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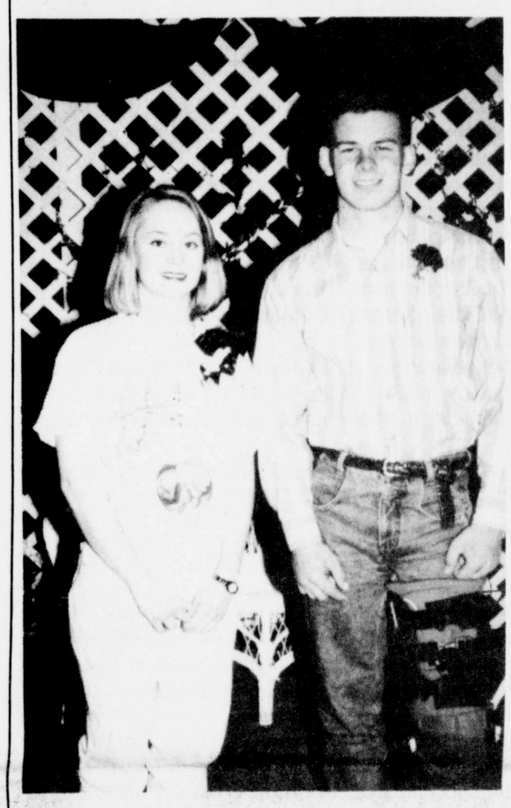
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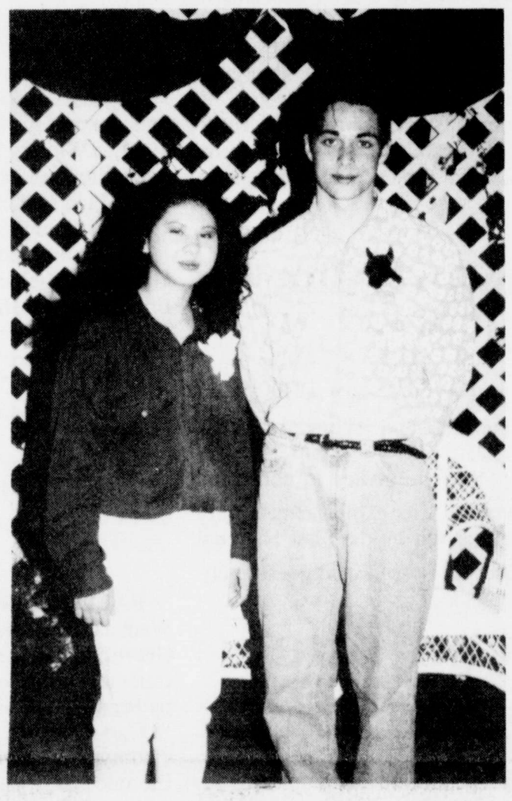
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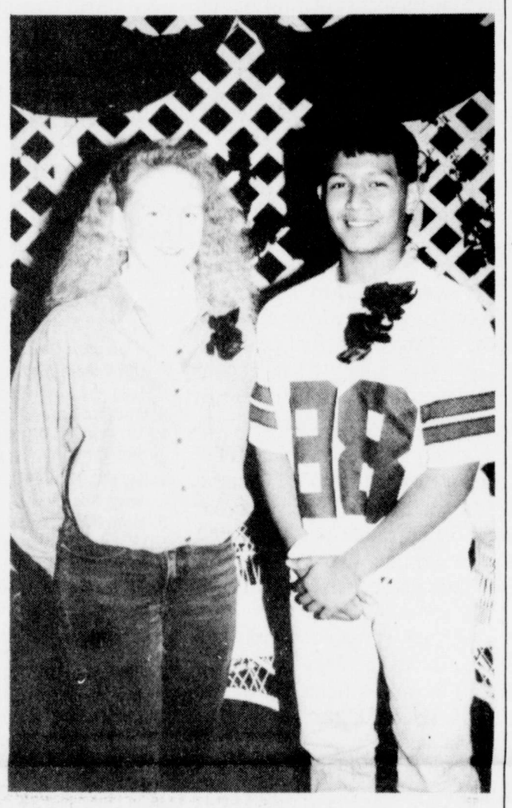
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Blizzards fall to Jim Ned and Stamford, blow out Haskell

In the inaugural weekend of Blizzard baseball, it looked like scenes from "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." The Hawley Tournament was supposed to give teams valuable experience without the pressure of district records, and give experience to Winters it did.

First the "Bad." Friday's early game against Jim Ned started well for the Blizzards. Lupe Roman was on the mound and three of the first four batters flied out or grounded out with no runners crossing home plate. Unfortunately for the Blizzards, the next two innings were not as kind.

After Winters went three up and three down in the top of the second, Jim Ned put three runs on the board in the second inning and seven runs in the third with only one hit. The Blizzards had three errors and four walks.

The game was called after the top of the fifth inning due to the ten run rule. Jim Ned dominated 13-2.

Next was the "Good." The late game on Friday proved to be much more entertaining for Blizzard fans. Haskell started the game by scoring four quick runs and it was beginning to look like "Jim Ned, Part II." But the Blizzards answered by scoring three runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

The next two innings proved to be too much for Haskell as the Blizzards scored seven runs in the second and five runs in the third. The Blizzards went on to the easy win, 17-5.

Last came the "Ugly." Winters was behind, caught up, took the lead, and lost the lead to Stamford, all within three innings. The twelve errors committed by the Blizzards did not help matters at all. There was a bright spot as Bruce Reyes hit a two run homer in the second to briefly give Winters the lead. Stamford rallied and stalled to seal the 7-4 victory as time was called in the fifth inning.

Despite the 1-2 record, the Blizzards showed they could compete in the district.

Coach Biff White had mixed feelings about the tournament. "The whole point of the tournament was to give inexperienced players valuable innings, but because of the two hour time limit on the games, we only played thirteen innings. We lost eight innings of valuable play and I needed those innings to look at my pitchers and late inning substitutions."

On the positive side was how the Blizzards performed. Coach White added, "Considering all the disadvantages that we have had, with the weather and field conditions, we did not do too bad. I'm proud of the boys and because of this tournament I know what we need to work on."

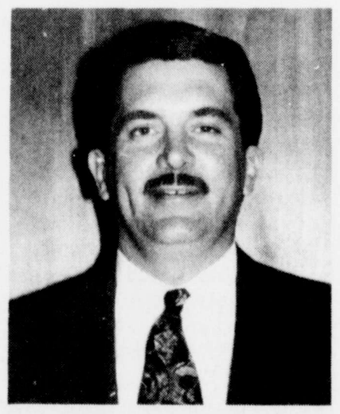
Schwertner named President of Ballinger First National Bank

The Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Ballinger has announced the promotion of Greg W. Schwertner to President and Senior Lending Officer. Brian Richards will remain as Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

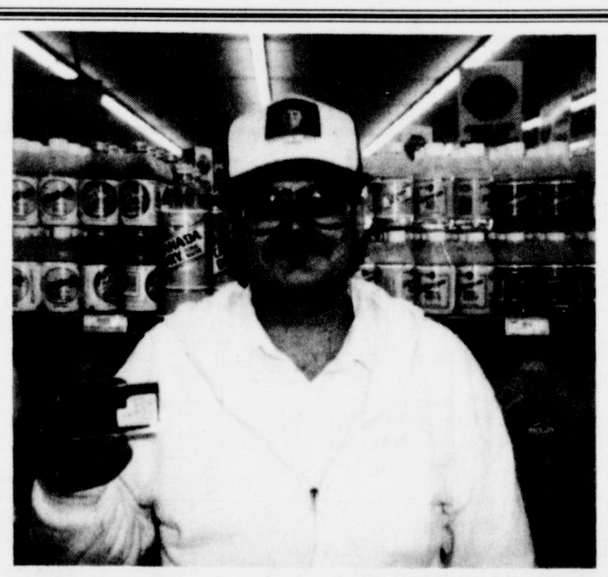
"These are very exciting and promising times for the community and the bank. I look forward to the challenge and will work to continue our tradition as the financial leader in Runnels County." said Schwertner.

Prior to this appointment, Schwertner has served the bank as Senior Vice-President working primarily in Commercial and Agricultural lending. He served as manager of the Ballinger Co-op Gin Co. for 5 years prior to his 8 year employment at the bank. "His experience and insight into agricultural financing plus his proven skill as a banker have made him a logical choice for his new role." said Richards.

A 1973 graduate of Ballinger High School, Schwertner graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education from Tarleton State University in 1977. Schwertner also is a graduate of the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma as well as numerous other banking courses offered through the financial industry.



Greg W. Schwertner



WINNING TICKET—James Holloway of Norton won $500 Friday on the "Lucky 7" lottery ticket purchased at Lawrence Brothers IGA. Holloway and his wife are both employed in Winters and their child attends school in Winters.

Get tickets for Lion's Clubs' "Farm Night" by March 15—see page 7

Booster Club to have planning session

The Blizzard Booster Club will meet on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the old Industrial Arts building across from the gymnasium.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting for the purpose of planning the annual All-Sports banquet.

Final Little League registration draws near

Winters Area Little League will be holding its FINAL registration Monday, March 15, 1993, 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Teams will be organized for all ages. Players may register any time before March 15 at the Video Hut, 205 S. Main.

Registration fee is $15.00 one child, $25.00 two children, and $35.00 for three or more children in the same family. Fee must be paid before a player can tryout or practice.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

March 4-2:30-4:00 p.m. Commodities
9:30-noon, 1:30-3:00 Immunization Clinic
7:00-8:00 p.m. AA meets at 105 W. Truett
March 5-Noon, Senior Citizen meal
2:00-3:00 World Day of Prayer, First Baptist Church
Bingo 3-00086-5563-8
March 6-9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. "College Days" ASU
March 7-9:20 a.m.-6 p.m. Roots & Wings, Lutheran Church
March 8-Noon, Senior Citizen meal
6:00 p.m. City Council
7:00 p.m. V.F.W. Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary
7:30 p.m. Booster Club
Winters Squares
GED classes
March 9-Noon, Lions Club
4-6 p.m. Grief Recovery Series
Winters School Board
WVFD meets
7:00-8:00 p.m. AA meets at 105 W. Truett
March 10-Noon, Senior Citizen meal
March 11-TAAS/TEAMS testing
7-8 p.m. AA meets at 105 W. Truett

OIL BIDNESS . . .

By Reg Boles ©1993

Well, the speech has been made and the other shoe has dropped.

Taxes are the keywords of the day in this 'new republic' and the oil and gas business is right in the middle of Bill's plan to reduce the budget deficit. Specifically, I refer to the 'BTU' tax.

Administration and Congressional spokespeople say that the tax is not just a revenue item, it is a pollution and conservation measure. Yeah, right.

But, I digress. Let's stick to reality, here, and investigate the effect on the oil business.

It is really hard to tell at the moment, but I will attempt to review the high points of the energy tax plan. The difficulty arises when one tries to get the complete package of proposals relating to the BTU tax, because additions and changes in the administration plan seem to occur daily.

But, never-the-less, we will assume the most recent information is reliable and press on.

First, a definition of BTU would be helpful.

By the book, BTU stands for British Thermal Unit. The term is technically defined as the quantity of heat required to raise one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

More practically speaking, BTU's are related to the amount of energy provided by a fuel in some volume of that fuel, i.e. BTU/gallon. The higher the BTU content, the more powerful the fuel in providing energy (or heat).

Natural gas has a typical BTU content of near 1000 BTU/cubic foot, for example. That is a higher content than crude oil for the same usable volume. (That is why gas is a better value than crude oil, but that is another story.)

But, the BTU value of an energy source is not the only criteria by which to judge the effect of the new tax, because the tax is not a straight tax. It is set at different levels for different fuels. In fact, it is varied just so that certain fuels will feel a slightly higher burden than others, but, in the President's opinion, not enough to hurt those who don't "deserve" to be hurt (the poor, union members, etc.)

The BTU tax is set to be 25.7 cents per million BTU on natural gas and coal and 59.9 cents per million BTU on oil. Hydro and nuclear power would be taxed on a "comparable rate equal to the fossil fuel inputs for utilities", whatever that means.

The tax will be phased-in over three years, so the full effect will not be felt until mid-1996. In the first year, the tax will result in an increase of 2.5 cents per gallon of gasoline, which will be 7.5 cents when it is fully implemented. Heating oil will see an increase of 2.75 cents per gallon in the first year, and natural gas will see an increase of 8.75 cents per MCF at your house. You can do the arithmetic for the full impact of the tax (hint: multiply by three).

