

Apples of Gold
PRIDE—Let another man praise thee,
 and not thine own mouth;
 a stranger, and not thine own lips.
Proverbs 27:2

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SPECIAL 2001 GRADUATES receiving awards during ceremonies Friday night are (l-r) Lori Bredemeyer, who received the Floy Hood Hodge Scholarship; Ben Blaine and Kendra Hope, who were awarded the Jake Joyce Awards for Outstanding Boy and Girl; and Tracie Morrison, winner of the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship. Fifty seniors received Winters High School diplomas during graduation exercises at Blizzard Field.

Jobs training and continuing education to be offered in Winters

Short courses planned to meet needs of businesses and residents

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

A program for job training, continuing education, and general interest courses to be offered in the near future is being organized through a cooperative effort of Western Texas College, Texas State Technical College, Texas Workforce Commission, Winters Independent School District, and the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

A variety of short courses are being planned to meet the needs of local businesses and area residents. Some longer term programs can earn credit toward an associate degree.

Most classes will be held in Winters, with certain classes utilizing an off-site instructor through the Distance Learning Center at Winters High School.

Almost any class can be arranged if there are at least eight (8) people interested. Many classes will be taught by local instructors.

The short courses will cost about \$35-\$50 per person and plans are to start offering some courses in June 2001.

Possible courses to be offered:
 Basic Computer Operation
 Computer Maintenance & Networking
 Computer for Senior Citizens
 Genealogical Research on Computer
 Conversational Spanish
 English as Second Language
 GED (through San Angelo ISD)

Industrial Safety and First Aid
 Machinists Training
 Die Setting/Tool Making

Robotics
 Computer Assisted Drafting
 Forklift and Equipment Repair
 Preventive Maintenance
 General Welding
 Aluminum Welding
 Electricians Training
 Air Conditioning Repair and Service
 Truck Driving
 Automotive/Diesel Repair and Service
 Training for Supervisors
 Performance Review
 Starting a New Business
 Ethics in the Workplace
 EMT Training
 Country and Western Dance.
 For additional information, contact Randall Conner, 221 West Dale, Winters, 754-4542.

Heidenheimer's under new ownership

After 64 years, Heidenheimer's of Winters is changing ownership as Joe and Sonia Heidenheimer take over the helm of the largest and oldest department store in Runnels County at 105 South Main.

For 82 years, Heidenheimer's has established a tradition "where quality meets economy," the slogan that founder Alfred Heidenheimer announced in 1919, when he opened the first stores in Ballinger and Anson.

That same trademark still runs true today.

Joe says, "We will continue as Heidenheimer's with the same policies it opened with in 1937."

When Alfred Heidenheimer opened the store in Anson, he employed a young man named Harry London. In 1937, London, who

had worked for Alfred since 1924, was transferred to Winters where he was in charge of opening another branch.

London continued as manager at Winters for 49 years, and was senior partner with the Anson, Ballinger, Cisco, Hamlin and Haskell stores. His excellent training and work ethics guided many employees, including Bill Robinson, who worked at the Winters store from 1946 until his death in 1984.

Joe began his career at a very early age. His dad, Gene, (Alfred's brother) owned the store in Ballinger and Joe recalls helping during the holiday seasons. He then worked part-time during his high school days. Following his graduation from Southwest Texas See HEIDENHEIMER'S, pg. 3



DR. BILLY WARRICK, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Agronomist, left, discusses wheat plots during last Thursday's Runnels County Wheat Tour. The wheat variety plots were located on Rodrick and Malcolm Bredemeyer's farm. Also on the agenda was Dr. Chris Sansone, TAES Entomologist, who talked about wheat varieties with Hessian Fly resistance. The tour was sponsored by the Runnels County Crops Committee and concluded with a complimentary lunch for area farmers.

Second Annual Relay For Life this weekend at Winters Track Complex



WINTERS RELAY FOR LIFE COORDINATORS (l-r) Mandie England, Sherry Kurtz, Amy Wheat, Mincy Briley, and Kelly Lipsey display the banner they will place at the Winters Track Complex for this weekend's second annual fund-raising event to benefit the American Cancer Society. Not pictured are coordinators Deb Whittenburg, Emily Pendergrass, and Deb Pritchard.

The biggest event of the summer is finally here, just in time to kick off the warm and sunny season. The 2001 Winters Relay For Life starts tomorrow night with the set-up of campsites beginning at 5 p.m. at the Winters Track Complex. (In the event of rain, ALL activities will be held at the yellow activity building.)

Community members from throughout Winters, Ballinger, and Runnels County will join together for a night of fun and fellowship to benefit the American Cancer Society. Twenty teams have registered for this year's event.

Any money not turned in at the "Bank Night" on Wednesday should be turned in prior to the start of the relay on Friday, June 1.

At 6:30 p.m., a Relay Community Picnic will be shared. Free grilled hamburgers with all the fixings, as well as papergoods will be provided. To fill the picnic tables, each team is asked to bring enough chips and desserts to feed their team. Drinks have been do-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- May 31-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, Rock Hotel
- Pre-Registration Deadline for Texas Farm Safety Day Camp
- June 1-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 5 p.m., Relay for Life American Cancer Society Fund-Raiser Begins
- Agricultural Entrepreneurship Workshop, San Angelo
- June 2-6:30 a.m., Closing Ceremonies for Relay for Life American Cancer Society Fund-Raiser
- 10 a.m., March for Jesus, City Park
- 6:30 p.m., Praise Feast Extravaganza, Jesus Christ Church, Ballinger
- Agricultural Entrepreneurship Workshop, San Angelo
- June 3-4 p.m., First Anniversary Service, Jesus Christ Church, Ballinger
- June 4-8:30 a.m., Insect Scout School, Extension Service, San Angelo
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Junior Class Parents Meeting, School Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Shoot To Chill Basketball Camp Begins, WHS gym
- June 5-8:30 a.m., Insect Scout School, Extension Service, San Angelo
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- Shoot To Chill Basketball Camp, WHS gym
- June 6-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Texas Farm Safety Day Camp, ASU's MIR Center, San Angelo
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Shoot To Chill Basketball Camp, WHS gym
- June 7-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Department of Health
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- Shoot To Chill Basketball Camp, WHS gym

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2001



The oil field can be an unforgiving place.

There was a popular calendar several years back put out by a service company that illustrated several fictional (but plausible) "near misses." Each month had a witty title under a cartoon showing a wellbore just missing several reservoirs on the way to bottom. Inevitably, at the surface in the picture, the operator was abandoning the well unaware that the well was just a few feet from hitting the big one.

While the calendar presented subsurface situations that we can only imagine, the pictures captured that feeling of pervasive uncertainty that all of us in the oil patch experience at one time or another. It is an uncertainty that accompanies that assumption that "someone must have moved that reservoir when I wasn't looking."

The point is that the oil and gas business is unforgiving in that it doesn't give prizes for "closely missing" a reservoir or just missing the better perforation zone. If you miss—you miss out.

It is this risk that makes the business one of the toughest, and the most rewarding, businesses to be a part of.

Oh sure, it is not always "a gusher or a dry hole", but think of the difficulties involved in even making a mediocre well.

To find a new producing oil field, you must be successful putting a 10-inch hole, a mile down into the ground, in a span of earth that is 32,000 miles across. And, that is only one plane of millions of that you could slice into the earth. Think of a piece of plywood and imagine putting a point too small to see in one grain of one layer of that sheet of wood. If you miss that one grain, you drill a dry hole.

That's the geometry, but consider the technical uncertainties, too.

A wildcatter has to find just the right place where the subsurface structure forms a trap for oil or gas. Then you must find the few traps that actually hold hydrocarbons. Then you have to drill to that spot within a few feet with a bit on the end of a mile-long stretch of steel.

It isn't easy. We recently spoke about how a well is drilled. It was a logistical discussion for the most part. I follow that discussion with this discussion to make a point.

It is more than just getting the hole dug. It requires technical expertise, understanding, and gut feel. And, it requires the mental fortitude to accept a dry hole as the statistical probability that it is.

When you finally make a well,

it is a hard-earned gift that is delivered against the odds, sometimes seemingly given just because you try so hard.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Kasle Energy, Inc. has completed the Luter Ranch #1 in the Jennie Faye Field (6 miles N of Cross Plains) at an initial rate of 1072 MCFPD (AOF) in the Duffer (perms 3966-80). Loc. is 1268 FWL & 3387 FSL of CT&MC Sur. No. 1, A-1268.

