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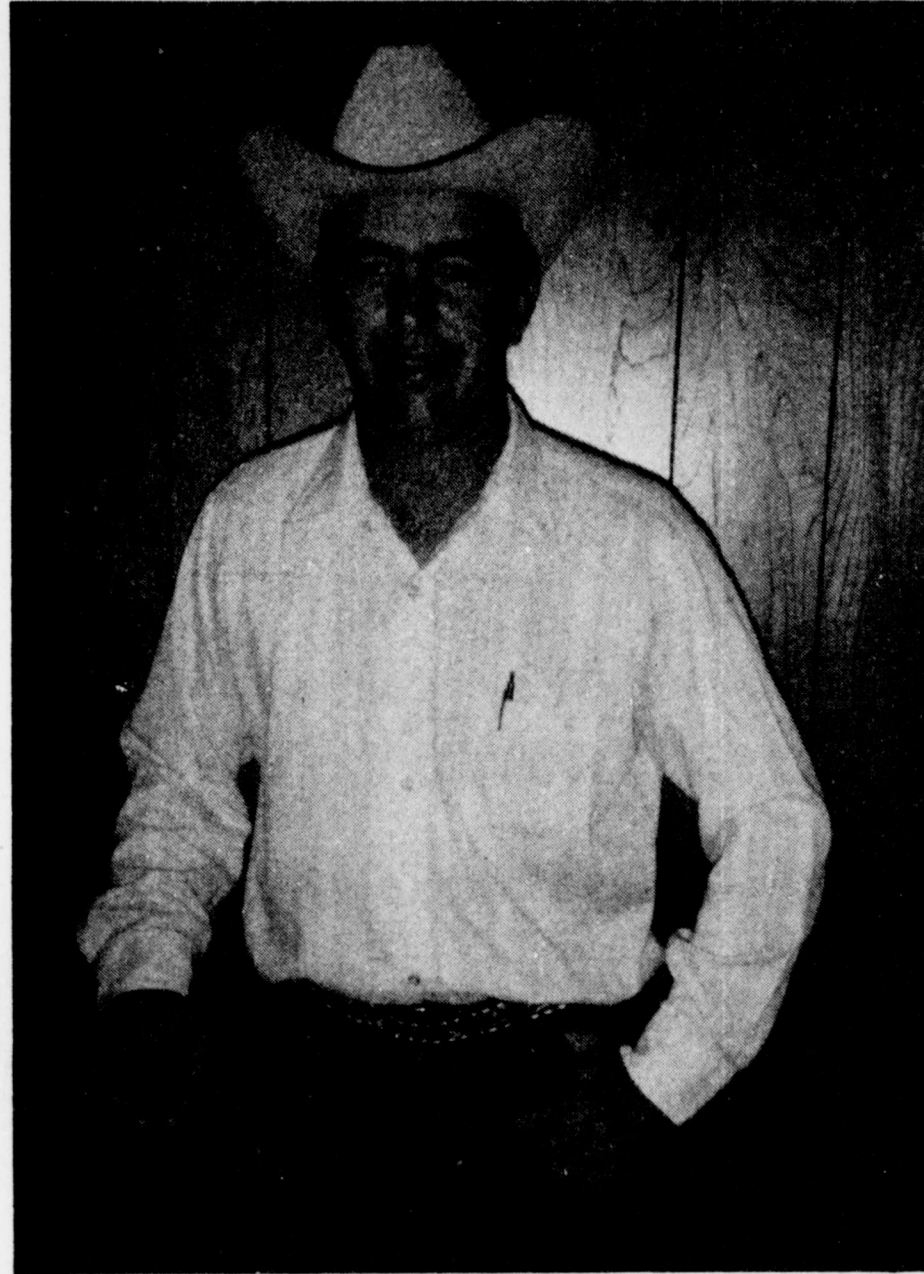
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"Citizens of the Year" named at banquet



Gene Wheat
1982
"Citizen
of the
Year"



Scotty Belew
1982
"Rural
Citizen
of the
Year"

Sheriff to get car back

County Commissioners rescind action, select bank

The Runnels County Commissioners Court, meeting in regular session last week, rescinded a resolution from an earlier meeting

Hall pleads not guilty

Runnels County Sheriff Hershall Hall formally entered a plea of "not guilty" in his first court appearance on charges of driving while intoxicated in San Angelo.

Hall, who was arrested Christmas Eve following a traffic accident, was represented before Tom Green County Judge Ron Blann by San Angelo attorney Guy Choate.

The county sheriff was just one of a number of persons appearing before Judge Blann on various charges.

When Hall's name was called, he stood and said, "here." Hall's attorney then stood and said, "not guilty, we request a jury trial."

Arraignment for Hall has been set by Judge Blann for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, on the DWI charge. Blann said Tuesday that probably a jury for county court cases would not be seated until March 21.

Emergency Alert System to be tested Friday

Winters City Administrator Glenn Brown said Monday that the emergency notification system will be tested Friday morning. Brown said that the test will be between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The notification system connects the city administrator's office to the Texas Cablevision facility in Winters and allows designated emergency personnel to dial a special phone number and override programming on all channels on the television cable.

Brown said that the system will be tested on the last Friday of each month and the time of the tests will

requiring Sheriff Hershall Hall to use his personal vehicle for county business.

The action, which denied Hall use of county owned vehicles, was taken following an accident in late December in which Hall was involved.

The commissioners withdrew their requirement after learning that the county would be liable for damages regardless of what vehicle the sheriff was driving and after learning that Hall's insurance company had been paid for the loss incurred by the other driver involved in the accident.

The commissioners also okayed the repair of the sheriff's car over the objection of commissioner Robert Virden.

While in their regular meeting, the commissioners were in executive session to discuss personnel in the sheriff's office. No action was taken by the commissioners

Bill Moore, Tom Green County Attorney, said that the case against Sheriff Hall would be prosecuted just like any other case and if found guilty he would face a maximum sentence of two years in jail and a maximum fine of \$500.

be around 10 a.m.

The system, which was furnished to the city by Texas Cablevision at no cost, will provide emergency notification of storms and other dangers. It can be received on any television set that is connected to the television cable.

The city administrator said that if, during the storm season, residents become alarmed due to the weather they can just turn on the cable-connected television and receive any emergency messages that may be broadcast by local officials.

following that executive session.

In other business, the county selected the First National Bank of Ballinger as the Runnels County Depository for a two year term. Only two Runnels County banks submitted bids for the depository, The First National Bank of Ballinger and the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ballinger.

The commissioners approved the appointment of Dorothy Granzin as Justice of the Peace Precinct 6, until the next general election.

On a motion by Commissioner Robert Virden, seconded by David Carroll, the commissioners voted to allow Barker Texas History Center to place obsolete county records in the archives of the University of Texas at Austin. A

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WISD trustee election set

Elections for the Board of Trustees of the Winters Independent School District will be held Saturday, April 2, 1983. The election will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office on West Dale street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee voting will be conducted at the school business office March 14 through March 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two positions on the school board will be up for election. Place number one, currently held by Connie Mac Gibbs, and place number two, held by Gene Wheat, will be on the ballot.