There are great forecasts for reduction in oil imports, cleaner air, and other indirect benefits, but the bottom line is revenue.

And, the consumer will pay the bill on every end product, although the tax is actually collected at the producing point. All in all, it is not all that bad for the oil and gas business monetarily. The real pain will start when the mechanism for collecting this tax is constructed (one does not currently exist).

Some private think tanks are estimating that the bureaucracy that will have to be created to administer this tax may eat up two-thirds of the revenue from this tax. That little tid-bit is not covered in the Administration plan.

From the field operator's point of view, it will mean tax agents in your business, paperwork and more paperwork, and the uncomfortable feeling of knowing that the Feds are taking a slice of your check from the oil purchaser before you ever see it.

The bright side is that everyone can feel good about making an extra sacrifice to pay for those automatic congressional pay raises. Feel better?

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

Dove Drilling has completed the F. Wimberley #3 in the Silver Field (1 mile E of Silver) at an initial rate of 20 BOPD in the Canyon (perfs 5800-5820). Loc. is 1674 FNL & 1851 FWL of Sec. 256, Blk. 1-Aa, H&TC Sur., A-1846.

Coleman County

Jubilee Oil & Gas has completed ten wells in the South Jamison Field (3 miles SW of Gouldbusk) in the Gas Sand. The W.W. Skelton-Wisely #2 was potentialed at 750 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 596-600) and is loc. 1176 FEL & 174 FNL of WM County Sur. No. 3, A-721. The W.W. Skelton #3 potentialed at 3500 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 598-604) and is loc. 954 FNL & 1128 FEL of the same Sur. The #4 potentialed at 3800 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 596-604) and is loc. 879 FNL & 866 FEL of same Sur. The #5 potentialed at 750 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 582-84) and is loc. 614 FEL & 1054 FNL of same Sur. The #6 potentialed at 5000 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 580- 86) and is loc. 1050 FNL & 1430 FEL of same Sur. The #7 potentialed at 3400 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 584-90) and is loc. 1720 FEL & 1125 FNL of same Sur. The #8 potentialed at 1500 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 588-92) and is loc. 1961 FEL & 1315 FNL of same Sur. The #9 potentialed at 1800 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 594-600) and is loc. 755 FWL & 957 FNL of same Sur. The #10 potentialed at 3600 MCFPD (AOF) (perfs 578-84) and is loc. 1011 FWL & 799 FNL of same Sur. The #1 I potentialed at 3800 MCFPD (AOF) and is loc. 529 FWL & 1134 FNL of same Sur.

Orth Oil Company has completed the Miller #3 in the County Regular Field (6 miles N of Coleman) at an initial rate of 28 BOPD & 25 BWPD in the Morris (perfs 2061-83). Loc. is 330 FWL & 3896 FSL of W. Mason Sur. No. 268, A-517.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

GeoTrac Energy has staked the J. Ingram #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles NW of Cross Plains (Depth 4100). Loc. is 750 FWL & 1050 FSL of J. Swisher Sur. No. 334, A-315.

Coleman County

Casey Herring Oil has staked the F. Brandt #11 in the County Regular Field, 8 miles SE of Santa Anna (Depth 1300). Loc. is 838 FNL & 5209 FEL of Sec. 93, Bonds L& Sanders Sur., A- 57.

Rayco Operating has staked the Hutchings Estate #1 as a wildcat, 8 miles S of Coleman (Depth 1300). Loc. is 330 FNL & 2107 FEL of Sec. 11, Blk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-266.

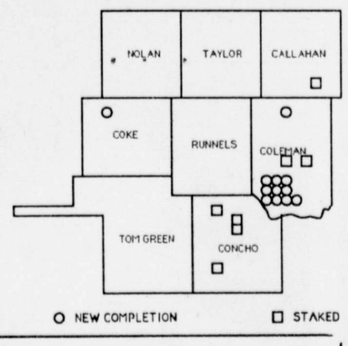
Concho County

J.M. Clark has staked the Stephens #2 as a wildcat 7 miles S of Millersview (Depth 3100). Loc. is 1650 FEL & 130 FNL of Sec. 1946, H&GN Sur., A-741.

J.M. Clark has also staked the Burk #1 as a wildcat 6 miles S of Millersview (Depth 1800). Loc. is 990 FSL & 467 FEL of Sec. 1950, Blk. 72, T&NO RR Sur., A-1203.

TexCal Resources has staked the Neal #2 in the Fuzzy Creek Field, 4 miles N of Paint Rock (Depth 4000). Loc. is 3566 FNL & 87 FEL of Sec. 30, A. Meixner Sur., A-621.

Verdad Oil & Gas has staked the Daniel #1 as a wildcat (Depth 4000). Loc. is 591 FSL & 1374 FWL of J.H. Gibson Sur. No. 1, A-322.



Obituaries

Erwin Henry Ueckert

Erwin Henry Ueckert, age 80, died Friday, February 26, 1993, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

Mr. Ueckert was born November 14, 1912, in Winters and had lived in Winters all his life. He married Serena Stoecker on January 4, 1942, in Winters. He was a retired farmer and electrician. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he was a member of the church board, a Bible class teacher, a member of the present church choir since its beginning, and also a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

He is survived by his wife, Serena Ueckert of Winters; two brothers, Norbert Ueckert and Ellis Ueckert both of Winters; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, February 28, 1993, in St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Jim Hanson officiating. Burial followed in the Lutheran Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jack Shiver, Tom Stoecker, Rodney Watson, Mike Stoecker, Weldon Minzenmeyer, and Paul Stoecker.

Myrtle C. Hambright

SAN ANGELO—Myrtle C. Hambright, age 89, of San Angelo died February 27, 1993, at Park Plaza Nursing Home.

Born March 3, 1903, in Lorena, she married James Stewart Hambright in 1925. Mr. Hambright died in 1972.

A member of First Baptist Church and Eastern Star of Norton, Mrs. Hambright was a homemaker.

Funeral services were held at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger on March 1, officiated by Rev. Jerry Howe with burial in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie W. Hambright of Tuttle, Oklahoma and Robert D. Hambright of San Angelo; one sister, Martha Dearen of Sterling City; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Helen Mayfield

Helen Mayfield, age 70, died Wednesday morning, February 24, 1993, at her residence.

Helen Mayfield was born March 3, 1922, in Hill County and came to Runnels County in 1936. She married Robert Mayfield September 30, 1940, in Ballinger. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and the Rebekah Sunday School class.

Survivors are her husband, Robert M. Mayfield of Winters; three daughters, Edna Ruth Self of Wingate, Bettye Bradshaw of Brady, and Marilyn McGaff of Midland; one brother, Donald Clanton of Arlington; four sisters, Chesta Long of Winters, Sue Stevens of Levelland, Freda Kruse of Big Lake, and Nancy Murphy of Great Bend, Kansas; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

One grandson, Kenny Kruse preceeded her in death.

Services were held Friday, February 26, 1993, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glenn Shoemake officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bruce Gerstenkorn, Phil Gerstenkorn, Dennis Kruse, Marvin Traylor, Randy Mayfield, and Elton Mayfield.

Honorary Pallbearers were James Self, Terry Kruse, and Brad Kruse.

J.B. Belew

J.B. Belew, age 88, died Thursday, February 25, 1993, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

He was born June 25, 1904, in Taylor County and lived in the Drasco area most of his life. He married Nannie Lee Mayhew November 1, 1924, in Winters. He lived in Hale Center for 39 years. He was a farmer and retired in 1969. He returned to Winters in 1991. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hale Center.

His wife preceded him in death on March 30, 1985.

He is survived by two daughters, Maxine Cox of Burleson and Geraldine Phelps of Winters; two sisters, Bea Cearley and Lillian England both of Hale Center; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, February 27, 1993, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Melvin Mathis officiating. Burial followed in the Lakeview Cemetery directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robert Reid, Nathan Daniel, Roger Thompson, M.L. Dobbins, Mike Cellmer, and B.D. Jobe.

Carl S. Florence

BALLINGER—Carl S. Florence, age 97, of Ballinger died on Wednesday, February 24, 1993, at Heritage Oaks Estates in Ballinger. Graveside services were held on Friday, February 26, at Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Howe officiating. Burial followed, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Carl Florence was born on November 14, 1895, in Rockwall County. He married Edna Landers on November 11, 1923. Mr. Florence was a farmer, a member of the Ballinger First Baptist Church and Ballinger Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Florence of Ballinger; one sister-in-law, Mildred Lee of Ballinger and one brother-in-law, Marvin Landers of Bronte.

Carnegie Library in Ballinger to display exhibit

The history of German immigration into Texas is told in "Lone Star and Eagle," a traveling exhibit on display at Carnegie Library in Ballinger. The display will be at the library during the month of March.

The library hours are Monday and Wednesday 10:00-5:00; Tuesday and Thursday 10:00-7:00.

You are invited to come and visit this free exhibit at the library sponsored by the First National Bank of Rotan, Ballinger Branch.

Honor a loved one with a Hospice Lily

The Hospice team is dedicated to God and the communities they serve. Both your financial support and your prayers are appreciated. Hospice of Abilene has and is serving Winters by helping those in the area who are terminally ill.

Will you help support the Hospice ministry by purchasing a Lily for Easter? This fund-raising event is to help provide services to patients who have physical, spiritual, emotional, legal and financial needs.

You may purchase a Hospice Lily to adorn the sanctuary of the church of your choice in honor or memory of a family member or friend. You may take your Lily from the church following services on Easter Sunday.

All churches in Winters will have the order forms. The price of the Lily is $15.00. You must place your order by March 17.

Immunization Clinic March 4

The Texas Department of Health will hold an Immunization Clinic on Thursday, March 4, 1993, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Location is in the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street entry. For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday through Friday.

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Poe's Corner



by Charlsie Poe

The Runnels Story

When I wrote Runnels is my County in 1970 all the information I had was: "Runnels County was created from Bexar and Travis Counties, and on February 1, 1858, was named in honor of Hiram G. Runnels, at one time governor of Mississippi, and later a member of the Texas Legislature."

After my book was published someone remarked that Texas missed the boat, it should have been named for Hardin R. Runnels who became governor of Texas, 1857-1859.

Perhaps it was not too much of a mistake, according to a history of the Runnels family sent to me by Robert Gray, a descendant, of Shreveport, Louisiana. Harmon Runnels was the grandfather of Hardin Richards Runnels.

One of Harmon's five sons was Hiram George Runnels (so our Runnels was an uncle to the governor of Texas) who maintained his family name in the annals of Mississippi politics. His illustrious career began when he was elected Auditor of Public Accounts by the Legislature in 1822. He was later placed in the lower house of the state legisture. However, his greatest political achievement came in 1883 when he was elected governor in the state of Mississippi.

With his defeat for re-election in 1935, Hiram Runnels turned his efforts to other matters and in 1838 was elected president of the Mississippi Union Bank. The success of the bank was a dream that failed to materialize when the state legislature repudiated the bank's bonds in 1842.

Hiram's connection with the Union Bank caused him to display the fiery temper that he had inherited from his father. He publicly administered a caning to Governor Alexander G. McNutt of Mississippi because the governor had criticized the bank's management.

Following his unsatisfactory association with the Union Bank, Hiram and his wife, the former Obedience (Bedie) Smith moved to Texas. Shortly after their arrival, Hiram and Bedie established a cotton plantation in Brazoria County. In addition, they soon held title to 1800 acres of land in Harris County.

Because of his interest in politics, Hiram was soon elected one of two delegates to represent Brazoria County at the state convention of 1845 in Austin. He was twice elected state senator without taking his seat. The first was his election to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Elisha M. Pease. However, "from a doubt as to the constitutionality of his election he never took his seat."

After two years of residency in Houston, Hiram Runnels was elected in 1857 to represent Harris County in the Senate. Illness prevented his presence at Austin, and death came on December 16, 1857. Hiram preceded his wife in death by 25 years, as Bedie lived until December, 1883, when she died at Independence, Texas.

Hiram reared his niece, Hester Eleanor Runnels, after her father, Hosea, died leaving his daughter to Hiram's care. Hester, often called "the Belle of the Brazos," married William R. Baker, a prominent citizen of Houston, on December 15, 1845, at the residence of her Uncle Hiram. The marriage linked the Runnels family with a man of great enterprise who later wielded considerable political influence in the state.

