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## Wait a minute...

By Kerry Craig

It is not very often, in this end of the country, that we really feel we have enough rain. We have, however, reached that point.

Things were a bit soggy before the snow last week. Then things got sloppy. The fog and its moisture let us sink to new depths—in the muck—and more rain is on the way.

Every tank, lake and pond is full. There are some cow tracks, wells and storm cellars that are running over. There maybe some of our local, dry-land farmers that are giving serious thought to planting rice and fish. Enough, already.

One thing about it, though. With all those high-paid government folks that are, for some unknown reason, trying to keep this area from building a new lake, we need all the water we can get. That silly snake can learn to live in the snow, mud and fog as well as rocks, rapids, and dust.

Here is a "closed-circuit" message from all of us to all of you.

The deadline for the Christmas edition of the paper is Thursday—about the time you are reading this. The reason for the early deadline is to give us an opportunity to make up for all those Monday holidays during the year.

With your kind approval, our office will be closed through Christmas week. We will be back at the grind on Monday, after Christmas.

We will have another early deadline to enable us to get your paper to you before the New Year holiday.

Then it will be back to work for us for another year.

Look for our Christmas card to you in the mail very soon.

## Saturday is the Big Day in Winters

This is the last week to sign up for the big \$2,750.00 Cold Cash Giveaway with the 53 merchants listed.

Saturday, December 20 is the day that each of the 53 participating businesses will conduct their individual drawings for \$50 bills. The winners of these \$50 bills shall then compare their serial numbers to the \$100 winning serial number displayed in the window of the Chamber of Commerce Office. The holder of the matching serial number will win an added \$100 bill from the Chamber of Commerce.

The winning serial number will also be recorded on the answering machine over the weekend.

## EMT class to begin Friday

Emergency Medical Technician classes are scheduled to begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. at 114 South Church Street in Winters, the former doctor's clinic behind Springer's Pharmacy.

The EMT class is sponsored by the Winters EMS Association and North Runnels Emergency Service.

Instructor for the 120 hour course will be Pat Freeman, LVN, EMT-Instructor-coordinator. Skills instructors will be Randy Nolte EMT/Paramedic, Mike Meyer EMT and Kerry Craig EMT.

Successful completion of the course and a written examination by the Texas Department of Health will result in state certification as a basic Emergency Medical Technician.

The sponsors of the course would like to express their appreciation to Randy Springer, owner of Springer Pharmacy, for providing the classroom facility for the school.

Persons interested in enrolling in the course or needing more information may call 754-5775.



## Winters Wonderland

A heavy snow-fall last week turned this section of Texas into a winter wonderland with snow accumulations of up to four inches and more.

The snow lasted only a few hours and created

no major problems or accidents. It did, however, offer many folks a chance to play in the snow, build snowmen, or just enjoy the beauty of a Winters Wonderland.

## Winters City Council has decisive meeting

In what could be called one of the most decisive meetings ever, the Winters City Council drafted a new council member, rejected a rate increase request for trash collection and told the gas company that the city would be willing to discuss a new franchise agreement.

The council vacancy, created by the resignation of Ted Meyer, was filled Monday evening. The council unanimously voted to name Lloyd Gilbert to fill Meyer's unexpired term.

Council member Jerry Sims told the council that he had talked with Gilbert about the position and that Gilbert said that he would serve on the council and would seek election to the post in the next election.

John McMinn, local manager for Lone Star Gas Company, met with the council concerning a new franchise agreement between the city and the gas company. The present franchise has been in effect since 1967.

The council told McMinn that

it would negotiate with Lone Star on the new franchise. Among the items to be sought by the city were a franchise term of 10 years, an increase from two- to three-percent of the gross receipts, and quarterly payments of the fee rather than annual.

The three-percent fee is the maximum allowed by the Railroad Commission.

A proposal would be drawn up by the city and presented to the gas utility.

With only brief discussion, the council unanimously voted to reject a request from Tony's Disposal for an increase in the rates charges for garbage collection.

The council voted to leave the present contract in effect, as it is, until November, 1987, when the contract runs out. The council said it didn't think that the service warranted a rate increase.

Refuse collection contractor Tony Cantrell, in a letter to the

## New officers elected for Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

New officers elected to serve the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors for the year 1987 are: President, Charles Ludwick; Vice-President, Nelan Bahlman; Treasurer, Melanie Wade; Secretary-Manager, Kay Colburn.

Other board members are: Charles Bahlman, James Cross,

Mike Meyer, Brent Mikeska, and incoming directors, Mitzi Deike, Carl Grenwelge, Mike Kozelsky, Mike McDonald and Jackie Tension.

They ask for your support during the coming year as they direct the efforts of the Chamber in its goal of serving the Winters area.

## Winters Family Planning Clinic set for December 18

The regular Family Planning Clinic will be held Thursday, December 18, 1986. Applications are taken from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dr. Thorpe is the physician in charge. Family Planning services available in this clinic will include: consultation, physical exam with a Pap test, laboratory examination, appropriate methods of birth control, birth control supplies and education regarding birth control and continuing supervision.

## Winters Public Schools to dismiss for Christmas December 23

Winters Public Schools will dismiss all classes at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, for the Christmas holidays. Buses will run at that time. Classes will resume Monday, January 5, 1987, on regular schedule.

The school administration office will be open Wednesday, December 31 from 8 a.m. to 1

This program provides free exams for Medicaid clients and charges a small co-pay fee to those who are income eligible. Private patients are welcome to participate.

The clinics are held at 601 Pierce and Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. of Coleman, Texas is the provider for the Texas Department of Human Services.

For more information concerning this clinic please call 754-4443.

p.m. Those wishing to make tax payments before the end of the year may do so on that day, or they may mail their payments to Winters Independent School District, P.O. Box 125, Winters, Texas 79567. The mail will be collected and posted before the end of the year.

## Two arrested in liquor thefts

Two San Angelo men were arrested late last week on charges of burglary of a building in connection with two break-ins at Jack Kings Liquor on U.S. 67, just west of Rowena.

Runnels County sheriff's officers said the two were arrested after officers found the description given for a suspected drunk driver's pick up matched the description of a pick up suspected in connection with the burglaries.

Sheriff Bill Baird and deputies Rodney Irby and Rick Keeling stopped the pick up in Miles and took two men into custody. Based on information gained during the arrest, officers obtained search warrants for a residence

in San Angelo and filed the burglary charges.

Officers executed two search warrants on Friday and one warrant Monday and, in each instance, recovered alcoholic beverages taken in the liquor store burglaries.

The two men were charged with two separate burglaries each and bonds were set at \$15,000 on each charge.

Held in lieu of \$30,000 bond is Jerry Lee Crews, 39, of San Angelo and Thomas O. Taylor, 43, of San Angelo.

Sheriff Bill Baird said that although some of the stolen booze was recovered, a quantity of the merchandise is still missing.

## House fires keep Ballinger firemen busy

Two house fires in three days have kept Ballinger firefighters busy. A Saturday fire destroyed a mobile home and a Monday fire heavily damaged a residence in Ballinger.

In the Saturday fire, firefighters were unable to save a mobile home belonging to Billy Brookshire located just southwest of Ballinger. Firemen responded to the call about 3 p.m. Saturday and arrived to find the home totally involved in flames.

Firemen said the cause of the fire was still undetermined.

Gasoline was blamed on a fire Monday evening that heavily damaged a house owned by Doug Wadsworth and occupied by Christopher Galindo.

Firemen said that Galindo had attempted to use gasoline to get a fire started in a wood-burning stove Monday evening. When the gasoline ignited, flames spread to a wall and ceiling of the living room of the house.

When firemen arrived at the house at 603 12th Street, smoke was pouring from the structure.

Damage from the fire was confined to one room of the house but, the remainder of the house sustained heavy smoke, heat and water damage.

