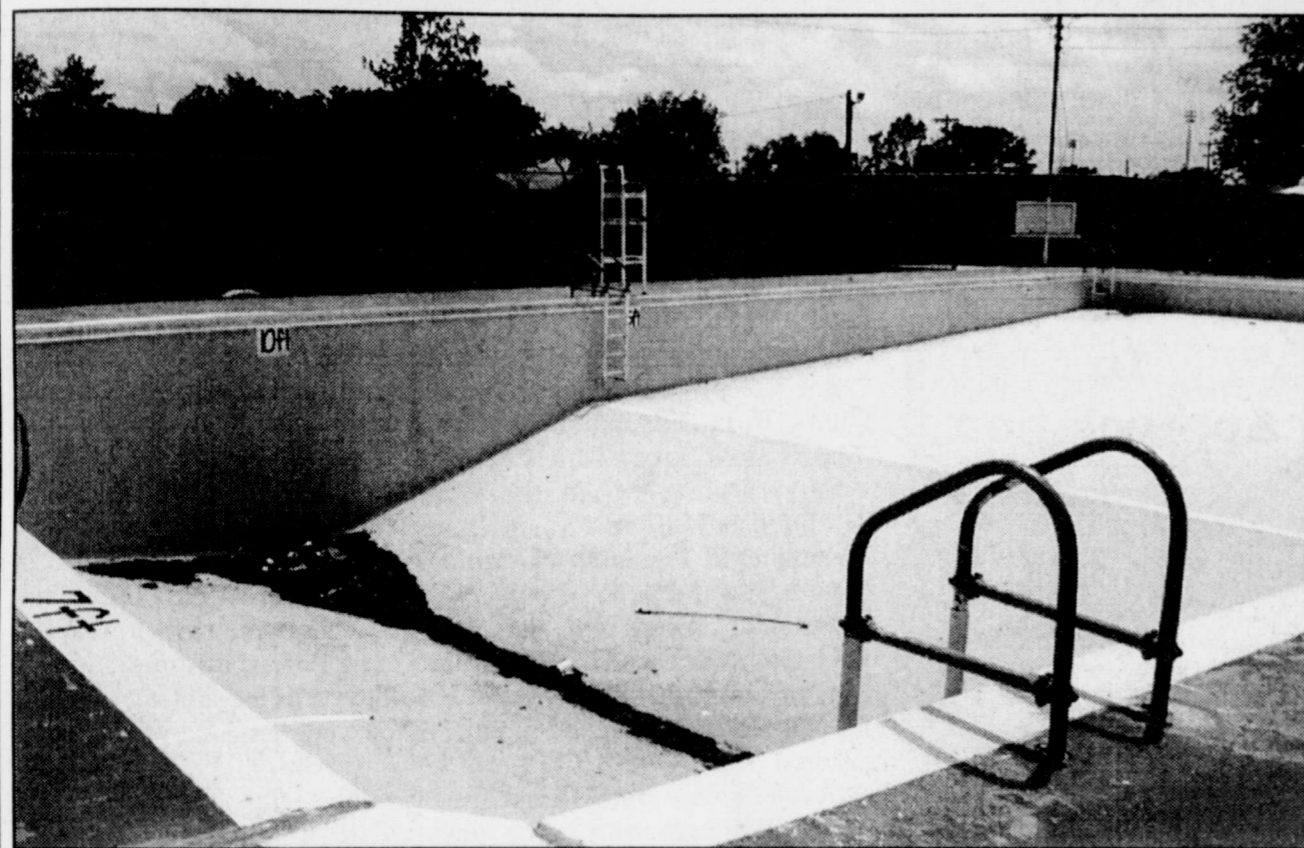
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Winters, Texas

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Officially high & dry!



WINTERS MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL will definitely not open this season due to a lack of rainfall, and hence a shortage of water. As reported at Monday's city council meeting, even if Winters were to receive adequate rain in the near future, it would not be feasible to hire and train a pool staff prior to the start of school in August.

City seeking options for police dispatching; Stage III water rationing continues

Winters City Council continued to investigate dispatching options for the Winters Police Department at their monthly meeting on Monday, June 26, at the Council Chambers in City Hall.

The council heard a report by Toby Martin, Regional Supervisor of Police Communications for the Texas Department of Public Safety from Midland, and Todd Early, DPS Supervisor of Police Communications in Abilene.

Police Chief Carey Balentine requested information about setting up Winters' own communications system in the Winters Police Department (WPD) in an effort to analyze the cost. Martin said a minimum of five staff members would be required to man the system 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

In addition, the city would need to acquire a complete Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (TLETS), modem, telephone line, completely se-

cured area to house the equipment, more extensive radio equipment, and payment for the required 40 hours of training per dispatcher.

In a second option, discussion was given to the possibility of the Texas DPS office in Abilene handling all data base traffic for the Winters Police Department which would include license checks, stolen property checks, and warrants.

Martin emphasized that her department could definitely provide the service at no charge; however, she stressed the negatives to this option.

First, Winters would operate from Abilene's station on an intercity channel, meaning it would have low priority should Abilene need to use the line. Secondly, all Criminal Case Histories (CCH) requested by the Winters Police Department would have to be picked up from the Abilene office, as security measures do not allow for CCH's to be faxed.

Third, the Abilene office would require the original warrant and case report before any data could be entered into the computer systems. Both the CCH and warrants would require regular trips to Abilene.

Finally but foremost, Martin's concern was for the police officers' safety considering the "drag factor" and distance should an officer be in danger or need immediate assistance.

"I'm not so sure that you're getting a bad deal down there (meaning dispatching from Ballinger)," said Martin. She was referring to Winters' current dispatching agreement with Runnels County.

In other business, upon requests from a citizen in the audience and the Winters Housing Authority to obtain permission to water landscape, McGuffin reported that the Stage III wa-

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Reminder: Fireworks prohibited in city

According to Article 5.403 of the Winters Code of Ordinances, no person shall cast, throw, or fire any squib, rocket, cracker, torpedo, grenade, gun, revolver, pistol, cap, cartridge, or other combustible fireworks of any kind in the city.

Proceeds to benefit Little League & ASA—

Co-Ed Softball Tournament at Winters City Park this weekend

Winters Community Baseball and Softball Association will host a Co-Ed Softball Tournament this weekend, June 30-July 1, at the Winters City Park baseball field.

As of press time, teams have entered from Brownwood, Abilene, Ballinger, and Winters. Team trophies will be awarded to first through fifth places.

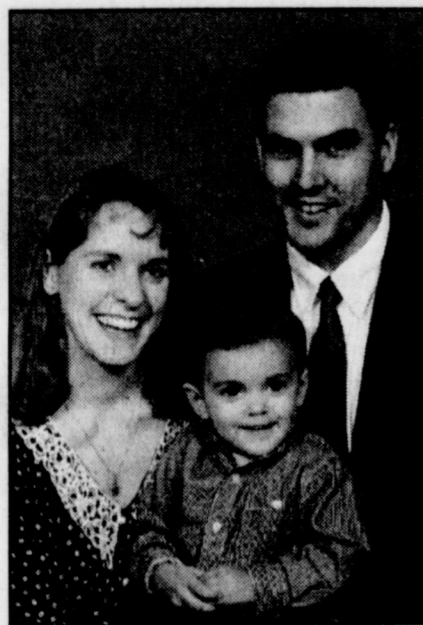
A full range of concessions will be available. All proceeds from the tournament and concessions

will benefit Winters Little League and Winters ASA. Nearly 200 boys and girls participate in the summer baseball/softball program in Winters.

Volunteers are still needed to work the games including scorekeepers, umpires, and concession help.

For more information, or to register to work, contact Bob Lindley at 754-4746 or Mincy Briley at 754-4987.

Grandson-in-law of Winters resident wins \$1 million on popular quiz show



MILLIONAIRE BOB HOUSE, wife Sheila, and son Logan

The future of 36-year-old Bob House and wife Sheila of Gay, Georgia, may be financially secure thanks to Bob's final answer on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" Tuesday, June 13, 2000.

Bob is the fourth million dollar winner of the U.S. televised program. His wife Sheila is the granddaughter of Ethel Wheeler of Winters and formerly of Shep, and the daughter of Marybeth (Wheeler) Howeth of Rogers, also formerly of Shep. Audine Self of Brownwood is Sheila's aunt.

Bob and Sheila are both teachers in Georgia and have one son,

Logan, age 9, and one daughter, Shelby, 3-1/2.

With this newfound fame, the Houses were recently asked to appear on Good Morning America, Entertainment Tonight, and The Today Show.

Sheila had been in Winters visiting approximately three and one half weeks ago, just prior to her husband's TV performance.

According to Grandmother Wheeler, approximately 45% of the Houses' winnings will go to the government for taxes.

The final question answered by Bob: "Which of the following men doesn't have a chemical element named after him?"

The final answer? Isaac Newton.

Enterprise office closed Tuesday

So that our employees may share the Independence Day holiday with family and friends, *The Winters Enterprise* will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

The office will open for regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday. The newspaper will be printed and delivered on schedule as usual.

We wish all a safe and happy holiday, and thank you for your continued patronage.

Winters athletes competitive in 7-on-7 summer football league



WINTERS 7-ON-7 SUMMER LEAGUE team members include (kneeling, l-r) Justin Calcote, Brian Pritchard, Mark Moreno, Gary Woodbury, Chris Yanez, Jeremy Hope, Taylor Brown, Louie Esquivel, (back) Shane Colburn, Joseph Joeris, Zeke Martinez, Aaron Pritchard, Robert Gibbs, Josh Minzenmayer, Wade Parramore, Rusty Jackson, and Samson Jackson. Not pictured are Jeffrey Oats, Jose Vega, and Guy Slimp. Justin Minzenmayer and Wes Calcote coach the Winters' squad.

There's no equipment, no line-men, no running backs, and only half of a football field. Instead of 11—there's 7. After years of summer leagues for baseball and basketball, there is finally a league for football.

High school summer football, better known as 7-on 7 is gaining in popularity annually. Varsity high school coaches cannot coach the teams and no player is required to play. However, most teams run the same passing offense they run during the fall UIL season.

The teams play in tournaments over the first weekends of the summer, several of which are qualifiers for the state tournament which is held in late July at Texas A&M University at College Station. Winters has one such team which recently qualified to participate in that state tournament.

Winters won a sanctioned, certified tournament at Jim Ned

three weeks ago qualifying them for the state tourney. Winters defeated Baird, 30-15; Ballinger 22-20; and Jim Ned 40-21.