Concho County

Stallion Oil Company has completed the E. Lightsey #3 in the Lightsey Field (5 miles SE of Eola) at an initial rate of 148 MCFPD (not AOF) in the Harkey (perms 3498-3508). Loc. is 300 FSL & 2755 FWL of EL&RR Sur. No. 4, A-1740.

STAKINGS

Coke County

Byrd Operating Company has staked the Schuch-B-#2 in the Schuch Field, 18 miles NW of San Angelo (Depth 6400). Loc. is 2979 FSL & 1783 FWL of J.M. Whitaker Sur. No. 5-1/2.

Coleman County

Rayco Operating has amended the location of the Schumann #1 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile E of Novice (Depth 3800). The new loc. is 2386 FNL & 2310 FWL of Sec. 20, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-1776.

Nolan County

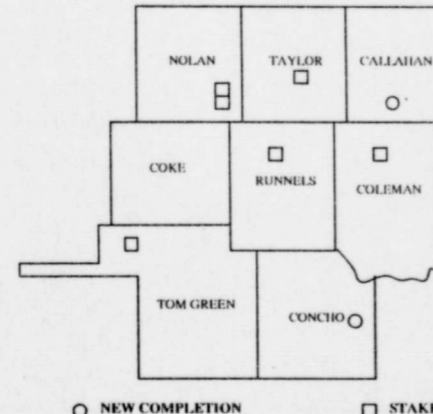
Pioneer Exploration has staked two wells in the Northwest Hylton Field, 8 miles S of Nolan (Depth 6500). The B. Hanks-A-#41 is loc. 785 FNL & 50 FEL of Sec. 22, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur. The B. Hanks-A-342 is loc. 1108 FEL & 2469 FNL of Sec. 28, same Sur. RULE 36.

Runnels County

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Barbara #1 in the Fennell Field, 6 miles W of Winters (Depth 5000). Loc. is 2200 FNL & 1897 FEL of Sec. 69, CTRR Sur., A-106. RULE 36.

Taylor County

R.L. Adkins has staked the Dunbar #2 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 4999). Loc. is 1980 FNL & 1255 FEL of Sec. 42, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-1270.



○ NEW COMPLETION □ STAKED

Obituaries

Dwight Eliot Hubbard

WINTERS—Dwight Eliot Hubbard, 36, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at his residence.

He was born June 6, 1964, in Ballinger and moved to Winters in 1967 with his family. He attended school in Winters and was an avid athlete. He graduated in 1981 and married Irene Reyna on January 4, 2001, in Winters.

Mr. Hubbard worked for Dry Manufacturing and was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Irene Hubbard of Winters; two daughters, Nicki and Bailey Hubbard of Winters; his parents, Willie and Carolyn Belk of Winters; a grandmother, Carrie Hubbard of Winters; two brothers, Eric and Willie Belk of Winters; and two sisters, Brenda Belk and Sonya Belk of Winters.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 26, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Gehrels officiating. Per Mr. Hubbard's request, cremation was arranged under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Wendell Wade Reagan

BALLINGER—Wendell Wade Reagan, 69, died Monday, May 28, 2001, in Ballinger.

He was born April 1, 1932, in Tankersley. Mr. Reagan was a retired house painter. Survivors include one son, Ronald Reagan, and one sister, Joy Nell Gordon of Stephenville.

Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Tony King, minister of Seventh Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Henry Leo Kidwell

VERNON—Henry Leo Kidwell, 94, died Monday, May 21, 2001, in Vernon.

He was a farmer. Survivors include a son Charles Kidwell and wife Fran of Winters; two daughters, Jackie Johnson of Round Rock and Bonnie Sellari of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a brother Lance of Vernon; two sisters, Jewell Gould of Lubbock and Margaret Grogan of Shamrock; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at Sullivan Funeral Home with Jay Hanley officiating. Burial followed in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Sherlene Werner

SAN ANGELO—Sherlene Werner, 63, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, May 28, 2001, in San Angelo.

She was born January 11, 1938, in Miles to Walter and Martha Mueller Werner. Mrs. Werner was employed in the accounting department for GTE in San Angelo. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles.

Survivors include one brother, J.C. Werner of Miles; one sister, Elvira Hoelscher of Levelland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 31, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles. Burial will be in Miles Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Aubrey Welton (A.W.) "Salty" Brunson

BALLINGER—Aubrey Welton (A.W.) "Salty" Brunson, 87, died Sunday evening, May 27, 2001, at Shanon Hospital in San Angelo.

He was born February 14, 1914, to Aubrey Earl and Bessie Jackson Brunson in Ballinger. After his father died, Salty worked the family farm until selling the acreage in 1942 for the development of Bruce Field. On December 27, 1935, he married Azelle Greenwell. They made their home in Ballinger. During the war years, they opened their home to the young aviators who came to Bruce Field for primary flight training.

Mr. Brunson was a classic, innovative entrepreneur. He built his business from the ground up with no money and second-hand equipment. To pay the bills, he worked as a mailman during the day and began milling feed at night on a lot he purchased a few blocks from the post office in Ballinger. As the business grew, Salty purchased more real estate for the site that became Brunson Feed Mill. He was also a generous member of the community. During the drought of the early 1950's, Salty went to Colorado with his 18-wheeler to purchase hay that he donated to area customers for their starving cattle.

During the last several years, Salty enjoyed an active retirement at the Brunson Ranch in Concho County where he raised award-winning boer goats and enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. His hobby was making useful tools and machinery from what other people called junk.

He was preceded in death by one son, Lanny Rene Brunson; two sisters, Juanita Greenwell and Dorothy Habersang; and one brother, Roy Brunson.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Azelle Brunson of Ballinger; seven children and their spouses, Kirk and Barbara Brunson of Weatherford, Dick and Margo Reeder of Ballinger, Jerry and Diane Brunson of Richardson, Glenn and Jolene Brunson of Midland, Stephen and Joann Brunson of Ballinger, Tommy and Tina Brunson of Coppell, and Phillip and Shari Buchanan of Midland; fourteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Faye Shelton and husband Al of San Angelo; one brother, Jack Brunson and wife Ferald of Marfa; and a faithful friend and employee of 37 years, Leonardo Saldana.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Tessie Matilda Lacy

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO—Tessie Matilda Lacy, 84, died on Sunday, May 27, 2001, at the Bridge.

She was born September 26, 1916, in Cousa, Georgia, to John and Sally Brown. Her father was a farmer and moved his entire family to Texas, by train.

She taught school at Fort Hancock before marrying J.R. Lacy on October 26, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nevada. After raising her three children, Mrs. Lacy then taught school in Rankin. After the war, they moved to Hobbs, New Mexico to work in the oilfields. They both retired in July, 1980. In 1988, they moved to Bloomfield, New Mexico, to be closer to their grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother John Sanford Brown, a sister, Emilee McNeil, and her husband J.R. Lacy.

She is survived by three children, Carole Lacy of Midland, Jerry Lacy of Farmington, New Mexico, and Janice Sue (Susie) Puckett, of Durango, Colorado; four grandchildren, Jason Lacy of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jennifer Lacy of Farmington, New Mexico, Lacy Puckett and Jodi Puckett of Durango, Colorado; six brothers, George Brown, Frank Brown, James Brown, Fred Brown, and Albert Brown, all of Winters and Newby Brown of San Antonio.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the Northside Church of Christ in Farmington, New Mexico with Brian Eckstein officiating. A second funeral service will be held on Friday, June 1, at 3 p.m. at the North Main Church of Christ in Winters. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters under the direction of Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home of Farmington, New Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas, 79408.

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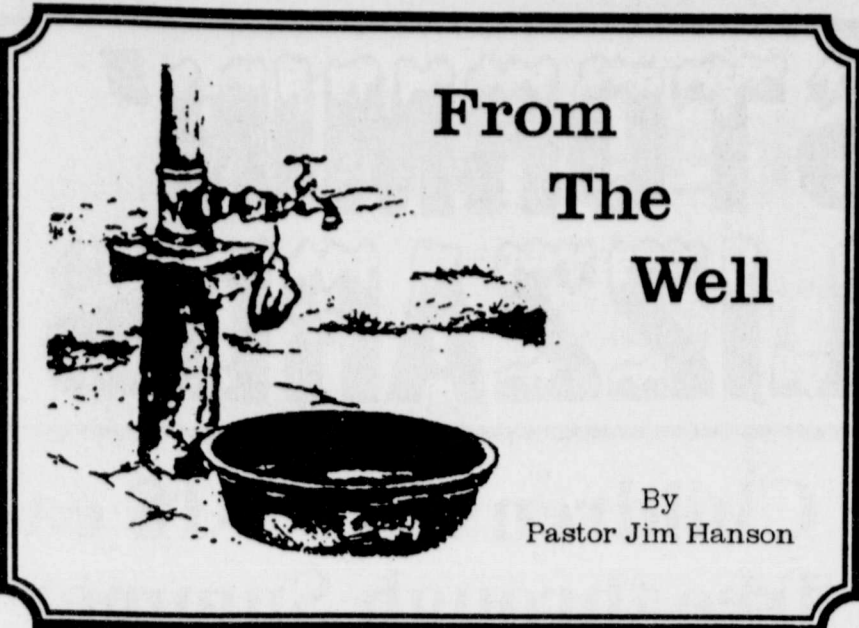
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It was time to take a break. Our class in the 55 Alive Driver Safety Program had been going on for an hour and a half. So, we got up and moved around. Most of us didn't jump up...in fact none of us did. Our knees don't allow it. So, even if we all were glad to get up from our chairs, we did it

slowly.