## Guns stolen from truck

Winters Police are investigating the theft of three rifles from a pickup belonging to George Mostad.

The guns were taken sometime around noon Thursday after a vent window was broken out of the pick up while it was parked behind Bedford-Norman Insurance Agency.

Officers said that it was thought that a hammer was used to smash the window and that several finger prints were taken from the hammer and from the pick up.

Investigators also said that they were following up on the description of a vehicle seen near Mostad's pick up about the time the guns were stolen.

## Winters native appointed Ballinger Postmaster

Arlen Vaughan has been appointed the new Postmaster at Ballinger effective Saturday, November 22, 1986. Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster Norman R. Adamson, Sr. of Waco announced November 25.

Vaughan, a native of Winters, has served as Postmaster of Sonora for the past six years.

Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Sectional Center Manager by a Review Committee. The Review Committee, composed of a Division Director from the same division, a Sectional Center Director from the same sectional center, and a Postmaster from a different sectional center, reviews the applications for the position and recommends to the Sectional Center Manager the candidates

for interview. The Sectional Center Manager then selects and recommends to the Division Manager for appointment the candidate who best meets the position requirements.

Vaughan served in the U.S. Army for three years. He graduated from Winters High School and has attended Midland College and Texas Tech University. He is a member of the Sonora Lions Club and the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Janet, have six children: Michael Vaughan, Kelly, Vaughan and Mrs. Vicki Conklin all of Midland, Gregg Thompson of San Antonio, Randy Thompson of Fairborn, Ohio, and Tracy Thompson of Dallas.

The Oath of Office was administered on Thursday, December 11, at 11:00 at the Ballinger Post Office.



## Thursday noon deadline

Because of the Christmas Holidays and mailing schedules, the Christmas edition of *The Winters Enterprise* will be printed on Friday.

With the press time scheduled for Friday morning, the deadline for copy for the special issue will be Thursday afternoon.



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**Poe's corner**  
by Charlsie Poe

**A Treasured Etching**

Continued  
(Remainder of the David Gray etching history owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roach).  
-15. HOUSTON ASTRODOME—The Astrodome is a fully enclosed, air conditioned stadium which seats some 60,000 people. It was the first major league baseball stadium with a roof, opening on April 1, 1965, at a total cost of \$37,000,000. It is a major tourist attraction.  
-16. ALAMO—In 1718 Spain authorized Father Antonio de Olivares to establish the mission that was to become famous as the Alamo. Standing in downtown San Antonio, the building on the church structure began in 1744. In 1836 the Alamo became the "Cradle of Texas Liberty."

small village of Houston on January 25, 1839, the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas approved the design. On February 19, 1846, the flag of the Republic of Texas became the state flag of Texas.  
-18. TEXAS RANGERS—The first group of Rangers consisted of "25 Rangers whose business shall be to range the Brazos and Trinity Rivers." The Rangers in the early days furnished their own horses and arms. They had no surgeon, no flag, nor other paraphernalia associated with a regular army. Following the Civil War and Reconstruction, the organization was revived to help bring order to a lawless Texas frontier. Since 1890 the Rangers have maintained their tradition of swift and efficient law enforcement.  
-19. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN—Stephen F. Austin was founder and leader of the principle Anglo-American Colony in Texas. The grant for this colony was made to the elder Austin by the Mexican government and Stephen assumed leadership upon his father's death. Austin was actively involved in the politics of Mexico and Texas. He ran for the first presidency of Texas, but lost to Sam Houston. He died serving as Secretary of State of Texas, and it is for him that the State's Capitol is named.  
-20. SAM HOUSTON—Sam Houston was a statesman and a soldier. He was chosen Commander of the Texas Army at the outbreak of the war for independence. After his victory over Santa Anna at San Jacinto, Houston was elected first president of the Texas Republic, serving from 1836 to 1838 and again from 1841 to 1844.  
-21. DAVID CROCKETT—David Crockett was born in 1786 in eastern Tennessee. He was known as an intrepid hunter, a witty narrator of tall tales, and a courageous legislator. Crockett's death at the Alamo on March 6, 1836, during the Texas revolt against Mexico, established his fame as a national hero.

-22. WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS—Born in South Carolina in 1809, William Travis practiced law in Alabama before moving to Texas to become a leader in the Texas fight for independence. In 1836, Travis commanded the regulars at the Alamo. When the commander of the volunteers, Jim Bowie, became ill, Travis' took sole command of the ill-fated garrison. His famous appeal for aid "to the people of Texas and all Americans in the World.." has become a part of American History.  
-23. JAMES BOWIE—James Bowie was born in Tennessee (now a part of Kentucky) in 1795. He enjoyed his youthful years hunting bears and fighting Indians, becoming famous for his use of the "Bowie Knife." For several years he was involved in slave trade and land speculation. In 1828 Bowie moved to Texas, and 1836 he joined the Texas Revolution as Commander. He was slain, along with the other Alamo defenders, on March 6, 1836.  
-24. JANE LONG—Jane Long came to be known as "The Mother of Texas." She was born in Maryland on July 23, 1798, and married Dr. James Long in 1815. Her husband soon left for Texas in an attempt to help liberate Texas from Mexico. Not wanting to be separated from her husband, Jane Long moved to Texas against the wishes of her family. At Bolivar Point on December 21, 1821, during a raging snowstorm, she gave birth to what many call "the first Anglo child born in Texas." After Dr. Long's death in a Mexican prison, Mrs. Long worked alone for Texas freedom. She established one of the first boarding house-taverns in Texas. Here the leaders of the Texas independence movement would meet. Jane Long remained a pivotal figure and a person of courageous loyalty to Texas until her death in 1880.  
-25. GOLIDAD MONUMENT—Colonel J. W. Fannin was forced to surrender his troops at the Battle of Coleta near Goliad in South Central Texas. His men were imprisoned at Goliad, and three weeks after the fall of the Alamo, Santa Anna coldly ordered the massacre of more than 300 of the prisoners. Their bodies were later burned and buried in a common grave. The granite monument erected at the grave site bears the inscription: "Beneath this monument reposes their charred remains. Remember Goliad."  
-26. SAN JACINTO MONUMENT—A 570 foot tall monument stands in eastern Harris County, dedicated to the victory of Texas forces over General Santa Anna's Mexican Army on April 21, 1836. On that day, 46 days after the fall of the Alamo, less than 800 angered Texans and American volunteers, led by General Sam Houston, launched a furious attack on the Mexican Army of 1,600 at San Jacinto. With shouts of "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" they killed 630 in a matter of minutes, while losing less than ten men. Texas was independent; a new republic was born.  
-27. TEXAS ROSES—Tyler, Texas, is considered to be the rose Capital of the world. Roses are grown throughout East Texas commercially. Tyler has an annual rose festival to celebrate its attachment to the fragrant flowers.  
-28. BLUEBONNETS—The bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas. Also known as buffalo clover and the wolf flower, it grows extensively across Texas, but its greatest concentration is in the limestone hills of Central Texas. Texas roadways are a blaze of blue in the spring due to this delightful flower.  
-29. TEXAS CACTI AND YUCCA—Cacti and yucca are found throughout the state of Texas, although the greatest concentration is in the western half of the state in the deserts. The prickly pear and barrel cacti are the two most common forms of cacti found in Texas. The fiber and needles of the yucca were used by the early pioneers for needle and thread.  
-30. LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER—Home for the nation's space program, the Center is located 17 miles southeast of Houston, in Harris

County. The site was selected as NASA's headquarters for space flight in the early 1960's.  
-31. SESQUICENTENNIAL LOGO—The artist, David Gray, created the commemorative exclusively for the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial. In early 1985, the commemorative, 1836-TEXAS-1986, was designated as an "official commemorative product of the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial."