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Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop

The residents and staff of the nursing home would like to express words of comfort and sympathy to the families of J.B. Belew and Erwin Ueckert. Mr. Belew passed away on Thursday of last week and Mr. Ueckert passed away Friday.

A memorial service for Mr. Ueckert was held in the nursing home on Monday, March 1, for family members who live here and were unable to attend the funeral service. A special thanks to Pastor Jim Hanson for the beautiful service.

Friday night, February 26, we observed National Pancake Week at the nursing home with a Family Night Pancake Supper. We appreciate the support and help from all you family members. Thank you.

Wendesday, March 3 is a special day. We call it "Be Happy Day." So be happy today and every day.

We are also going to be celebrating another special event at the nursing home. Monday, March 8 through Saturday, March 13 is National Volunteer's Week. We welcome and encourage you to be a volunteer for a day. See you at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home?

V.F.W and Ladies Auxiliary meeting

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the post home on Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your news items to *The Enterprise!*



Carol A. Bray

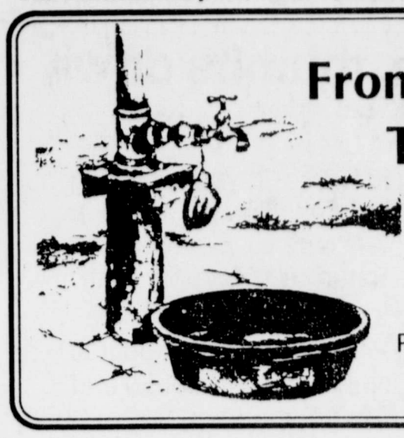
Carol A. Bray has been chosen by the Winters Senior Citizens Family Group as "Employee of the Month."

Carol has been in Winters for almost a year and has been employed as an aide for most of that time. Raised in Abilene, she worked with the mentally retarded in Houston until she enrolled in school to become a dental technician. After receiving her certification Carol worked in Houston in that capacity.

Stating she enjoys working with older people, Carol calls the citizens of the nursing home her "family here in Winters." She is also employed by Concepts of Care, saying "I like to be busy."

Thanks to you, Carol, for being so caring, understanding and patient. With your attitude, you will always have a place caring for someone.

From The Well



by Pastor Jim Hanson

I was reading in the paper the other day that it's tough to be a preacher. Someone had made a poll and discovered that many preachers feel abused by their congregations, ignored by their superiors, and accused by their peers. In this same poll, some said that their ministry had a bad effect on their marriage, their children didn't support them in this work, and that they didn't know anybody in their right mind who would consider preaching as a profession.

Well, I have no doubt that the morale of clergy in our times in down. You know, it used to be in many places that the preacher was looked up to as an authority, a knowledgeable man, a person of repute. Not so long ago either. When Ramona and I were married in a country church near Cottonwood, Minnesota, we made the headlines of the local paper. "Local girl marries man of cloth" it said, right across the top of the front page! That probably wouldn't happen today.

But, let me tell you, I love being a preacher in the small town. I have been, together with my wife, welcomed, received, and loved by you all. You have opened your hearts, your homes, your reunions, your celebrations to us. And last week, when I was sick and in the hospital, you came to see me, you sent me flowers, and cards, and prayed for me. At least one nurse was busy ushering people in and out of my room. All of my fellow members of the Ministerial Alliance came and visited me, and one of them preached for me.

It's great to be a preacher! At least it is for me. In this town. With you folks. Thank you. Thank God.

Crews News *by Hilda Kurtz*



"My ears work better when my mouth is shut."

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Our sympathy to the family of Helen Mayfield who died last week. Pat and Earl Cooper are her cousins.

There was fair attendance at the Hopewell Baptist Church Sunday dinner. Scott and Keith Gerhart were visitors.

Margie Jacob visited in Ballinger with Christine Patterson. On Monday Margie and Dovie McKnight visited Herman and Minnie Bredemeyer at the Winters Senior Citizens Nursing Home. They ate afterward at the Multi-Purpose Center with the Senior Citizens group. On Wednesday Margie visited Dee Schrader and Cora Hord in the North Runnels Hospital. Becky Brown spent part of Saturday with Margie.

Selma and Hazel Dietz attended the funeral of their cousin, Bob Newman, in Colorado City on Monday.

Gary Hill of Eastland is spending several days with his mother, Claudia Hill. She is having back trouble, which is no picnic. Hope she is better by now.

Adeline Grissom had a nice phone visit with her son, Steve Grissom, of Ft. Worth Saturday.

Eileen, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater attended the 4-H meeting in Winters on Monday. Eileen also attended the Chapter I Advisory Council meeting at school the same day.

Lawan and Coleman Foreman talked to their Uncle (Buck) J.W. Chesser in Lubbock. Buck's wife, Mavis, is seriously ill. Coleman was in Ballinger Thursday evening for rehab treatment.

Hilda Kurtz' rain gauge measured 7/10 moisture over the weekend.

Doris Wood's grandson, Wesley Calcote, of Winters is spending his spring break with Doris. Spending Sunday with Doris were the Mallory Bryants, Robert and Douglas and Ronnie Walters of Ft. Worth. Doris spent several days last week with her sisters in Ft. Worth.

Sunday visitors with Naomi and Milton Gerhart were Deanna Love of San Angelo, Joe Gerhart, Theresa West and Jordan of Winters.

Thursday Hilda Kurtz enjoyed lunch with Sissie Alexander. On Friday Hilda Kurtz and Ruth Pape had a nice visit over cinnamon toast and coffee.

Ruth Pape received a phone call from her son, David Craig. She also talked to her grandson, Randy Kennedy, and Lee Ueckert in Houston. All are getting over the flu.

Nila and Therin Osborne's grandson, John, was in the North Runnels Hospital for several days being treated for asthma.

Let's surprise Jerry Kraatz and wish him many more happy birthdays. "Happy Birthday, Jerry!"

Welcome home to Lilly Presley on March 2nd. She's been in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene for several weeks following knee surgery. For what it's worth, Kiddo, act your age??

Georgia and Connie Gibbs were in Robert Lee Sunday to visit with Juanita and Arthur Dean.

Town Criers

Chandler Paine Burton

Bret and Kathy Burton of San Antonio are the proud parents of a son, Chandler Paine, born February 9, 1993. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Nathan and Chris Moore of Ft. Davis. Paternal grandparents are David and Nona Burton of Ballinger. Paternal great-grandfather is J.P. Davidson of Winters.

Winters Relief Fund

The Winters Relief Fund helped thirteen people during the month of February.



Look who's 50!

Happy Birthday

City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary—February, 1993

	Current Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Pmt. Prior Year	% Change	1993 Pmts. To Date	1992 Pmts. To Date	% Change
Winters	1.500%	$18,868.13	$18,645.53	1.19%	$32,559.51	$28,060.25	16.03%
Ballinger	1.500%	88,060.68	67,765.91	29.95%	108,597.55	85,722.14	26.69
Runnels Cty.	0.500%	43,707.29	32,724.64	33.56%	62,691.19	44,643.95	40.42

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Thumbs up, thumbs down

by GRANT ENGLISH, staff writer



to Bruce Reyes for hitting his first Home Run in a 7-4 loss to Stamford on Saturday, February 27th.

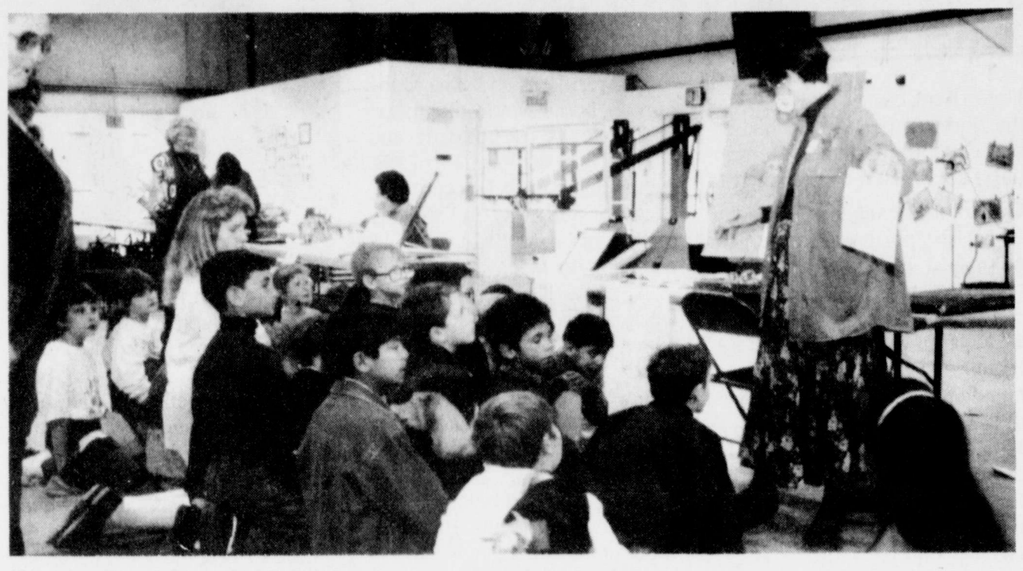


February is over and it is time for warm weather and Spring sports!



to the Hawley tournament for the two hour limit on the baseball games. Shortened games meant less kids got to play.

Creativity encouraged by Arts Day Festival



Winters Elementary first graders pay close attention as Ruth Jackson of Abilene explains the process of creating a portrait with pastel chalk.

The Elementary Arts Day Festival held on Friday, February 26 was well attended and well received.

Several artists had their works on display and the walls of the Elementary Activities Center were lined with the artistic renderings of Winters Elementary students.

Each grade was allowed an hour and 40 minutes with the artists, who demonstrated their crafts and allowed the children to be a part of the creative process. Students and professionals participated with equal enthusiasm.

Approximately 15-20 parents were on hand throughout the day to share the experience with their children.

Each child received a participation certificate and each teacher received a packet containing instructional materials and suggestions as to their use.

Winters Women's Service League sponsored the festival and are tentatively planning a similar event for next school year.



Pat Zappe of Zappe Pottery in Ballinger shows a rapt group of Winters Elementary fourth graders the perfect way to play in mud with their parents' blessing.

Meridian tops in Texas

With a ten point increase over their previous score, Senior Color Guard Meridian leaped to first place in the state. The competition took place on Saturday, February 20 at Westfield High School in Houston.

Kirk Conner, Kristin Deike and Charles Burton of Winters High School and Loy Blackshear, WHS graduate, are members of Meridian.

Kristin Deike placed first in the Scholastic Flag Solo division. Performing their duet to "Aladdin," Kirk Conner and Kristin Deike took second place in the Scholastic Ensemble division.

Blizzard Baseball

Box Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Winters	0	0	1	1	0					2	5	12
Jim Ned	0	3	7	3	x					13	4	2

Lupe Roman, Jerry Esquivel (4) and Ricky Bishop; Lamb, Ochoa (4 1/3) and Turner, Pierce; Lamb (W) Roman (L). Winters 2B-L. Roman.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Winters	3	7	5	2						17	12	3
Haskell	4	1	0	x						5	2	5

A. Bernal, B. Guevara (3) and J. Awalt, R. Bishop; Walker, Silvas, Espinoza (4) and Perry, Castillo; Bernal (W) Silvas (L). Winters 2B-J. Biddix. Haskell 1-1, 0-0. Winters 1-1, 0-0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Winters	2	0	3	1	1					7	6	2
Stamford	1	2	1	0	x					4	7	12

B.Guevara, L. Roman (5) and R. Bishop; Ramos, Strand (4) and Lefevre; Strant (W) Roman (L). Winters HR B. Reyes (1) Stamford 2-1, 0-0 Winters 1-2, 0-0

Student Council News

by LAURA DEES

February 22-26 was Drug/Alcohol Awareness Week at Winters High School. The WHS Student Council sponsored several activities throughout the week. Each day had a different theme to promote the "No Drugs/Alcohol" message. Monday was "Sock it to Drugs and Alcohol"—wear wild socks; Tuesday was "Put a Cap on Drugs"—wear a cap; Wednesday was "Don't Let Drugs/Alcohol Give you the Blues"—wear red; and Friday was "Never Ever on Drugs/Alcohol"wear neon colors. Each day a Student Council member read, over the public address system, statistical information dealing with the drug/alcohol program.

On Monday of Drug/Alcohol Awareness Week the local EMS staged a mock wreck on campus. The purpose of the mock accident was to heighten the awareness of drinking and driving tragedies.