As we did, the gentleman in front of us, who took more time, turned to me and explained, "My knees work more slow than most. And it all goes back to May in 1942." At that point my mind woke up and I asked, or rather requested, "Tell me more." And he did.

He had joined the Marines shortly after Pearl Harbor. And was sent to the Philippines soon after that. "We were waiting for a transport to come and get us, but Tito had other plans." He soon found himself a prisoner, and one of the first things they did to him was "fix" his knees. They had him kneel. "Then they inserted a bamboo pole behind my knees. And tied my hands to my feet. And kept me in that position for 48 hours. That way they didn't have to worry that I would run away." And some 55 years later, his knees reminded him of that first taste of being a prisoner of war. At that point in our conversation my knees felt "good." And the only memory they contained was a football injury I received as a freshman in college after that war was over.

The next day, when we drove in for class, I saw these words on the tailgate of a pickup...

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It had to be his.

So, after the classes were over, we started to talk about his days as a POW of the Japanese during WWII. He was quite willing to tell us of what he went through.

"After a short stay in the Philippines, they took us to Japan. To a slave labor camp. And that's what it was...slave labor. Most of the time we were working in the rice fields. We never had shoes. Our only clothes were loose fitting cotton shirts and shorts. Our only way to survive was to do what we were told to do. Which was to do the work. If they suspected any kind of complaint...we were beaten. Often with the flat side of a sword.

"They wanted to make us cry, to weep, to show how weak we were, and how superior they were. But soon on, I found a way to handle it. When they started to beat on me, instead of weeping, or crying, I would laugh at them. They couldn't understand this, in fact they gave me a new name. "The Crazy One." I guess they figured I must be nuts to laugh when they were trying to beat me into submission.

"They did not feed us more than what would enable us to survive. I weighed 75 lbs. when I got back to the States. And I had calluses on my feet a half to three quarters of an inch thick. Which reminds me...the day we were liberated, I cut my foot on a clam shell, a deep cut that would have been very serious if I didn't have such a thick sole on my foot. So I didn't have to work that day. The only day off I had in all those years was the day we knew the war was over.

"When we got back, I stayed in the Marines. And served until after the Korean Conflict ended. The only time I really felt down was when we got the word in camp that there were some Senators in Washington, D.C. who labeled us POW's as "chickens" because we didn't fight to the death. We probably would have. But when our leaders surrendered, we followed orders. And laid down our arms."

I think a lot about Fred. Retired Master Sergeant, United States Marines Corps. And what he went through, along with a lot of others...most of whom now rest in burial plots all over the land. How grateful I am for his commitment to our country. And how, for sure, I am going to speak for him and the many others who have served our nation in the Armed Services...going back to the time that my great-grandfather served in the Civil War, my dad who served in WWI, and my two older brothers who served in WWII, and the others since...in Korea and Vietnam, and in the Gulf. We have all been protected.

And join in the prayer...the last two lines of a poem by Rudyard Kipling, the British poet who wrote, WWI,

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget...lest we forget!"



A CIRCLE OF PRAYER to thank God for His Son Jesus was formed last year at the 2000 March for Jesus celebration. This year's event will begin at 10 a.m. at the City Park on Saturday, June 2. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Junior Class Parents to meet June 4

Junior Class Parents will meet Monday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Plans will be discussed for the upcoming baseball tournament, one of their major fund-raisers, to be held in June.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Monday, June 4: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cornbread, and peaches.

Tuesday, June 5: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, green beans, hot roll, and Mexican wedding cake.

Wednesday, June 6: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, peas & carrots, garlic bread, and Jello w/cream.

Thursday, June 7: Salmon croquettes, hominy, beets, cornbread, and glorified rice.

Friday, June 8: Stew, vegetable sticks, Jello salad, cornbread, and cobbler.

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HEIDENHEIMER'S, continued

State University in 1981, he came to work at the Winters store in 1984, under the supervision of Mr. London.

The staff considered Mr. London the best employer anyone could have. They once told him when giving his Christmas gift one year, anyone could fill his socks, but no one could fill his shoes.

Joe says, "At Heidenheimer's, the emphasis is personal service and satisfaction learned from Mr. London, the master teacher."

Among those fortunate to have worked with Mr. London are Esther Sharpes, who began her career there 45 years ago and has been the store manager since 1984. She says she has seen prices rise during her 45-year career, and "thankfully, the salary isn't the same either."

"I started at nine dollars a week," she recalls, "and then to twenty-five dollars a week, and I thought I was flying."

Mamie Wilkerson started in 1958, helping wrap gifts during the Christmas season. Bill Robinson told her that she was being moved to alterations. She told him, "I don't know if I can do that, and he said, 'You sew, don't you?' I tried to tell him that sewing and alterations were two different things. But I started (alterations) anyway and have been doing alterations ever since."

She smiles as she recalls one incident when Mr. London questioned her on why a suit was puckered on one side near the lapel. She asked him to have the man wearing the suit take out the things he had stuffed in his shirt pocket. Problem solved.

Also on staff are Yolanda Cavazos, who began in 1993, and Diane Whittenburg, who has worked part-time for several years.

Joe says some of the old-timers talk of a time during a big cotton boom which stimulated the area economy, bringing a strong shopping industry. He says that during that time, Heidenheimer's had 20-30 employees during the fall season and the store stayed open until eleven o'clock on Sat-

urday nights. Other employees of the past include Maureen Davis, Maxine Lowe, Katy Fischer, Lola Faye Vincent, Jet Chapman, Oose West, Court Meeks, Nevelle Fischer, Ed Fischel (who later opened a bridal shop in Abilene), J. W. and Jo Nevilles, Joe Cortez, Mary Gilbert, Thelma Hoppe, Ann Vinson, Barbara Danford, and Vi Edwards.

The Heidenheimer brand of good humor and rich experience will continue to add to the spirit for small town shoppers and big city bargain hunters.

There is no wasted space in the

8,000 square foot store as shoppers may select clothing from infant sizes to size 56, big and tall, and everything in between. Merchandise varies from the newest Reebok shoes to the time-honored Levi and Wrangler jeans.

"More good years are still ahead," Joe adds. "We appreciate our many fine customers, but more than that, we appreciate your great friendships over the past years. We thank each and every one for your support. We know we are truly blessed."

And Winters is truly blessed to have Heidenheimer's — both the store and the family.

Winters Ministerial Alliance heads important assistance programs

The Winters Ministerial Alliance serves as a community leader by heading several assistance programs including the Winters Food Pantry, the Winters Relief Fund, and the Outreach Center.

In March, the Winters Food Pantry served 31 families (95 people) and the Winters Relief Fund helped 5 families (\$186).

Volunteers are needed to pick up food at the Abilene Food Bank occasionally and can always be used at the Outreach Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please contact Maudella Reeves at 754-2036.

Reverend Bob Jones of the Winters Assembly of God is chairman of the Winters Ministerial Alliance. He can be reached at 754-5400.

Jesus Christ Church of Ballinger to host Praise Feast Extravaganza

The Jesus Christ Church of Ballinger invites you to come and share with them in their first anniversary services on Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m.

In addition, there will be a Praise Feast Extravaganza at the church on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 407 South 7th in Ballinger, on Hwy. 83 South—Paint Rock Hwy.

The extravaganza will include

a scrumptious meal plus gospel soloists and praise and dance groups.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting church members, Pastor Theodore and Sister Boone in Ballinger at 365-4333, the church at 365-8711, or Bertha Owens in Winters at 754-5163.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and join in the celebration.