However according to Chuck Lipsey, the proper certification procedures were not administered by Jim Ned officials following the tourney. Therefore, Winters will not be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

Winters played in a Merkel tournament last weekend. They won their first game, but lost their second two games by a touchdown each. Two Winters quarterbacks, Josh Minzenmayer and Wade Parramore, were injured in the tourney.

Winters will host a tournament on Friday, July 7 at Blizzard Stadium. The tourney will begin at 4 p.m. Teams listed to participate include: Winters, Ballinger, Jim Ned, Roscoe, Stamford, Anson, Merkel, and Baird. There will be

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 29-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 6 p.m., Coleman Rodeo
- June 30-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Co-Ed Softball Tournament, Winters City Park
- 8 p.m., Coleman Rodeo
- July 1-9-11:30 a.m., Open House, Winters Animal Shelter
- 2 p.m., WHS Class of 1960 Reunion, Rock Hotel
- 8 p.m., Coleman Rodeo
- 9:30 p.m., Fireworks Display, Ballinger Lake Park
- Co-Ed Softball Tournament, Winters City Park
- July 3-9 a.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- July 4-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- *7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- July 5-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 8:30 a.m., Turnrow Meeting, Ballinger Co-Op
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 1:30 p.m., Turnrow Meeting, Wingate Gin
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- July 6-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



We pick up here where we left off last time discussing the "great conspiracy" to control petroleum prices.

We had honed our discussion down to the retail selling point of gasoline by showing producers are powerless to control the price of crude oil in most cases.

We must suspend a few laws of economics to discuss some of the hypotheticals we will cover: first, the law of supply and demand, and, second, the law that says free markets determine prices. Here's why:

In the law of supply and demand, higher demand equals higher prices. Lower demand equals lower prices. Higher demand and reduced supply equals very high prices, and lower demand and higher supply equals very low prices.

But, when it comes to gasoline, any run-up in prices is viewed with suspicion. Gasoline (and heating oil in the northeast U.S.) is so ubiquitous in everyday life that consumers feel any price shock immediately. Personal and professional budgets can be ruined in a matter of days when prices jump.

So, supply and demand, while understood as a working principle, is not considered justification for a run-up in prices.

The second suspended law is related to the law of supply and demand and, in fact, is a result of the actions of supply and demand. The rule that price is determined by how much a willing buyer will pay and a willing seller will charge is no longer accepted during a run-up in prices of gasoline, however. Although the law says nothing about whether or not a buyer is in a really bad mood when they are willing to pay a certain price, it turns out bad-mood buyers don't allow for the law when prices of gasoline jump.

Now that those are out of the way, let's cover the scenarios by which gasoline retail prices may be artificially controlled.

A company can increase the price of gasoline by holding refined product off the market. Is this happening?

It doesn't seem so, as refineries in the higher price areas are running at or near capacity for the gasoline that they can produce under EPA guidelines. After all, if someone can sell more product, they will inevitably do it to increase cash flow. Since there are multiple retailers in every metropolitan market, one of them will definitely seek to increase market share if they can and the other retailers would have to do so or lose customers and cash flow.

Oops—that might be that pesky supply and demand law at work. A company or group of companies can seek to set prices high artificially by just raising their prices while agreeing to do so as a group. Is this happening?

Unlikely, since Exxon loves to

outsell Shell as TotalFina loves to outsell Texaco. These guys are fierce competitors because they can't afford to trust each other. Shareholders would eat the lunch of any company that tried to set higher prices and some maverick retailer scuttled their profits by underselling them.

Oh man, there's that market price-setting mechanism at work.

It turns out that prices are higher where there is a lower supply of gasoline and a higher demand. In areas where refineries are limited on what they can produce, supply is low. If demand is sufficiently high, sellers will sell to the highest bidder. If a retailer wants to make a living, he/she has to sell gasoline. To sell it to the motorist, he must buy it from the refiner. When there are several retailers looking to buy gasoline to resell, there is a fight to buy what gasoline there is. This pushes prices up.

The truth is, you can't suspend the laws of supply and demand and market prices. They work whether you want them to or not.

It isn't always pretty, but it sure seems to work that way from here.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County
HOFCO, Inc. has completed the Harris-A-#2 in the Jane's Field (8 miles NW of Cross Plains) at an initial rate of 12 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Cross Plains Sand (perms 1876-87). Loc. is 2150 FWL & 1571 FNL of J.H. Pickens Sur. No. 221, A-282.

S.B. Street Operating, Inc. has completed the Cochran #2 as a Wildcat, 8 miles SW of Baird at an initial rate of 62 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perms 1325-35). Loc. is 675 FWL & 1915 FNL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693.

Nolan County
Irving W. Avery has completed the Texaco Fee #2A in the Mulberry Canyon Field (5 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 97 BOPD & 24 BWPD in the Cisco (perms 3944-49). Loc. is 1431 FSL & 392 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&P Sur., A-237.

STAKINGS

Callahan County
J.V. Rhyne has staked three wells in the County Regular Field, 5 miles W of Cross Plains (Depth 2000). The Dakota #1 is loc. 767 FNL & 750 FWL of A. Montgomery Sur. No. 853, A-276. The Dakota #2 is loc. 1050 FWL & 467 FNL of same Sur. The Dakota #3 is loc. 467 FNL & 1350 FWL of same Sur.

Sojourner Drilling has corrected the location of the Alvey #27 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Putnam (Depth 900). Loc. is 1800 FWL & 1100 FNL of the TE&L Sur. No. 2297, A-448.

Taylor County
Geo Surveys, Inc. has applied to re-enter the Franklin #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles S of Potosi (Depth 4000). Loc. is 2310 FNL & 1380 FEL of Sec. 48, LAL Sur., A-1302.



REVEREND DON ROATH unpacks more commodities to stock the shelves of the Winters Food Pantry which is under the direction of the Winters Ministerial Alliance. The pantry serves approximately 60 families or the equivalent of about 230 people each month. The pantry relies on donations of canned goods and staples and monetary contributions from throughout the community. The facility is adjacent to the First United Methodist Church on North Church Street and is open on Monday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Notice: 39+ to disband

After 9 years and 2 months, 39+ will disband immediately due to lack of membership, according to Melvin Mathis, coordinator.

There will be no meeting in July.

Mathis would like to thank those involved for their past membership.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

The family of Herbert Jacob would like to say "thank you" to everyone for all their wonderful cards, prayers, food, support, flowers, and love shown during this trying time in our lives.

God bless each one of you.

Evelyn Jacob

Gary & Dinell Jacob & family
Mary Beth & Ronnie Wheelless
Tad & Janet Cason & family
Mark & Susan Jacob & Megan

Card of Thanks

Winters Community Baseball and Softball Association would like to thank all of the businesses, parents, players, and coaches for all of the donations, whether monetary or time given.

Without all of you, WCBSA could not continue with this program which we feel is vital to so many youths of our community. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Winters Community
Baseball and Softball

Card of Thanks

Winters Community Baseball and Softball Association would like to say thank you to the Winters Co-Ed Softball Association for their generous donation. Also we would like to thank them for their wonderful cooperation and help with trash detail and field maintenance.

We feel that what they are doing is a great asset to our community and to the future players of co-ed softball.

Again, thank you!
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July 3 thru July 7
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Monday, July 3: Hamburger, chips, pea salad, and homemade ice cream.

Tuesday, July 4: Closed for July 4th.

Wednesday, July 5: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, and cake.

Thursday, July 6: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips, and dessert.

Friday, July 7: German sausage, sauerkraut salad, black-eyed peas, cornbread, and dessert.

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Obituaries

Jimmy Tremain Burns

BALLINGER—Jimmy Tremain Burns, 68, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2000, of complications resulting from a lifelong struggle with asthma.

He was born October 27, 1931, in Abilene to Jim S. and Gertrude G. Burns. He grew up in Fredericksburg where he began an apprenticeship as a meat cutter at the age of 19. He later moved to San Angelo where he started his 36 year career with Safeway Stores, Inc.

Mr. Burns married Mary Lois Olivares of Breckenridge on September 12, 1954, and they moved to Abilene. They later moved with their daughter to Ballinger in 1959, where he worked as Meat Market Manager for Safeway. When Safeway left Texas in the mid-1980's he began working for Black's of Ballinger. He was a member of The First Christian Church of Ballinger, serving as Deacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Mary Burns of Ballinger; his daughter, Marla Burns of Round Rock; his son, Jimmy Lee Burns and wife Tracy, of Liberty Hill; and two grandchildren, Kayla and Cody, also of Liberty Hill.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to First Christian Church, Broadway and Murrell, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Naomi Lillian Ogle

BALLINGER—Naomi Lillian Ogle, 84, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at her residence.

She was born October 1, 1915, in Strasdale, Oklahoma, and lived there until her marriage to L.C. Ogle on May 9, 1933, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They moved to Paint Rock, Texas, after their marriage and she has lived in the Ballinger area since.

Mrs. Ogle was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.C. Ogle; four sons, Milton, Burl, Billy, and Larry Ogle; and one daughter, Georgia Ann Ogle.

Survivors include five sons, Wesley, Robert, and Cody Ogle, all of Ballinger, and L.F. and Wayne Ogle, both of San Angelo; four daughters, Lahoma Trammell of Ballinger, Barbara Clay Bryant of San Angelo, Wanda Sloan of New Castle, and Jeanice Ogle of Virginia; two brothers, Larry Jones of Gaurtier, Mississippi, and Virgil Jones of Virginia; three sisters, Nina Fuller of Big Bear, California, Virginia Tuck of Jacksonville, and Marie Bradford of Irving; nineteen grandchildren; forty-seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the First Church of God in Ballinger with Larry Jones officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Winters Funeral Home. Grandsons and great-grandsons served as pallbearers.

Loren Keith Snelgrove

BUFFALO GAP—Loren Keith Snelgrove, 33, passed away Saturday, June 24, 2000.

He was born September 13, 1966, in Abilene. He graduated from Cooper High School and attended Western Texas College in Snyder. He married Jeri Guy on June 13, 1998, in Ballinger.

Mr. Snelgrove was a self-employed welder and a member of First Central Presbyterian Church and Texas Association of Ex-Offenders. He was an Eagle Scout and was very active in Vocational Agriculture in high school.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ashley Snelgrove, and one brother, Michael Snelgrove.

Survivors include his wife, Jeri Snelgrove of Buffalo Gap; two stepsons, Barrett Smith of Ballinger and Jeff Smith of Spring, Texas; two stepdaughters, Shelly Schniers of Rowena and Kristy Egan of Ballinger; his parents, Jim and Marie Snelgrove of Abilene; one brother, Bruce Snelgrove and his wife Kristy of Abilene; his grandmother, Lilly Wuemling of Jamestown, California; an aunt, Gloria Harvey of Longburn, California; three nieces; one nephew; and six stepgrandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, June 27, at First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene with Dr. Clifford S. Stewart officiating. Burial followed in the Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes.