In addition, on Tuesday and Thursday, all students watched a video, The Power of Choice: Drugs and Alcohol, Part II sponsored by the Sweetwater Council on Drugs.

On Friday, Trooper Hale from the San Angelo Department of Public Safety gave a slide presentation concerning the effects of drinking and driving to the student body. Following Trooper Hale's presentation there was a brief question and answer session.

While the students were assembled, Student Council Vice-President Cara Bahlman presented essay contest awards to the following: third place ($10.00)—Hollie Cathey; second place ($15.00)—Justin Mitchell; first place ($25.00)—James Andrae. Each participant wrote an essay on the effects of drugs and/or alcohol. WHS Student Council would like to thank all students who wrote essays.

The Student Council also held elections during the week of February 22-26. The student body heard campaign speeches on the 24th from officer candidates. Elections were then held on the 25th. The new 1993-94 Student Council Officers are: Secretary/Treasurer—Rachel Edwards, Historian/Reporter,—Shana Poehls, Vice-President—Jennifer Boles, and President—Angela Bryan. All ran unopposed with the exception of Secretary/Treasurer. Candidates for that office were Rachel Edwards, Amanda Collom and Kristen Deike. Mrs. Dees, Sponsor, would like to thank all who took part and had an interest in the elections.

Student Council representative elections were held on Friday. The 1993-94 7th grade representative is Allison Wells. There were no candidates for the 8th grade position. High school positions have not been counted. Results of that election will be made known at a later date.

The Spring District Convention will be held in Abilene on March 9 at the Paramount Theater. Twenty-one Student Council members have signed up to attend. Mrs. Rhea Parramore, band assistant, will be going with students in place of the sponsor, Laura Dees. The group will be leaving WHS around 8:15 a.m. and returning the same day around 4:00 p.m. The group will be taking the SMILE (Drug/Alcohol Prevention) program for judging.

Laura Dees would like to thank everyone that helped make the Drug/Alcohol Awareness Week such a success. Thanks also to Rhea Parramore for agreeing to go to Abilene March 9 in her place.

1992-93 BLIZZARDS BASEBALL
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT GAMES

All games will be played on the opponent's field—in games with an "H", Winters will be considered the home team.

2/25-26-27	HAWLEY TOURNAMENT		
3/16	HAMLIN	H	4:30
3/19	HAMLIN	T	4:30
3/23	STAMFORD	T	4:30
3/26	OPEN		
3/30	JIM NED	T	5:00
4/2	ANSON	H	5:00
4/6	HAWLEY	T	5:00
4/8	HASKELL	T	5:00
4/13	STAMFORD	H	5:00
4/20	ROTAN	T	5:00
4/23	JIM NED	H	5:00
4/27	ANSON	T	5:00
5/3	HAWLEY	H	5:00
5/7	HASKELL	H	5:00
5/10	ROTAN	H	4:30

Go Big Blue!

1992-93 BLIZZARDS GIRLS
VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

2/26	WESTBROOK*	H	5:00
3/19	HERMLEIGH*	T	5:00
3/22	MERKEL	H	5:00
3/25	WESTBROOK*	T	5:00
4/8	MERKEL*	H	5:00
4/13	HERMLEIGH*	H	5:00
4/19	MERKEL*	T	5:00

* Denotes district games.
Hermleigh will play home games at County Park in Snyder.
Merkel will play in Merkel.
Westbrook is undecided.
Winters will play at City Park.



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Angelo State University will host two "College Days" for high school seniors during the 1993 Spring Semester on Saturday, March 6, and Saturday, April 3.

The program begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. both Saturdays. Resigtration begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the programs, which include presentations on academic offerings, student activities and organizations, scholarship offerings and financial aid packages.

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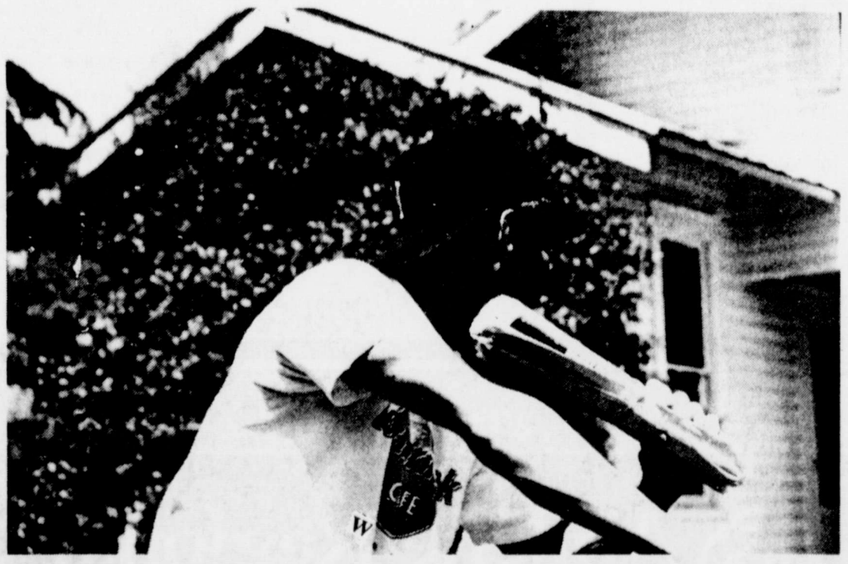
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Girl of the Month



ROBYN PARRAMORE

The 14 year-old daughter of Rhea and Robert Parramore, Robyn, is "Girl of the Month" for February.

Robyn is in the 8th grade and her favorite studies include history and computer literacy.

A very active young lady, Robyn is a junior high cheerleader, was on the 8th grade basketball team and showed the first place steer at the Winters Jr. Livestock Show for 1993.

She enjoys playing basketball, playing the piano and saxophone, shopping and talking on the phone. She helps out with household chores, one of her major duties being to give the dog, Rusty, a bath.

Robyn has great admiration for "...the Lady Blizzards for their dedication throughout the year" and her personal goal is "...to be the best I can at what I do."

Boy of the Month



CHRIS MCCASLIN

Chris McCaslin has been chosen as February's "Boy of the Month."

An 8th grader, Chris is the 14 year-old son of Ann and Kenneth McCaslin.

Chris has an avid interest in sports and says football and track are his favorite sports activities in which to participate. His favorite school subject is math.

He works around the house to help out, and hopes someday to be able to go to college.

School property tax rates last year rose in 85% of Texas districts

Texas school districts increased local property taxes by nearly $1 billion in 1992, with the average tax rate jumping by nearly 9 cents per $100 in property value," State Comptroller John Sharp announced.

"Our annual survey of the state's school districts found that they levied $8.6 billion in local property taxes last year, up $984 million from 1991," Sharp said. "That follows on the heels of an increase of $961 million between the 1990 and 1991 tax years."

The survey is part of the Comptroller's audit of property values reported by 1,042 independent school districts and 188 county education districts (CEDs).

"The average school property tax rate combining both independent school district and CED taxes—totalled almost $1.30 per $100 in valuation, up by 9 cents from last year," Sharp said. "But nearly all of that increase can be traced to a state-mandated increase in the CED tax rate."

Average tax rates imposed by the independent school districts themselves stayed nearly constant at 39.8 cents per $100 in valuation. But the average CED rate rose more than 9.5 cents to 89.5 cents. Most of that came in response to state law, which required the CEDs to increase their effective tax rates from 72 cents to 82 cents.

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THIRD PLACE AWARD—Winters FFA students, front row from left, Tiffany Donica, Jennifer Prewit, Lance Donica, Mary Nester (from Palo Pinto). Back row, Michael Prewit, Brian Briley, Roy Shackelford, advisor.

Winters FFA group receives award

Several exhibitors were rewarded for the neatness of their animals and their pens at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The reward was the use of a stock trailer from D&D Farm and Ranch Supermarket and CM Trailers.

In the Junior Steers and Junior Barrow division, first place went to Medina County 4-H of Hondo; second place to Comal County 4-H of New Braunfels and third place to Winters FFA.

Winters FFA members participating were Tiffany Donica, Jennifer Prewit, Lance Donica, Michael Prewit and Brian Briley. Their FFA advisor is Roy Shackelford.

Winters 4-H'ers show in San Antonio

Winters 4-H'ers participating in the 1993 San Antonio Stock Show included Jana and Sara Jackson and Robby and Amy Heathcott showing in the swine division; Sara and Jana Jackson in the lamb division.



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Summer enrichment for students available

For the past several years, the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented has provided a directory of summer enrichment opportunities available to Texas students.

Programs are varied in nature and qualifications. A student does not have to be enrolled in a gifted and talented course in school in order to qualify for many of the in-state and out-of-state programs. Some of the programs being offered to older students will result in college credit.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Susie Johnson at WHS, 754-5516.

TAAS testing set for March 11th

Since October 1990 the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) testing program has been administered to approximately 3.1 million students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 (exit level). At the same time, the Texas Educational Assessments of Minimum Skills (Teams) testing program has been administered to eligible exit level examinees.

In April 1992 the State Board of Education adopted a redesigned student assessment program which includes modifications to the current TAAS program. The modifications include reducing the number of grade levels assessed to grades 4, 8, and 10 (exit level). The Spring schedule for TAAS includes test administrations in March and May. The Spring administration of the TAAS writing test--both the written composition and writing multiple choice portion--will be March 11, 1993 for grades 4, 8, 10, and all eligible re-test students in grade 11 and 12. The TAAS tests for Reading and Math will be administered on May 5 and 6, 1993, respectively. Make-up sessions are not allowed for TAAS or TEAMS.

Section 101.2 of the Texas Administrative code sets forth the requirements for the TAAS and TEAMS testing programs at the exit level. It states that any individual must demonstrate mastery of each section of the exit level examination in order to be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

The tests will begin as soon as possible after the first tardy bell. Parents can help by assisting the student in getting plenty of rest and in getting to school on time. This is an important test and all efforts should be made to help the student do his/her best. Students have been working hard during the last several months and we feel confident that each will show mastery at this time. If you have questions concerning TAAS testing, please contact the campus. Individual scores will be distributed to parents and guardians at the end of May.

Chapter I advisory committee hears summer school proposal

The Chapter I Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Winters Elementary Library.

Barbara Heathcott called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and a treasurer's report given.

The Summer Reading Program was discussed and a decision made to lengthen a child's reading time to one hour per week. Committee members will be choosing prizes and awards to be given to students who complete the program.

Elementary Principal Terry Wyatt addressed the group concerning the possibility of summer school. He outlined programs offerred, dates and times when classes might be held. He also explained how the students would be selected based on academic needs. A motion was made and the committee voted for the proposal.

Mary Beth Ahrens advised the group of an upcoming program to be brought by the Center of Successful Learning featuring Dr. Rosalyn Williams as speaker. The program will be at the High School Auditorium on Monday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to hear Dr. Williams speak on the topic "How to Deal With Children." Babysitting will be provided and there will be refreshments and door prizes.

Teachers told of supplies needed for students and classrooms and mentioned workshops available to them.

Parents attending this meeting were Easter Walden, Sherry Cooper, Eileen Prater and Barbara Heathcott. WISD personnel in attendance were Terry Wyatt, Karen Colburn, Mary Beth Ahrens, Jan Sims, Louise Fuller, Nelda Voss, Barbara Waggoner, Sue Baize and Jo Beth Shields.

LUNCH ROOM MENU

March 8 thru March 12

Breakfast

Monday-March 8
Biscuits, sausage, gravy, sliced peaches and milk

Tuesday-March 9
Buttered toast, Lucky Charms, applesauce and milk

Wednesday-March 10
Waffles, syrup, oatmeal, mixed fruit and milk

Thursday-March 11
Blueberry muffins, steamed rice, sliced pears and milk

Friday-March 12
Cinnamon toast, Trix cereal, pineapple chunks and milk

Lunch

Monday-March 8
Chili dogs/chili/cheese, red beans, pickles/onion, apple cobbler and milk

Tuesday-March 9
Chicken spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls and milk

Wednesday-March 10
Soft tacos/meat/cheese, tossed salad, hot sauce, pineapple chunks and milk

Thursday-March 11
Fish crispies/tarter sauce, green beans, macaroni/cheese, mixed fruit, hot rolls and milk

Friday-March 12
Sloppy Joes on bun, French fries/catsup, sliced peaches and milk

There is still time to file for City Council positions

The City Council election is drawing closer and of the three positions vacant, only one person has filed to be placed on the ballot.