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A HOST OF CRITTERS made a most enjoyable appearance at the first grade musical, "Bugz." All the insects found a picnic but then the stink bugs arrived, ruining the party. The praying mantis told everyone to pick a flower and wear it to kill the bad smell, making everyone happy. Insects included (back row, l-r) Lee Ann Taylor and Dillion Martinez; (middle row) Ashley Castillo, Hayden Nitsch, and Sarah Lara; (front row) Michelle Kruse, Caitlin Kurtz, and Tori Reyna. The production was under the direction of elementary music teacher Fran Kidwell, assisted by first grade teachers Sherry Cavazos, Cheryl Sneed, Chris Parramore, and Karen Colburn.

**Farm Safety Day
Camp set June 6
in San Angelo**

**Preregistration
TODAY by 5 p.m.**

The Texas Farm Safety Day Camp will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Angelo State University's MIR Center located north of the city.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in partnership with *Progressive Farmer* magazine. Because of the hands-on nature of the camp, space is limited to 125 youth, so preregistration no later than 5 p.m. TODAY is mandatory. Campers should be third graders and up. Those entering third grade in the fall are eligible.

The program will open with a general session featuring Joe Speckles, Instructor, Texas State Technical College, Clyde, who will speak from personal knowledge about the importance of farm safety. The day's eight sessions will be 20 minutes each with a five-minute break between sessions. There will also be a 15-minute break in the morning and again in the afternoon. A catered lunch will be served on-site.

Preregistration fee is \$10 per child or a \$20 flat fee for families with two or more children. Parents are encouraged to attend the opening and closing sessions.

For further information and to preregister, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 365-2219.

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**2001 Second Annual
Schedule of Events**
Friday & Saturday, June 1-2
Winters Track Complex

- 5 p.m. Campsite set-up at Winters Track Complex
- Registration & Luminary Sales begin
- 6:30 p.m. Relay Community Picnic
- 8 p.m. Opening Ceremonies/Survivor's Lap
- Survivor's Reception under the tent
- Music & Tournaments begin
- Raffle Drawing begins (one prize every hour)
- 9 p.m. Candlelight Ceremony (walking ceases)
- 10 p.m. "Cake Brake" (free homemade slices of cake)
- 11 p.m. Drawing for Makita Drill Set
- Midnight Monte Angel's Pick-N-Grin Hour
- 2 a.m. Talent Show
- 6 a.m. Breakfast
- 6:30 a.m. Closing Ceremonies
- 7 a.m. Final Lap (everyone on the track)



**Children ages 1-18 eat
free through Summer
Food Service Program**

The Winters Independent School District will again sponsor the Summer Food Service Program. This program is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to ALL children FREE of charge. Children DO NOT have to qualify for free/reduced lunch to take part in the program.

All meals will be served and eaten in the WISD cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon until

12:30 p.m. The Summer Food Service Program will operate each weekday from May 30 through July 10, 2001.

The Winters Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the WISD cafeteria. People who are eligible to participate (children ages 1-18) in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Any one who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.



CAMILLE KURTZ is definitely as cute as a (lady) bug in a rug as she sings a heartfelt love song during "Bugz," the first grade musical.



ALDRIN FINEZA plays a Monarch butterfly and asks how to keep the stink bugs from smelling up the garden.

**"Cas" Slimp graduates
high school, to attend UT**

Chester and Cynthia Slimp of San Antonio announce the graduation of their son, Chester A. "Cas" Slimp, from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio, Texas.

Commencement exercises are to be held Monday evening, June 4, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., at Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio, Texas. Cas Slimp is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society.

He served as the Lee Band President for 2000-2001 and was recently chosen as Most Talented in band by his classmates. He was awarded the John Phillip Sousa Scholarship by the Band Director and the Endowed Presidential Scholarship by the University of Texas, School Of Music.

Cas earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in April 2001.

He will attend the School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin beginning in fall 2001.

Cynthia Slimp is the former Cindy Coward, a past Winters resident.

**Two local
residents earn
CJC academic
recognition**

Cisco Junior College recently released their President's and Dean's Lists for the 2001 spring semester.

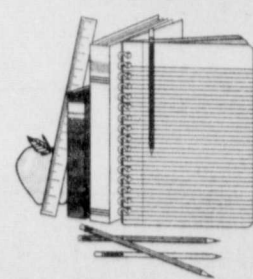
Earning the President's List with straight "A's" on a 4.0 system was Dale Montgomery of Winters.

Named to the Dean's List with a 3.5 or better grade point average was Jennifer Reyes of Winters.



CHRISTOPHER PEREZ and CRISTIAN ARMENDARIZ (firefly and army ant) seem to take different views on how to get along during the first grade production of "Bugz."

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Lisa Dees receives ballet scholarship



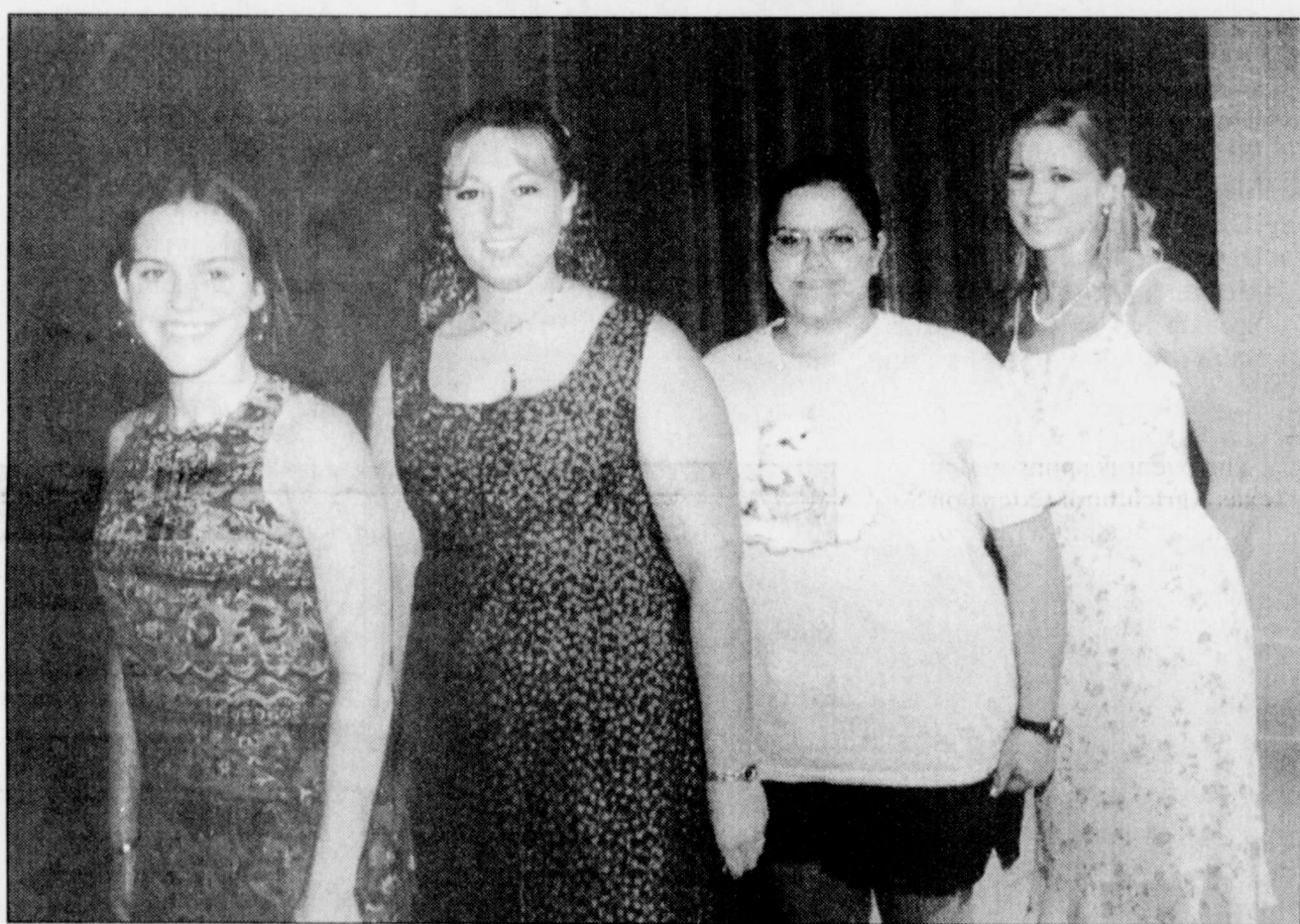
Lisa Dees recently received the ballet scholarship from Dance Discovery Studio in Abilene where she has taken dance for four years. This award entitles her to one full year of free ballet lessons.