Connie Mac Gibbs has already filed as a candidate for re-election to the post and Wheat has indicated that he will not seek re-election to his position.

Bob Webb has filed as a candidate for the place number two seat being vacated by Wheat.

The deadline for filing as a candidate in the school board election is March 2, in the school business office.



Near tragedy

Only four persons were injured Sunday afternoon in a car-pick up crash at the intersection of US 277 and FM 53 near Wingate. Four persons, passengers in a late model automobile were taken to North Runnels Hospital by ambulance following the collision.

Investigating Highway Patrol Trooper Larry Hill, of Abilene, said that the south-bound car driven by James

Little of Dyess Air Force Base struck a pick-up-camper driven by Jack Davenport of Center, Colorado, broadside.

Injured were Denise Little, James Little, Keith Scott, and Kiesha Hill, all passengers in the Little auto.

A passenger in the pick up, Ruby Davenport, also escaped serious injury.



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Poe's corner

Traces Of The Past At Drasco

"Time changes everything" can certainly be said about the growing and ginning of cotton in Runnels County.

It is hard to realize that in the 1930s there were some 40 gins in Runnels County with ten of them being in Winters. And today, there are only four in the county, with two of them at Ballinger, one at Norton and one at Wingate. The largest cotton production in the history was 78,172 bales in 1932. Cotton brought in from other counties to be ginned here is not counted in the records.

Elmo Mayhew may not be able to recall a lot of facts about other gins in the county, but he remembers the history of the Drasco gin from beginning to end.



He recalls that George McDonald of Abilene, owner of 21 gins over Texas, began building the gin in April of 1933. He brought four of his men, including a manager, from some of his other gins and with the use of local help, was ready for the fall harvest.

Ralph Ashburn was manager for the first three years and Ed Burkett was his ginner. Elmo started out running the suction and in two weeks Ashburn put him in charge of the press. A man called "Big Six" brought down with the crew to build the gin, worked at the suction, and he wouldn't work anywhere else. Elmo supposed he was called "Big Six" because he could do the work of any six men.

Rankin Pace was bookkeeper for the first year at the gin and then he went to Higginbotham's. O.B. Raper hauled cotton and seed for Ralph, and Elmo worked at the suction and press for two years. He was laid off in 1935, because people would run over you for a job, times were hard and McDonald thought that jobs had to be passed around. However, he hired Elmo as manager in 1936, when Ashburn quit, and he worked through 1944.

Mayhew started farming for himself in 1923 and continued farming all the time he was employed at the gin. "Ginning was hard work at times, but it paid the year round. I enjoyed the work and being with the men," he said.

Ed Cooke was bookkeeper until he got a job in Winters and Elton Cooke kept books the last two years. Harold Hudgins was ginner all the time Elmo was manager and for a year afterward. (He now lives at Brady across the street from the Clifford Huffmans.) J.C. Ballew was the press boy. Horace Abbott and M.L.

Blackwell

The United Methodist Women of the Blackwell United Methodist Church met Monday afternoon in the Oak Creek Lake home of Mrs. Terry Barrett, with ten members attending, and with Mrs. Barrett as hostess.

Mrs. T.J. Oden opened the meeting by reading a poem on "Love", as February is "Love Month."

A short business meeting was held, then Mrs. Oden adjourned the meeting and turned the program to Mrs. Barrett.

Mrs. Juanita Dancy was welcomed as a new member.

The closing prayer was voiced by Mrs. Juanita McRorey. A refreshment plate was served to Mmes. Mary Louise Alderman, Emma Lee Lanier, Margaret Stout, Gracie Spence, Winnie Oden, Ida Oden, Juanita McRorey, Savannah Thompson, Juanita Dancy and Bobby Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E.

Shewmake had as their visitors last Sunday their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smallwood of Sweetwater and their grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watts and baby of San Angelo. This was the first time the Shewmakes had seen this great-grandson.

Then on Monday another daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. James and Caroline Fox and children, Crystal, Shawn, Shelly and Robin from Levelland visited thru Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady and Ruby Patterson returned home last Tuesday. Ruby has been a patient in the Santa Fe and Scott and White Hospital in Temple, where she has had major surgery and is now recuperating at home and they are so glad to be home and Ruby is reported to be improving nicely and getting stronger each day.

They reported lots of

flu, and colds in and around the hospitals there.

The Blackwell Omega Coterie Club met in the City Hall in regular session with Shirley Walston and Lillie Walters as hostesses.

Laura Seale, presided for business. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Shirley Walston, secretary.

Mrs. Seale announced May 7 as the date for the club's spring bazaar. The event will be in the City Hall.

Members were reminded to meet in the home of Margaret Stout Wednesday to finish sewing on the club quilt. Each member is to bring a sack lunch.

Valentine cupcakes were decorated for residents of Bronte Nursing Home.

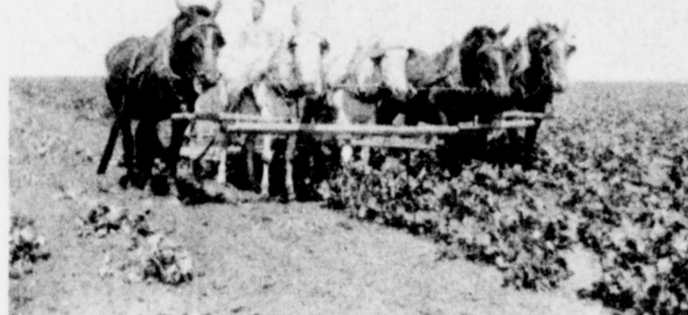
The next meeting on March 9 will be in the home of Rhoda McCarley and each member is to bring a sack lunch and begin quilting on the club quilt.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Seale, Walston, Joyce Jones, McCarley, Marie Romine, Noba Ware, Stout, Verla Smith, Emma Lee Lanier, Esther Smith, Pearl Chilcoat, Lillie Walters, Ollie Crain, Donna Hall, and Miss Bertha Smith.

The Senior Citizens of Blackwell met Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Blackwell United Methodist Church with twenty-eight attending for their covered dish luncheon and games of dominoes, cards, 42 and visiting.

Mr. Charley Strickland voiced the invocation before the meal.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seale, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Corley,



Dobbins also worked at the press. Shelby Horn was at the suction part of the time. Travis Downing hauled seed and cotton. "We used trucks - cotton was hauled to Winters and seed to Abilene. The gin manager also had to be a cotton buyer. I bought cotton every year for McDonald," Elmo recalls.



"There have been a lot of changes. . . when I started ginning it was all hand picked cotton . . . all Mexican labor. . . they came to the gin and I helped place them with the farmers. About 1938, we went to hand pulling. In 1939, I got my first cotton stripper and used it all the time. Then I began to realize a little money out of my crop," Elmo remembers with pleasure.