Timothy Torres filed for one of the councilman positions left open by Manuel Esquivel and Jim Lincycomb. No one has filed for the mayor's position.

March 16th is the last day to file for the May 1st election.

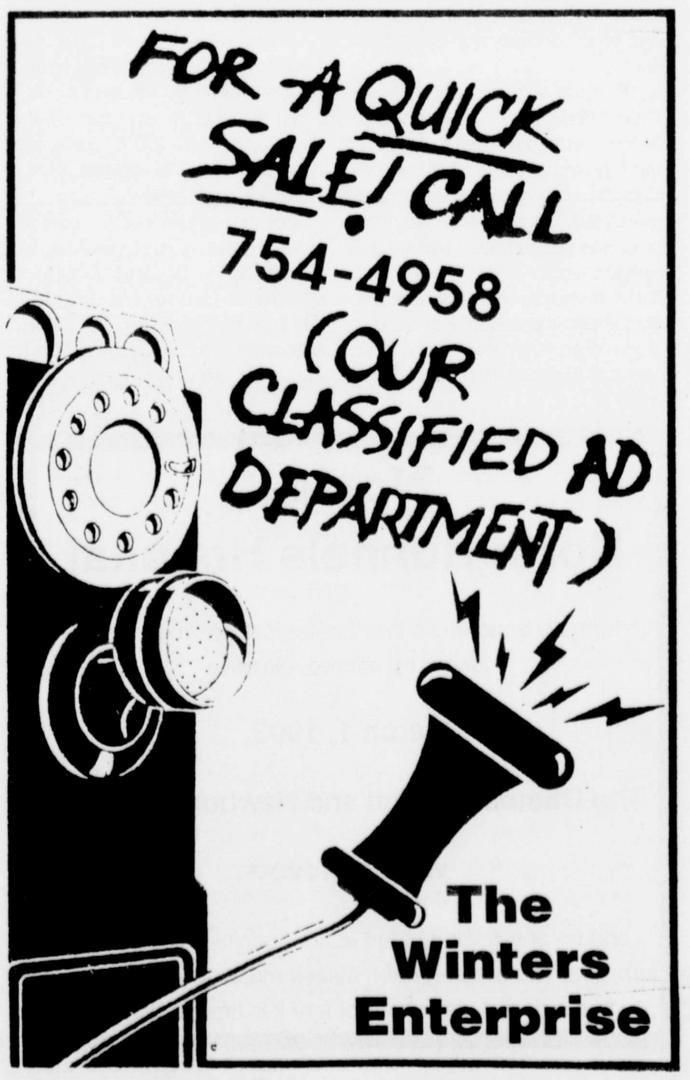
Area resident named to honor roll at TSTC

Ted M. Butler of Winters is listed on the President's Honor Roll for the Fall quarter at Texas State Technical College Waco (TSTC Waco).

Butler, a student in the Plant Engineering Technology program, and is the husband of Barbara A. Butler.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 4.0.

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DRY'S HONORS RETIREES—Retiring employees, all from Ballinger, were honored by co-workers with parties in their respective departments. From left, Helen I. Moseley, who worked over 15 years for the company, honored by the Assembly Department; a 16 year employee, Juan G. Bautista was with the Aluminum Department in Coleman; and Neomia Owens, having been employed with the company for over 30 years, was honored by the Stamp Department.

Social Security protects your confidential records

"The Social Security Administration has always taken the responsibility to protect the confidentiality of personal information in its files seriously," said Louis Enoff, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. In 1936, shortly after the passage of the Social Security Act, the Social Security Board announced that information required of any worker would be regarded as confidential and would be used only for official purposes. "This pledge of confidentiality has been an important factor in the cooperation which employers and employees have shown over the years in providing required information," said Enoff.

Increased use of computers at the Social Security Administration during the last decade has improved the Agency's ability to serve the public while at the same time making confidential information more difficult to protect. Information that once took days to reach local office is now only a few keystrokes away. "With the information easily available, we have had to find new ways to guard against unauthorized access and use of it," stressed Enoff.

During the planning for the automation of Social Security data files, the Agency was extremely concerned about the risk of misuse of files that such automation would bring. Safeguards were built into the new Agency systems when they were implemented. They include:

- providing Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) and a Password that allow access to the system only to employees whose work requires them to use the data files;
- monitoring of access to computerized files so that each time a particular file is used, the employee that uses it knows a record is kept that will be used as evidence in the event the information in the file is misused;
- using security systems officers and regional and local field management to develop and enforce the Agency's overall systems and security policy and guidelines; and
- training employees about the need to maintain the security and confidentiality of the information in the Social Security files, providing profiles of individuals who may attempt to gain unauthorized access, and explain the penalties for misuse of Social Security files.

"Like all organizations with confidential information of value to outsiders," said Enoff, "the information is vulnerable to misuse. To protect our information, we will continue to monitor and upgrade our security systems"

Accent on Health

Diabetes

As many as 850,000 Texans may be afflicted--many of them unknowingly--with illness that may lead to blindness, amputations or kidney dialysis. Some will die.

They are the growing number of people with diabetes. Since onset of the disease is so subtle, thousands of its victims are unaware of their illness until permanent, even fatal, damage is done.

The Texas Department of Health and the Texas Diabetes Council stress that early detection, education of patients, ready medical supplies and health care are vital to lessening the tragedy and cost of diabetes' complications.

Warning signs of diabetes include: abnormally frequent urination, unusual thirst, fatigue, sudden weight loss, blurred vision and slow-healing wounds or infections. Anyone who suspects he or she has diabetes should ask a physician for a blood sugar test. If the test indicates diabetes, the doctor can prescribe any needed medication and design a diet to control blood sugar and body weight.

For more information, contact Dora McDonald or Richard Kropp, Chronic Disease Prevention Division, at 512/458-7490 or Margaret Wilson, Public Information Director, Public Health Promotion Division, at 512/458-7405.

CIDC

The Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services is celebrating its 60th year in 1993.

Its clients are income-eligible children with catastrophic conditions, such as neurological disorders, epilepsy, hemophilia, cancer, HIV or AIDS, cystic fibrosis, or other conditions including severe birth defects.

Without the help of CIDC the families of these children would be devastated by medical costs.

Applicants in any part of the state can seek CIDC program coverage at a TDH regional office or a children's hospital.

For more information, contact John Evans, Chief, Bureau of Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services at 512/458-7355 or Margaret Wilson, Public Information Director, Public Health Promotion Division, at 512/458-7405.

Notice

North Runnels Hospital

formally announces that Obstetrical Services will no longer be offered, effective

March 1, 1993.

The Obstetrical Unit and Newborn Nursery

will be closed

and no physician on staff at the hospital will offer this service.If you are pregnant, please make arrangements to find a doctor elsewhere before it is time to deliver.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbors and relatives that have given us comfort, brought food, sent cards, the phone calls, flowers, memorials and prayers, during our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to Doug Peters and Glenn Shoemake for the memorial service, and to Mike Meyer and the staff of the Winters Funeral Home for the understanding and care given to our family.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

The Family of Kenny Hope

Announcement made in error

The Winters Enterprise regrets the error in last week's edition concerning fictitious information given to *The Enterprise* announcing an engagement of Kristy Pringle and Richie Tubbs. No such engagement has been made at this time.

Poems being accepted for contest

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling $1,000 will be awarded, including a $500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes May 31, 1993, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Prize winners will be notified by July 31, 1993.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV, 26175.

Receive free trees

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March, 1993.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between April 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to TEN REDBUDS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1993.

Free 1992 tax return roadmap

A free brochure designed to serve as a tax-preparation road map is now available from the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSPA). By pointing out how you can organize and document your income and deductions, and by plotting some basic tax-saving tips, this guide should help you lighten your 1992 tax burden.

The brochure is entitled "Lighten Your Tax Burden, A CPA's Tax-Preparation Guide for Individuals." To order your free copy, call the Texas Society of CPAs Taxline at 214/689-6000, ext. 829 or T-A-X.

Museum news

Group takes tour
Memorials received

A group of seven from the Mental Health organization of this area toured the Z.I. Hale Museum Wednesday. Their special interest was the caboose. Jewel Kraatz was the tour guide.

The museum continues to be open on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Latest memorials received include one for Kenny Hope from the Rodeo Association.

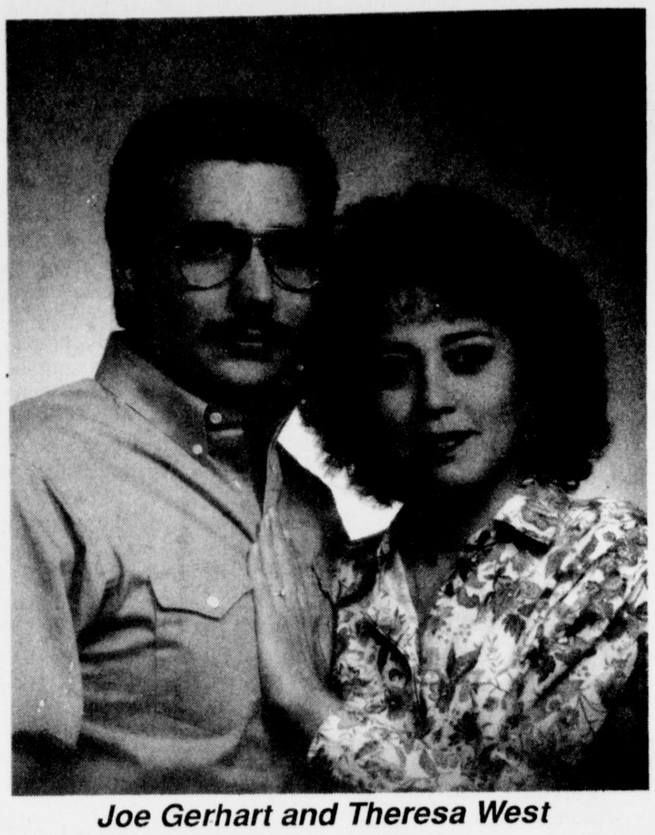
Mrs. Cheri Gonor sends a memorial to the museum for her mother, Jean Hinds Palermo, a former Winters resident.

Unite for World Day of Prayer

People from all Winters churches are invited to an observance of World Day of Prayer at the First Baptist Church.

The program will be on March 5 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

You must report your income-producing personal property for property taxation...List the property on a rendition form available at your local appraisal district.



Joe Gerhart and Theresa West

Theresa West-Joe Gerhart announce engagement

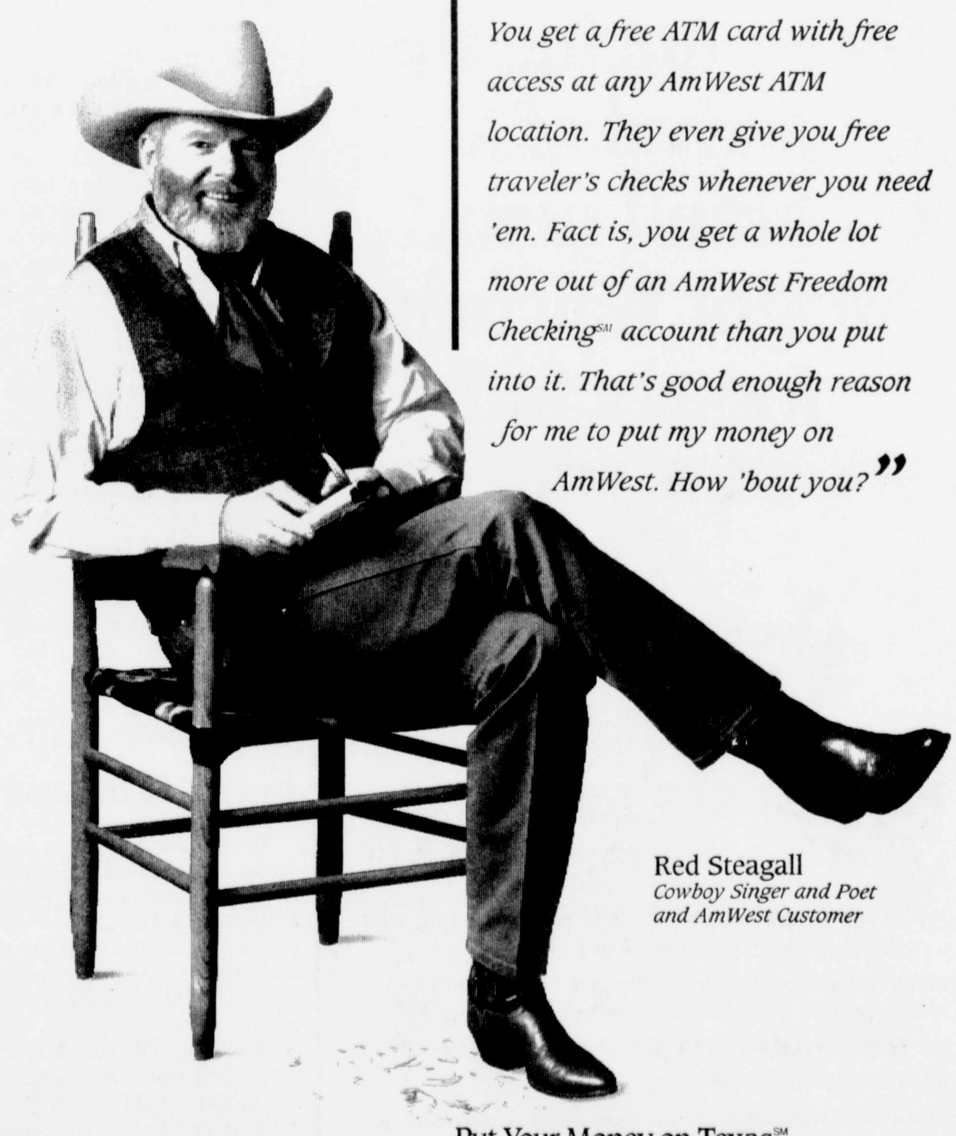
Theresa West and Joe Gerhart, both of Winters, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The wedding will take place at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Winters on April 17, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Epifania West and Naomi and Milton Gerhart.