Memorials may be sent to First Central Presbyterian Church Vision 200 or to the Texas Association of Ex-Offenders.

Mary Vassie Lancaster

BEEVILLE—Mary Vassie Lancaster, 94, formerly of the Wilmethe community, died Thursday, June 15, 2000, at her residence.

She was born April 24, 1906, in Comanche and lived most of her life in San Angelo and Beeville. She married Eugene Aubrey Lancaster on August 7, 1925, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Lancaster was a homemaker and a member of the Pentecostal Church of God.

Survivors include four daughters, Ruby Jean Creel of Brownwood, Lillie Pearl Creel of San Angelo, Trudie Landreth of Beeville, Patsy McDaniel of Beeville; two half brothers, Joe Earl Horton of Crane, R.C. Horton of Andrews; one stepbrother, Leo Savage of Springdale, Arkansas; 27 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Aubrey Lancaster; a son, Joe Wiley Lancaster; and a daughter, Betty Sue Jetton.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Wilmethe Cemetery with Alfred Creel officiating. Burial was under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

COLORS

If you saw Dick's life as a color, what color would you see?
It surely wouldn't be black, so what color would it be?

It wouldn't be blue, as depressed or sad;
And it wouldn't be green. Envy he never had.

And it wouldn't be purple, like the color of a bleeding heart;
Neither could it be red for in anger he never took part.

Nor would it be yellow for fear never stood a chance
For a man who didn't just listen to life's music,
but got in the dance.

So now the dance has ended, and he brushed life
with colors bright and bold;
And at the end we saw the rainbow
and Dick Mayo — the pot of gold.

— Ace Polk

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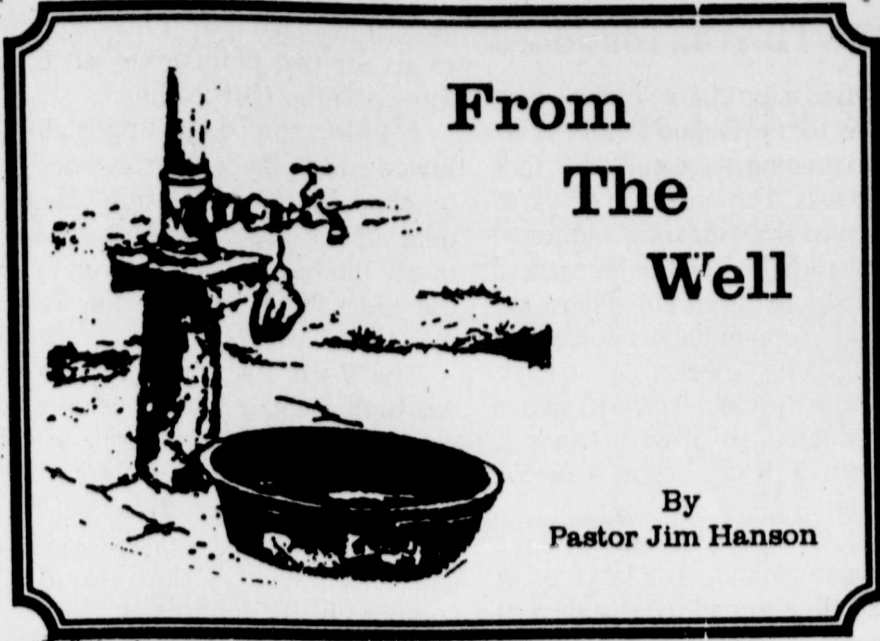
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Last Father's Day was the best I have had in 45 years of being a father.

The celebration began when Ramona and I drove into the parking lot of Peace Lutheran Church near Baldwin, Wisconsin. John and Julie and their family live at

one end of the parking lot, and the church stands at the other. No sooner than we opened the door of the car than a little girl appeared from the door of the parsonage and she waved. And then she ran down the walk to hug my leg, look up at me with a big smile and say, "Hi, grandpa." What a way to begin the day than to be hugged by Abigail, 2 years going on 12!

But that was only the beginning. When we entered the house there were seven more grandkids, seated around the table. Each one had a big smile and a hug and a kiss for us. Two more would join us in just a few minutes. The nine had been practicing a song and when all were there, Katie and Mary led them in a Dad's Day special. It went like this:

"We love you daddy, Oh yes we do.
We love you daddy, Indeed we do.
When you're not with us... we're blue.
Oh daddy we love you."

They sang it with gusto... even the boys! Such a great way to begin Father's Day. They even did it a second time just for me! But there was more.

Shortly after this grand chorus, we went to church. Peace Lutheran. Only that Sunday, it was more Joy than Peace. For, as we entered the church, 25 men and women, each dressed in a red "T" shirt, were belting out praise songs to Jesus. Beautiful words. Personal. Faith songs. Love songs to God the Father. And to Jesus. And to the Spirit. Accompanied by a woman drummer, a male playing the saxophone, and the leader on the keyboard. She was really good.

But, the melodies were all "Polka." And the beat was "POLKA," too!

Theses folks were the Eau Galle Polka Choir. On the back of their "T's" were these words: "St. Henry's Polkateers." All were members of a neighboring Catholic church. They have been invited by son John to come and lead in worship. They came early, and had been singing for some 20 minutes before we got there. By that time the church was filled. With Norwegian Lutherans. With smiles on their faces! And feet tapping under the pews. What a way to come into church. The choir was mostly grey hairs. But they all sang in unison, and they all sang from the heart. What is more, they got those tight-lipped Norwegians to open up and sing. Miracle of miracles! Ramona poked me in the ribs and said, "I'll bet you that some of these Lutheran guys have never sung like this before... in church."

I'm sure she was right. Praises were sung to Our Father in heaven by fathers on earth. Why? Because the melodies and the words were those of the people. Down to earth. Real. Honest, there were tears in the eyes of some of those guys. Not because the music was so bad. Or out of place. But because there was a truly deep and spiritual connection made. For the first time in a long time these guys were saying to themselves, "I CAN DO THIS!" And, they did.

Polkas are ethnic. Songs you hear and sing at happy times. At weddings. At anniversaries. At community celebrations. German. Norwegian. Swedish. Irish. Luther would have been glad to be at this Father's Day worship. It was part of his reformation... to bring the sounds and songs of the people into the worship. He knew that when you put the words of personal faith and personal hope and personal love into singable songs, joy comes into your soul.

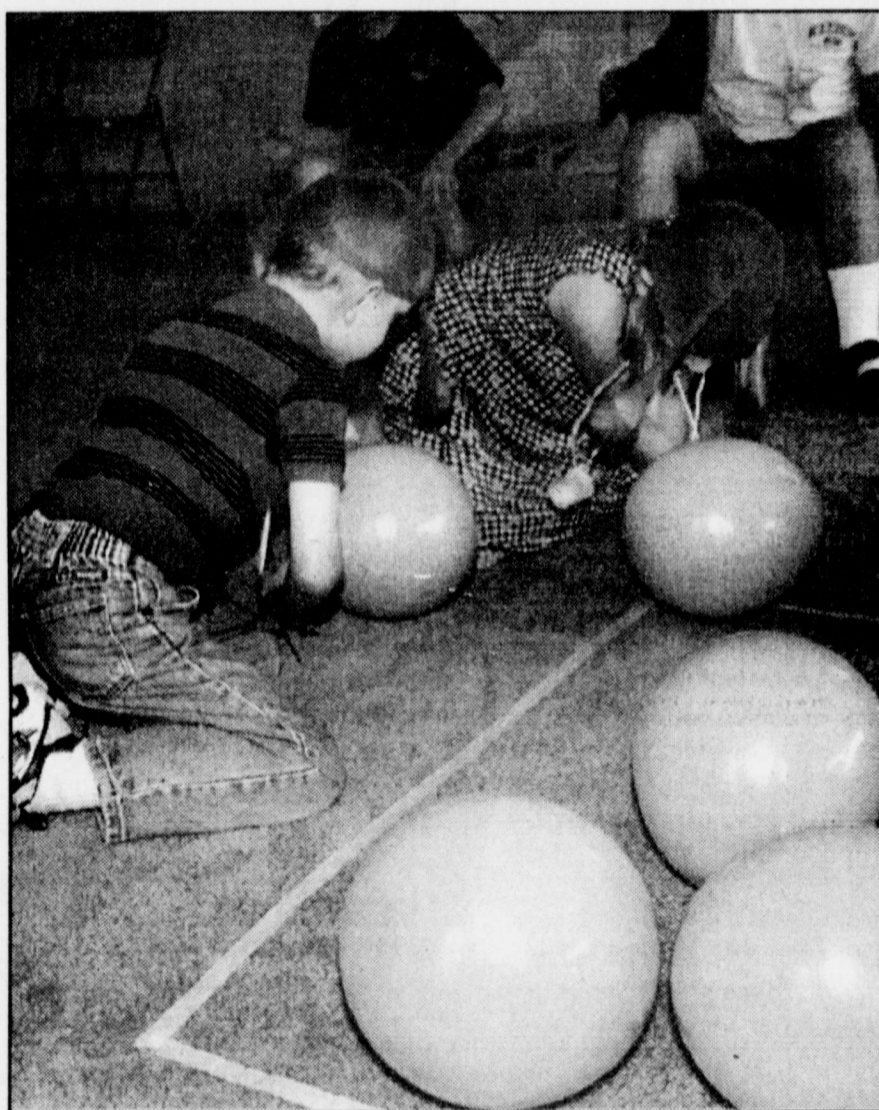
Probably more touching was that in this service Catholics and Lutherans were of one voice. And that the Catholics were leading the songs in Peace Lutheran. One good Norwegian said to me, "I never thought I'd see this happen in my lifetime. I'm so glad it did."

Me too. For indeed we did what Psalm 100 tells us to do. "Make joyful noise unto the Lord all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

We did. On Father's Day. And, we were glad. And, so was He! After all, He is God and Father of us all!



HAPPY TO BE AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL are three-year-olds Sierra Woffenden and Chris Franco as they swing on the playground equipment at the First United Methodist Church.



"SAVING SOULS" during recreational activities at the First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School are Archie Mills (left) age 6, and Tiffany Cravens, age 8. About 60 children and 10 teen volunteers attended daily.