Farmers brought cotton to the gins in wagons until about 1939, then they got trailers and brought it behind cars and pickups. The gin had to keep money to pay hands on Saturday and Mayhew came to Winters to the bank, over caliche roads sometimes as many as three times in a day and sometimes he sent his wife. Health caused Mayhew to quit. "The war came on and I couldn't get help. I was trying to do the bookkeeping and going to town, too, and it just got me."

Elton Cooke ran the gin one season. It was a dry year on the plains where he was manager, so he came down and ran it one fall. The gin was sold the following year to a man from Cameron who bought it for his son, but he never ran it. Some men came from Abilene and repaired the gin, but it stayed there until it fell down and blew away. Jack Bishop bought the farm where it was located and made a barn out of part of it. James Glenn bought the engine. The stands are still in the gin, the roof blew off, and they stood in all the weather. The tin is all that's left of any value.

Mayhew retired in 1972 and moved to Winters in 1977. He and Pauline bought the Chubby Winton house where they lived for 4 1/2 years and then moved across the street to the Charles Hudson home in April, 1982. When the couple first married they lived on a farm about 1 1/2 miles north of Drasco, and bought a farm from Enoch Phipps in 1930 where they lived for 47 years.

Pauline Jones was living in this same house that she and Elmo later bought when she had her first date with him. She was born in Bell County and first moved to Wingate with her parents. Her dad carried mail on the Star Route from Wingate to Bradshaw and they later moved to Drasco.

Elmo was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Mayhew and was born in Taylor County, about a mile across the line, but lived most of his life in Runnels County.

The Mayhews lost their first child when she was six months old, a little girl born in 1933. Their son, Tommy, is a music professor in Stephen F. Austin University at Nacogdoches. His wife, Janice, is a medical technician. Their daughter, Dorene, is married to Merriell Abbott, pastor of the San Jacinto Methodist Church in Amarillo. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Mayhews are avid travelers since they took a trip to Europe in 1975. They went to Hawaii in 1976, California in 1979, and a Fall Foliage Tour to New York and Canada in 1980.

The move to their new home and her illness have slowed them down for a time, but they are ready to travel again in 1983.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each one of you who remembered me in so many ways, the calls, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home. Thanks also, to Dr. Y.K. Lee and the nurses for their special care.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogler

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and everyone for your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, love and your concern in any way while I was in the hospital.

A special thanks to Y.K. Lee and the hospital staff.

- Rosser and Lorene Good

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Noble and Mr. and Mrs. James (Cliff) Jones from Oak Creek Lake, Mr. Roy Sanderson, Mmes. Thelma Smith, Willie Burwick, Ninnie Kinard, Eula Nabors, Juanita Dancy, Jaunita McRorey, Florine Van Zandt, Josie Craig, Ida Oden, Savannah Thompson and Miss Bertha Smith.

Only one plate was carried out, and it went to Mr. Austin Jordan, who was unable to attend.

All senior citizens over 60 years of age of the Community are invited to come, bring a covered dish, join in the games and visiting.

The Senior Citizens Day is held the second Tuesday of each month, so ya'll come and join us.

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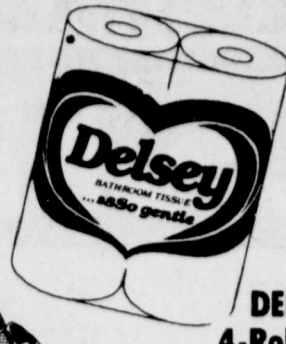
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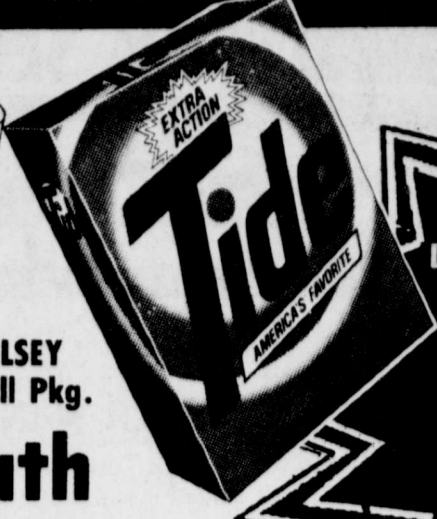
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Elementary, Junior High bring trophy home from Roscoe UIL

Students from Winters Elementary and Junior High Schools participated in the Roscoe UIL Invitational Meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 19, winning second place in the overall meet, and bringing a trophy back with them.

Different events and students participating included:

Ready Writing
5th and 6th Grade — Christi Awalt, Stephen Patterson, Landa England;
7th and 8th Grade — Eric Foster (1st Place), Jill Traylor (3rd Place), and Marci Caffey.

Picture Memory
4th and 5th Grade — Team: Richard Lett, Barbie Bradley, Julie Wheat,

Christi Collins, Bodie Collins (3rd Place).

Oral Reading
5th and 6th Grade — Leah Current (1st Place), Laura Blake, Gina Priddy;
7th and 8th Grade — Jill Connor (Tied, 3rd Place), Angie Ledford, Robin Michaelis.

Number Sense
5th and 6th Grade — Chris Rives (2nd Place), Clint Deike (6th Place), Carla Lindsey;
7th and 8th Grade — Harvey Esquivel, Chuck Patterson.

Spelling
5th and 6th Grade — Julie Wheat (5th Place), Laurie Rose (6th Place), Tracey Grantham;
7th and 8th Grade — Lucy Lugo, Jill Connor, Deedra Blackshear.

Bi-District pep rally

Winters High School will hold a public pep rally in conjunction with the Bi-District basketball game to be played against Bangs.

Cheerleaders urge everyone to attend the rally, to be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the school gym.

The Blizzards will meet Bangs at 8 p.m. Friday in Coleman.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS

Feb. 15
Martha Pinkerton
Margreat Gideon
Patsy Clark

Feb. 16
Donna Donica and baby boy

Feb. 17
Josephine Herrera
Mitchell Fenwick

Feb. 18
Donny Michael Mayes, Jr.

Feb. 19
Willie B. Cornett
Joe Awalt
Sylvia Albarado

Feb. 20
No Admissions

Feb. 21
Belenda Worley and baby girl

Feb. 22
Jesus Tamez

Feb. 23
Dorothy Gray
Bertha Condra

DISMISSALS
Feb. 15
Gloria Roberts
Lois Bellis
Deslie Roper
Twyla Stewart and baby girl

Feb. 16
Ross Russell
Ella Grant
Audrey Martin, exp.

Feb. 17
No Dismissals

Feb. 18
Josephine Herrera
Fannie Freeman
Donnie Donica and baby boy

Feb. 19
Donny Michael Mayes, Jr.

Feb. 20
R.C. Good
Mitchell Fenwick
Vera Jennings
Rebecca Poe

Feb. 21
Hazel Jordan
Sylvia Albarado

Feb. 22
Francis Lowe
Joe Awalt
Margreat Gideon

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3 quarts popped popcorn
1/2 cup butter
1 cup light brown sugar
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District Champs

Winters 8th grade boys were named District Champions in basketball this year. Pictured are: (Back Row, left to right) Coach Tom Roach, Scott Shifflett, Martin Martinez, and Eric Foster. (Middle Row, left to right)

Eddie Trevino, Kevin Halfmann, Edmund Tamez, Frank Davis, and Robert Vera. (Front Row, left to right) Doug Wheat, Todd Grantham, John Merrill, and Shawn Bean.