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Single family housing loans available

Rural Housing Loans for very-low and low income applicants are available through County Offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), Bruce Bailey, FmHA County Supervisor, said today.

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, or repair rural homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems. Homes may be built on individual tracts or in subdivisions. Funds may also be used to modernize homes--add improvements such as bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other improvements. Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Loans may be made for up to 100% of the appraised value of the site and the new home. Interest rates for this type of loan are presently 7.75% with 33 year terms. Monthly payments are subsidized with the amount of the payment dependent on the borrower's annual income. Homes will be modest in size, design, and cost but adequate to meet the family's needs. New homes average about 1,050 square feet of living area.

In addition, Farmers Home Administration guarantees home ownership loans made to applicants of low or moderate income. Guarantees offer opportunities to families who are unable to afford a commercial loan with a Guarantee. These loans may be made for up to 100% of the value of the property and are made for terms of 30 years. The interest rate is based on the Federal National Mortgage Association rate with a maximum loan amount in most counties of $67,500.

The Farmers Home Administration assists rural America by guaranteeing private sector loans and by providing temporary, supervised direct loans to farm and housing borrowers who have a reasonable chance for success, and whose current needs cannot be met at reasonable rates and terms by commercial sources. The Agency is committed to excellence in providing its services.

"Applications for assistance may be obtained at the Farmers Home Administration office located at 3400-B S. 14th St., Abilene, Tx 79605, FmHA County Supervisor said. The FmHA office in Abilene is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SS direct deposit is smart business

Perhaps there's a special feeling of security in actually holding your first Social Security benefit check in your hand. That may be the reason some new beneficiaries don't sign up at the outset to have their monthly benefits deposited directly into their bank accounts. However, more than 20 million beneficiaries have found that direct deposit is the smart thing to do. They never have to worry about:

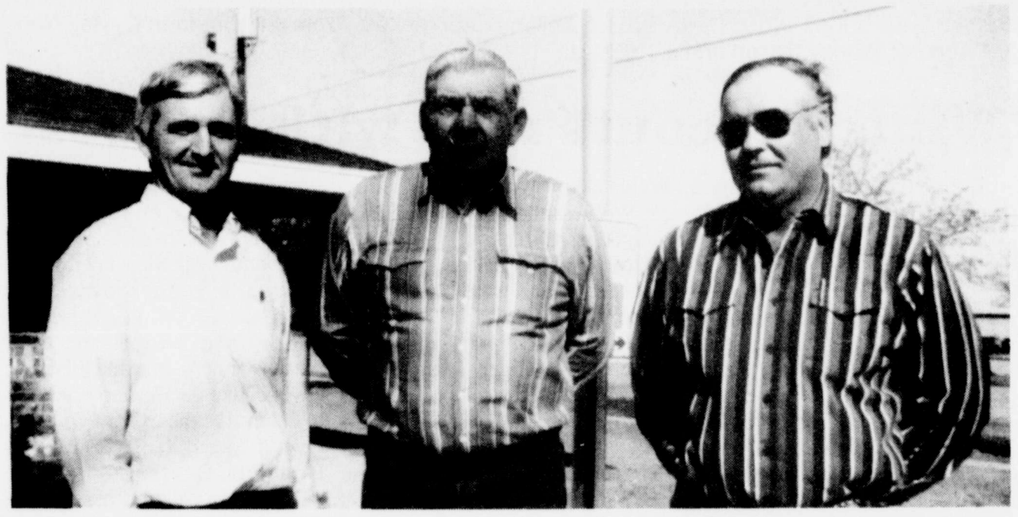
- a check being lost, stolen, or misplaced;
- being away from home and having a check sitting unprotected in their mailbox; or
- making a special trip to the bank or standing in line to deposit their checks.

Beneficiaries who receive their checks in the mail are 16 times more likely to report receipt problems than beneficiaries who use direct deposit. Even if you didn't choose electronic fund transfer—direct deposit—when you began receiving benefits, you can sign up now.

For information about how to begin direct deposit of your Social Security benefits, call Social Security's toll-free telephone number 1-800-772-1213, any business day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. When you call, you should have your Social Security number and your bank account number handy. Or, ask about direct deposit where you have your bank account. Many banks offer checking account services free of charge to depositors who are age 60 or older. The bank's service representative can help you enroll on the spot.



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ELECT OFFICERS—The Runnels County Children's Protective Services board of directors have recently selected new officers for 1993. Pictured to lead the 15-member board are (from left) Daniel Ramos, vice-president; Darlene Gower, secretary; and Keith Collom, president. (Ledger photo)



COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED—Three area farmers have recently been named to the Runnels County ASCS County Committee for the upcoming year. Elected to serve as directors are (from left) Daniel Wilde of Ballinger; Bud Busher of Winters, vice-chairman; and Dwaine Lange of Norton, chairman. (Ledger photo)

"Farm Night" offers music, food and conversation

One of the fun things that happens in small-town rural America is when town folks get together with their farm friends for a good "old fashioned" night together. What it takes is: good music, some good table talk, Western songs well done, and a good speaker. These are the ingredients for the Winters Area Lions Club Farm Night, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1 at the Community Center.

"The Shed" is serving good BBQ. There will be guitar pickin'. George Newman, rancher-speaker-cowboy from the Rolling N Farms in Taylor County will liven things up with good stories and a good speech. The Center will be decorated Western Style.

The cost of tickets is $5.50 per plate. Each Lion will be inviting one or more farm couples to be his guests. Norton and Wingate Lions are joining in and coming along. Anybody who wants to buy a ticket and bring along their farm friends are welcome. Anyone who wants to come can come, as long as they have a ticket. It would be wonderful to see the Center crowded.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Winters State Bank, Peoples National Bank, and the Farmer's Seed and Supply.

Tickets must be purchased by March 15, in order to make sure you have a plate. There will be no tickets sold at the door. So, get yours now. Come, join the party, and have a good night together.

Use the Classifieds to Buy or Sell

Quarterly agricultural survey to begin early in March

Early in March the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will begin contacting farm and ranch operators on the March 1 Quarterly Agricultural Survey. Data collected from this report will be used to forecast the acreage of crops that Texas farmers and ranchers have planted or "intend" to plant for 1993. The survey will also be used to determine the number of hogs and pigs on hand and the quantity of grain and soybeans stored on farms.

Approximately 3,300 farmers and ranchers have been randomly selected to represent Texas agriculture. "This means that information will not only represent the selected producer, but other farmers and ranchers who have similar operations," State Statistician Dennis Findley said.

"To obtain an accurate picture of Texas agriculture, we depend on voluntary cooperation of farmers and ranchers. Information from individual farmers is strictly confidential and protected by law from any disclosure," Findley added.

Individual reports will be combined with similar reports from other producers and expanded to form State estimates. The survey results will be published in April.

Veterans given first chance to bid at April State Land Sale

A catalogue listing 468 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) by calling 1-800-252-VETS. Bids will be opened on April 27, 1993 at 1 p.m.

Located in 124 Texas counties (with the majority in North, Central and East Texas) the tracts, known as Type I properties, range in size from five to 227 acres.

The VLB will finance the full amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on. However, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one land purchase in the sale and must not have previously purchased land through the VLB.

"Texas veterans should take advantage of this sale if they are in the market for land to use for recreation or an investment," said Garry Mauro, chairman of the VLB. "Since these tracts have never been offered for sale by the board, this sale gives Texas veterans an excellent opportunity to buy good land with 100 percent financing."

Tracts not sold in the April sale will be offered to both veterans and non-veterans through local real estate agents.

Eligible Texas veterans will receive a 7.79 percent interest rate with a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A $25 non-refundable fee for each bid submitted is required.

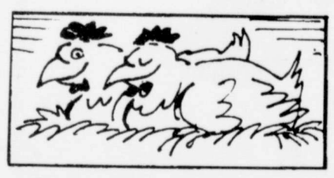
The sale will be by sealed bid only, with a minimum bid set on each tract. All bids must be received by April 27 at 1 p.m. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening in Austin.

Details of the sale and a description of each tract can be obtained by calling the VLB toll-free 1-800-252-VETS.

For more information, contact Steve Speir or Ron Calhoun at 512-463-5339.

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Texas businesses have March 31 deadline for filing property tax renditions

State Comptroller John Sharp reminds Texas businesses that they must render their property with county appraisal districts by March 31. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 1993.

State law requires that anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 must render with the local appraisal district.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Sharp also announced that properly owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills.

"In late November, tornadoes in the Houston area caused severe property damage. Those owners may be able to get a tax break to help them through the tough times," Sharp said.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner—including homeowners, farmers and ranchers—may file one. Also, property owners may receive 30 extra days to file the reports, but they must ask the appraisal district for the extra days—in writing— by the March 31 deadline.

"Homeowners who render are in a better position to apply their rights as taxpayers," Sharp said. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector can't deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes plus the penalties that result for late payment, Sharp said.

Also, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By recording an opinion, property owners have made sure that the appraisal district must send them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the proposed value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Contact the local appraisal district office for rendition forms or call the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.



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Selling Your Home. You may be able to postpone the tax on part or all of your gain, or maybe even get greater breaks if you're 55 or older.

Casualty Losses. Losses suffered from events such as fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and car accidents may be deductible.

Elderly or Disabled. You may be able to claim this credit if you're 65 or older, or if you are retired on disability and were permanently and totally disabled when you retired.

Electronic Filing. This won't save you money, but will get you a refund faster, usually about three weeks after we receive the return.

There are many more credits and deductions you should know about. Call us toll-free at 1-800-TAX-1040 for answers to any tax question. See your tax package for details on any of the money-saving tips above.

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EACH ONE A WINNER!—Winters Cub Scouts came home with honors earned in the White Buffalo District Pine Wood Derby held in Abilene February 20. From left, Brandon Davis, Wade Parramore, Wacey Cason and J.T. Davis.

Winters Scouts race with the best

By the time the White Buffalo District Pine Wood Derby came to an end on Saturday, February 20, everyone knew Winters had been there. About 334 area Cub Scouts, including 14 Winters scouts, gathered at the West Texas Fair grounds in Abilene to vie for top derby honors. Cars were raced in four grade-level divisions to find three top winners in each.

Competing in the Tiger division was Wacey Cason of Winters, who took home second place in this category.

Wolves racing cars were Brandon Davis, Christopher Holloway, Matthew Meyer, and Guy Slimp. Brandon Davis won first place honors in this division.

In the Bear division were Michael Bellinger, Ryan Bland, J.T. Davis, Jeremy Hope, Joseph Joeris, Christopher Kraatz, and Wade Parramore. Out of 86 cars, J.T., Jeremy, Joseph, Christopher, and Wade all raced in the top 14 cars. Wade Parramore took first place in the division, followed by J.T. Davis in second place.