She was awarded the ballet scholarship on her ability, attitude, achievement, and attendance.

Miss Dees participated in the spring recital at the Abilene Civic Center on May 20, along with her ballet class performing "Spring Clouds." The ballet instructor is Miss Jackie Beth Shillcut.

Lisa is a student at Winters Elementary and the daughter of Ral and Laura Dees and the granddaughter of Carroll and Addie Hinds, all of Glen Cove.

A FULL YEAR OF FREE BALLET LESSONS was awarded to Miss Dees.



EARNING HIGHEST CLASS AVERAGES (unweighted) for the 2000-2001 school year are (l-r) Briana Parramore, 9th grade, 98.5; Leslye Geistmass, 10th grade, 95.1; Elizabeth Switzer, 11th grade, 95.3; and Kayla Colburn, 12th grade, 97.5. These four young ladies were recognized during Awards Day at Winters High School. Additional awards will be published in upcoming editions.

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Chanda Hoppe selected 2001-02 Saddle and Sirloin Club Sweetheart at Texas A&M



Chanda Hoppe has recently been elected as the 2001-02 Texas A&M University Saddle and Sirloin Club Sweetheart. Chanda is the 20-year-old daughter of Glenn, Jr. and Melinda Hoppe of Winters. She is a 1999 graduate of Winters High School.

The sweetheart title is one of the top honors awarded by the club to a female member and is presented at the club's annual banquet. The female is nominated by her peers and voted on by the members.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club

represents the Animal Science department at Texas A&M University and is currently the largest student organization on campus. The purpose of the organization is to support the university's agricultural judging teams as well as provide leadership and career opportunities. It is the A&M campus affiliation of the National Block and Bridle Club.

Chanda is currently a junior at Texas A&M, majoring in Animal Science. She plans to graduate in May 2003, then pursue a master of science degree in meat science.

WJHS students earn academic recognition on 2001 TAAS test

Several Winters Junior High School students earned academic recognition on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test which was administered in April, 2001.

Students earn academic recognition by correctly answering a minimum of 95% of the questions on a subject area test.

The following students earned academic recognition in these subject areas:

7th Grade
Amanda Blackshear-reading
Angelica Campos-reading & math

Aaron Colburn-reading & math

Raysha Garcia-reading
Krystal Gibbens-reading
Luke Hale-reading
Miranda Lara-reading
Erica Lujano-reading
Jessica Meyer-reading & math
Jesus Nava-reading & math
Amanda Polk-reading
Angel Ramirez-reading
Vickie Santoya-reading & math

8th Grade
Kindra Walker-reading
Bryce Wilkerson-reading
Kinsey Airhart-reading & math

Jacob Bridgeman-reading
Flor Cordova-math
Rachel Davis-reading & math
Shyla Garza-reading
Pete Griffin-reading & math
Kathryn Hatler-reading
April Leverett-reading
Claudia Llanas-reading
Jeremy Mendoza-reading & science
Thomas Rice-reading & science
Amanda Ripple-reading & math
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

A compliment is of no good or value until you give it to somebody.

Hopewell Church had good attendance at the monthly Sunday dinner. Chris Shields of Abilene was a visitor.

Dennis and Roy McBeth were in Brownwood Saturday to see and check on Aunt Mable White who is in a nursing home there.

Sorry to hear that Coleman Foreman fell and bruised himself. He enjoyed the 3/10" rain. He was the lucky one. The rest of the country got only a sprinkle, lots of lightning and thunder. Coleman spent Sunday with Lawan in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Chris Shields of Abilene spent the holiday weekend with Juanita Shields.

John and Frances Hord of Wingate enjoyed dinner after church services on Sunday.

Visiting Doris Wood on Sunday were Pat and Maloe Bryant and family of Abilene and Bobbie and Larry Calcote of Winters.

Selma Wilkerson visited with Jim Chapman on his new farm between Winters and Ballinger. Selma spent Thursday in Winters with Dorintha Wilkerson.

Happy birthday to Wanda, Ricky, Steve, and William!

Nila and Therin Osborne and Louise Osborne attended the graduation Friday night for Win-



Hilda Kurtz

ters High School.

Nila and Therin gave Simon a going-away dinner Monday as he is leaving for Fort Jackson, North Carolina. He has enlisted in the Army. Also present were Stefanie Camacho, Wesley and Karen McGallian, John McGallian, and Louise Osborne.

Katherine Grissom enjoyed Sue Rose as a visitor on Sunday. Sue is a new resident of the Crews community.

Linda and Dale Duggan entertained Memorial Day with a fish fry for kinfolks and friends. Katy Grigsby and son Kelton, Will and Leslie Duggan, Becky and Elwood Brown, Susan and Chauncey Mansell, Matthew Patterson, and Brandon Mansell were also present.

Linda Duggan spent Tuesday in San Angelo with Aunt Frances Brown and helped her with her shopping. They also ate out.

Kenny and Eileen Cartwright, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater spent three days, this past weekend, in

Victoria. They helped to celebrate Kenny's parents' 40th anniversary. Kenny, Eileen, and Jeremy attended Tiffany's graduation on Thursday night.

Spending the Memorial Day holiday with Georgia Gibbs were Tammy and Haley Kaczyk of Winters and Travis and Linda Ford of Rising Star.

Bryce Busenlehner from Bryant spent a few days at home visiting with Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood and his grandmother Margie Jacob. On Tuesday night, Sharon treated the family with a steak supper at Lowake for Justin's and Bryce's birthdays.

Brenda Jacob from Midland spent the weekend at home visiting her mom, Margie Jacob, and other relatives. On Saturday, they enjoyed hamburgers and homemade ice cream with Carol and Mike Kozelsky. Scott Kozelsky from College Station, Brenda and Margie Jacob, and Beverly VanZandt also attended. Later they played dominoes.

Margie and Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt were in Abilene on Sunday shopping and had lunch at Cafe China. They also dropped by to visit Dorine Kozelsky and Deanna Lehr at Abilene Regional Hospital where they were staying with Joe Kozelsky.

Assistant Secretary of State Connor visits with Lady Thatcher

Assistant Secretary of State Geoff Connor helped officially welcome Lady Margaret Thatcher on her recent visit to Texas.

The former British Prime Minister was in Houston to address a dinner hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation. In greeting Lady Thatcher, Assistant Secretary Connor also presented her with a gift from Gov. Rick Perry. The gift, a book on the Texas Capitol, describes the constitution, history and treasures of the statehouse.

Connor, a 1981 graduate of Winters High School, was appointed assistant secretary in January, 2001, by Gov. Perry. He is the son of Mike Connor of Winters and Pamela Hodges of San Angelo.



GEOFF CONNOR, Assistant Secretary of State, welcomes Lady Margaret Thatcher, former British Prime Minister, on her recent visit to Texas. Connor is a 1981 graduate of Winters High School and is the son of Mike Connor of Winters and Pam Hodges of San Angelo.