Registration for Spring classes at TSTI-Sweetwater begins Mar. 1

Registration for Spring Quarter classes at TSTI-Sweetwater will begin March 1. Classes will begin March 2 in all programs on campus, except Vocational Nursing.

Courses of study at TSTI-Sweetwater range from three to eighteen months in length. Those programs requiring eighteen months of study such as Electronics, Computer Science Technology, Technical Office Training, Welding Technology and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology will culminate in an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Many courses, such as Livestock and Ranch Operations, Dental Assistant, Building Construction Craftsman, Combination Welding, Diesel Mechanics, Automotive Mechanics, Autobody Repair, Technical Office Training, Machine Shop Operations, Emergency Medical Services and Drafting require one year or less to complete. Students completing these programs will receive certificates of completion.

All technical programs

with the exception of Electronics, have early exit points to allow students who do not wish to pursue an Associate Degree to receive certification for work completed.

TSTI believes strongly in the concept of hands-on training. Students will spend approximately one-third of their class time in laboratory work. However, students are expected to be proficient in those English and math skills required for success in their chosen field.

Tuition and fees for a fulltime student is \$90.50 per quarter. Housing costs range from \$250 to \$330 per quarter. Contract board plans are available for \$250 to \$275 per quarter. Book and tool costs per quarter will vary according to the program. The average is \$75 to \$150 per quarter with the mechanical programs requiring tools being higher.

Financial assistance is available at TSTI for those who qualify. In addition to federal loan and grant programs, many students have been plac-

ed with TSTI through the CETA program, the Veteran's Administration and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. TSTI also honors private and public scholarships.

In addition to daytime classes, TSTI offers a wide range of night classes. Night classes in subjects ranging from Computer Science and Electronics to Welding and Automotive Mechanics are planned for the Spring. Noncredit classes in Medical Spanish and Defensive Driving are also scheduled. Registration and starting dates for these classes may vary so applicants are encouraged to call the Department of Continuing Education for a complete schedule and further registration details.

Anyone wishing to enroll at TSTI should have a high school diploma or a GED. Those applicants without a GED can be granted conditional admittance with the approval of the program chairman and with the stipulation that every effort will be made to pass the GED during the first quarter of attendance. Special requirements exist for applicants under

Audrey Martin died Feb. 16 in NR Hospital

Mrs. Louis Martin, 80, of Winters, died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday at North Runnels Hospital.

Graveside services were conducted at San Jose Cemetery.

Born Audrey Beard June 13, 1893, in Kerrville, she had lived in San Antonio most of her life, and had moved to Winters in 1974. She married Louis Martin July 18, 1913, in San Antonio. He died in 1960. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Louise Louderback of Fort Scott, Kan., Audrey Browning of Winters and Edith Baird of San Antonio; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Medical Spanish to be offered at TSTI

TSTI Sweetwater Continuing Education Department is offering a non-credit course in Medical Spanish beginning Feb. 28.

Designed to facilitate better communication between Spanish and non-Spanish speaking persons, this fifteen hour course concentrates on phrases and words needed for communication in a medical emergency.

The class will meet on Monday evenings for five weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost, which includes the textbook and cassette tape, is \$37.50. For further information, contact the Department of Continuing Education at TSTI at 235-8441, ext. 73.

Winters Public School BREAKFAST MENU

— Subject To Change —
Monday, Feb. 28

Cheese toast or cinnamon toast, fruit, milk or chocolate milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 1
Cinnamon rolls, juice in cups, milk or chocolate milk.

Wednesday, Mar. 2
Sausage and hot biscuits, fruit, milk or chocolate milk.

Thursday, Mar. 3
Cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk or chocolate milk.

Friday, Mar. 4
Doughnuts, fruit, milk or chocolate milk.

Winters Public School LUNCHROOM MENU

— Subject To Change —
Monday, Feb. 28

Pizza with cheese on top, chili beans, tossed salad with French dressing, fruit, cinnamon rolls, milk or chocolate milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 1
Smothered hamburger steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, peanut butter cookies, hot rolls with butter on top, milk or chocolate milk.

Wednesday, Mar. 2
Hamburgers or combination sandwiches, french fries, catsup in cups, brownie pudding, milk or chocolate milk.

Thursday, Mar. 3
Corn dogs, mustard sauce or catsup in cups, pinto beans, cream potatoes, cheese sticks, milk or chocolate milk.

Friday, Mar. 4
Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, jello, cake, hot rolls with butter on top, milk or chocolate milk.

Diets for Diabetics?

Quick weight loss schemes are not recommended for diabetics, says Mary K. Sweeten, food and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Diabetics should avoid all nutritionally unbalanced diets, especially those high in protein mixtures containing low quality protein for use in modified starvation type diets," says Sweeten. Diabetics should follow only the diet recommended by a physician.

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It's taken more than two years, but we can finally declare a victory in the battle to get 1980 Census figures plugged into government funding formulas.

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The new information is supposed to be used in our government's funding formulas to help ensure that money for federal programs is distributed fairly between the states.

But even as late as last year, Congress and certain agencies were still using 1970 Census figures in some of those formulas.

That hardly seemed fair to me, considering that during the 1970s there was an unexpectedly large shift in population from the northern "Snowbelt" states to the warmer climates of the "Sunbelt."

Texas' population alone grew by more than three million people, from 11,198,655 in 1970 to 14,229,191 in 1980.

Failing to use the 1980 Census numbers, in most cases, has cost Texas a substantial amount of federal funding over the past two years, and I have been pushing to get that corrected. One of my prime concerns has been Department of Transportation mass transit funding.

Back in 1981, when the mass transit funding levels for 1982 were being decided, the Senate assumed that the newest census data would be used, but the House of Representatives voted to use 1970 figures. A compromise was reached to fund these programs on a 50-50 basis, half from the 1970 Census and half from the 1980 Census. This cost Texas \$5 million in mass transit funds.

I wrote to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee asking him to make sure all funding bills for 1983 used the 1980 data.

But by the end of the 97th Congress, the problems with transportation funding surfaced again. The Senate again used 1980 Census figures, but the House Bill continued the 50-50 split. Again a compromise was reached, this time with a 75-25 split in Census use. We made progress, but still fell \$2.5 million short of what Texas would have received under 1980 Census numbers.

Fortunately, the House-Senate committee that worked out the compromise responded to my requests and pledged in its report to use 1980 Census data exclusively, beginning this year.

The wait for more equitable funding is coming to an end. Other major federal programs now use 1980 Census figures, except in isolated instances where legal cases have forced delay.

Texas can be assured now that we're going to get our fair portion of funds for government programs. Our fair portion is all we ask. It's about time we got it.