**Hospital**

**Notes**

**ADMISSIONS**  
December 9  
None  
December 10  
Jill Connor  
December 11  
Rosendo Ovalles  
December 12  
None  
December 13  
Kim Towe and Baby Boy  
December 14  
None  
December 15  
Theresa Patterson  
Mildred Poehls

**DISMISSALS**  
December 9  
None  
December 10  
Josh Grohman  
Pauline O'Neal  
December 11  
Laura Balkum  
Dorothy Adams  
December 12  
Lisa Griswold  
December 13  
Robert Bowen  
December 14  
Jill Connor  
Rosendo Ovalles  
December 15  
None

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want pretty black shoes.  
I want a play car, and barby doll.

Love,  
Mary Vidales  
Grade 1

**Winters State Bank**  
cordially invites you to  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
December 22nd, 23rd, and 24th  
Drawing held each day  
Registration begins December 18th



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**Cheer Table**  
during Open House

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**WINTERS, TEXAS**



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Christmas Cash Our Local Merchants  
Have Waiting For You In Our  
**\$2750 COLD CASH GIVEAWAY**  
EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS WILL BE GIVING AWAY  
A brand new \$50 bill, one will have a matching serial number for the \$100 bill

Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain Co.	Lawrence Bros. Mac Oil Field Co., Inc.
Bahlman Jewelers	Main Drug Company
Barb's Ole Fashion Burger	Main Street General Store
Barnes Radio & TV—Dean's Paintings	Pat Walker's of Winters
Beauty Center	Peoples National Bank
Bedford-Norman Insurance Agency	The Pizza Hut
Burger Hut	Ray's Woodworks
Casa Cabana	The Reedy Company
Charles Bahlman Chevrolet Inc.	Skeets Restaurant
Country Cobbler & Western Outfitters	Slip-N-Stitch
Dairy Queen of Winters	Sonny's West Dale Grocery & Mkt.
Farmers' Seed & Supply	Spill Bros. Furniture
Bradley Grain Storage Systems	Springer Fabrics
Fashion Shop	Springer's Pharmacy
The Filling Station	Super Duper Food Store
Flowers Etc.	Triple J Grocery
Grenwolge Texaco Service Station	Wes-T-Go
H & H Tire Store	West Texas Utilities
The Hair Post	Western Auto
Harrison Auto Store	Gene Wheat
Heidenheimer's	Shell Distributor
Higginbotham Bros. Hardware	Winn's Store
Higginbotham Bros. Lumber	Winters Farm Equipment
Holloway's Barbeque Barn	Winters Flower Shop
Hoppe Texaco & Tire Service	Winters Funeral Home
	Winters Grain Elevator
	Winters Laundromat
	Winters Oilfield Supply
	Winters State Bank

**Drawing Will Be December 20**  
Must Be 18 Or Older  
Need Not Be Present To Win





**Gena Denise Davis, Kenneth Means, Jr. were married**

Gena Denise Davis and Kenneth C. Means Jr. were united in marriage at 11 a.m. on November 8, 1986 in the First Baptist Church of Winters. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Winters and the groom is the son of Mrs. Elene Means of Bronte. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. James M. Gehrels of Winters. Music was provided by Carolyn Slaughter of Winters. Selections included "Truely," "Up Where We Belong," "You Light Up My Life." The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Don

Davis of Winters. Adis Robertson was Maid of Honor. Best Man was Larry Palmer of Robert Lee. Usher was Garry Palmer of Robert Lee. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis at there home. The bride is a 1986 graduate of Winters High School. The groom is a 1985 graduate of Bronte High School, Bronte, Texas and is employed by Affiliated Food Store. After a wedding trip to San Angelo, Texas the couple will be at home in Bronte.



**Mr., Mrs. Edgar Porter to celebrate 50th anniversary**

Family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Porter of Abilene are invited to attend a come and go reception on December 27, 1986 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The reception to honor them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary will be in the Winters

Community Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy F. Porter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sellers of Winters and the couple's grandchildren will be hosting the reception. The Porters were longtime residents of the Crews Community.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a toy santa, barbie doll set, stufed raindeer, stufed puppy, play house, bike.  
Love  
Crystal Sanchez Romero  
Grade 2

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck for Christmas. I like to tell you how I want to see you. I Love you.  
Israel Vidales  
Grade 2

**Pre-Christmas Sale**  
Good Selection Of  
**Skirts, Jackets  
Culottes, Blouses  
And  
Pants**  
**Joni-Lyn Blouse Factory**  
Winters and Bronte  
Sale Effective Now  
Thru December 23  
Free Gift Wrapping



**NEWCOMERS**

George and Susy Mendoza are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Jeremy Steve Mendoza, born December 2, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed home by a brother, Justin. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Mendoza of Floydada.

Michael and Nancy Davis of Winters are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Nicole, on December 5, 1986 at 12:15 p.m.

Rachel weighed six pounds and eight ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by a big sister, Stefanie. Paternal grandmother is Charlotte Miller of Winters. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Wheeler of Ballinger. Great-grandparents are Mrs. D. C. Robertson of Winters, Mrs. F. O. Wheeler of Devine, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Driskell of San Antonio.

**Friendly Ladies met**

The Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class held its Christmas party at the church fellowship hall on Tuesday night. The hostesses opened with a salad supper. Lois Jones offered thanks.

After the supper, Mrs. Lou Esther Gerhardt gave the devotional on Christmas and offered the prayer. Two Christmas songs were lead by Maurine Davis. The officers for 1987-'88 were installed. Pauline Johnson will be president; the three vice-presidents will be, Pauline Mayhew, Lou Esther Gerhardt, and Ethel Bridwell; Bessie Baldwin will be secretary-treasurer; and Lucille Hill will be assistant secretary-treasurer; Oneta Williams will be song leader; and Maurine Davis will be assistant song leader. Teachers will be, Billie Middlebrook, Odessa Dobbins, Corra Petrie, and Margurite Mathis; Faye Clark Thompson will be class reporter.

Gifts were exchanged and a good fellowship was held. Others present were: Thelma Ledbetter, Ionah Vinson, Louise Good, Flo Scott, Hazel Mae Bragg, and hostesses, Lou Esther Gerhardt, Ethel Harkins, Lois Jones, Maurine Davis, Pauline Mayhew, Corra Petrie, Eva Wright and Margurite Mathis.

**Sew and Sew met**

The Wingate Sew and Sew Club met Tuesday, December 9, at the Lions Club Building for their Christmas party. The building was decorated for Christmas and Christmas refreshments were served and gifts were exchanged.

Attending the party were: Annie Faye King, Eura Lloyd, Vida Talley, Pauline Huckaby, Demetra Holder, Lessie Robinson, Tommye O'Dell, Ethel Polk, Grace Smith, Flossie Kirkland, Lorene Kinard, Nellie Adecock and Mayola Cathey. Christmas packages were wrapped for the Senior Citizens Nursing Home tree. The next meeting will be held January 5 and 6 with Demetra Holder and Flossie Kirkland as hostesses.

**Card of Thanks**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts-we thank you so much. Whatever the part. The family of Kathy Danford  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck, Thank you. Love  
Randy Cotter

**Bethany Class met**

On December 9, the Bethany Sunday School Class of the Winters First Baptist Church met in the fellowship hall for their monthly meeting.

Enjoying the delicious Salad Supper and Christmas tree were: Mrs. Margaret Favor, Lorene Moreland, Myrtle Duncan, Hortel McCaughn, Jimmie Davis, Nina Bedford, Jo Olive Hancock, Pinkie Irvin, Vivian Foster, Billie Whitlow, Dorthy Bedford, Omega Priddy, Geraldine Traylor, Margaret Russell, Ethel Mae Clark and Louise Waggoner.

Visitors attending were: Bud Davis, R. T. Duncan, Mansfield Foster, Joe Irvin, W. D. Waggoner, David and Jerri Speegle and Mrs. Lillian Roberson.