In the Webelos division, Justin Davis and Justin Meyer competed, making a good showing for Winters.

The first, second, and third place winners in each division advanced to the final competition to determine the overall winners. Overall second place went to Brandon Davis, and Wade Parramore took third place overall.

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Runnels County Soil Conservation News

by Kathy Saunders, Soil Convervationist

Pasture management

by KATHY SAUNDERS, Soil Conservationist

With cold, wet northers arriving weekly, many people are not thinking about weed control on their pastureland. However, now is the time to start planning the type of weed control that may be needed. With another year of abundant moisture through the winter months, you can rest assured that there will be some sort of weed competing with your planted grass.

There are two types of weed control, chemical and mechanical. The goal is to kill or suppress weeds so that the desirable seeded grasses may become established. Several factors must be evaluated before action can be taken in controlling the weeds. A person must know; 1) how dense are the weeds (are they shading out the seeded grasses and stealing vital moisture); 2) how mature are the undesirable plants; 3) what kind of weeds are most prominent; and 4) in what stage of growth are the desirable grasses (is there any grass).

Chemical control—When using herbicides to control weeds use a selective chemical that will kill the most prominent weeds without damage to the desirable grasses. Keep in mind that the seeded grass must be past the four to five leaf stage. Any chemical sprayed now will damage or kill the grass and seed production may be affected. Herbicides are usually most effective between 70 and 80°F, satisfactory between 64 and 85°F, and can damage your grasses if sprayed above 90°F. Caution should be used when spraying on windy days. If velocity exceeds 10mph, don't spray.

Mechanical control—Another alternative used to control weeds is shredding or mowing. The shredder should be set 1" above the average height of the seeded grass. This method suppresses the weeds, allowing the desirable grasses to overtake the undesirable plants. Broadleaf plants should be shredded before the budding or blooming stage to control seed production.

For more information on weed control on pastureland, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Ballinger.

Stenholm announces art contest

Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced plans for the Twelfth Annual Art Contest for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. One winning entry from each congressional district will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the atistic talents of today's youth.

Runnels County students in grades 9 through 12 should enter a preliminary contest to be held in San Angelo on Saturday, April 3, 1993, at the Central High School Cafeteria, 100 Cottonwood Street. Entries may be brought to Willie Zuniga at 1621 University in San Angelo, and they must be in by Friday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch, to be hosted by Charlie and Cindy Stenholm, in Abilene on April 24.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings or collages. If a student chooses to do a landscape, it shall portray a Texas scene.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford office at 915/773-3623 or Willie Zuniga at 915/947-3823.

VFW Auxiliary to sponsor patriotic art program

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud to sponsor the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program.

Developed in 1978, this program encourages high school students to express their artistic talents, demonstrate their patriotism and at the same time become eligible for funds to futher their art education.

Any student who is an American citizen in grades 9,10,11 or 12 is eligible. Student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Auxiliary. Deadline is March 31,1993.

Art must be on paper or canvas and artist may use water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil. Entry must have been done during the 1992-93 school year.

Each entry wil1 be judged on the originality of concept and patriotism expressed; the content and clarity of ideas; the design, use of color and technique; and the total impact or execution and contrast.

The National First Place award is a $2,500 scholarship plus an expense-paid weekend to the American Academy of Achievement in 1994 honoring youth champions in many fields of endeavor, plus an expense-paid trip to be honored at the 1993 VFW Auxiliary Convention. First place art will be featured on the November cover of the National Auxiliary Magazine. Winners must use these funds towards their continued art education or for more art supplies.

The Winters Auxiliary entry does not have to come from Winters. Any student interested or anyone knowing a young artist who would be interested, please contact or call Mary Kurtz 754-5182.

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For sale: Fertilized Coastal hay. Square bales, $2.75 each. Round bales, $25.00 each. Contact: **Steve Pritchard at 743-2053 or Jack Pritchard at 743-8588.** 4-2(TFC)

Onions, potatoes, tomato, pepper, garden seed and other yard and garden items. **Farmers Seed & Supply, 108 S. Melwood** 4-8(4tc)

If you have fertilizer spreaders or hand sprayers from **Farmers Seed & Supply,** please return immediately—others need to use them. 4-8(4tc)

For sale: Pure bred Simmental bulls. 18 months old. **Call 754-5341 before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.** 4-9(2tp)

Apartments for Rent

2 bedroom apartment with central air and heat, carpet, range, refrigerator, dishwasher. **Call 754-4511.** 3-30(tfc)

Apartments for Rent---1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom to qualified applicants. Equal Housing Opportunity. Apply at **300 North Grant, Monday through Friday, 8:00 - 12:00/1: - 3:00.** 4-6(4tc)

For Sale Nursery Items

Bare root pecan and fruit trees: Excellent prices while supply lasts. PBS Nursery, Ballinger. **Phone 365-3269. Night: Donny Bruton, 365-2372.** 4-9(3tc)

Heritage Oak trees: All sizes, ranging from 7 gallon to 40 gallon containers. Also multi-trunk. Guaranteed best prices you will find. Large selection to choose from. PBS Nursery, Ballinger. **Phone: 365-3269. Night: Donny Bruton, 365-2372.** 4-9(13tc)

Help Wanted

POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE to type names and addresses from home. $500.00 per 1000. Call **1-900-896-1666** ($1.49 min/18 yrs.+) or write **PASSE - P153, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, Il. 60542.** 4-8(3tp)

Now hiring—Certified nurses' aides. Apply in person to Vicki Carlton at **Senior Citizens Nursing Home,** Winters. 4-6(8tc)

CHILD CARE NEEDED—My home, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Hours 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Call 754-4098.** 4-9(1tc)

Storage Rentals

ACE MINI STORAGE: Monthly rates, contact Farmers Seed and Supply, **754-5373.** 1-1(tfc)

Lost & Found

Lost: On Saturday at farm sale. Man's gold ring with diamond. **$100 reward. Call 754-4084.** 4-9(2tp)

Automobiles

For Sale: 1985 Ford Super Cab. New tires and battery. Call **754-5610** 4-9(2tp)

Work Wanted

General Handyman
Mowing, edging, rototilling, raking, hoeing, weeding, plumbing, hauling at cost. Also electrical installation and repair. Window and screen repair. Painting, minor plumbing. Senior citizens discount. Call **Keith 754-4638 or 754-5252.** 4-8(4tp)

Personal

As of this date, 2/17/93, I will not be responsible for any debts made by anyone but myself. **Billy G. Moore** 4-8(3tp)

Garage Sales

Yard sale—Portable dishwasher, clothes, etc. 3-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. **101 Melwood. 754-5681.** 4-9(1tp)

Miscellaneous

Doug Prine—Oil painting workshop. Melba's Arts, Crafts & Gifts, 213 S. Main, March 25, 26 and 27, 9:00 - 4:00. Registration rate, $75. Deposit $35 **required.** 10 spaces available. **Call 754-5473.** 4-9(3tp)

BID NOTICE

The City of Winters will be accepting sealed bids at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567 for the sale of a white 1983 Ford LTD until Wednesday, March 10, 1993, at 4:00 p.m.

Bid Notice

Estate of Marie Kurtz, deceased, is accepting bids for the sale of 305 acres Thomas R. Webb survey #357 Abst. 504, Runnels County, Texas.
Bids must be delivered to Kenneth H. Slimp, Box 157, Winters, Texas 79567 on or before 5 p.m. March 17, 1993. Only cash offers considered. No Owner Financing. Includes all minerals owned by seller. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale, Winters, TX.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings—for information call 754-5202.

1-800-772-1213
Call Social Security toll free

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Winters will hold a Public Hearing on amending the 1992-1993 General Fund Budget at their regular meeting on March 22, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.
The public is invited to attend and voice their opinion.

Deadlines

General News
Noon Monday

Retail Ads
Noon Monday

Classified Ads
5 pm Monday

CLASSIFIED RATES

CASH
$3.50 Minimum, 1 time, $3.00 per insertion thereafter, 20 words; 10 cents per word over 20 words.

CHARGE
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Public Record

DISTRICT COURT

Carolyn Gully vs. Barbara June Marks, 2-19-93, Note.

Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters vs. Richard Brent Fountain and Linda Faye Fountain, 2-23-93, Declaratory judgment.

First National Bank of Rowena, Texas vs. Joe Torres, 2-24-93, Note.

John H. Wilkerson, Sr., and Brenda Kay Wilkerson, 2-25-93, Divorce.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Terri Irby Selby and Joseph Gregory Selby, 2-11-93.

Alice Marie Carson Clark and Sidney L. Clark, III, 2-11-93.

Tawnee Rock and Christopher Rock, 2-25-93.

Judy Crouch and Wesley Crouch, 2-25-93.

J.P. COURT

Lisa Ann Frenzel, 2-18-93, Theft by check under $20.00.

Lisa Ann Frenzel, 2-23-93, Issuance of a bad check.

Lisa Ann Frenzel, 2-24-93, Theft by check under $20.00.

Arthur Lee Grant, 2-23-93, Aggravated assault.

COUNTY COURT

John Quicksall, 2-18-93, DWI (Subsequent offense) Motion and order dismissing.

Jacksine Benham, 2-19-93, No liability insurance. Order of dismissal.

Winters 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.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Monday, February 22 through Sunday, February 28, 1993. Winters Police Officers:

1) Investigated three reports of hit-and-run accidents. The first of which reportedly happened in front of the high school as school was letting out.

The second incident occurred at the intersection of W. Dale and N. Arlington. After the accident occurred, one of the vehicles left the scene heading north. The driver of the other vehicle went to the police department and reported that a dark car driven by a white male with no shirt and accompanied by another male had run into him while he was stoppad at a stop sign. The victim further reported that the car had backed up and driven down Arlington to the north, turned west off Arlington at an unknown location. Officers responded and found a black 1982 Chrysler parked in front of a house on the west side of Arlington at the intersection of Arlington and Quanah. WPS Officers arrested Billy Wayne Slayton at the scene for felony DWI. Slayton is a 27 year-old from Coleman. Also arrested at the scene was Robert Joe Mitchell, 34 year-old male, also from Coleman. Mitchell was arrested for parole violation. Both men were transported to the Runnels County Jail. Deputy Garza assisted Winters P.D. Officers in the arrest and transporting of the two subjects.

The third hit-and-run accident occurred in the 100 block of N. Frisco street where an unknown vehicle struck a parked vehicle.

2) Investigated a Class A assault which occurred at the school cafeteria involving one juvenile and one adult.

3) Investigated a Class A assault, Family Violence, in the 600 block of W. Dale. Arrested was Herb Bentrup, a 37 year-old, who was transported to the Runnels County Jail.

4) Investigated a criminal mischief case in the 500 block of Truett Street in which two tires were cut.

5) Investigated an attempted unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 600 block of S. Rogers. The case is being referred to Juvenile Probation, as there are three juvenile suspects in the case.

6)A Winters Police Department Officer, while off duty and riding as an observer with another agency, assisted in the apprehension of four individuals that had been involved in an aggravated robbery and unauthorized use of motor vehicle in Killeen, Tx. The four were arrested between Ballinger and Rowena.

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
Runnels County Sheriff's Department—365-2121

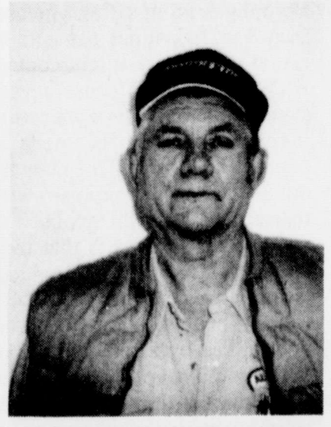
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Employee of the Month for February



JAMES OSBORN

Length of Service: 15 years
Title: Mill Supervisor
Wife: Peggy
Hometown: Winters

ALDERMAN-CAVE MILLING & GRAIN COMPANY

Winters, Texas (915) 754-4546
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Underwood Real Estate

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ALBERT ST. - Large 3 BR, 2 bath, w/appliances, fenced yard.

E. PIERCE ST. - 3 BR, 1 bath, Needs repair. Make offer.

E. TRUITT - Extra nice, 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, on corner lot.

MEL ST. - 3 BR, 1 bath, CP, corner lot.

AIRCRAFT HANGAR BUILDING -N.E. corner. $3500.