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NEWCOMERS

Matthew Clayton Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Stevens are proud to announce the birth of a son, Matthew Clayton, at 12:17 a.m., Feb. 15 in Lubbock General Hospital.
The baby weighed 3 lbs. 7 ozs., and was 15 1/2 inches long.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hoffmann of Waco.
Paternal grandparents are Neva Stevens of Winters and Joe Stevens, also of Winters.

Tanner Edward Donica
Greg and Donna Donica announce the birth of their son, Tanner Edward, born at 4:57 a.m., Feb. 16, 1983 in North Runnels Hospital in Winters. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 11 ozs., and was 21 inches long.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey of Mexia and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Barker of Winters.
Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wade of Wingate, and the late Ed Donica.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Preston Barker of Brownwood.
Paternal great-grandmother is Flora Burton of Winters.
Tanner Edward is welcome home by a sister, Tiffany, 3 1/2.

Local club hears musical program

Members of the Literary and Service Club met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sims, with Mrs. Sims, Elo Michaelis, and Joe Irvin serving as hostesses. On arriving, guests were served delicious refreshments, during which they enjoyed a brief social hour. The meeting was then called to order by the president, Mrs. Martin Middlebrook. The reading of the Club Collect was led by Mrs.

Explorers enjoy camping trip

Explorer Post 249 enjoyed a weekend camping trip at Camp Tonkawa. Leaving Feb. 18, the group hiked, learned fire building, cooking, and how to camp in the rain.
The group was also instructed in the art of following a map by using a compass.
Nine Explorers, two Boy Scouts, five Advisors, and two guests participated in the weekend.
More active members are needed in the Explorer Post, and young boys and girls are urged to join the fun at 6:30 Fridays at the Scout Hut.

Charles Kruse, Jr., and was followed by the pledges to both the American and the Texas flags, led by Mrs. Ernest Thormeyer.
The meeting was then turned to Mrs. Henry Sibley, who introduced the program given by the guest artists, Gloria Tacklock and Delpha Caudle of Ballinger, both of whom exhibited professional music ability in her talent - Gloria with her beautiful voice and Delpha, an accomplished pianist. Both of the young women are members of the Ballinger Choral Group; and also, of the popular "Sweet Cider" quartet.

The following program was rendered: "Oh, Rest in the Lord", from the oratorio by Mendelssohn, "If Florida is Faithful" sung in the Spanish language, "In Summer Fields", Brahms, "Silent Noon", "With A Song In My Heart", "You Do Something To Me", and "Won't Ya Come Along With Me?"

At the close of the program, a business meeting was conducted by the president, who announced that the club had been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Mayfest, which is to be held in the City Park on the 7th of May. The club voted to sponsor a "Fried Chicken Booth"; and made reservations for a space in the park.
The club was then dismissed by the president.

More Chamber Chatter -

A committee from our Chamber has been appointed to work with a committee from the Ballinger Chamber to establish a Crimestoppers Program for Runnels County. We feel this is a very worthwhile project and we're very proud to be involved with it. The Winters Committee consists of: Arnold Thormeyer, Lanny Bahlman, and Mark Goetz.
Something else the Chamber has been asked to work on along with the City of Winters, is the proposal to change the designation of Farm-to-Market Road 53 to State Highway 53. A hearing has been scheduled for March 30, 1983, in Austin and we hope to have a person there to make a presentation on behalf of Winters. It is our understanding that the highway department intends to widen and improve the stretch of highway between Coleman and Winters and as the traffic continues to increase on this highway, we feel the design standards will support it being labeled as a State Highway.

It's always refreshing to see a "Hometown Boy" do good! Last Saturday, a Ball was held in Austin, Texas, to honor the new Illustrious Potentate of Ben Hur Shrine Temple, John "Cotton" Robertson. Several Winters Area residents attended the ball along with "Cotton's" mother, Freda Robertson, and his sisters, Jerrie Lloyd and Charlotte Miller and her husband, Charles. Several hundred people heard of Winters, Texas, that night!

Lenten season to be observed with series of Bible studies

First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger will observe the Pre-Easter Lenten season with two series of Bible studies. One series will take place in Ballinger on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., and the other in Winters, on Sunday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.
The first Wednesday evening Ballinger area study session will begin Feb. 23 at the home of the minister, 601 McCarver

Drive. The first Winters area Sunday evening session will be Feb. 20, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, 300 Spill St.
Interested persons are invited to either session. The focus of the Lenten Bible studies, which will include five sessions in all, will be I and II Thessalonians, and will be led by the minister, Larry M. Correu.

Rabies still run rampant in Texas

Rabies cases continued at a high level in 1982 in Texas.
The 796 confirmed cases of rabies were slightly higher than in 1981 but below the record number of cases confirmed in 1979, points out Allen Turner, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
Confirmed cases of domestic animal rabies were up significantly in 1982, particularly in cats - 42 cases. Cases of skunk rabies again led all others, at 536. There were 123 cases of rabies confirmed in bats last year along with 26 in horses, 24 in cattle, 21 in dogs, 13 in foxes, 7 in a variety of other animals and 4 in raccoons.

Cat rabies continue to pose the greatest potential danger of rabies exposures to humans, he notes. Cats, like dogs, may expose up to 20 or more people, a much higher number than wild animals.
Even though state law requires annual rabies vaccination of dogs and cats, a much lower percentage of cats are actually vaccinated than dogs, says Turner. This situation is unfortunate because cats, being predatory animals, are more likely to come in contact with wild animal rabies.
The agent urges all dog and cat owners to make sure their pets are vaccinated annually against rabies. It's much easier and far less expensive to vaccinate a dog or cat than to provide post-exposure rabies treatment to humans.
Studies have shown that dogs and cats will not shed rabies virus as early as 10 days prior to showing signs of rabies. Therefore, a 10-day quarantine of these animals will determine if a bite could possibly produce rabies infection, ex-

plains Turner. However, this is not necessarily true for other warm-blooded animals. So if there is a question of possible exposure to rabies by a wild animal bite, laboratory examination of the animal's brain is the only method of providing a rapid and reliable answer, says the agent. Thus, wild animal bites should be evaluated individually by the appropriate health authority.

Soil insect control in vegetable gardens

As vegetable gardeners in Runnels County prepare for spring planting, their first step should be to control soil insects.
Soil insects can reduce vegetable quality and yields if left uncontrolled, points out Allen Turner, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
For effective control, mix insecticides into the soil at a depth of 4-6 inches at least two weeks before the garden plot is planted, suggests Mr. Turner.
Among destructive soil insects are wireworms, white grubs, seed corn maggots, cabbage maggots, mole crickets, sowbugs, slugs, snails and cutworms. Some destroy plant seeds, roots, tubers and underground stem parts while others cut off young plants at or near the soil surface.
Most soil insects can be controlled with diazinon 25 percent liquid concentration or Spectracide 6000 applied as a 5 percent granule. Granules usually give the best control, says the agent. If cutworms or sowbugs become a problem after the garden has been planted, broadcast 5 percent Sevin bait over the soil surface. This bait containing metaldehyde will

also control slugs and snails. However, it is not formulated to be mixed in to soil.
Garden sites planted for the first time or those previously in grass or weeds are more likely to harbor damaging numbers of soil pests. Before treating with an insecticide, inspect the garden site by taking soil samples at several locations to a depth of 5 to 6 inches. Remove one square foot section of soil from each location and record the number of soil insect pests present. As a general rule, an average of one or more soil insects per sample suggests the need for insecticide treatment.
Before applying any pesticide always read and follow label instructions, adds Turner.