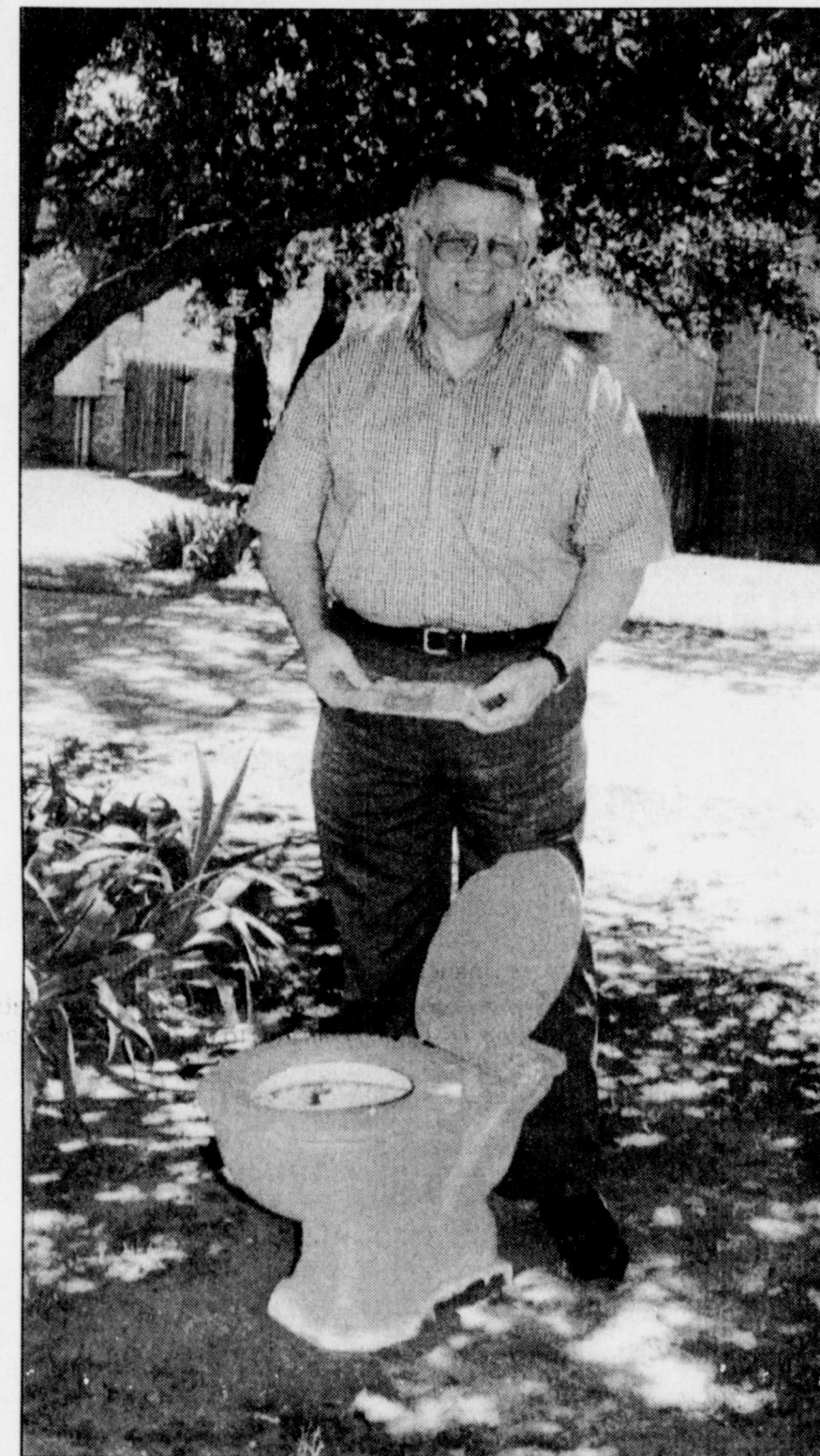
Donnie Gibbs retires as Menard postmaster

Donnie Gibbs, son of Georgia Gibbs of Winters and the late Connie Gibbs, was recently honored on his retirement as postmaster of the Menard post office.

Gibbs began his career in July, 1966, as a carrier in Winters. He later worked as a clerk and then a supervisor in the Winters post office before moving to Menard on June 3, 1978.

According to a report in *The Menard News*, Gibbs said, "When I started with the post office, a postage stamp was only five cents, but gasoline was only twelve cents a gallon."

He plans to continue to live in Menard and said he will probably substitute on some of the rural routes.



BARRY TAYLOR, Pastor of First Baptist Church, found a bright surprise in his front yard last week when he was "honored" with a bright pink commode. The toilet came complete with instructions on how, with a donation to the Relay for Life, the throne can be moved from one yard to another "friend's" yard.

Computer Raffle drawing today at The Rock Hotel

The Z.I. Hale Museum is selling chances for a Dell Computer to raise funds for The Rock Hotel/Drummer House Restoration. The chances are \$10 each and tickets are available from any museum director. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at The Rock Hotel.

The computer is a nice Dell Dimension L600CS, with a 600 MHz Intel Celeron processor, 65 Meg SDRAM, 12X DVD, 10 Gig IDE Hard Drive, 3 1/2 Drive, Data Fax Modem, 15" Color Monitor, Quitekey Keyboard, Speaker Kit, Microsoft Works—Suite 2001, Norton Anti-Virus,

and Multi-media Card. The museum is hoping to finish The Rock Hotel in the near future. About \$15,000 is needed to finish the upstairs and \$20,000 for the elevator. Recently the Museum received a \$10,000 grant from the Summerlee Foundation in Dallas.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

—Will Rogers

"There's only one sure way to find out if a horse kicks. Better to be uncertain."

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With deregulation, Texas is entering a period of unpredictable energy prices. While no one anticipates rates here will skyrocket as they have in California, the fact is our new energy environment will inevitably reflect the volatility of a free market. The same law that deregulated the state's electric industry also allows its electric co-ops the option to remain unregulated. Unlike most other power distributors, co-ops can choose to deregulate or to "wait and see."

Smart Choice co-ops intend to wait. Before we opt for deregulation, we want to be sure deregulation will benefit our members. In times of uncertainty, the wisest course is prudence. To learn more about deregulation, visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice cooperative.



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County Court Criminal Cases Filed May 17

Carlos Javier Correa Jr., Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated
Charles Ryan Burton, Winters, filed on four counts: two counts for driving while intoxicated and two counts for driving while license suspended
Chance Randall Gesch, San Angelo, filed for making alcohol available to a minor

May 18

Pricilla Ann Valles, Abilene, filed on two counts: driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana

Gabriel Hernandez, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated

Heather Medina, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana

Riley Marks, Talpa, filed for criminal trespass

Pedro John Alfaro, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended

Brad William Binder, Miles, filed for criminal mischief

May 21

Gilbert Lynn Espitia, Coleman, filed on two counts: making alcohol available to a minor and for possession of marijuana

Heather Nicole Medina, Winters, filed

for possession of marijuana

Danny Earl Washington, Abilene, filed for possession of marijuana

Randy Dean Martinez, Coleman, filed on two counts: possession of marijuana and making alcohol available to a minor

May 22

Kenneth Ray McDuffee, Odessa, filed for possession of marijuana

May 23

Brett Ross Bickel, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses May 24

Leslie Wayne Henderson and Jimmie Fayc Lantz

District Court Divorce Cases Filed May 18

Sara Elizabeth Parramore Lee vs. James Carroll Lee

May 21

Ralph Kruppa vs. Tammy Marie Kruppa

May 22

Charles L. Shepard vs. Verdie Mae Shepard

Divorces Granted May 24

Leonides Garcia III and Vikki Ramos Garcia

Charles Wesley Cravens and Pamela

Sue Cravens

Civil Cases Filed May 18

Bill Calcote and wife Linda Calcote vs. Franklin O'Dell, damages

Patricia Hunt vs. David Grohman and wife Brenda Grohman, suit for damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed May 14

Elizabeth Lozano, filed on two counts: burglary of a building and felony criminal mischief

May 22

Juan Manuel Urteaga, filed for injury to an elderly person

Small Claims Cases Filed May 15

J.B. Terry dba Terry Enterprises vs. Clifford and Lalanie King, lease agreement

Civil Cases Filed May 15

Lois Horton vs. Sherry Teague, eviction

May 23

Texas Department of Public Service vs. Christopher J. Cervenka, administrative hearing, court ruled for the state

RELAY, continued

nated, however, teams may want to bring iced tea and lemonade to share.

The relay will begin at 8 p.m. with a Survivor's Lap and opening ceremonies. A Survivor's Reception will be held immediately following the first lap. Each team will place at least one walker on the track beginning on lap 2.

All walking will cease at 10 p.m. and the lights at the track will be turned off for a Candlelight Ceremony. Luminaries purchased in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of one who has lost the battle to cancer will be the only light on the track.

Special music and a guest speaker will be featured, followed by the reading of the names for whom the luminaries were purchased. Walkers will return to the track following the emotional ceremony.

The midnight hour promises to be entertaining as the crowd will be treated to Monte Angel's Pick-N-Grin Hour. Any and all team members are encouraged to bring instruments (fiddles, banjos, guitars, keyboards, drums, harmonicas, and more) to join in the fun.

Janet Cason and Barbara Heathcott will be selling breakfast burritos with all proceeds going to the ACS. Closing ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 6:30 a.m. with everyone taking the track at 7 a.m. for one final lap.

Donations are being taken for chances on raffle prizes to be given away every hour of the relay. Some prizes include 4 tickets to Six Flags Over Texas at Arlington, 2 tickets to SeaWorld, 2 tickets to the musical TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon, \$50 worth of gas from Bob Loyd L.P. Gas, a condominium stay at Hunt, Texas, brunch for 2 at Remington's in the Embassy Suites, a Mary Kay gift basket, plus other novelty and gift items donated by area merchants.

Donations will be taken for chances throughout the night. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10.