Letter to the Editor

Your support will be appreciated now for a dear friend in need

Benefit meal & auction planned to alleviate expenses

Jeanene Hoppe Laird, devoted mother to Justin, Ashley, and Jason, loving daughter of Calvin and Mamie Gene Hoppe, true friend to many, dedicated nurse, faithful church member, and lifelong Runnels County resident, is currently undergoing treatment for lymphedema at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Lymphedema is the swelling as a result of obstruction of lymphatic vessels or lymph nodes and the accumulation of large amounts of lymph in the affected region which in Jeanene's case is her right leg. Jeanene has had one of several surgeries and will be in the hospital up to eight (8) weeks.

Jeanene has unselfishly given her time and energies to her community, church, family, friends, and co-workers. As always, she is facing this challenge head-on.

On Sunday, July 23, 2000, there will be a benefit meal and auction at the school cafeteria in Winters from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An auction of donated items will begin at 12:30 p.m. A special fund for Jeanene has been set up at the Security State Bank in Winters for donations or they can be sent to the Jeanene Hoppe Laird

Benefit Fund in care of Shelia Paschal, 909 CR 180, Winters, Texas 79567.

Jeanene is facing a lot of expenses that are not covered by insurance. She has contributed greatly to her family, friends, church, and community, as well as to the people she has care for through her career as a nurse and we want to show her our love and appreciation for all she has done for us. The spirit of West Texas shows itself in the way our community supports their citizens during a time of need. Therefore, we are asking everyone who would like to help to do so at this time.

Please try to attend the meal and auction, and invite anyone you can to attend. Any donations for the auction and/or to the fund will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to send a card or letter, her address is Jeanene Laird, Scott and White Hospital, 2401 S. 31st, Room 398, Temple, Texas 76508. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

God bless you!

Shelia Paschal
Teresa Davis

"Tops in Gospel" concert at Abilene to be a great music celebration

"Tops in Gospel" will present Southern Gospel Music Celebration II, Friday, July 21, 2000, at the Radford Auditorium on the McMurry University campus, South 14th and Sayles Blvd, in Abilene.

The concert featuring two male quartets, a ladies ensemble, three trios, a duet, soloists, instrumentalists, and other singers and musicians begins at 7 p.m. A fast moving musical production in the "Gaither Homecoming" style, the concert will feature more than 60

artists on stage at the same time singing as a group.

Door prizes will be given. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available at The Bible Book Store, Good News Book Store, Family Christian Stores, and The Love Shop in Abilene and Mary and Martha Book Store in San Angelo. Children 10 and under will be admitted free with a paid adult.

For more information, contact Charles Gibson at 695-0240.

Enter spiritual poem contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter

on-line: <www.freecontest.com>. The deadline for entering is July 20, 2000.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual reference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEECARE PRESCHOOLERS recently held graduation ceremonies to end their school year. Those attending the preschool included (seated, l-r) Caitlian Lara, Tye Black, Ryan Young, Christopher Gerhart, Amber Lara, Brett Boles, Lane Gibbs, (middle) director Gail Williams, Bryce Mikeska, Corey Pritchard, Jordan Busher, Katie Gray, Emily Reyes, Jaymee Pritchard, Kara Heathcott, (back) Jared Esquivel, teacher Jane Bourdo, Justice Hubbard, Zachary Schwartz, Marcus Torres, and Missy Calcote.

Ballinger city pool now open Tuesday through Sunday

The city pool in Ballinger has opened for business Tuesday through Sunday, from 1 to 5:45 p.m. daily. The pool is closed on Mondays.

Located in the city park, the cost is \$2 per person for children and adults alike. There are no summer passes available.

In addition, the pool hosts a Family Night on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Teen Night on Thursdays from 8 to 9:45 p.m. Cost is the same as the day rates.

The pool is available to book for parties from 6 to 8 p.m. on

Thursdays and Fridays only at a cost of \$40 for the first 20 people and \$2 for each additional person. The price includes two hours of swimming with 2 lifeguards and the pool manager on duty.

The Ballinger pool features a high and low diving board, and spiral slide in the shallow end. There is a separate kiddie pool adjacent to the facility which is free of charge for toddlers.

For more information, contact Janie Wade, pool manager, at 365-2454.

Physicals needed before playing school sports

All 7th grade and freshman boys and girls who plan to participate in athletics must have a physical before they can participate in any sport.

Physical forms and medical history forms can be picked up at the WISD Administration Office.

Both completed forms must be turned in to Coach Byrd or Coach Fowler before a student can practice or play any sport.

Fireworks display in Ballinger Saturday

Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a gigantic fireworks display Saturday, July 1, at the City Lake Park.

The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m., selling barbecue sandwiches, chips, soft drinks bottled water and whole pickles.

Free watermelon will be served beginning at 8:00 p.m. and lasting until all the watermelon is gone.

The spectacular fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m.

In case of rain/inclement weather, the fireworks show will be moved to Sunday, July 2.

The public is invited to the free, professional fireworks display sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

FOOTBALL, continued

no admission charge to the event.

As for the league format, there is no running game in 7-on-7, thus no backs. The fields are 45 yards long and the width of a traditional football field. The field is marked in 15-yard intervals. There are two 20-minute halves controlled by a running clock.

Schools from all classifications may enter, so often a Class A school will take on a 4 or 5A school.

Each offensive team has three plays to gain at least 15 yards or the ball is turned over to the opponent. If a team works its way inside the 30-yard line, it has four plays to score a touchdown.

After a TD, a team may go for one point by successfully completing a pass into the end zone

from the 3-yard line. If they elect to go for two points, the ball is moved to the 10-yard line.

No blocking or tackling is allowed and a player is down when touched by the opposition. The quarterback has four seconds to throw the ball and is required to use at least a three-step drop or roll-out.

The 7-on-7 summer league was authorized in the UIL league constitution for the 1989-90 school year. However many coaches feel the sport didn't gain in popularity until five or six years ago. This is Winters' third year to compete in the summer league. The Winters team is comprised of 20 WHS athletes.

This year 64 teams will compete in the state tourney as compared to 48 teams last year, and 36 teams the year before.

No Summer Reading Club Tuesday

There will be no Summer Reading Club program at the Winters Public Library on Tuesday, July 4, 2000, in observance of Independence Day. The library will hold the last SRC program the following week on Tuesday, July 11.

Winters to host 10 & under baseball tourney

The Winters Community Baseball and Softball Association will host the 10 and under Area All-Star Tournament on July 7-9, and July 14 & 15.

The tournament will be held on the north field of the baseball complex at Winters City Park.

Winters will have a team competing in the tourney. Pairings for the tournament will be announced this week and appear in next week's issue of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Luminaries available for Candlelight Ceremony at "Relay for Life"

A special Candlelight Ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. on Friday, July 14, to honor those who have won the battle against cancer and to memorialize those who have lost the battle with the disease. The event is part of the Winters "Relay for Life" to be held at the Winters High School Track Complex.

Luminaries may be purchased for \$5 up to the time of the ceremony. Messages may be written on the luminary bags which will be placed around the track. The names of those honored will be read during the ceremony.

The "Relay for Life" is an all night, team event to fight cancer as sponsored by the American Cancer Society. All proceeds from the luminary sales will benefit cancer research, education, and family assistance.

Luminaries may be purchased in advance by contacting Kelly Lipsey at 754-4388 or 754-4505 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626.



EXPLAINING THAT TRICERATOPS HAVE THREE HORNS, Frances Bredemeyer delights grandson Ethan Bredemeyer (left), age 3, and Lane Gibbs, 5, during the summer reading club at the Public Library. Mrs. Bredemeyer was one of 7 volunteers.

Stenholm seeking academy applicants

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently accepting applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 23rd birthday, by July 1, 2001, and must have graduated from high school by that date.

Competitive applicants will be in the top 15 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 550

Verbal and 600 Math, or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extracurricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Naval Academy at An-

napolis, Maryland; or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York; and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office.

Any individuals wishing additional information should call (202) 225-6605 or write to 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

The Winters I.S.D. Tax Office and Administration Office will be closed for Independence Day, Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & July 4, 2000. If you would like to make a tax payment, you may send your payment by mail to:

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

You know you're growing older when everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

Hopewell Baptist Church had a good attendance Sunday morning and at the dinner afterwards. Chris Shields of Abilene and Joe Webb of Coleman were visitors.

Drop Jeanene Laird a few words at Scott & White Hospital. Her address is 2401 S. 31st, Room 398, Temple, Texas 76508.

Walter Pape came by to see Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion on his way to Alaska.

Mark and Wanda Dierskin and Joe Pierce and his sister and brother-in-law of Dow spent part of the week with Joe.

Doris Wood's visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote of Winters, and John and Frances Hord of Wingate.

Thanks to everyone for helping me lately with my new letter.

Weldon, LaVonda, Elise and Ty Foreman of Kerrville spent the weekend with Helen Alexander then went to Comanche to attend the Foreman reunion.

Tanya New and Cathy Dean were in Abilene the first of the week shopping. Tanya enjoyed nice phone visits with her mother, Jimmy Whittenburg, and Claudette Carter.

Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Friday with me. After giving me a perm, she did much needed odd jobs.

Karen and Wesley McGallian and Stefanie Camacho came out to see Nila and Therin Osborne on Saturday night and enjoyed supper.

Coleman Foreman attended the Foreman reunion over the weekend at the Comanche Lake. There were 31 present.

During the week with Connie and Georgia Gibbs were Billy, Ricky, and Zack Hudson of Content, and Shirley Gibbs of Bangs.

Linda Duggan spent Monday in Abilene and enjoyed supper



with her kids, Kyle and Katy and baby Kelton Grigsby, and Bubba and Caleb of Houston and Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Halfmann and Wendell from St. Lawrence and Brenda Jacob from Midland spent the night with Margie Jacob on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wheeler from Miles and Margie and Evelyn Jacob were in Coleman Sunday and ate lunch and stopped by Mrs. Rhineard Andrews. They also shopped awhile.

Carolyn and Joe Webb were in Abilene shopping and had lunch at the Olive Garden. Al Prewitt from Burnet visited Carolyn and Joe from Saturday, the 17th, until Thursday, the 22nd, and attended church at Hopewell. H.B. Laudon is visiting Joe and Carolyn in Coleman from Monday to Wednesday this week. He is from Austin.

Chris Shields of Abilene visited his grandmother, Juanita Shields, over the weekend.

David and Diane Talbott attended the wedding of Greg and Melinda Morris in Fort Worth. Greg is the son of Jean and Ed Morris of Ballinger.

Ferris and Ramona Akins visited their daughter and her family in Stanton. They attended the program their granddaughter, Brennon Harp, participated in at the end of basketball camp at South Plains College in Levelland.