Naomi Circle met last Tuesday

The Naomi Circle met at the church last Tuesday, with Mrs. Dobbins opening the meeting with a prayer.
Mrs. Carroll presented "Symbols of Unity in the Midst of Diversity". She was assisted by Odessa Dobbins, Mrs. Leeman and Billie Middlebrook, who gave the meaning of our worship symbols and then placed them on the Worship Center.
Five members were present. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Wingate Sew and Sew Club met Feb. 14

The Wingate Sew and Sew Club met Monday, Feb. 14 in the Lions Club Building, with Melba Vick as hostess. Quilting was done for her.
Attending were Ethel Polk, Pauline Huckalby, Lessie Robinson, Flossie Kirkland, Madlin King, Mabel Hancock, Mildred Patton, Edna Rogers, Vida Talley, Grace Smith, Eura Lloyd, Mayola Cathey, the hostess, and one guest, Ann Vick, of Hale Center.
Gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be held March 1, with a covered dish luncheon at the Lions Club Building.

Services held Tuesday for Era Duncan

Mrs. W.W. Duncan, 96, of Winters died at 9 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizen Nursing Home.
Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Winters Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Bob Holloway of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery under direction of Winters Funeral Home.
Born Era Taylor Feb. 20, 1887, in Upshur County, her family moved to Glen Cove, where she lived for a number of years. She had lived in Winters since 1951. She married W.W. Duncan Nov. 17, 1907 in Glen Cove.
She was preceded in death by a son, Gaston, and by her husband in 1960.
Survivors include two sons, Joe of Pharr and Weldon of Odessa; a sister, Alma Lee Mills of Houston; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bomar named CF Chairman

The Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has announced the appointment of Mrs. James Bomar as Chairman of its 1983 Campaign in Winters.
The Campaign will be held to provide the community with information about cystic fibrosis, and to raise funds to support research, education, and care programs.
The number one genetic killer of children, CF is difficult to diagnose and impossible to cure. Each day five babies are born with the tragic disease that will clog and choke their lungs and inhibit their digestive processes and their growth, the disease that will eventually take their lives as it takes the lives of three people each and every day.
For information about cystic fibrosis and how you can help in the fight to find a cure, contact Mrs. Bomar.

Noteworthy Achievements

Alabama is in high cotton. That's Alabama, the four-member country-rock band, not the state in the heart of Dixie.
Since their early beginnings at The Bowery, a small nightclub in Myrtle Beach, S.C., 11 years ago, the band has moved up to the "plantation" of country music.
Their first RCA album, "My Home is in Alabama," peaked at No. 3 in June 1980, shortly before the group kissed The Bowery goodbye. The second album, "Feels So Right," hit No. 1 in March 1981. The third, "Mountain Music," is No. 2 on Billboard's country charts. And a fourth offering, as yet untitled, is due in February.

They were named 1982 "Group Entertainer of the Year" by the Country Music Association and have had eight No. 1 singles in the last 30 months. They recently completed a 16-city tour, headlining the Salem Country Gold '82 concerts sponsored by Salem cigarettes.
"Right now, our primary objective is to cover every state in America, then start working on a European tour," says Alabama drummer Mark Herndon.

February's the time to plant 'taters, Turner says

Mid to late February is the ideal time for Texas gardeners to plant Irish potatoes, says Allen Turner, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
Texas gardeners have several varieties of potatoes from which to choose. The most popular are Red La Soda, Red Pontiac, Superior and Kennebec. The red skinned varieties are better for boiling and potato salad while the brown skinned are best when fried, baked or whipped, he adds.
Buy 10 pounds of seed potatoes for every 100 feet of row to be planted, recommends the agent. Grocery store potatoes do not make good seed potatoes unless they are designated as such.
Good seed potatoes are firm with prominent eyes. Avoid those with cuts, bruises or wrinkles. The inside should be white with no discoloration - discoloration indicates freeze damage, disease or poor storage conditions.
Traditionally, gardeners cut large potatoes into smaller pieces and plant these four to six inches deep and one foot apart in the garden row. However, small whole potatoes used as seed have advantages over cut pieces - there is no chance of spreading disease and they are less likely to rot when planted.
If medium-sized or large potatoes are used, cut them into blocky pieces that weigh one-and-one-half to two ounces each. Each piece must have at least one

eye, emphasizes Turner. A two-ounce whole potato yields about the same as a two-ounce cut piece, but the whole potato will yield more small potatoes.
Potential loss of cut pieces to decay can be reduced by keeping them at 60 degrees F. for about a week before planting to allow the cut surfaces to heal.
Plant the seed pieces or small potatoes with the eye pointing up or down. However, make sure the soil is not waterlogged or not too dry. Either mix fertilizer in the row before planting or place it in narrow bands four to six inches from the seed pieces on both sides of the row.
During the growing season, gardeners should be on the lookout for insect and disease problems. Pest control recommendations are available from the county Extension office.
Fresh potatoes should be ready for harvesting about 90 days after planting, says the agent.

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Country Folk

By Jerry Lackey
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For many of us war babies, the ABC television mini-series, "The Winds of War", swept through our living rooms with the same swiftness with which World War II swept the world from 1939 through the mid-1940s.

The 18-hour, \$40 million World War II melodrama, from the best selling novel, by Herman Wouk, opened to some 80 million Americans. I thought the first night it would be just another love story. However, like others, I soon was hooked. By mid-week, I found my daytime thoughts drifting back to the story and finally was forced to purchase the book and finish the story. I have followed suit by buying the sequel, "War and Remembrance."

Even though I was young when the war ended, I relate to the story from several sides. One uncle was in General Patton's army, another was elsewhere in the European Theater, an aunt worked in a weapons factory and several cousins served in other areas. In neighboring Fredericksburg, Admiral Chester Nimitz was a household name.

Around my hometown of Junction every weekend, we would see Texas Governor Coke R. Stevenson. Talk and stories focused on the war years well into the 1950s. It was Mr. Coke's second inauguration, and I recall him asking officials not to stage the traditional gun salute "but to save the powder for the Japs."

A number of incidents in the TV movie brought back memories. A particular one that stands out was President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" plan.

I recall Gov. Stevenson's stories after he retired back to the Hill Country and his experiences with lend-lease. It seems that the President asked Coke to go to Mexico City and "look around to see those people are happy and don't stick a knife in our backs."

President Roosevelt sent a young man by the name of Nelson Rockefeller to Texas to accompany the governor on the research mission.

"Well, we arrived there in time for a big reception in this beautiful large and elaborate facility," recalled Stevenson. "The dance pavilion was so large, two orchestras had to be employed, one at each end. Other wise, people in the center could not hear the music."