Luminaries will be sold until 9:45 p.m. at the track. A \$5 donation will purchase a candle in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of one who has lost the battle to cancer.

With nearly two and one half times as many entries as last year's first Relay For Life, organizers are expecting a crowd of 500 or more in 2001. Last year's Relay raised nearly \$8,000, and anticipation is high to double monetary donations as well.

The entire community is encouraged to participate in this fund-raising event.

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, May 20, 2001, through Saturday, May 26, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

* received report of an intoxicated driver leaving the community center following a dance. The vehicle was located a short time later on N. Main Street and was observed to be driving erratically. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who also exhibited signs of intoxication. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Elsa Alvarado of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where she provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

* received report of an injured subject at North Runnels Hospital. A 19-year-old male of Winters was observed with a serious cut to his right hand. The male stated he was attempting to stop a fight when he was cut, but suddenly developed memory loss when asked who was involved and if anyone else was injured. The alleged male victim could face charges for obstructing a felony investigation. This is under investigation as assault with bodily injury.

* received report of vandalism in the 400 block of S. Main Street. A male subject of Winters reported that a vehicle of his had been shot several times with a pellet gun causing approximately \$200 in damage. This is under investigation as criminal mischief.

* received report of a missing juvenile male in the 400 block of N. Rogers Street. A female subject of Winters reported that her 14-year-old son had packed his bags and left home. The male was located a short time later and returned home. The male could face charges for "runaway" a Class B misdemeanor.

* received report of a burglary on East Highway 153. The business owner reported finding the door to his business unlocked and an unspecified amount of cash missing from the register. A suspect has been named and this is under investigation as burglary of a building.

* received report of burglary in the 800 block of E. Truett Street. A 40-year-old female of Winters reported that between the hours of 2 and 7 a.m. unknown subjects entered through her front door and removed a purse from her bedroom. On May 24, the suspects were identified and some of the stolen property recovered. Charges are pending against a 16-year-old male of Winters for burglary of a habitation. Additional charges are pending against a 19-year-old male for burglary and tampering with evidence.

* received report of a domestic dispute in the 400 block of E. Truett Street. A 65-year-old female of Winters alleged being pushed by a 67-year-old male known to her after an argument over using spices on a dinner dish. A separation was made and no further calls were received from that residence.

* received report of an accident in the 400 block of S. Main Street. A 16-year-old male of Winters reported that another 16-year-old male of Winters known to him had parked behind his vehicle then proceeded to push the victim's vehicle forward approximately four feet causing a moderate amount of damage to the victim's car. The suspect was located and agreed to pay for damages in lieu of being charged criminally. No further action was taken at the victim's request.

* officers observed a 1992 Ford car driving erratically on East Highway 153. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver and alcohol was located within the vehicle along with a 20-year-old male of Ballinger. The driver, Tammy Heath of Ballinger, was determined not to be under the influence of alcohol, but was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor. The minor, Kenneth Anderson, was arrested for minor in consumption of alcohol and taken to Runnels County Jail.

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:

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Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

Less taxing ways to save for college

Saving for a child's college education can be difficult when college is still years away. But putting off saving for college can be a mistake that you may regret in the long run. Fortunately, a variety of tax-advantaged strategies are available to make paying for college easier.

Invest in Your Child's Name

Set up an investment in the name of a child under 14, and the first \$700 in earnings each year are not taxed. The next \$700 are taxed at the child's rate. Any amount in excess of \$1,400 is taxed at the parent's rate. When a child passes the age of 14, all income is taxed at his or her tax rate.

Two potential drawbacks with this strategy are that the child will assume control of the money at age 18 and eligibility for financial aid could be reduced.

Invest in an Education IRA

Taxpayers can invest \$500 per year in an education IRA for each child. Earnings in the account accumulate tax-free and distributions used to pay for qualified higher education expenses are also tax-free.

Contribute to the 529 College Savings Plan

The 529 refers to the special tax status this plan has received under IRS Code 529. You also may hear of these referred to as qualified or prepaid state tuition programs or education savings trusts. However, don't let the word "state" mislead you. It may not matter where the student plans to attend college—many state plans allow the student to use the money for any eligible two- or four-year college, university or post-secondary vocational training program in the country.

The 529 plan also may be an ideal tool for reducing the impact of taxes while saving for college. Parents, grandparents and others can contribute as much as \$10,000 per year per beneficiary without exceeding the annual federal gift tax exclusion. Contributions are not federally tax deductible, but your earnings grow federal and, in some cases, state income tax deferred until withdrawn.

You can withdraw the money to pay for tuition or other qualified higher education expenses, such as fees, books, supplies and equipment and, subject to some limitations, room and board. In addition, these withdrawals are generally taxed at the beneficiary's income-tax rate.

Use Capital Gains Tax Advantages

If you plan to sell appreciated securities to fund a child's education, you'll be subject to taxes on any gains. However, if those securities are transferred by gift to a college-bound student and then sold, gains are normally taxed at just ten percent.

Again, however, a potential drawback to this strategy is the impact on the potential for financial aid.

Reposition Assets

Repositioning assets may increase your chances for obtaining financial aid. You might consider the following strategies in light of your overall tax situation:

- Contribute the maximum to retirement accounts. These are not included as part of your total assets on financial aid applications.
- Make big-ticket purchases that you plan to incur anyway (such as

a car, home or vacation home) during your child's high school years. In addition, consider paying for them with a home equity line of credit. This is doubly advantageous because it reduces your home equity, which most financial aid formulas include and the interest on the home equity loan is deductible.

- If you have a family-owned business, consider hiring your older children as employees. This allows you to transfer your assets to them through reasonable compensation payments and thus reduce your taxes. Earned income is taxable to the child at his or her own rate. In addition, a child with compensation can invest in an IRA, which can be tapped for college expenses.

These strategies should only be considered in connection with your overall financial plan. If you have a college bill in your future, talk to your tax adviser and investment representative to determine if any of these methods are right for you.

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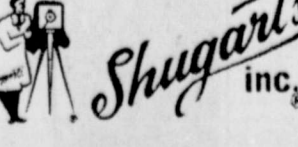
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ACROSS

- 1 mama's "bigger half"
- 5 TXism: "blind as ___"
- 6 Decatur's county
- 7 Chaney Street is in San Antonio
- 8 TX no longer produces this mineral
- 9 "how are you?" south of the border (2 wds.)
- 17 ex-Gov. Richards horse track near Austin (2 wds.)
- 20 TX "Tarzan" (init.)
- 21 TXism: "___ as a squirrel up a tree"
- 22 dry creek bed
- 23 33-down was ___ man in the world
- 29 XIT ranch got land for 50¢ an ___
- 30 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a ___" (calm down)
- 31 ___ Goodrich
- 32 old TV show of TX Buck Owens
- 33 USS Texas was in this Normandy event
- 34 irritable
- 35 TXism: "___ in concrete (permanent)"
- 36 "Big Tex's" stompin' ground (2 wds.)
- 38 TXism: "foolooose and fancy ___"
- 39 TXism: "rurning ___" (wife)
- 40 belief in God
- 41 TXism: "that gets my ___"
- 42 cowboys wear 'em with big buckles

DOWN

- 1 "south ___" (lefty)
- 2 Taylor Co. seat
- 3 El Paso resident: ___
- 4 camping shelter (2 wds.)
- 8 TX Kenny's "The Gambler" ___
- 9 TXism: "busier than a boomtown ___"
- 10 ___ riot, one
- 11 "The Mighty ___" doesn't run in TX
- 12 a UT color
- 13 on I-37, Patricia Co.
- 14 TXism: "joined his shadow ___" (fell)
- 45 veal
- 46 this Young started UT drama club in '09 (init.)
- 47 TXism: "six of one, half a dozen ___"
- 49 this Wood was 2nd gov. of Texas (init.)
- 50 Ross and Margot Perot met on a blind ___
- 51 TXism: "chew ___ a whig"
- 53 TXism: "rug ___" (child)
- 54 a bolo
- 55 TX Trini's "If I ___ a Hammer"
- 14 TXism: "___ it all out" (unravel)
- 15 Texas ___ step
- 16 TXism: "if it was ___ I couldn't stand it"
- 18 TX "Peter Pan" Martin
- 19 most like a baby's bottom
- 21 wound reminder
- 23 this Hoffman was 1st Texan in the major leagues (init.)
- 24 won pres. nom. in Houston in '28 (init.)
- 25 "ready, ___ go!"
- 26 TXism: "___ log won't float"
- 27 TXism: "could ___ lunch" (tougher)
- 28 Brazoria Co. town near the Gulf
- 29 Slurpee cost in '66
- 30 Center AM radio
- 33 Bob Hayes '64 gold medal: 100m
- 34 Dublin's county
- 35 La ___ County
- 37 TXism: "hissey ___"
- 38 FW of DFW
- 39 TXism: "give ___ bacon without the sizzle" (be brief)
- 41 TXism: "don't look a ___ horse in the mouth"
- 42 "B" of TX H.E.B.
- 44 TXism: "that ___ won't hunt"
- 45 winter garment
- 48 corrected the Houston Chronicle
- 52 an athletic confer.