After the meal the meeting was brought to order by President, Mrs. Margaret Favor. David and Jerri sang Christmas songs with Jerri as pianist. Mrs. Lillian Roberson gave the Christmas stories, "Custom and legend and activities of different nations at Christmas time."

Each member brought sacks of groceries and food for the Food Bank.

The meeting was dismissed by R. T. Duncan.

**Methodist Women held meeting**

The United Methodist Women met in the church parlor Tuesday morning at 9:30.

Billie Middlebrook presided and called the meeting to order. Odessa Dobbins gave the opening prayer. Report blanks were filled out for the year.

Margaret Anderson gave the financial report.

Billie held the Installation for the new officers for 1987. They are, President, Lois Jones; Vice-President, Billie Middlebrook; Recording Secretary, Ethel Bridwell; Finance, Margaret Anderson; Program Resource, Corra Petrie.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Present were: Lois Jones, Ethel Bridwell, Ozie Stanley, Ionah Vinson, Margaret Anderson, Billie Middlebrook and Pauline Mayhew.

**Card of Thanks**

To the Citizens of Winters, I want to thank you for the confidence you had in me for allowing me to serve as your City Councilman for nearly eight years.

It certainly was a pleasure to work with the former mayor, W. Lee Colburn, and the present Mayor, Randy Springer, past and present council men and women and the staff at the City Hall.

My wife joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Ted Meyer  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been good. Bring me a truck.  
Love  
Eloy Gomez Jr.  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll. I want a Bike. I want a Teddy Bear doll. I want a speedboat, dream house, house, swimming pool, corvette.  
Delores Vara  
Grade 2  
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**Mr., Mrs. Charles Matthies to celebrate 50th anniversary**

Family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthies are invited to attend an open house December 21 from 12:30 p.m. at the Winters Housing Authority in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

be their children Pat and John Stevens of Coleman, Marcene and Fred Hall of Dallas, Roy Matthies of Winters and their grandsons, Michael Stevens and Tim Hall. The couple requests no gifts.

Hosts for the celebration will

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Lino.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a kitten, toy rabbit, doll. I love you.

Adam Tamez  
Grade 1

Debbie Baize  
Grade 1

**Fat Walker's**  
Figure Perfections Salons, International  
Where Resolutions Become Realities  
St. 106  
110 S. Main  
Winters, Texas  
M-F 8-7  
Sat. 9-11  
754-5569

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For That Special Christmas Gift  
Discounts Up To  
**50%**  
Diamonds And Diamond Jewelry  
Cut Glass Small Kitchen Appliances  
Watches  
Grandfather Clocks  
12 Months To Pay No Finance Charge  
**Bahlman Jewelers**

**This Christmas, look what's waiting for you in the shadows at Merle Norman.**  
It's a real eye-opener. Fourteen gorgeous shades of shadows, a \$73.50 value, for only \$16.50 with any \$8.50 minimum purchase of Merle Norman products.  
And you'll find it very easy to spend that \$8.50 at Merle Norman. For Christmas '86 our gift list is quite impressive. There are elegant gift sets of skin care, specially designed and beautifully packaged. There are also exciting travel sets filled with cosmetics and all the necessary luxuries.  
Get into the spirit of giving at Merle Norman. And you shall receive this special offer of eye shadows in an extravagant shadow box, a \$73.50 value for only \$16.50.  
Woman to Woman  
**MERLE NORMAN**  
Great Stocking Stuffers  
Scatter Pins, Belts, Earrings Scented Pens, Collars, Collars  
\$5.00 - \$15.00 By Maxine - 137 N. Main



# CLASSIFIED ADS... for results

## CLASSIFIED RATES

**CASH**  
Minimum—\$3.00, 1 time  
20 words; 10 cents per word  
for over 20 words.  
**CHARGED**  
Minimum—\$3.50, first insertion,  
\$3.00 per insertion thereafter,  
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Michael B. Murchison, County Judge of Runnels County, Texas, will be received at the Commissioners' Courtroom at Ballinger, Texas, until 10:00 o'clock A.M., January 13, 1987.

One (1) new 1986-87-5/8 ton pickup truck with long wheel base; eight cylinder, 350 cubic inch engine or equivalent, deluxe cab; year round factory air conditioning and heating; wide bed; spare wheel and tire; radio; automatic transmission; power steering and power brakes.

Delivery must be made within 60 days from receipt of order. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any or all formalities.

BY ORDER of Commissioner's Court, December 9, 1986.  
Darlene Smith, County Auditor  
RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS  
(December 18, 24, 1986)

## GARAGE SALE

**BAKE SALE:** in Wingate at Old Dunn's Store, Sat., December 20, from 10 a.m. till sold out. Still have a few odds and ends left. Proceeds will benefit the Wingate Community Center.

## Death of a beneficiary

Social Security benefits are not payable for the month a beneficiary dies, Franklin H. Upp, Social Security manager in San Angelo, said recently.

The benefit check, which is usually received on the third day of each month, represents the benefit payable for the previous month. Therefore, if a person dies in July, for example, the check that is received August 3, which represents payment for July, should be returned, Upp said. However, if the check is made out jointly to both husband and wife, the survivor should contact a Social Security office to find out whether the check should be cashed.

If a person's benefits were being handled by direct deposit, the financial institution to which the checks were being sent should be notified

# The Origin of Christmas Kettles



The Salvation Army Captain in San Francisco had resolved, in December of 1891, to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor persons. But how would he pay for the food?

As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind. Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. On the Stage Landing he saw a large pot, called "Simpson's pot" into which charitable donations were thrown by passers-by.

On the next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing, at the foot of Market Street. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous position, so that it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room for the same purpose.

Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but throughout the world.

By Christmas, 1895, the kettle was used in 30 Salvation Army Corps in various sections of the West Coast area. *The Sacramento Bee* of that year carried a description of the Army's Christmas activities and mentioned the contributions to street corner kettles. Shortly afterward, two young Salvation Army officers who had been instrumental in the original use of the Kettle, William A. McIntyre and N. J. Lewis, were transferred to the East. They took with them the idea of the Christmas kettle.

In 1897, McIntyre prepared his Christmas plans for Boston around the kettle, but his fellow officers refused to cooperate for fear of "making spectacles of themselves." So McIntyre, his wife and his sister set up three kettles at the Washington Street thoroughfare in the heart of the city. That year the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy.

In 1898, the *New York World* hailed The Salvation Army kettles as "the newest and most novel device for collecting money." The newspaper also observed, "There is a man in charge to see that contributions are not stolen."

In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today, however, families are given grocery checks so that they can buy and prepare their own dinners at home. The homeless poor are still invited to share holiday

checks can be obtained at the San Angelo Social Security Office located at 2214 Sherwood Way. The telephone number is 949-4608.

More information about Social Security

dinners and festivities at hundreds of Salvation Army centers.

Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, and Chile, and in many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to the kettles enable The Salvation Army to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who would otherwise be forgotten-to the aged and lonely, the ill, the inmates of jails and other institutions, the poor and unfortunate. In the United States, The Salvation Army annually aids more than 3,000,000 persons at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kettles have changed since the first utilitarian cauldron set up in San Francisco. Some of the new kettles have such devices as a self-ringing bell and a booth complete with public address system over which the traditional Christmas carols are broadcast. Behind it all, though, is the same Salvation Army message, "Sharing is Caring."

## Full mailbox best invitation

An overflowing mailbox is, at best, a way to damage or destroy mail and, at worst, an invitation to burglars, San Antonio Division General Manager Joseph G. Schraer today warned residents throughout the postal division area.

"Before you pack up and leave for vacation, contact your post office and ask them to hold your mail while you are away," Schraer said, "or arrange with a neighbor to take in your mail and check your house daily while you are gone."

Schraer said arrangements can be made with your post office to hold your mail up to 30 days by filling out a Change of Address Order, Form 3575, giving the dates that you want your mail held at the post office, or completing a special "Hold Mail" local form available at some post offices, or simply writing a note to your letter carrier stating the dates to hold your mail. The request must be signed by the requester.