In visiting with one Mexican official, Stevenson inquired where the government received money to build such a beautiful place. "Oh, from lend-lease," answered the official.

Walter Pfluger was in my office the other day remembering his years in service during World War II. He noted that "every time people or large groups gathered in the TV movie, they were always drinking. That was true. People were under such tension during those years that they lived as if there were no tomorrow."

With 75,000 subscribers reading this column in one of the 42 Texas newspapers that it appears, there are at least that many more personal stories which would merge into the "Winds of War". It identifies with our generation much like "Gone With The Wind" touched our great-grandparents.

I have read a number of reviews of the TV movie with one of the most unfavorable coming from Abilene writer, Bill Whitaker. In short, I would disagree with all of them. I thought the story was handled in very good taste as it was adapted to television.

Many times such critics have not experienced the agony, sweat and toil which accompany the multitude of problems to realize the finished product of such works. I have written a few books (the total of which could not equal a chapter of Mr. Wouk's book), and I have worked weeks to produce a single 30-second spot for television. Thus, I feel to have any kind of authority to nit-pick any of this great work. I commend the writers and producers for weaving into this Holocaust such a delightful personal side of the Victor Henry family.

The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Some people looking for another alternative to buying a home or renting an apartment are finding one in condominium ownership.

What is it? Basically, it's something like purchasing a unit in an apartment complex and becoming part-owner of the central facilities of the complex—the pools, tennis courts, lawns, and trees, land, and buildings.

Condominium owners become members of an owners association that manages the development and usually is responsible for general maintenance. For this, owners pay a prorated amount per month in addition to their payment on the unit itself. Condominiums offer the tax and equity advantages of home ownership and sometimes the recreational facilities and social opportunities of apartment complexes.

But consumers considering the purchase of a condominium should investigate closely. Buying a condominium means buying certain responsibilities. And it could mean buying a headache, if you haven't checked on certain things in advance. Sometimes, developers may build more units than the central facilities can accommodate. Make sure you find out in advance how many units will be built, and that there will be enough recreational and maintenance facilities to prevent overcrowding.

Complaints that appliances, carpeting, draperies, building material, and workmanship don't resemble the promotional brochures have been reported. The way to avoid such problems is to go see the condominium before buying. Look not only at your unit, but at the communal facilities, since you will be part-owner of them too.

Remember to read all literature carefully—but realize that what's in the promotional brochure isn't necessarily what you will get. The Department of Housing and Urban Development advises purchasers to delay signing any kind of agreement until all documents pertaining to the condominium have been received and studied. According to HUD, the developer should supply prospective buyers with a "declaration," or book, describing in detail the entire condominium project. HUD officials specializing in condominiums also say it's vital to get copies of the association bylaws, the project's operating budget, and the management agreement.

Our Consumer Protection attorneys say it's important to find out how the condominium complex will be managed, too. The usual procedure is for the developer to set up a management arrangement that the owners association takes over gradually as the units are sold. Be wary of developers who don't specify a time limit for turning over management. Some developers retain ownership of the central facilities such as pools, tennis courts, and parking lots and lease them to the owners association. An owner then must pay a portion of the monthly lease fee, in addition to his monthly payment and owners association charges, even if he doesn't use the facilities. Some states report that when such payment isn't made, a lien can be placed against the unit and foreclosure begun.

It's also a good idea to check the estimates given for budget and maintenance. Your monthly owners association fees must cover such things, so be sure the estimates are realistic. Some developers underestimate these costs to make monthly fees appear lower.

Some condominium complexes allow you to rent before buying. If this is possible, it is an excellent chance to find out if condominium life is for you. It can also give you an opportunity to watch the owners association in action.

Finally, our Consumer Protection attorneys advise you to check your contract very carefully before purchasing a condominium. Be sure that all details are spelled out and that you understand all of your rights and responsibilities.

It's also a good idea to have an attorney who is familiar with condominiums go over the contract.

New crop insurance plan offers higher yield guarantees

High yields and good records can pay off in increased crop insurance protection for many farmers, according to F.W. "Ted" Crouch, Jr., Field Operations Office Director of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Crouch reports that a major change in the method of calculating insurance yield guarantees make it possible for qualifying farmers to obtain additional coverage at no additional cost.

"Our goal is to offer each farmer a guaranteed yield that reflects his own yield experience. Thus, if a farmer can prove that his yields during the past three or more years have been above the average for his area, we'll also give him credit for above-average yields in any years for which he doesn't have the necessary records."

"We'll assume his

yields in those years were above average by the same percentage as his recent yields," explains Crouch.

The insurance official states that the improved Individual Yield Coverage Program, as it is called, will make Federal Crop Insurance policies significantly more attractive than in the past to those farmers who have a history of high yields. "The fact that there's no increase in cost for the increased protection should also provide an incentive to carry insurance," he adds.

The county ASCS office can provide information about the procedure for verifying above average yields. The farmer must provide ASCS with records of planted acreage and all production of a crop for at least the past three years.

For 1983, the Individual

Recent tax legislation changes IRS interest rates

Since Jan. 1, 1983, the rate of interest on overpayments or underpayments of taxes is set twice a year, the IRS said, based on the average adjusted prime rate during the six-month periods en-

ding Sept. 30 and March 31.

The rate based on the period ending Sept. 30 will go into effect Jan. 1, and the rate based on the period ending March 31 will go into effect July 1.

Previously, the IRS says, the rate was set annually by Oct. 15 and equaled the average prime interest rate for the previous month. Under this procedure, the rate was 20 percent for the period Feb. 1 to Dec. 31, 1982.

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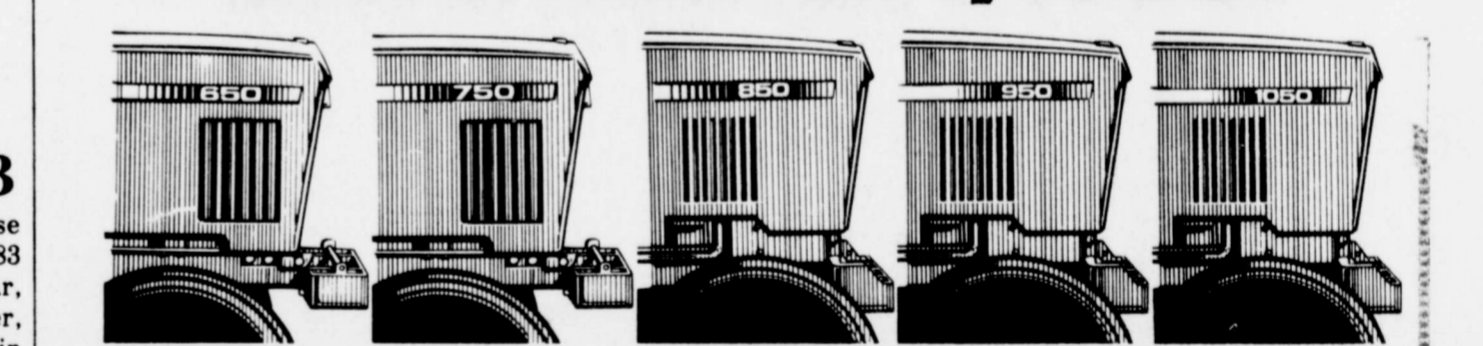
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Still time to soil test cultivated land for 1983

Heavy snows, wet soils and cold weather has delayed soil sampling for Rolling Plains producers. Soil sampling and fertilizing was also delayed by the government finally establishing the PIK program. Do not let these delays raise your 1983 production cost this year, cautioned Allen Turner, county extension agent in Runnels County.