Along with Abilene residents Don and Barbara Reynolds, Selma Wilkerson attended the Martin reunion in San Angelo on Sunday. There were about 50 who were children and grandchildren descended from four brothers and sisters of the Martin family.

The Hopewell WMU met with

six members Monday morning for Bible study, "Searching the Heart," Matthew 2:27-32. Those present were Ramona Akins, Diane Talbott, Juanita Shields, Carolyn Webb, Nila Osborne, and lesson teacher Selma Wilkerson.

Social Security earnings test eliminated

Social Security beneficiaries who have reached full retirement age (currently age 65) can now receive their full benefits regardless of how much they earn. Recent legislation eliminates the earnings limit beginning with the month an individual reaches his or her full retirement age. The new law was effective January 1, 2000.

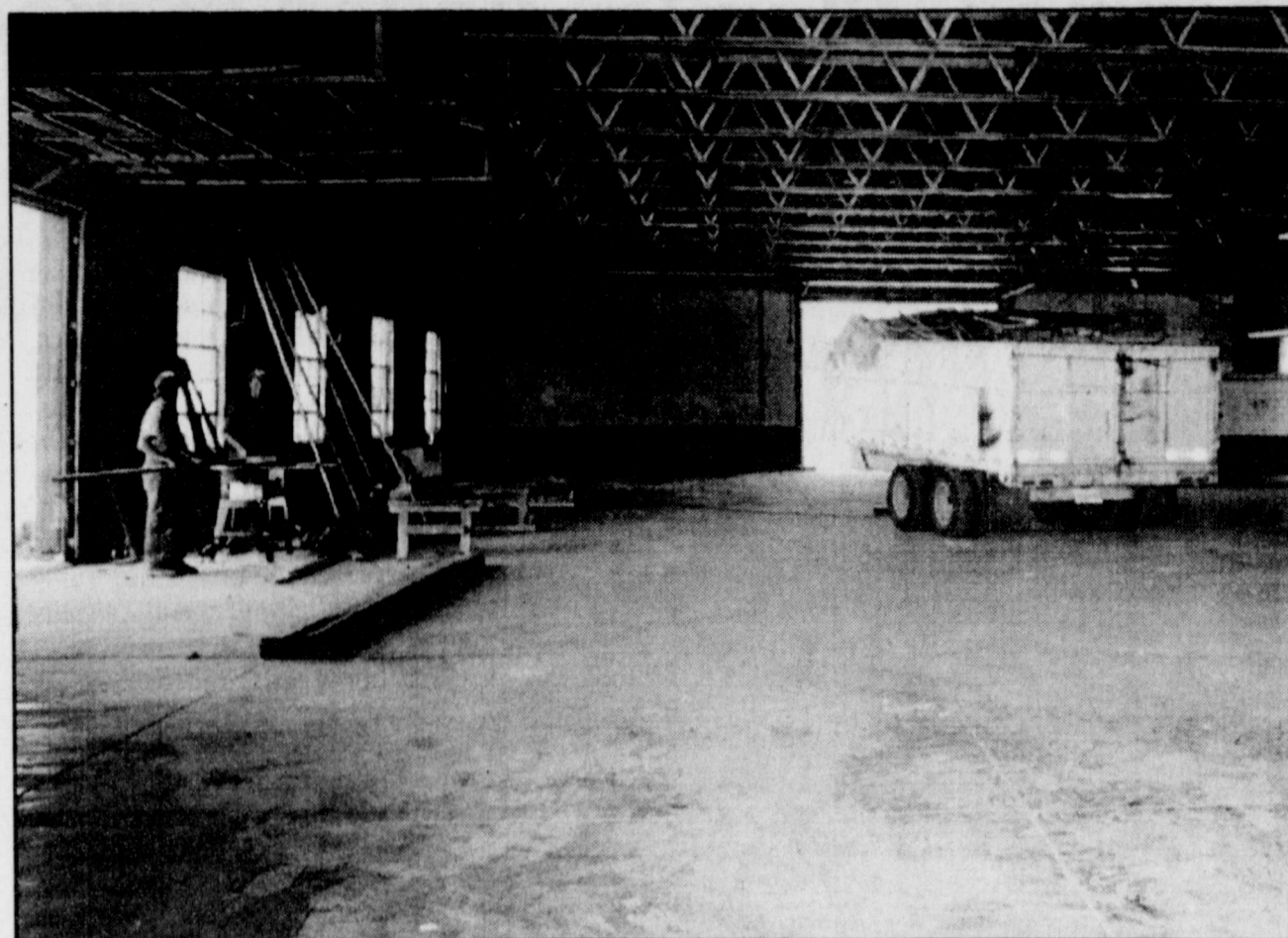
"Beneficiaries who are 65 years young should be allowed to contribute their energy, talent, and experience to the workplace without being penalized for doing so," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo.

Eligible beneficiaries will receive any retroactive payments (averaging about \$3,500) in May and regular monthly benefits beginning in June. Everything will be automatic, so seniors won't need to contact Social Security.

"We are working hard to ensure that Social Security beneficiaries who are affected by the new law will have money in their pockets quickly," continued Franki.

The earnings test will still apply to beneficiaries younger than full retirement age.

Social Security is undertaking an extensive public information campaign to let the public know about the new legislation, including notices to affected beneficiaries, materials for advocacy groups and updates on its website, <www.ssa.gov>, and in their publications.



WITH INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE, Dollar General is expected to open its Main Street location near the end of July. Project Foreman Les Zimmerman of Dublin (right) talks with employee Mike Scarborough of Winters about building plans. Owned by Keith Nichols, the 8,000 sq. ft. building was completely gutted. New heating and air conditioning systems, ceiling, floor, and wiring were installed.

CITY COUNCIL, continued

ter rationing plan would remain in effect until further notice.

McGuffin noted though the water situation is better, the city remains cautious. The additional revenue from the rate increase is still necessary to pay for the measures taken in drilling wells and supplying electricity needed to pump water from the old lake into Elm Creek Reservoir.

BFI proposed an 8% rate increase, effective July 1, for the board's consideration. However, though BFI officials were encouraged to attend, no representatives were present to answer questions concerning the request. The board unanimously voted to table the item, until more information is available.

The council voted to go forward with procedures to reapply for a \$250,000 grant from the Texas Community Development Program for funds to repair the city's sewer system in the north-

west section of town. Matching funds required for the grant have decreased from 20% to 10%.

Upon the recommendation of the chief of police, WPD Corporal Terry Johnson was promoted to Sergeant with a step-increase in pay.

A request was heard by Pauline O'Neal and Pat Bishop on behalf of Dust Bunnies, located at 107 North Main, for assistance in alleviating parking congestion in front of their building.

The ladies noted that on more than one occasion representatives had asked domino players in the building next door to consider leaving at least one parking space on Main Street in front of their building for business purposes.

They expressed that they had met with strong resistance at each request. They also noted that Winters Police Chief Carey Balentine also experienced strong resistance to the request when he intervened

on the store's behalf.

Mayor McGuffin said he would approach the group of domino players with the request in an effort to resolve the parking problem and report back to the board at the next meeting.

The board accepted the resignation of Joe Gerhart from the Housing Finance Board, and appointed Steve Esquivel to the board. Upon the written recommendation of Winters Housing Authority Director Debra Lindsey, Tammy Sparks was appointed to the WHA Board. She replaces Mary O'Rear.

Approval was given to proceed with the demolition of four sub-standard buildings within the city.

City officials present included Aldermen Dr. Tommy Russell, Meyer, Esquivel, and Gerhart; City Administrator Dr. Aref Hassan; Mayor McGuffin; and City Attorney Ken Slimp. Alderman Jimmy Butler was absent.

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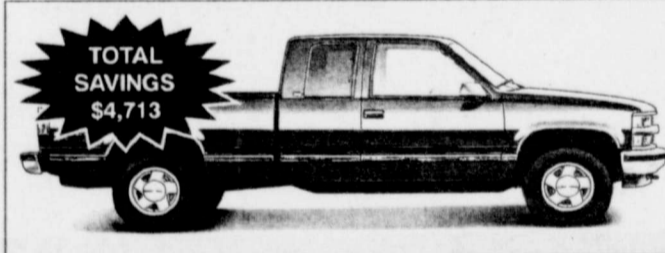


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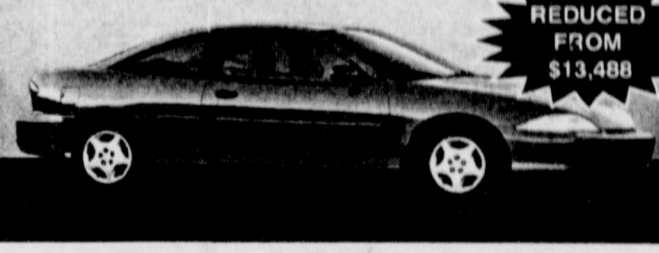
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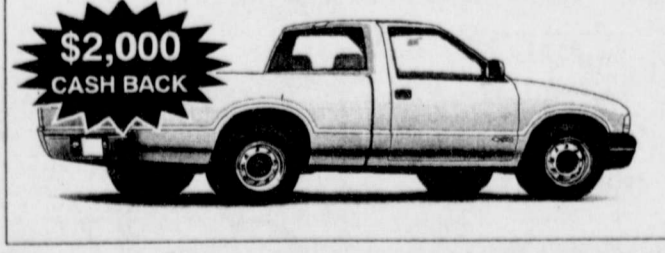
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Sherman, Plumley united in marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Chester Plumley

Robin Joan (Joanie) Sherman and Chester Gwyn Plumley were united in marriage Saturday, February 26, 2000, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Winters Christian Fellowship Church. Kenneth Plumley, father of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Joann Sherman of Winters. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Kay Plumley of Ballinger and Bonnie Plumley of Brady.

The church was decorated in hunter green and white flowers. "The Wedding March" was provided by Reverend Bob Jones. Song selection also included "From This Moment On" by Shania Twain. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white satin gown featuring a sweetheart neckline, short puffed sleeves, a satin bow, and a chapel-length train, and was trimmed with lace and seed pearls and accented with

white rosebuds. The bride's veil was made of tulle and featured a semi-circular band of white roses. The bride wore silver satin pumps. The bride's bouquet was designed by the bride's aunt, Jan Lincoln, and was composed of hunter green and white roses, green and white ribbons, lace, and pearls.

Lana Simmons of Ballinger served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Phebe Sherman of Winters, Kassie Davis of Abilene, Sherry Teague of Austin, Cathy Rose of Ballinger, and Dorothy Nossieff of Hobbs, New Mexico. Bridesmaids wore hunter green colored dresses and carried long-stemmed white roses. Train bearer was Natasha Sherman of Winters. Ring bearer was Frankie Teague Jr. of Austin. Flower girls were Kendra Plumley of Ballinger and Barbara Sherman of Winters.