If you return from your vacation early, notify your post office to resume delivery of your mail. Otherwise, delivery will resume the day after the ending date of your request.

Schraer said this service provides this service to prevent ear-marking a home as a target for possible burglary and to safeguard the mail for the customers.

The alternative may be letting mail overflow from a receptacle, possibly to be damaged by vandals, animals or weather conditions, or to be a clear signal that no one is home.

The Christmas holiday season is approaching when many postal customers are away from home. Take precautions to protect your mail and home.

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*Danville Commercial Appeal*

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**Ballinger**  
Champion  
William G.  
Grider Gor  
Back row

**Ballinger**  
Champion  
Valerie M.  
Clayton,  
Chapman

**Santa**  
Dear Santa  
I'm good  
the North







**Ballinger Warriors**

Champions under 14, front row left to right: William Gatlin, Dean Watson, Jeff Cheshire, Grider Gordon, Tod Virden and John Dankworth. Back row left to right: Jarrett Buxkemper, Jennifer Bickle, Jody Rieken, Jonathan Brunson, Jana Wilson and Kyle Hogue. Coach: John Psutka. Not pictured, Bryan Campbell



**Winters Scorpions**

Champions under 12, front row left to right: Missy Torres, Jay Cowan, Brock Guevara, Brenna Mikeska, Sharon Wiltrout, Jessica Epperson, Brian Hall. Back row left to right: Andy Esquivel, Jim Calcote, Brian McAnulty, Sandee Curry, Elvia Moreno and Elizabeth Silva. Coaches: Ann McAnulty and Bailey McAnulty. Not pictured are: Gabriel Ortiz and Tambar Cox.



**Ballinger Rovers**

Champions under 10, front row left to right: Valerie Martinez, Chandra Phillips, Brandon Clayton, Christopher Murman and Amber Chapman. Back row left to right: Stephen King, T. C. Smith, Dusty Caudle, Aaron Fritze, Chris Klein and Michael Baird. Coach Linda King

**Santa's Letters**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm good. Have a cold day in the North Pole. Tell Rudolph to

see me. Please bring me a motorcycle to ride to school or Mexico.  
Love  
Jimmy Joe Soto  
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**Trashy grain is hurting U.S. export sales**

Trashy grain sorghum (milo) is being delivered to overseas customers and it is costing U.S. sorghum farmers millions of tons in lost sales. That is the assessment of a sorghum promotion team at the conclusion of a market survey mission to Japan, Korea and Taiwan. Feed manufacturers in all three countries told the team that, at the same price, they will buy grain from almost any other available source before they will buy it from the U.S. because of the poor quality of U.S. grain.

The U.S. sorghum team was led by Mabry Foreman, a Felt, Oklahoma farmer and President of National Grain Sorghum Producers Association. The purpose of the mission to the Asian countries was to determine why U.S. sorghum sales to that region are declining and develop programs to reverse the trend.

"It was shocking to those of us who deliver clean grain to the elevators to see the condition of the grain our foreign customers receive when they contract for U.S. No. 2 Sorghum. Some of it can hardly be identified as grain," Foreman said. "It is evident that not all U.S. farmers and custom harvesters deliver clean grain because there were pieces of stalk, leaves, seed glumes, etc. which should have been removed by the combine. "Added to the plant trash," Foreman continued, "are rocks, rusty nails, wire and other foreign objects which may have been picked up with grain which has been piled on the ground at some stage in handling. It is also very apparent that off grade grains of all types—wheat, barley and cracked corn—have been blended with the sorghum."

**Champion Soccer Teams announced**

This week we have the pictures of the champion teams that won their respective age divisions. Each player of the teams will receive an individual trophy commemorating their victory.

A referee free planning clinic is being planned and so far it looks like early February. Please indicate to Don Higgins if you would like to attend and receive your certification. It would be of benefit to any coach,

to attend this clinic. If you have not been informed as yet, it is time to turn in all player uniforms, goals, and practice balls. Please return them to your coach.

The Spring season will start February 1987. If you would like to coach or help in some way, please contact Mr. Don Higgins or any member of the Soccer Board of Directors.

**Santa's Letters**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cabbage Patch and a bicycle.  
Love  
Tina

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# Obituaries

## Marvin Onken

Marvin Onken, 70, of Winters died at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 15, 1986 in Winters.

He was born September 27, 1916 in Winters and has lived here all his life.

Marvin owned and operated the Onken Radiator Shop in Winters for a number of years. He married Dora Pruser November 14, 1940 in Winters, she preceded him in death March 13, 1955.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. John Onken of Winters; two sons, Gary Onken of Abilene and Ronnie Onken of Grapevine; one daughter, Trisha Bailey of Abilene; one brother, Walter Onken of Winters; and six grandchildren, Shelley Baker and Shea Baker of San Angelo; Krestin Onken and Timra Onken of Grapevine; Greg Onken and Julie Bailey, both of Abilene.

Services for Marvin Onken were held at 2:30 Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Steve Byrne officiating. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Wesley Vogler, Kenneth Onken, Ellis Zane Moore, W. Lee Colburn, Arnold Thormeyer and Jerry Holle.

## Janice Smith

Janice Mika Smith, 33, of Miles, died Thursday morning, December 11, 1986, in Miles at her residence.

Services for Janice Smith were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Johnson's Funeral Home, with the Rev. N. G. Gault, the Rev. Durward Rutland and the Rev. Charles Grossman officiating. Burial was in the Miles Cemetery.

She was born in Lampasas and was a lifetime resident of Miles. She graduated from Miles High School, attended Angelo State, and at one time, she played piano and organ for Mereta Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Miles. She was a member of Eola

Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Smith of Miles; her parents, Bernie and Lucy Mika of Miles; a sister and brother-in-law, Dennis and Lee Ann Haviak of Miles; paternal grandmother, Betty Mika of San Angelo; also two nieces.

## Marion Baldwin

Marion Giles Baldwin, 77, of Abilene, died Wednesday, December 10, 1986, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 12, in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. The Rev. Michael O'Conner officiated.

He was born in Ballinger and was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Baldwin was a self-employed grocer and owned the Baldwin food store. He retired in 1977.

He was a member of Fairmont Methodist Church and served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Florene Massey Baldwin of Abilene; a son, Eddie Carroll Baldwin of Abilene; two sisters, Beriena Baldwin and Christine Brock, both of Abilene; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## Mamie Stephens

Mamie Stephens, 71, of Bangs, died Thursday morning, December 11, 1986, at her residence.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bangs with the Rev. Eddie Freeman officiating. Burial was in Bangs Cemetery, directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

She was born in Trickham, was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Stafford Stephens.

Survivors include a son, Otis Stephens of Early; two daughters, Bettie Sharp of Novice and Wanda Weatherman of Comanche; a sister, Ora Stacy of Brooksmith; a brother, Herman Martin of Tyler; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Robert Beach

Robert Beach, 82, of Miles died Friday, December 12, 1986 at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Born December 25, 1903 in Westphalia, Texas, he had lived in Miles since 1937.

He was a retired farmer, and married Elizabeth Schwertner December 30, 1929 in Rowena.

Mr. Beach was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles, and a member of St. Thomas Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth of Miles; one daughter, Mrs. Elgin (Joan) Lange of Arlington; one son, Jerome Beach of Lubbock; one sister, Mrs. J. R. (Otilia) Kleypas of Temple; two brothers, Otto Beach of San Antonio and Walter Beach of Temple; five grandchildren; one son preceded him in death.

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Sunday in St. Thomas Catholic Church and funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, also in St. Thomas Catholic Church with Fr. Kevin Heyburn and Leroy Beach officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: John Beach, Ronnie Hohensee, Billy Schwertner, Harvey Eggeneyer, Freddie Jansa and Gene Holtman.