"Our farm economics is such that producers can not afford to blindly add fertilizer for the 1983 crop," Turner said. "There is still time and the laboratories have computerized their reporting systems for faster sample turn around."

The best time for sampling is just before the field is dry enough to handle tractor traffic. Later everyone will be in a dead run to get their land prepared, so be ready to start your PIK production acres on the right foot, he cautioned.

To get a good soil test, a good soil sample is essential. Obtain 10 to 15 samples taken from the surface down to six inches deep. Mix these samples in a plastic bucket. Then take about two-thirds to three-fourths of a pint of the sample soil and mail it to the soil testing laboratory for testing.

Be sure to complete a crop information sheet on each soil sample, notes the agent. This aids the soil chemist to generate a better fertilizer recommendation for your farm.

Information sheets, sample bags for mailing and additional information on soil testing is available at the county Extension office.

License needed to purchase some herbicides, pesticides

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1 in the Runnels County Courthouse for persons needing a license in order to purchase and use State Limited and Restricted Use Herbicides and Pesticides, according to Allen Turner, Runnels County Extension Agent.

Several years ago, but cannot find them, or have allowed them to expire. These persons can receive a renewal by simply mailing in a request form, available at the County Extension Office, Third Floor, Runnels Co. Courthouse, Ballinger, and will not be required to go through the recertification process again. Persons can also be certified through self-study of the Private Applications Manual and then taking a test. These manuals are available from the County Extension Agent's office.

Families 'hold line' on clothing budgets

Today's smart families constantly seek ways to hold the line on clothing budgets, according to Dr. Ann Vanderpoorten, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Approximately 49 percent of all Americans — regardless of income — report they shop at secondhand stores because they find 'good buys' there," Vanderpoorten says.

Runnels FB offering scholarship

The Runnels County Farm Bureau will sponsor a scholarship for graduating seniors who are members, or whose parents or members of the Runnels County Farm Bureau.

Entries will be judged in three areas: an essay concerning agricultural exports will comprise 50% of the total grade, and activities and grades each comprising 25% of the total judging.

Entries must be received at the County Farm Bureau office by 5 p.m., April 11, and may be obtained at the Farm Bureau office, or at the Winters, Ballinger, or Miles School Counselor's office.

Free VITA assistance available

If you need assistance with your tax return, the Internal Revenue Service suggests that you visit a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

Questionnaire evaluates chances of having cancer

Despite cancer's deadly reputation, one third of the approximately 800,000 people with new cases of it each year survive to lead normal lives for many years. Many are cured permanently.

The pamphlet, "Cancer: Assessing Your Risks," uses the person's age, lifestyle and medical background to estimate his or her chances of contracting six types of cancer — lung, colon-rectum, skin, breast, cervical and endometrial (lining of the uterus).

Each answer to a series of multiple-choice questions is given a specified number of points. The higher the point total for each cancer, the greater is a person's risk in that category.

The determining factor in most instances is early detection, according to the Texas Medical Association.

To help accomplish this, the American Cancer Society's Texas Division has developed a questionnaire that enables individuals to evaluate their cancer risk.

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When going to a VITA site for assistance, taxpayers should be sure they take along the tax package that came to them in the mail, their wage and earnings statements, interest statements, and other necessary tax information and documents.

Withholding on pensions

For 1983 there are changes to the method of withholding on pensions, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Prior law did not require a company to withhold tax on a pension it paid, even though the person receiving the pension could ask the payor to withhold tax.

The IRS says that the new law turns the situation around, and requires payors to withhold on a pension unless the recipient tells the payor not to. The payor must notify all who receive the pension of their right to opt out of withholding.

As for "lump-sum" payments, the new law requires a flat 10 percent withholding, the IRS says. However, there are special rules for total distributions from a pension plan allowing use of 10-year income averaging and capital gains treatment.

Temporary restraining order issued against "The Money Tree"

Postal Inspector in Charge, D.C. Strader of Fort Worth, announced this week that a temporary restraining order had been issued on Feb. 9 against a promotion being conducted through the mail by Joyce and Harold Cox, doing business as The Money Tree, P.O. Box 18829, Fort Worth, Tx. 76118.

The Money Tree literature claims it is a membership service whose primary objective is to be a source of money-making and money-saving opportunities for their members. The promotion consists of recruiting new members into the organization by requiring new members to solicit four additional new members, with each obtaining a portion of the proceeds of the membership fee, in order to recoup their investment.

The membership fee is to be paid by sending a \$5.00 money order to each of three names of members on the membership form and a \$5.00 money order to The Money Tree for a total investment of \$20.00.

The Money Tree instruction sheet indicates members can expect to receive up to \$20,400.00 in just 8 weeks and as much as \$100,000 thereafter. Assuming the chain remained intact, in the fourteenth level of the promotion more than 268 million people would have to be participating, which exceeds the entire population of the United States.

The Postal Service alleges that The Money Tree promotion is an endless chain (a pyramid scheme) and, therefore, violates Title 39, United States Code, Section 3005, which makes it illegal to conduct a lottery through the mail.

According to Assistant U.S. attorney Wayne Hughes, Judge Belew's order will prevent the promoters from receiving any further membership fees until a hearing is conducted on Feb. 17. The

Home cooking by microwave

An estimated 22 percent of American households now contain microwaves, reports Bonnie Piernot, a family resource management specialist with the Texas A&M University. The added time available for food preparation are the primary reasons families acquire a microwave. Research shows, however, that working parents also purchase a microwave so they can provide "home-cooked" meals, thus eliminating a feeling of abandonment or neglect in family members, says Piernot.

Updating your wardrobe

Update last year's wardrobe by simply adding a quilted vest, a softer longer skirt or dress, or a ruffled blouse, says Becky Saunders, clothing specialist with the Texas A&M University. Use a wide belt, matching stockings with skirts or pants, a touch of lace or a cardigan sweater worn open or belted as accessories. Also consider shortening sleeves from the wrist to the elbow or removing the collar and lapel of a jacket and binding these areas with fold over braid.

Clothing and the working woman

Working women feel the need for appropriate career clothing, even in a tight economy. Working women accounted for \$128 billion in earnings and spent almost \$13 billion of that for work apparel in 1981. The average working woman spends almost \$1700 per year on work apparel, reports Nancy Brown, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. With increased demands on family budgets, the durability and economy of work apparel as well as appropriateness are becoming major concerns of the working woman, says Brown.



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