Serving as best man was Ken Plumley, brother of the groom, of Ballinger. Groomsmen were Danny Sherman of Winters, Scott Simmons of Ballinger, Frankie Teague of Austin, Kelly Sherman of Winters, and Lewis Stidham of Blanket.

Groomsmen wore black and white attire with green rosebud boutonnières. The pastor and father of the bride wore white rosebuds.

Ushers were Andy Smith of Winters, Brian Plumley of Ballinger, and Josh Hollis of Winters.

A rehearsal brisket and ribs dinner was hosted by the couple's parents at the church fellowship hall.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. Hunter green and white streamers were used as decoration, as were white roses.

The bride's white, four-tiered, heart-shaped cake was accented with three pink roses. The groom's chocolate cake featured hunter green roses.

Members of the house party were Jill Smith, Brandy Brown, Wendy Kraatz, Teresa Arispe,

Stephanie Hollis, and Barbara Coppage.

The bride attended Abilene High School and is currently a homemaker.

The groom graduated from Rochelle High School in 1997 and is employed at Mueller's in Ballinger.

After a wedding trip to Abilene, the couple is at home in Ballinger.

Animal Control Shelter Open House, Saturday

The City of Winters invites all area residents to an Open House for the Winters Animal Control Shelter, Saturday, July 1, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Come see the improved facilities and adopt a pet.

Visiting with Ethel Wheeler

Visiting in Winters with Ethel Wheeler and enjoying a picnic June 6, 2000, were: Audene (Wheeler) Self of Bangs; Marybeth (Wheeler) Howeth of Rogers; Clinton and Margie Wheeler of Ocala; Sheila (Howeth) House, Shelby and Logan of Gay, Georgia; and Gina (Howeth) Cargile, Allen and Tyler of Rogers.

Fifty-six descendants of Fritz Bredemeyer gather for family reunion in Winters

Descendants of the Fritz Bredemeyer gathered at the Winters Community Center on Sunday, June 11, 2000, with approximately 56 family members attending.

Family memories were given by various members of the group. One of the memories was of the first reunion, held in Sweetwater in 1971 with 125 members attending.

Those attending this year were, Troy Stegemoeller of Idalou, Texas; Henry Minzenmayer of San Antonio; Herbert M. Kurtz of Arlington; Karen, Bradly and

Reunion Time

Bedford reunion held June 3

Approximately seventy-five descendants of Fred D. and Cordelia Bedford gathered on June 3 for their annual reunion at the Winters Community Center.

Hosting the event were children of the late Marvin and Nina Bedford: Charles and Beverly Awalt of Abilene, Pat Kaufman of Beaumont, Mark and Jo Angela Markham of Round Rock, and Kei Antilley of Robert Lee.

Family members and guests enjoyed lunch and supper, and a fun-filled afternoon with an auction of trash and treasures brought and bought by those present. Proceeds from the auction are used for the Fred D. Bedford Memorial Scholarships which are given to graduating seniors selected by WHS faculty members.

Also present were Nadine Bedford of Winters, Robert Bedford of Stephenville, John Bedford of Denton, Libby and Greg Zemanek of Dallas, Missy Love, Brittney and Heather Rendon of Grapevine, Perry, Tonya, Isaiah and Alexis Bedford of Brady, Lisa and Craig Gray of Winters, and Sandy Eddington of

Garland.

Also, Betty and David Bedford of Abilene, Laura Caddell of Watauga, Stephanie, Doug and John Steinberg of Albany, Norma, Jim and Stuart Kendrick of Graham, Melanie, Bobby and Joshua of Graham, Jeff and Cheyenne Brown and Boyd Heighton of Abilene, Shane, Tammy, Kaitlin, Kirsten and Colby Awalt of Abilene, George and Susan Mostad of Winters, Michael, Mandy and Marcus Mostad of Winters, Leah Bedford, Stephen, Lisa and Olivia Bedford, and Cathy Howard of Glendale, Arizona, and Rebecca Bedford and guest of San Angelo.

Also, Gladys and Dalvin Awalt of Midland, Debra Whittenburg of Winters, Barbara Helen Morris of Lawn, Mike and Cheryl Bedford of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Randall and Jean Boles of Winters, Karen, Phil, Aaron, Shane and Kayla Colburn of Winters, Joe Ortiz of Winters, Kelli Slimp of Winters, Lillian Bedford of Abilene, Jane Hardy of New Mexico, and Don and JoAnn Bedford of New Braunfels.

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Property tax appraisals mailed, but all owners will not receive a notice

by Tylene Gamble, Runnels County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser

The Runnels County Appraisal District mailed out the Notices of Appraised Values to taxpayers June 15. Not every property received a notice.

Property that has transferred ownership, had an exemption change, or a value change that exceeds \$1,000 was mailed a notice.

The primary areas of re-appraisal for the 2000 tax year were land market prices, identifying and pricing small tracts and improvements, Rowena and certain residential classes in Winters.

RURAL LAND—Over the last 2-1/2 years there have been significant changes in land sales.

The predominant sales preference is small tract land with or without improvements. There is also a marked increase on properties along rivers and creeks. Pastureland has actually passed cultivation in purchasing preferences.

Properties that qualify for the Ag appraisal will see increases in their market value but nominal, if any, changes in their ag (taxable) value.

SMALL TRACT—If, however, you have small acreage tracts, less than 30 acres, you will see a significant increase.

First, the Ag appraisal has been removed for properties that do not meet the degree of intensity, history or true ag operation guidelines as set by the Ag Advisor Board. There were many small accounts that have had this reduced appraisal, which did not truly qualify and is also unfair to the larger, true producer. This problem has been equalized **COUNTY-WIDE**.

Second, the sales on small tracts, regardless of region, indicate a premium price. Because these tracts no longer qualify for Ag, accounts have been combined. If, in the past, you have received

more than one statement for property in the same abstract, the 2000 value will show a combined value.

To compare correctly, be sure and check the amount of acres. The first line in the chart on the notice shows acreage, there may be a difference in the 1999 and 2000 acres. This means the CAD deleted the additional accounts and combined the values to one property. The value for 2000 is the total property value. These types of property will see the largest increases in value.

MILES/WINTERS ISDS that fall outside the county line have also had on-site reappraisals. Since the law regarding overlapping district properties was repealed, CAD appraisers saw each property to ensure all properties were accounted for and that they were being priced like all others in Runnels County. These properties are now appraised equally and uniformly with like properties inside the county.

WINTERS—There is market activity in the Winters area, but not at all levels. There were several sales last year that revealed an increase in residential prices. But as with the rest of the county, small rural tracts are the main attraction. You will see increases in the land and improvements on these properties.

To help verify the market value placed on your property, you are urged to visit with those in your area that have recently sold or purchased property.

In reading your appraisal notice, the 1999 and the 2000 proposed value are both given for comparison. If you have acreage, please compare the number of acres that this appraisal reflects. This is found on the first line of the chart. Also shown are the 1999 tax rate and an estimate of taxes

based on that rate.

The appraisal district **DOES NOT** set tax rates, nor levy a tax. The appraisal district's responsibility is very clear; property will be valued at market value, based on current, actual sales prices in this area. Each tax unit, based on their projected revenue needs, sets the rate that generates revenue off that total appraised value.

In evaluating current market conditions, the appraisal district

gathers as much information on sale transactions as possible. Then we determine if sales are consistently higher, the same or lower than our appraised value. This projects the typical, or general percent of change that is then applied to like properties. This method of sales comparison appraisal helps the CAD stay close to market and uniform in our appraisals.

Typical price per square foot or per acre is determined from the

market, but each property has its own characteristics, condition and amenities. The appraisal district keeps values at current market value is state law.

In reading your appraisal notice, look at your proposed 2000 value. If listed on the market this year, would that property sell for that amount? Appraisal techniques are generally the same in any appraisal you may have had done.

If you have an appraisal which is dated after January 1, 1999, the CAD would be happy to review it. In addition, if a recent closing statement reflects a lower price, that could be considered, based on all conditions of the sale.

If you have questions regarding your value or exemptions, please call the Runnels County Appraisal District, 915/365-3583.

Deadline for filing a protest is July 14, 2000.



NOTHING'S CHANGED—EXCEPT THE NAME! It's business as usual at Contico International, formerly John's International, for these longtime employees. Pictured (l-r) are Jorge Garcia, 18 years; Lazaro Perez, 21 years; Robert Castillo, 22 years; Rudy Beltran, 20 years; Luciano Vega, 18 years; Raul Torres, 24 years; Enrique Luz, 25 years; Gayle McKown, 24 years; and Emilio Martinez, 16 years. Not pictured are Pablo Trevino, 29 years; Rachel Trevino, 22 years; Cecilia DelaRosa, 25 years; Richard Arrandando, 28 years; and June Marks, 30 years.

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

Taxes and gifting to minors

We all want the best for our children and grandchildren. And sometimes that means giving them more than words of encouragement.

If you're thinking about giving a monetary gift to your children or grandchildren—perhaps as an investment toward their college education or first home purchase—you should be aware that gifts to custodial accounts are considered complete, they can't be taken back and you may want to familiarize yourself with the tax rules regarding gifting. Once a gift is made to a minor, many people are unsure of the tax implications on a child's income-producing property, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Common questions:
•When should I file a tax return?
•Who is responsible for filing

the return and paying any taxes due?

•At what rate and how much of the income will be taxed?

•How will this affect eligibility for college financial aid?

The answers to these questions depend on the age of the child, his or her full- or part-time employment status and whether he or she can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return. In general, the child will not receive a personal exemption, and any unearned income (dividends, interest, capital gains, etc.) in excess of \$1,400 will be taxed to the child at the parent's rate.

You don't have to file an income tax return for any child who has total taxable income of less than \$700 for the year.

For minors, the parents or legal guardians are responsible for a

child's tax return and ensuring that taxes are paid. If the parent chooses to pay the tax using his money and not the child's, this amount is considered an additional gift.

Eligibility for financial aid depends on the size of the student's nest egg and the college's requirements.

For example, taxation of a child under the age of 14:

If a child has \$1,500 of dividend income from a mutual fund and no other income, then the tax rules are as follows:

The first \$700 would be tax-free (standard deduction).

The second \$700 would be taxed at the child's rate (15 percent).

The remaining \$100 (excess over \$1,400 limit) would be taxed at the parent's rate, which is usually in the 28 percent tax bracket or higher.