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District annexation was process that began in January 2000

On May 5, 2001, voters in Tom Green, Concho, and Runnels County went to the polls to vote for or against the annexation of territory to the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District and approve a maintenance tax for the operation and maintenance of the district. The final vote was 225 for and 189 against. The annexation of the territory became effective with the canvassing of the ballots on May 8.

This special election held in the territory specified in the annexation resolution was the culmination of a process that started in January 2000. At that time, residents of the territory outside the district asked the Lipan-Kickapoo WCD board of directors if it was possible to join the district. The board explained the annexation process defined in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The steps involved in this process are: 1) a petition with the signatures of at least 50 landowners in the territory proposed for annexation must be submitted to the district, 2) if the petition is accepted by the district, public hearings must be

held in both the territory listed in the petition and in the existing district, 3) after the public hearings, an annexation resolution must be approved by the board and 4) a special election must be held for the residents in the territory. The residents determine whether the territory will be annexed or not.

In compliance with the annexation process, a petition for annexation was presented to the board and accepted on May 16, 2000. Information meetings and public hearings were held since that time to inform the public about water districts. On March 7, 2001, the board adopted an annexation resolution with some modifications to the boundaries described in the original petition. Generally, the annexed territory is all of Runnels County and the portions of Tom Green and Concho counties not currently in a groundwater conservation district. In Tom Green County, the annexation specifically excludes the city of San Angelo and the township of Christoval to the Concho River

west of US 277. Other areas excluded are: 1) the area northwest of San Angelo north of the middle Concho river and south and west of US 87 to the Irion, Sterling, and Coke County lines; 2) part of the Grape Creek area east of Ballard Rd, south of Pyburn Rd and N. Grape Creek Road and west of Sunflower Ave; 3) the Dove Creek area east of FM 2335 and north of Knickerbocker Rd, north of FM 584 to US 277 and 4) the area served by the Red Creek Municipal Utility District. In Concho County the area specifically excluded is the territory in the Hickory Underground Water Conservation District and the city of Paint Rock. In Runnels County, the cities of Winters, Ballinger, Miles, and the township of Rowena are excluded.

Currently the district is in the process of incorporating the new territory into existing district plans and programs. Copies of the District Rules are available at the district office in Vancourt. Copies can also be obtained by calling the office at 469-3988.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Putting livestock producers' minds at ease—

"Operation Roving Sands" should not bring Foot and Mouth disease



Over the last few weeks, many folks in the Texas livestock industry have expressed concerns about plans for a joint-forces exercise named "Operation Roving Sands," to be held in Texas and New Mexico during June.

These folks have questioned whether sufficient measures were being taken to prevent Foot and Mouth disease from being brought into the U.S. on equipment coming from some of the European nations participating in the exercise.

The week ending May 25, 2001, I met with representatives for the Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Army to discuss the concerns surrounding Operation Roving Sands. I am

pleased that the U.S. military has been very responsive to the concerns of our livestock producers.

As a result of questions from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Animal Health Commission, along with inquiries from some members of Congress, the Department of Defense has worked to increase their cooperation with state authorities.

The military planners have also taken steps to minimize the number of foreign troops and to put forward stringent guidelines to assure that military personnel undergo entry inspections that meet or exceed standards for regular commercial travelers.

We certainly want to help our military forces to train and prepare for future conflicts. By the same token, we must protect our domestic agriculture industry.

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Quail pairs — the good and the bad

Bobwhite quail had a tough time the last several years in Runnels County. The prolonged drought hurts a lot of things—particularly ground nesting birds.

Drought impacts the ability of quail eggs to hatch due to accompanying low humidity and high heat. God and Mother Nature have provided quail eggs with enough water stored within the egg white to usually carry the developing quail through hatching—except during drought periods. During these dry, hot times the little quail usually develops normally. However, as hatching time approaches their "water sack" runs dry and they die in the shell—nearly home but not quite.

Research for the Rolling Plains has indicated the peak of a normal quail hatch usually occurs within the first 10 days of June. Thus now is the time for things to start happening here in our part of Texas.

It takes "mamma" a few days to find a place and build her nest. It then takes her about 10 to 14 days to lay her eggs. Then she incubates them for about 3 weeks. Thus it takes her 5 to 6 weeks to bring this hatching thing off.

Folks sometimes comment, "Boy, I'm sure seeing a lot of pairs." However, quail pairs observed now is "not good" as they have missed their first and best chance. If we had observed these same pairs 6 weeks ago that would have been a "good" sign. Seeing them now is "bad" as a predator has probably destroyed their nest.

Quail will keep trying but their chances of success are reduced. High heat and low humidity are even more of a negative factor going into the hot part of the summer.

The fellows setting on a fence post calling "bob white" are considered a "good" indicator. Mamma is probably off on the nest somewhere doing her thing and he is by himself. However, seeing the female now without chicks is "bad."

All of us that love Bobwhite quail are looking forward to a favorable hatch within the next few days. Let us hope it happens as they are due a break for a change.

"While the farmers hold title to land, actually, it belongs to all people because civilization itself rests upon the soil." Thomas Jefferson, 1879

Scout school set for June 4 & 5 in San Angelo

The Tom Green/Runnels County Pest Management Committee is sponsoring a scout school for June 4-5. This is the only scout school in the state which provides both an intensive classroom and real field experience in a two-day session.

The scout school will be held at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-District Office on Hwy 87 N. in San Angelo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. CEU credits will be given at that time.

Cost for the scout school for private industry is \$50 for the first intern and \$10 for each additional intern. For producers attending, the cost will be \$10. The fee will cover sponsorship of the program plus publication costs of the education material.

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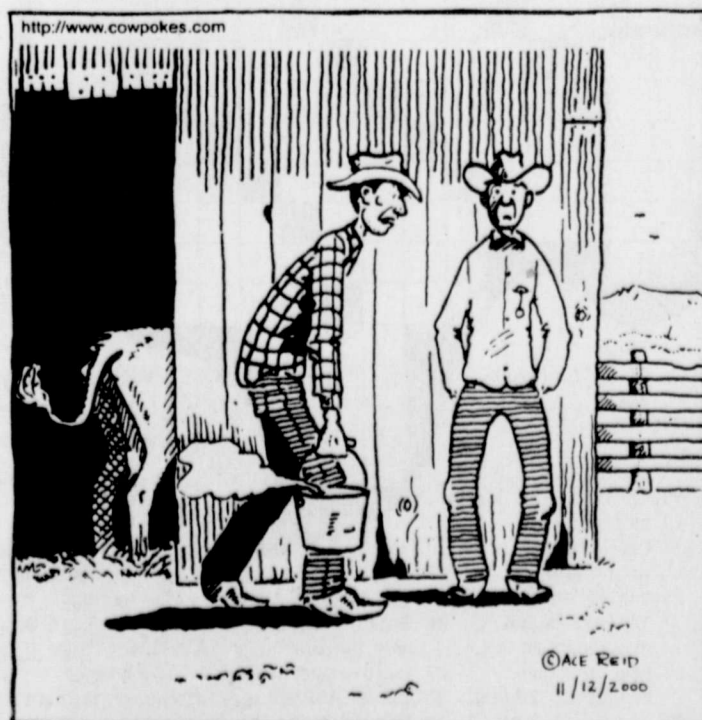
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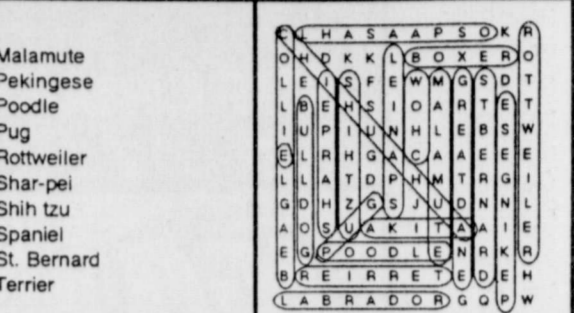
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