## Claude Power

Claude H. Power, 79, of Ballinger, died in Ballinger Memorial Hospital Friday, December 12, 1986 at 3:10 a.m. Born October 19, 1907 in Paint Rock, he was a retired Police Officer with the Ballinger City Police.

He married Leota Whitfield December 20, 1930 in Olton, Texas. He was a member of the Ballinger Reserve Police Department and the 7th Street Baptist Church, he also served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Leota of Ballinger; two daughters, Joyce Boggess of Ballinger and Jorita Nix of Snyder; one son, Marvin H. Power of Ballinger; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services for Claude Powers were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with H. G. Barnard and Don Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Santa's Letters

Dear Santa  
I am a very good boy. I would like a baby pound puppy and a little rocking chair. I need some socks, too.  
Love,  
John Heathcott

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Football suit and Football. I would like a new cowboy hat and a guitar, too. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Robby Heathcott

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Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Popple, fluffy pup, and a baton. My brothers and I would like a tent. My Child Baby is cute, too. I want some clothes.  
Love,  
Amy Heathcott

Age 6  
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Dear Santa Claus & everybody  
I've been good. Please bring me a calculator, a gun, a knife, G.I. Joes, some army tanks with guns and tracks, a motorcycle, a green (John Deer) tractor, a plow, a stereo, a pocket knife with a sheath, a man with a cowboy hat on, a smoke stack-green, some doors that open, and that's all. Thank you.  
Love  
Trinity Bearden

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Dear Santa  
I want you to bring me a new pony to ride to Abilene. I have been good.  
Love  
Juan Herrera

## Bob Bullock

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday, December 10, that the state made \$24 million in just six months under his new policy of slapping liens on contested tax cases involving more than \$500,000.

"The liens motivate taxpayers to pay their contested liabilities while their cases are on appeal," Bullock said.

"Since July there have been 203 taxpayers who reached the \$500,000 threshold and whose tax problems have been resolved without any risk to the state," Bullock said.

He said he was prompted to use tax liens to protect the state's interest in contested cases because of the weakened Texas economy and an increase in the number of bankruptcies among Texas businesses.

The policy falls on the good taxpayer as well as the not-so-good taxpayer, but every business is on notice that the taxes they collect for the state are due and liens guarantee this, Bullock said.

He said most of the taxpayers have settled their accounts and the liens have been released.

Unsettled cases are pending in refund hearings and these tax liens will be released when the cases are decided and the taxes are paid.

## Card of Thanks

To all our friends and acquaintances who supported us and helped us at our time of sorrow, we want to express our sincere gratitude.

God bless you all!  
Family of,  
Margarito Sanchez, Sr.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS!

## Crews

By Hilda Kurtz

If you see 10 troubles coming down the road you can be sure that 9 will run into the ditch before they reach you.  
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Rodney Faubion, Marvin Gerhart and Bro. Oscar Fanning were in San Angelo Sunday afternoon to see Noble Faubion who had surgery in St. John's Hospital on Friday and also visited Celso Martin and her dad Burley. Burley Campbell was released from the hospital after a stroke and is now in a nursing home in San Angelo.

Ken and Paula Baker attended the store Xmas party & supper, "Shopping Basket grocery" in Coleman Sunday evening around 50 were present Ken is a employee there. Gifts were exchanged.

Hopewell church Sunday School ladies will have their Xmas party Wednesday night after prayer meeting in the home of Paula Baker. Sunday dinner with Nila and Therin Osborne, Mrs. Viola Foster, Wesley, Karen, John and Stephanie McGallion.

Am I too late to wish Bernie Faubion a belated Happy Birthday?

After church services Sunday December 21st Hopewell Church welcomes you to their Xmas dinner.

Ronald and Eugenie Hill of Sweetwater spent Tuesday with Robert and Claudia Hill and Mike Hill of Sweetwater came later in the week.

Walter and Margie Jacob had supper in Ballinger Saturday night with her mother Mrs. Louise Mickalewicz.

Visiting in the home of Helen

and Norval Alexander during the week, Bro. Oscar Fanning and his granddaughter, Sabrina, Marvin Gerhart, Selma and Hazel Dietz, Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion and Chad, Bill Polston and Dennis Smith.

The Doug Bryan's visitors were Kenny, Kendra, Shana and Jason Nitch and Dewitt and Brent Bryan

Happy Birthdays and Anniversary Harvey Mae Faubion.

Dee and Sam Faubion, Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning and their granddaughter Sabrina were Sunday dinner guests with Selma and Hazel Dietz.

Gary and Herbert Jacob were in to see Mrs. Effie Dietz on business during the week.

I was in San Angelo Sunday to see Sherry and Darrell Kurtz and their baby son, B. J. who was in Shannon hospital as you read this he will be transferred to Houston to Texas Children's Hospital. Also had dinner with Hildegard and W. A. Asberry others also having dinner were Randall Kurtz, R. C. and Mary Kurtz, Ginny, Brenda, Shea and Shanon Kay Villers, and Sherry and Darrell Kurtz.

If you would like to send Darrell and Sherry a card send it to "Texas Childrens Hospital, Houston, Texas."

I had 1/2 inch of moisture Sunday a.m. and 5 to 6 inches of snow.  
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Dear Santa,


I want a mean machine. Please bring me a mean machine.

Love  
Eric Tekell


Open House  
At  
Senior Citizens Nursing Home  
December 18  
2 P.M. Until 4 P.M.  
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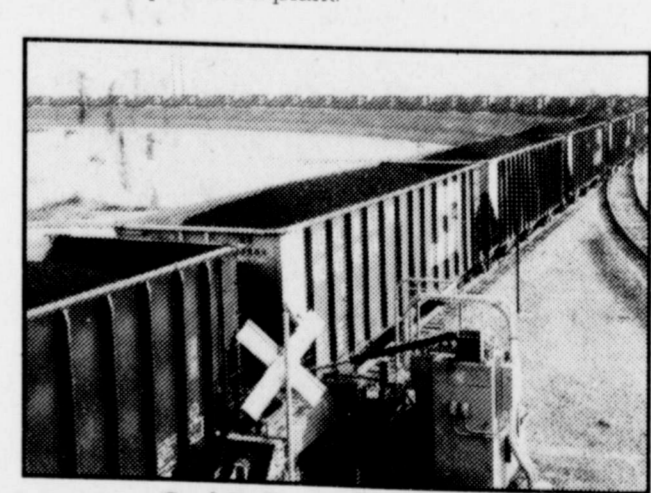


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A coal-powered plant was our best option back in the 70's when WTU first began planning for a new power station. At that time a new federal law known as the Fuel Use Act prohibited the use of oil or gas as boiler fuel for new utility plants.

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# Blizzard Basketball Roundup

On December 9, the Varsity girls traveled to San Saba to play one of their district games. They came home with a win of 55-43.

Pruser scored 19 points in the game, others scoring were, Fenter, Poehts, Grantham, Smith and Salazar. Nine free throws out of 21 were made for an average of 43%.

The girls Junior Varsity traveled to San Saba December 9, beating San Saba by a score of 31-16.

Kim Slaughter and Heather Brown shared to slot of high scoring girls with 6 points each. Others scoring were, Sandy Martinez with 5 points; Melanie Smith and Melissa Smith with 4 points; Marie Pritchard, Christy Collins and Diana Farias, all with 2 points. One out of 16 free throws were made for an average of 16%.

This was the girls first district game. Season record 4-2, District 1-0.

On December 11 the Varsity girls traveled to Anson to play Haskel Paint Creek, for their first game in the Anson Lions Club Tournament, in a narrow escape won with a score of 45-43.

Scoring in the game were, Pruser, Poehts, Fenter, Lancaster, England and Grantham. Seven out of 13 free throws were made for an average of 53%.

In their second game in the tournament the girls played Rule, winning with a score of 56-37.