Consult your tax professional for more information.

A brighter future

If you're thinking about gifting money to your children or grandchildren, your investment representative can help you set up an investment plan designed to grow as they do.

63rd Annual Coleman Rodeo this weekend

The Coleman Rodeo Association will host their 63rd Annual PRCA Rodeo, Thursday through Saturday, June 29-30 and July 1, in the Coleman Rodeo Association's dust-free arena.

Thursday night activities start at 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights the rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m. Kids' mutton bustin' begins nightly at 7:00 p.m. with a goat

scamble between events.

Saturday afternoon the rodeo parade will begin downtown at 5:00 p.m.

The rodeo dance pavilion will be full again with Coleman's own Southern Cross performing each night.

Rodeo and dance tickets are \$5.00 each for children 12 and under and \$7.00 each for adults.

Advance rodeo and dance tickets may be purchased up to rodeo time at First Coleman National Bank, Coleman County State Bank, Pizza Hut, Davis Feed & Seed, or Johnson Feed Barn for a reduced fee of \$3.00 each for children 12 and under and \$5.00 each for adults.

For more information, call (915) 625-4128.

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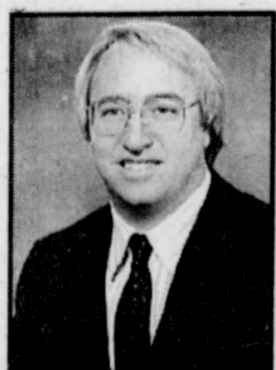
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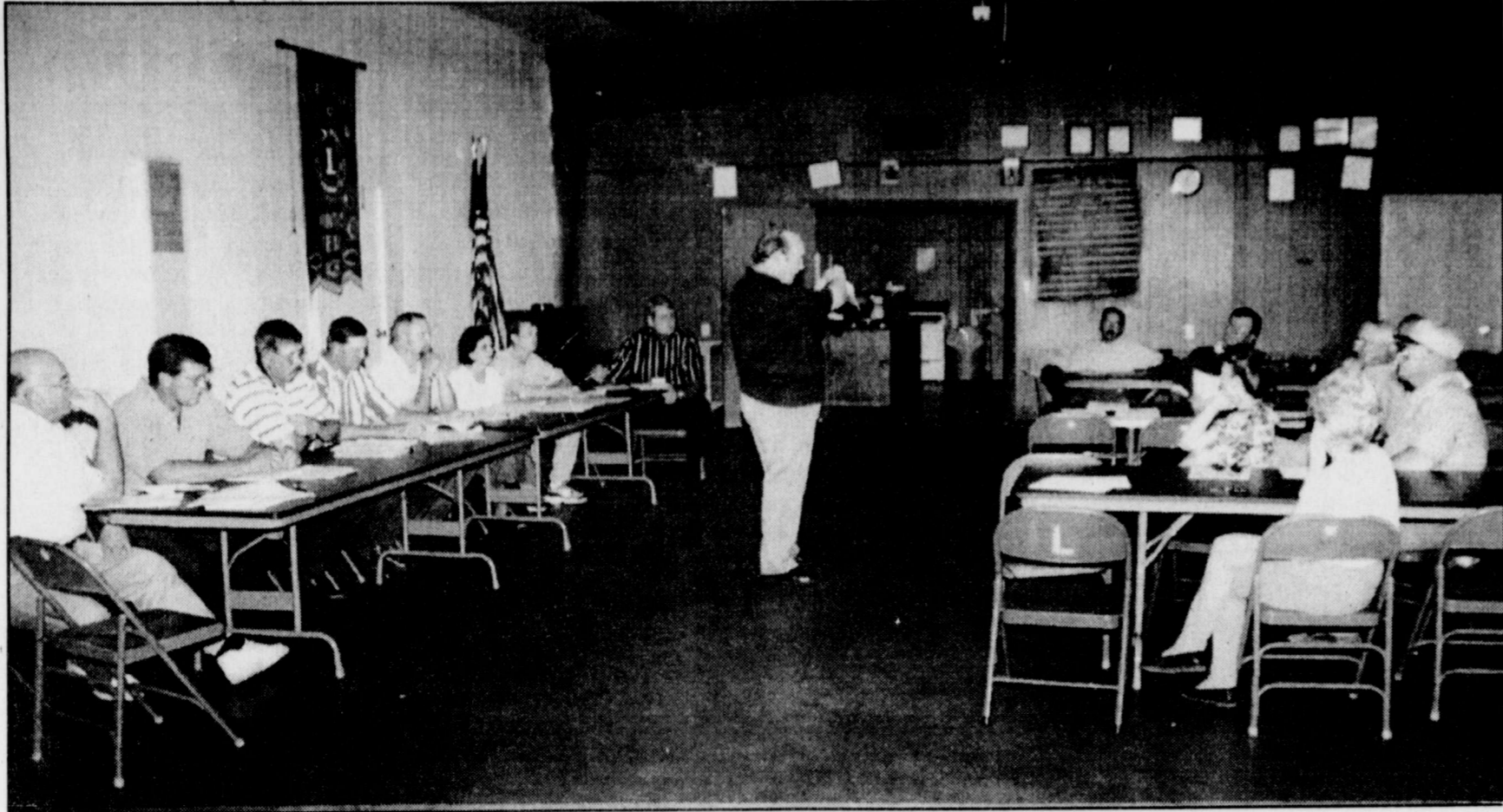


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We will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, 2000.



CONVERSION TO A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL was addressed by North Runnels Hospital Directors during an open meeting June 19 at the Winters Community Center. Approximately 20 concerned citizens appeared with questions and input. According to Dick Stout, NRH administrator, the new plan will allow the hospital more financial stability without affecting the quality of care. North Runnels Hospital will now file application with the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and await approval by Medicare. Stout will inform citizens of the status of the application at a future date.

Ballinger to host CCEC Annual Meeting, July 14

Coleman County Electric Cooperative's 62nd Annual Membership Meeting will be held in Ballinger this year — on July 14, 2000. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Ballinger High School.

Homemade ice cream and cookies will be served in the cafeteria before the meeting.

There will also be musical entertainment by Mike Porter, a one-man band from Dickens, Texas.

Available as well will be a demonstration by Howard Computers/Coleman County Electric Cooperative and a health fair by Abilene Heart and Vascular Institute in conjunction with Abilene Regional Medical Center. West Texas Rehabilitation will be here for the hearing screens.

The usual prize drawings will be conducted for the adults and children with one major prize given. Each member registering will receive an attendance gift. Children will also receive their own attendance gifts.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative is looking forward to a good attendance at this year's meeting. The meeting will be inside where it will be nice and cool, and attendees can enjoy the homemade ice cream and entertainment.

Please mark July 14 on your calendars and make plans to attend the Annual Membership Meeting in Ballinger. Come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own cooperative.

Use caution with fireworks for a safer Fourth of July

Picnics, parades, family gatherings, and fireworks mark many traditional Independence Day celebrations. Unfortunately, there is another all too common occurrence — injuries from fireworks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports approximately 8,500 people were injured from fireworks in the United States in 1998. Two thirds of all such injuries occur during July. Males are three times as likely to suffer injuries from fireworks than are females and more than 40 percent of those injured from fireworks are 14 years old or younger.

The pattern is similar in Texas. During the period 1996-1998 more than half of all reported fireworks related injuries occurred around the Fourth of July, according to date from the Texas Trauma Registry of the Texas Department of Health's Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Program. All but two of the patients reported to the registry were male, and 60 percent were under age 18. Most patients suffered burns to the face and hands.

Not all of those injured were lighting the fireworks, some were bystanders who were too close.

Public fireworks displays run by professionals are generally safer than using fireworks yourself. However, if fireworks are legal in your area and you decide to use them, follow these CPSC

- guidelines:
- ALWAYS**
 - Follow all state and local laws.
 - Buy from reputable dealers.
 - Ask to see their permit.
 - Read all labels, warnings, and instructions with each firework before using.
 - Supervise children ages 15 and older closely when they use fireworks.
 - Use fireworks outdoors on a flat, smooth surface away from houses, flammable materials, trees, and dry grass.
 - Have a bucket of water or hose close by for emergencies.
 - Light only one firework at a time and keep unused fireworks away from flames.
 - Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from anything that could light them.
 - Move to a safe distance after igniting a firework.
 - Stay at a safe distance if you are a bystander.
 - NEVER**
 - Light fireworks in a container.
 - Relight a "dud." Douse it with water instead.
 - Aim or shoot fireworks at people, buildings, or cars.
 - Carry fireworks in your pocket.
 - Use alcohol or drugs while lighting fireworks.
 - Modify fireworks or make homemade ones.
 - Put any part of your body over the firework while lighting it.
 - Allow children under age 15 to play with fireworks.
- Injuries from fireworks can be painful, sometimes disfiguring and occasionally deadly. Following a few, simple safety guidelines can reduce the risk of harm.

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, June 18, 2000, through Saturday, June 24, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a domestic dispute occurring in the 300 block of E. Dale Street. A 39-year-old female reported having to flee her home when a 40-year-old male related to her began making threats to her through a family member. The male became enraged at the female and had to be restrained by other family members. The female stated no assault occurred and she was not directly threatened. A voluntary separation of both parties had already occurred. No offense was committed and there have been no further calls to this address.
- received a report of an assault occurring in the 400 block of E. Pierce Street. A female subject alleged being touched inappropriately by a 34-year-old male. During an interview of the male, an outstanding DPS warrant for his arrest was revealed through a license check. Luis Lopez Cortez of Winters was arrested for the warrant and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- received a report of a hit and run in the 200 block of W. Broadway Street. A witness stated that a late model four-door Chevy had struck a gas meter while attempting to turn onto Broadway Street from Melwood Street. Evidence from the damaged vehicle was collected at the scene. This case is under investigation as failure to stop and leave information.
- received a report of a group of juveniles consuming alcoholic beverages in the 400 block of S. Main Street. The juveniles were contacted and a strong odor of alcohol was detected on their persons. Two 18-year-old male subjects were found to have been drinking alcoholic beverages. Stirling Samuel Aranda and Michael Paul Riggs, both of San Angelo, were cited for minor in consumption of alcoholic beverages and referred to Winters Municipal Court.
- stopped a 1982 Dodge on S. Meeks Street for a traffic violation. The driver, a 17-year-old male of Winters, was contacted and subsequently found to not have a driver's license. No other subject in the vehicle had a driver's license. The driver was issued a citation for driving without an operator's license and the vehicle was impounded.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Henry Floyd McRae, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$50 and \$250.25 court costs

Daniel Esponuceno Aguilar, driving while intoxicated (second offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs

Presiliano Sanchez, assault, dismissed, completed pre-trial diversion

Patsy Madewell, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to six months, fined \$74 plus \$210.25 court costs, \$250 restitution

Dennis Wayne Havlak, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Adrian Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Del Ray Graham, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Larry Wayne Herring, driving while intoxicated (second offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail probated to two years, fined \$1,500

District Court Civil Cases Filed

June 2

Jane Hays dba Texas Insurance Benefits vs. Shannon Health Systems dba Shannon Health Plan, Shannon Health Plan, Inc.; Julia Stout, Lisa C. Bonner, Daniel Stultz, and Mariman Freeman, suit for damages

Divorces Granted

June 12

Eddie Ray Jacobson and Christina Renee Jacobson

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

June 26

Paul Salazar Jr., filed for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

Small Claims Cases Filed

June 20

Alderman-Cave Feeds LP vs. Mike Ratliff, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds LP vs. Larry York dba K&L Cattle, suit on account

Alderman-Cave Feeds LP vs. Mike Helm, suit on account

Criminal Cases Filed

June 20

Kerry Green, filed for theft by check

Theodore Soliz, filed for theft by check

Lajuana Ward, filed for issuance of a bad check

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1 illegal block by a Cowboy

5 Valley medicinal plant

6 TXism for 'cry'

7 'welcome' sight at the front door (2 wds.)