E. TRUITT - 3 BR, 1 bath, freshly painted exterior, front porch.

BISHOP ST. - Remodeled, 2 BR, 1 bath, out of city limits.

STATE ST.- Nice 2 BR, 1 bath, ready to move into. Priced right.

BEL AIR ST. - 4 BR, 2 bath, brick with double carport, H/A.

JEWEL ST. - Almost new, 3 BR, 3 bath, appliances, H/A.

5 MI. EAST - 82-1/2 acres farm land. Older style house. Make offer.

N. CONCHO- 3 BR, 2 bath, tip-top shape, H/A.

STATE ST. - Convenient 2 BR, 2 bath, large lot. H/A. Price reduced.

W. PARSONAGE - 2 BR, 1 bath, brick, Lennox H/A & C/P.

LAUREL DR. - 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, H/A, good location.

McADOO ST. - 3 BR, 1 bath, near school. Owner anxious. Make offer.

S. MELWOOD - 3 BR, 1-1/2 bath, den, H/A.

30 ACRES - With 2 BR, 2 bath, mobile home, 8 miles SE.

WINGATE - 2 BR, 1 bath, brick, w/heat pump, extra nice.

CRYER ST. - 2 BR, 1 bath, redone w/new carpet.

HUNTERS GLEN - Good as new, 3 BR, 2 bath, H/A.

S. MAIN - Commercial, metal building, with 4 lots.

ROBERTS ST. - Remodeled, 2 BR, 1 bath. Real neat.

N. CONCHO - 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car C/P, near school.

EDGE OF TOWN - 4 Br, 1 1/2 bath, 2 story, beautifully decorated on 5.9 acres

S. ARLINGTON - Lg. 3BR, 1 bath, clean and convenient.

N. CHURCH - 3 BR, 1 bath, in good condition.

PALOMA ST. - 4 BR, 2 bath, corner lot.

NEW LISTING, BRONTE - Lg. 4 BR, 2 bath, brick, C/H, close in.

NEW LISTING, S. ARLINGTON—Extra nice. Clean. 2 BR., 1 bath, frame. On corner lot.

N. MAIN - Price reduced. Lg. 3 BR, 2 bath, white brick, garage.

E. TRUITT - 2 BR, 1 1/2 bath, white brick, C/H, corner lot.

FISH



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The Hybrid Bluegill will REACH the weight of 2 1/2 to 3 lbs.
We furnish your Hauling Containers. We guarantee live delivery.
- Supplies -
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Delivery will be Thursday, March 11, at the times listed for the following towns and locations.

Winters - Tom Poe Real Estate 9:30-10:30 a.m.	754-5022
Abilene - Acco Feeds 12:00-1:00 p.m.	676-3302
Ballinger - Robinson Ag Mart 7:30-8:30 a.m.	365-2618
Sweetwater-B & B Feed & Seed 2:00-3:00 p.m.	235-3115
Roby-Terry's Gin, Inc. 4:00-5:00 p.m.	776-2257

Call your local Feed Store to place your order or call 405-777-2202 or 1-800-433-2950
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Hunter's Camp

with Don Haley

"Where'd you say you ran across that big ole' gobbler?" I asked Ace, who was half asleep with a belly full of jerky and beans.

"North of Dry Creek below Blue Mountain," he mumbled. "Top over the third ridge and head east to the second draw that runs back south and forks to the west by that little opening full of cactus and that big algerita."

To those unincorporated into hunting camp logic, these directions might seem rather vague, but I knew to the exact bush where Ace meant. We who are encased in camouflage seem to develop a sixth sense about such things. With a few basic orientations and the moon, trees, and stars to guide us, we forge ahead with purpose and conviction.

Why then, do these tried and true skills abandon us altogether in the domesticated world of grocery store aisles?

We can follow sparce directions to a hidden spot in the middle of nowhere, in the dark, and then remember how to find it again with ease. But we can't find the frozen breaded okra no matter how many times it's pointed out to us or how long we search.

"Honey, I need you to go to the grocery store for me. Everything's right here on the list," says my wife. "Just four little items."

More than I fear the buzz of a rattlesnake in high grass, I fear the sound of these words. And anytime I'm addressed as "Honey," I've learned to duck and dart like a dove across a sunflower patch in September.

"Please don't make me," I hear myself begging, but it's no use. Wives use the grocery store weapon as a way to somehow get even, to put us in our place and keep us there.

"Don't be such a cry-baby," she scolds. "Now quit whining and listen for the thousandth time. The lettuce is on the end of aisle one. Straight ahead is the milk. Just go around the corner and a blind man could see the tomato sauce."

"Stumble a few more feet and you will find the biscuit mix on the right. That's all I need except for the breaded okra. It's directly across the store in the frozen food section."

So there I go, wandering around like a lost calf in a hail storm, totally disoriented and without a clue. And I'll likely see my hunting buddies there, and we'll try to help one another, but working together does more harm than good.

We'll usually cross paths over in the frozen food section searching for breaded okra. We never find it, but Slim thinks he saw the tomato sauce back that-a-way. Ace and Buck disagree though, positive they saw it over by the English peas, pointing in unison across the store in opposite directions.

The boys and I have pondered long and hard on this grocery shopping business. We figure it's just like hunting big bucks or spring gobblers - you need an edge, an angle, to get the job done. Many long nights have been spent around the campfire, staring blankly into the flames and scratching our heads.

One afternoon, I was watching our little seven year-old girl play "kitchen." It seems she knows every cooking item in the house, how it's used and where it goes. A little later, I overheard her playing "grocery store." In her play, she went down each make-believe aisle, expertly plucking items like she has seen Mommie do a hundred times for real.

How could I have been so blind? Here was my edge, my angle, my gold mine, and right under my nose. Since kids are somewhat materialistic these day, "the edge" cost me a little in hush money.

Up front was fifty bucks cash money, a Beauty and the Beast video, a Baby Roller-Blades, a Baby Potty and a new Ken and Barbie. Then there was the ongoing bribe of a new toy each time she went to the store with me, got everything on her Mother's list, and kept her mouth shut!

The guys soon saw my prize and wanted in on the action. None of them had any little girls, only mean ole' tow-headed boys. In exchange for shopping service priviledges, I negotiated exclusive rights to Ace's favorite deer stand for next season. From Buck came his new 3 x 9 power scope that I had been admiring. And from Slim, his beautiful .243 hunting rifle fits me just fine.

And for our little shopper, the guys bestowed on her all the treasures of a queen, no doll was too much to ask, no toy beyond her reach.

Things have been going nicely for quite some time. Mom wasn't unduly suspicious of all the new toys, since it was soon after Christmas and close to birthday time. Our little shopper knew which side her bread was buttered on and kept quiet. Then - the worst happened.

"Honey, please go to the grocery store. I need some Philadelphia Cream Cheese."

"Where's my little cowgirl?" I sing out. This was our signal and "the shopper" would fling down a new toy and come running like a hound dog to coon scent. We had faked a story that she liked to look at the cows and baby calves on the way to the store.

"She won't be able to go with you anymore. She's decided to take dance and tumbling lessons every day after school. Can you step on it, I'm running late."

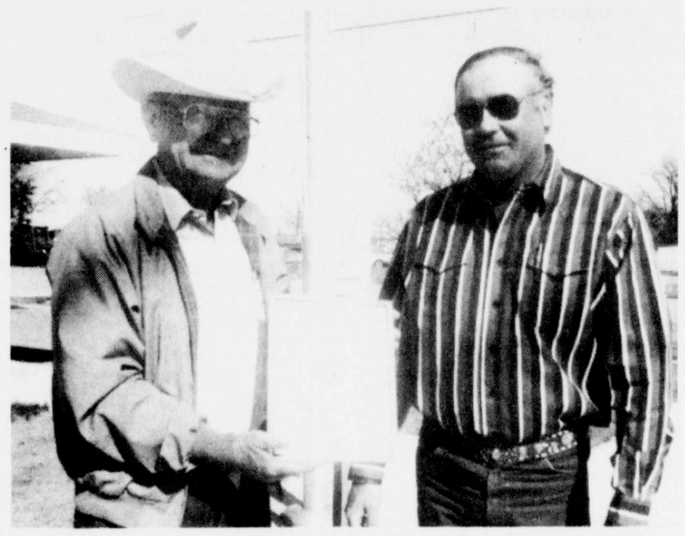
"But, but..," I whine with the sudden knowledge that I'm doomed. The little rascal got rich and left me to the wolves.

"You've done so well at the grocery store lately," she praises. "The cream cheese is just down the aisle from the frozen breaded okra. You can't miss it."

Wanna bet!



HONORED FOR 16 YEARS OF SERVICE—Linda Lewis (left) was recently honored for her 16-years of service as program assistant at the Runnels County USDA ASCS office in Ballinger. Lewis was presented a certificate for her work by Committee Chairman Dwaine Lange. (Ledger photo)



STEPPING DOWN AFTER NINE YEARS—Bill J. Colburn (left) was recently honored for his service as an ASCS County Committee member. Colburn has served as a member of the Runnels County USDA office for the past nine years. Five of those years as chairman. He was presented a certificate by current County Chairman Dwaine Lange. (Ledger photo)

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6 lb Ground Beef
6 lb Pork Chops
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10 lb Sirloin Steak
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10 lb Pork Chops or Round Steak
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Runnels Soil Conservation News and Notes

Grazing systems—Key to production profits

Livestock producers in Texas are using planned grazing systems on about 15 million acres.

Ronnie Vanicek, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Ballinger, says that the efficiency of forage production is dependent on the health of the plants on rangeland.

"Plants capture solar energy in their leaves and use this energy to manufacture their own food," Vanicek said. "If these leaves are continuously grazed short, the plant will use all its stored food reserves, reduce forage production, and die."

Livestock are highly selective in what plant species they graze. They graze the best first and the worst last. They also like to come back to the same plant and graze it again because of the young, tender regrowth.

Vanicek said this is why the better plants have been killed off our rangeland, reducing forage production on much of it by up to 75%.

The loss of these better plants that the livestock prefer can be stopped and the process reversed if the rancher desires to maximize grazing efficiency.

To maximize grazing efficiency, the better plants must be made as healthy as possible. To accomplish this, they need a chance to grow without continually being grazed.

A planned grazing system, tailored to meet the needs of the plants, the livestock, and the rancher is the best way to maximize grazing efficiency, Vanicek stressed.

If you are interested in maximizing grazing efficiency and improving your grassland, contact the Soil Conservation Service office in Ballinger. They can give technical assistance to landowners and operators through the Runnels Soil and Water conservation District and help you design a system to meet your needs.

Spring is the best time to start a planned grazing system, so now is the time to start planning.

Without a doubt, a deferred rotation or planned grazing system is the simplest step toward improving range condition and future livestock production. It can begin with as few as two pastures rotated every 30 days.

"You can't tell a cow what to eat, but you can limit the length of time and when she eats, using a tailor-made planned grazing system," said Area Range conservationist Stan Reinke of the Soil Conservation Service. "Planned grazing systems can be applied using a rotation between as few as two pastures."

Extension News & Views

by Richard Minzenmayer
Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)
Runnels -Tom Green Counties

Limit amount of nitrogen at time of planting

If a producer still plans to place fertilizer close to the seed at the time of planting, the offset knives used to apply the nitrogen and phosphorus should be adjusted to place the material two to four inches to the side and four inches below the seed. Recommended rates on nitrogen should be in the range of two pounds for each 100 pounds of expected yield. To produce 2000 pounds of grain you will need to have 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre available for plant use.

The ideal plant population for grain sorghum is 50,000 to 55,000 uniformly spaced plants per acre and for corn, 18,000 to 20,000 plants per acre with very few skips.

If you have planted on the light side of this plant population range you will want to be careful on amount and placement of the fertilizer.

Grain sorghum and corn producers should be cautious in applying anhydrous ammonia to fields at the time of planting. A better practice would be to apply nitrogen fertilizer 7 to 10 days before planting to reduce injury to young seedlings. Rates greater than 8 to 10 pounds per acre of actual nitrogen in direct contact with the seed can cause severe stand reduction. The application of phosphorus can be made at planting in-furrow, if the rates are not excessive. The problem with the sources of fertilizers used to provide phosphorus is that they also contain nitrogen. If a producer is applying 80 pounds of 10-34-0 to meet his phosphorus need, as determined by a soil test, a producer could have a plant population reduction due to the 8 pounds of nitrogen applied per acre.

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There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.
—Logan Pearsall Smith