Scoring for Winters were, Poehts, Fenter, Grantham, Salazar, England and Lancaster. Eight out of 10 free throws were made for an average of 80%.

In the Championship Game of the Lion's tourney the girls played Rotan, with a ten point margin lost by 60-50.

Leslie Pruser scored 24 points; Missy Poehts 6; Landa England and Tracey Grantham, both 3 points; and Camille Lancaster 2 points. Fourteen free throws out of 29 free throws were made for an average of 48%. The girls came away with second place in the tournament.

"We have had our best week yet. The girls played hard at San Saba and won. Then defeated Haskell Paint and Rule. Our game vs Rotan, we played very good at first, but then we missed easy shots under our basket and key 1 and 1 free shots. In second we got in early foul trouble and Rotaon Connected on 32 free shots in the game. This bunch is the first groupe to make a Championship game in 4 years and we are proud!" says Coach Dearen.

The JV girls played in the Jim Ned Tournament December 13. Their first game was against Jim Ned, they came home with a big win of 43-16.

Kim Slaughter was high scor-

ing girl with 12 points. Others scoring were, Melissa Smith with 10 points; Sandy Martinez, 8; Lisa Farias, 7; Melanie Smith, Diana Farias and Barbie Bradley, each with 2 points.

Seven out of 17 free throws were made for an average of 41%.

In game two of the touney the Winters girls played Hawley, this time winning with a score of 31-28.

Again Kim Slaughter was high scoring girl with 10 points. Others were, Melanie Smith, 7; Heather Brown, 6; Sandy Martinez and Melissa Smith, both with 2 points.

The girls tood first place in the Tournament.

"The Junior Varsity girls won the Jim Ned Tournament this past weekend. They played Hawley for the Championship and had to come from behind to win. In the second quarter we were down twelve points. The girls had to play tough to get back in it. Congratulations for a job well done!" says Mrs. Whittenburg.

The Winters 8th grade boys played Wall in Winters December 15, losing by a small margin of 39-33.

Billy Waller was high scoring boy with 16 points. Others scoring were, Craig Slaughter, 5; Doug Farmer, 4; Scottie Rodriguez, 5; and Bodie Collins with 3 points. Eleven out of 21 free throws were made for an average of 52%.

Billy Waller hit 6 out of 8 himself for 75% and played a superb game both offensively and defensively before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

Coach Selby says, "As far as I am concerned this was the best game these kids have ever played. The excelled in all phases of the game and I believe the deserved to win. I was extremely upset about one fact of the game and that was our inability to use the backboard when we are in close to the basket. I believe this was the difference in the game. We shot about fifteen to twenty times inside and would shoot over, then back over, etc. If we had used the backboard like I told them to, I believe three or four shots would have fallen and the final score might have been different. After the game I was very hard on the guys because I had used three time outs just to tell them to use the backboard and they would not follow directions. They played too perfect a ballgame not to come out on the winning end and it was the little things that beat them; fundamentals and not mistakes were their enemy. I really wanted them to win this one as we have a 20 day lay off before our next game and we needed to end this half on a positive note. But if they play their remaining games like this one, then we will be a team to watch out for when the district race opens up on January 5."

On December 15, the 7th grade girls played Wall in Winters. The Wall team beat the girls by a score of 25-19.

Michelle Carter was high scoring girl with 14 points. Others scoring were Juanita Aguero, Ann Vasques, each with 2 points; and Emily Ochoa with 1 point. Three out of 14 free throws were made for an average of 21%.

Coach Whittenburg says, "The seventh grade girls are improving each week, but are having trouble putting the ball in the basket. Monday night the did a good job playing defense and are trying so hard to win. It seems they get over anxious when they get a chance to shoot and either throw the ball with two hands instead of shooting the ball or shoot too hard. These girls should be commended for their hard work and effort."



We are proud to have Adrian Albarado back in school. He was in the hospital five days with pneumonia.

Joanna Reyes recently received a certificate for reading and reporting on ten library books.

Jessica Tamez received her second certificate for reading and reporting on twenty library books. Congratulations girls!

It is the week before Christmas. There is a hustle and bustle everywhere making last minute preparations.

The traditional Christmas dinner will be served Monday, December 22. On Tuesday, December 23, the staff will have a cheer table for all staff members. On the morning of December 23, students will have class parties. Students and teachers will exchange gifts at that time. A light lunch will be served and Santa will arrive shortly after lunch to visit with the boys and girls and read from his little black book revealing who has been good and bad. Santa will pass out Christmas bags with fruit, nuts and candy.

Classes will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1986 for Christmas holidays. Classes will resume at the regular time Monday, January 5, 1987.

The big event before dismissing for the Christmas holidays is the annual Christmas plays presented by the students in the school auditorium. Monday, December 22, at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments to be served immediately following.

**"Christmas In The Toy Store"** Kindergarten..Beth Emry First & Second Grade..Lea Ann Burnett

Characters:  
The Toy Store Keeper; Enriquez Tamez; Ballerina Doll, Debbie Baize; Clown, Ray Lee Luera; Jack in the Box, James Babb; Fireman, Michael Pritchard; Monkey, Eric Tekell; Cowboy, Israel Vidales; Nurse Doll, Mary Vidales; Raggedy Ann Doll, Norma Reyes; Mama Teddy Bear, Delores Vara; Papa Teddy Bear, Adam Tamez; Toy Soldiers, Jimmy Joe Soto, Tito Herrera, Eloy Gomez, Jr., Juan Hererra; Music Box, Steven Sneed; Baby Doll; Mindy Mahaffey; Toy Block, Trint Bearden; Barbie Doll, Crystal Sanchez.

**"The Year Santa Forgot Christmas"**  
Third and Fourth Grade..Mary Mahaffey

Characters:  
Santa, Lance Donica; Mrs. Santa, Marcie Pritchard; Jolly Jingle, Annie Willtrout; Happy, Juanita Reyes; Holly, Misti Kirby; Twinkle, Jodie Parks; Willy, Ben Smith; Smiley, Pete Joe Tamez; John, John McGallian; Richard, Richard Tamez; Ramie, Ramie Reyes; Gregory, Gregory Vidales.

**"What, No Santa Claus?"**  
Fifth and Sixth Grade..Cheryl Sneed

Characters  
Announcer, Tim Sanchez; Santa, William Coats; Mrs. Santa, Sharon Willtrout; Jingle;



Beulah Reyes; Dingle, Debbie Sanchez; Winky, Estella Vara; Blinky, Jamie Reyes; Holly, Julie Reyes; Mistletoe, Jake Babb; First Radio Announcer, Vennie Reyes; Second Radio Announcer, Juan Vara; Props, Adrian Albarado; Program Design, Helen Reyes and Jessica Tamez.

All of you come see your children, grandchildren and friends perform. Join in all the entertainment and fun of the Christmas season.

Thank you for the support you have given the students of Wingate School in 1986.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

### Santa's Letters

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a sped boat, a Heman, and a Rel nif.

Love, Michael Pritchard Grade 1

Dear Santa Claus,

I wood want a BB gun, som lagos and I want a comb and som candy and Heman and a sped boat.

Steven Lee Sneed Love You Santa Grade 1

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a barbie doll, teddy Bear.

Love You, Norma Reyes Grade 1

Dear Santa,

I want a Heman. I lov you.

Ray Lee Luera Grade 1

Dear Santa,

I want a littel car, and a littel soldjer.

Tito Herrera Grade 1

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. I want a tay truck.