8 TXism: 'siesta'

9 civil law recovery

16 TXism: 'frisky' — unsaddled horse

18 TXism: 'tame'

21 A&M coach Slocum

22 TXism: 'he has short — and deep pockets' (frugal)

23 TX Willie Nelson's father

24 with 'The,' TX Tommy Lee film

30 fierce Indians of early Texas

34 Astros leag. (abbr.)

35 this Raymond was '48 colorful sheriff candidate of Hall Co.

36 Santa —, TX

37 TX Charley Pride's 'Kiss An — Good Morning'

39 'mouse wrangler's' play thing (3 wds.)

43 mob disturbances

44 Quannah Parker's medicine man

45 TXism: 'got half a mind —'

46 Houston transit agcy. (abbr.)

47 chili — carne

48 Ford model

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1 beach bathhouse

2 camel-like animal raised in TX

3 in Wichita Co. on 287

4 critter fur

9 Hill in Dallas Co. or Holmes in Harris Co.

10 TXism: 'short —' — eyebrow

11 TXism: 'toe the —'

12 Yale is TX Bush's mater

13 when fuel stations drop prices to lure customers (2 wds.)

14 this 'King' was stationed at Fort Hood in TX (init.)

15 missile defense for the U.S. (abbr.)

17 what TX Tech Lady Raiders BB team won in '93 (2 wds.)

19 noted TX sax/trumpet musician Coleman exasperates

20 trucker radio

25 room for scientific experiments

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27 Cyd Charisse: Tula Finklea

28 TX singer Willie Plains: sodium

53 TXism: 'the tail —'

54 TX A.J. Foyt won at — Mans, France in '67

55 ta daaa!

56 rain, sleet, etc.

59 TXism: 'sticks out like — thumb'

60 TXism: '— horn' (amateur)

61 dir. to Houston from Austin

62 Creedence Clearwater guitarist Cook

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Business Opportunities

BUSINESSES FOR SALE. Currently there are at least three successful businesses in Winters for sale. Reasons for selling are nearing retirement and health reasons. For additional information, contact Randall Conner at Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp., P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, 915-754-4542. 11-25(2tc)

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Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Farmers should watch for cotton fleahoppers and fall armyworms; only three boll weevils found to date

GENERAL SITUATION—Scattered rain showers continued in many areas of the Concho Valley. Cotton planting continues at a very rapid pace and planting conditions are good.

Insect pressure remains low in cotton fields throughout the area. Many of the earlier planted fields are squaring which means producers must be on the lookout for fleahoppers. Early square loss to these pests means more headaches later in the season.

Randal Schwartz, Zone Manager for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, informed us this week at the Turnrow Meetings that their personnel has mapped nearly 330,000 acres of cotton and expects acreage to reach 400,000 this year. To date, only three boll weevils have been caught. **THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE!**

Fall armyworms are attacking forage sorghum, coastal bermudagrass, and grain sorghum right now, so if you have one of these crops, it would be advisable to check it closely for armyworm damage. The current weather conditions are ideal for armyworm hatching and outbreak.

COTTON FLEAHOPPERS—Adult fleahoppers are about 1/8 inch long and pale green. Nymphs resemble adults but lack wings and are light green. They move very rapidly when disturbed.

Adults move into cotton from weed hosts when cotton begins to square. Both adults and nymphs suck sap from the tender portion of the plant, including small squares. Pinhead size and smaller squares are most susceptible to damage.

The decision to apply insecticide should be based on the number of fleahoppers present, the squaring rate and the percent square set. If conditions are conducive for a rapid build up of cot-

ton fleahoppers in alternate hosts, the scouting intervals should be shortened.

During the first week of squaring, the economic threshold is 15 to 20 cotton fleahoppers per 100 terminals combined with less than 90 percent square set. In the second week of squaring, the economic threshold is 20 to 25 cotton fleahoppers per 100 terminals combined with less than 85 percent square set.

Starting with the third week of squaring up to first bloom, the economic threshold is 20 to 25 cotton fleahoppers per 100 terminals combined with less than 75 percent square set.

ARMYWORMS—Most of the fall armyworm infestations can be found in the northern portion of Runnels County right now. Armyworms can devastate a hay crop in a very short period of time so check your fields closely.

The fall armyworm has four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. When feeding, larvae strip foliage and then move to the next available food. High populations appear to march side by side to new food. Thus, the name armyworm has been applied.

Plants attacked by armyworms include: bermudagrass, grain and forage sorghum, corn, small grains, sweet potato, beans, turnip, clover, tobacco, spinach, cucumber, potatoes, tomatoes, cowpeas, cabbage, and bluegrass.

Damage consists of foliage consumption. The small larvae will chew the green layer from the leaves and leave a clearing or "window pane" effect.

Armyworms should be controlled when they occur in large numbers or plant damage is becoming excessive. Fall armyworms feed any time of the day or night, but are most active in the morning or late in the evening.

Susceptible fields should be scouted by counting the number

of armyworms in a square foot in eight different sites. Divide the total worm count by eight to find the average number of armyworms per square foot. Be sure to take samples in the interior of the field because this pest is often heaviest near the field margins. Sometimes, only the field margins require treatment.

Thresholds in improved pastures vary with conditions but treatment should be considered when counts average three or more small worms per square foot.

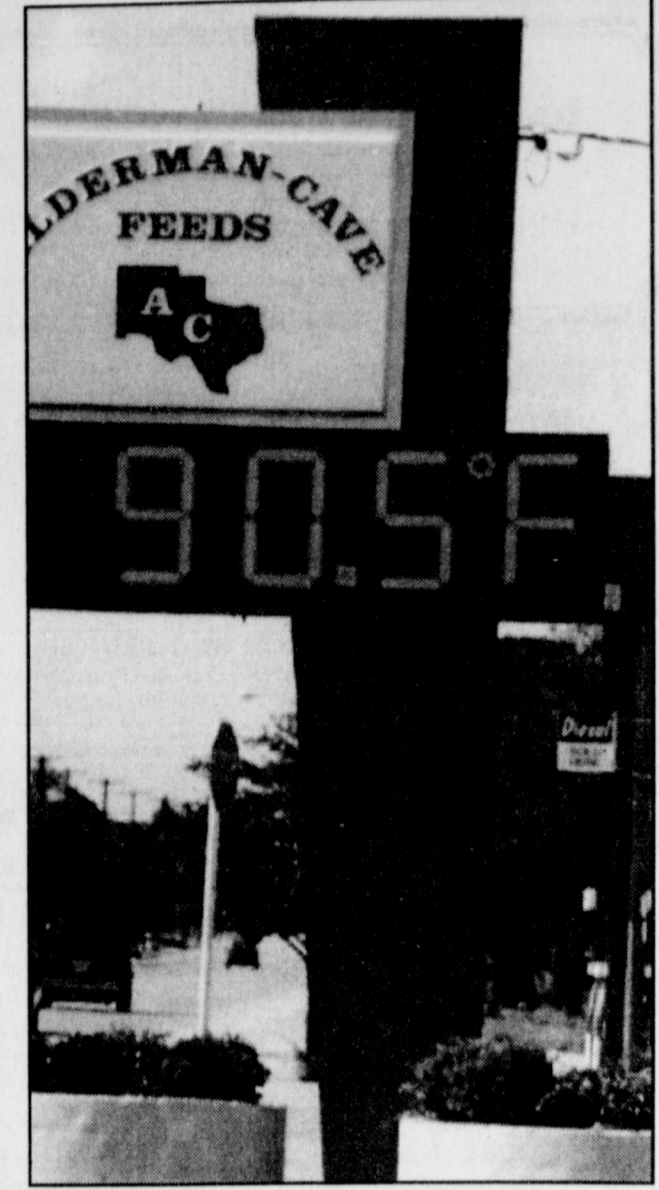
COTTON MARKET by CARL G. ANDERSON—The June supply-demand report for cotton was neutral. However, overall the latest USDA estimates are friendly because of increased demand and reduced foreign stocks.

The "A" Index is expected to continue increasing as foreign stocks, including supplies in China decrease. It appears that the "A" Index will exceed 66 cents per pound this fall, unless foreign production far exceeds current expectations. Therefore, I do not expect a loan deficiency payment (LDP) on the new crop.

Your market strategies should seek to establish a floor price on a large part of your crop. Try to avoid "fixing" a price too soon. With foreign demand recovering, the U.S. has the potential to export 8 to 9 million bales from this year's crop.

Any weather or harvest problems could push prices higher this fall. The market outlook for the next two to three years looks positive.

TURNROW MEETINGS—Turnrow meetings for Wednesday, July 5, will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Ballinger Coop, and 1:30 p.m. at the Wingate Gin. Regularly scheduled Tuesday meetings will reconvene on July 11.



OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW—is the case at Alderman-Cave Feeds on North Main as the old time and temperature board has been replaced with a new state-of-the-art digital display featuring bright neon red numbers. Both photos were taken at nearly 5 p.m. just a week apart. Cooler temperatures in the mid 70's were enjoyed for a brief period of time before the mercury shot back up near the century mark.

Seeking contestants for Farm Bureau contests

The annual Runnels County Farm Bureau Queen, Junior Queen and Talent Find Contests will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2000, in the meeting room of Runnels County Farm Bureau office at 809 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger.

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