Enriquez Tamez Grade 2



### Winters Public Schools BREAKFAST MENU

**MONDAY**  
Biscuits, sausage, gravy, mixed fruit, milk

**TUESDAY**  
Cheese toast, oatmeal, pineapple chunks, milk

### LUNCHROOM MENU

**December 22-December 23**

**MONDAY**  
**WEST SIDE**  
Hamburgers, mustard, mayonnaise, French fries, catsup, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cinnamon crispies cookie, milk

**EAST SIDE**  
Chalupas, tossed salad, buttered corn, cinnamon crispies cookie, milk

**TUESDAY**  
**WEST SIDE**  
Hot dogs w/chili-cheese, French fries, catsup, tossed salad, mustard, mayonnaise, brownie, milk

**EAST SIDE**  
Same

### Total Teens met

The Total Teens met December the 6th at the Pruser home for the regular meeting and Christmas party.

All of the old and new business was discussed. Also our new sponsor Mildred DeBerry was chained in during the meeting.

Members present were: Leslie Pruser, Christi Fenter, Michelle Wheeler, Ginny Jones, Rebecca Moore, Shanon Rozmen, Lynda Billups, Heather Brown, Melissa Hatler, Christi Hilliard, Michele Prine, Nolsa Prine, Kim Simpson, Shelly Owen, Barbie Bradley, Christy Collins, Laurie Rose, Julie Wheat, Kim Coleman, Marie Pritchard, Janice Pruser, Mary Jane Blackshear, and Mildred DeBerry.

The next meeting will be January 12, 1987.

There will be a "Christmas" Bake Sale in front of Slip 'N' Stitch December 20th.

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Retired Teachers held meeting December 8

Members of the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association and their guests met Monday, December 8, in the Education Building of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Copies of the recently adopted Constitution and By-Laws of the Association were distributed to members present. The Nominating Committee made its report and was followed by election of officers for the period March 1987 to March 1988. Betty Smith Wessels, chairperson of the Legislative Committee gave an in-depth report on the new income tax changes and how they will affect us as individuals.

New officers elected were, President, Nina Hale, Winters; Vice-President, Doris Prewitt, Winters; Secretary, Eleanor Burgess, Ballinger; Treasurer, Freddie Gardner.

Bea Talbott, an honored guest, read a most beautiful Christmas story, "The Man Who Owned The Stable," by Armand L. Currie. The group, accompanied by another of our guests,



Guest Speaker  
Bea Talbott

Mrs. E. E. Thormeyer, pianist, sang a number of old and favorite Christmas songs.

A refreshment plate with choice of coffee, or hot, spiced tea was served to each person by the hostesses: Bea Schroeder, Nina Hale, Betty Wessels and Lanita Williams. There was also an exchange of gifts. A money

tree (a part of the Yuletide decorations, yielded a generous offering for the residents of Abilene State School.

Others present were: Eleanor Burgess; Ollie Chenoweth; Lola Eubank; Shirley Halford; Jo Olive Hancock; Eula Mae Kruse; Margurite Mathis; Doris Prewitt; Helen Williams; Aline Womack; and a frequent visitor, Reverend Marvin Burgess. Another visitor was Mrs. Dick Thomas who took pictures of the group and of our hostesses and guests for the *Winters Enterprise*.

**Santa's Letters**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a My Child and a watch. How are Mrs. Claus and the Elves doing?

Love  
Mindy Mahaffey  
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**Memo from the Chamber**

Kay Colburn Mgr.  
Saturday, December 20, is the last day to get your name in the boxes for the \$2,750 cash giveaway by 53 Winters Merchants and the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Each of the 53 businesses will conduct their own individual drawings for 53-\$50 bills and they will contact each of the winners.

The winners of the \$50 bills will then call or come by the Chamber Office to compare their serial number to the winning serial number, which is worth an added \$100 bill to the holder of the matching number. The winning number will be displayed in the Chamber window and will be recorded on the Chamber answering machine over the weekend. Fifty-three lucky people will have a surprise Christmas bonus and it could be you, so don't forget to sign up before Saturday and Good Luck!  
It's only four weeks to the Livestock Show which is held each January for the FFA and 4-H Club members in the North Runnels area. January 16 and 17 are the days and we would like to remind everyone of the drive to sell \$20 shares which will provide prize money for the young exhibitors. To become a shareholder with the Livestock Show you may purchase any number of shares by mailing a check to the Chamber Office, P.O. Box 698, or bringing it by the office at 118 W. Dale Street. This is a very worthwhile investment.

The annual Chamber banquet will be held Thursday, January 29, make plans to attend. Directors will be selling tickets after the holidays.

Support our local merchants, who are friends and neighbors by Shopping at home. Try Winters first.

**Santa's Letters**

Dear Santa,  
I want to have Lionel, a dog, a football, and a deer, and a butterfly knife.

James Babb  
Grade 2  
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Dear Santa,  
I want an Autobot Astro Major Transformer, a Teddy Ruxpin Bear, an XV Hot Wheel racer, a Pound Puppy and a Karate Kid.

I have been good this year. I am 4 years old.

Love,  
Wesley Don Calcote  
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**Card of Thanks**

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.

A special thanks to Dr. Y. K. Lee, the staff at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home and to Ted Meyer and his staff. Also to the Rev. Gary Turner and Rev. Glenn Shoemaker, David Speegle and Lillian Cooper for the beautiful service in words and song.

And to all those who sent flowers, memorials, food, cards and for the visits and the love and concern shown we are truly grateful.

My God richly bless each of you.

The family of  
Gladys (Herrington) Gamble

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The Family Group of the Senior Citizens Home wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What could be more rewarding than to give a gift in "Memory or Honor" of your loved one, deceased or living in the Nursing home.

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**RONdom thoughts**

By RON BIRK

**Is The Fat Lady Singing?**

I'm not sure which basketball coach said it first, but "It's not over till the fat lady sings!" seems to have become THE saying in athletics over the past few years.

Who knows how many "miraculous comebacks" in sports have been motivated by this operatic rooted phrase. The saying has come to signify eternal optimism in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

However, for every optimist there is a pessimist. And one of those oppressive opponents of optimism has come up with an opposite opinion—"The fat lady is singing!"

That saying, which I saw on a bumper sticker recently, goes along with a lot of other black humor that has arisen out of the current economic hard times here in Texas.

Some examples:  
—What do you call a real estate agent in Houston? "Hey, Waiter!"

—An unidentified author is writing a book about Midland. It begins with Chapter 11.

—Farmers are singing a new version of the classic song: "Old McDonald had a farm, I-O, I-O-U."

—Everyone seems to have some negative comments about their woes.

—"You might describe my financial condition as fluid," observes James Dent. "Which is another way of saying it's going down the drain."

—"Money", says Doc Blakely, "Taking it with me isn't important. The real problem is just making it last until I'm ready to go."

—"I'm so broke," remarks a neighbor, "I can't even pay attention!"

—Times are tough. No question about it.

But is the fat lady singing? Is it all over?

Maybe it's time to recall the words of E. Stanley Jones: "The early Christians did not say in dismay, 'look at what the world has come to', but in delight, 'look who has come into the world.'"

The fat lady may be singing—but the Christmas baby is crying!

Amid the wailing laments of world in woe comes the joyous sound of new born life. "Unto us a child is born!"

And with that child comes hope.

Carl Sandburg said, "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."

That is especially true of the Christmas baby. The Babe of Bethlehem is a vivid reminder that God has not forgotten us. Christmas is God saying, "We're all in this together!"

God is with us—that is the joyous message of Christmas. A cartoon by Noonan puts it in contemporary terms: "Never Fear—God is Here!"

If Easter means there is life after death, Christmas means there is life after birth. A life without fear. A life of hopeful expectation.

Another recently seen bumper sticker proclaims: "Jesus And A Lone Star—Only In Bethlehem."

That's clever, but a bit narrow in its scope. The Christmas star does shine in the Holy Land. But it also shines in Texas, and South Africa, and Central America, and Afghanistan. Anywhere there is the dark night of depression, there shines the shimmering star of Christmas. A heavenly beacon announcing boldly the birth of new life. A light with the power to give confidence to the desolate, comfort to the distressed, and cheer to the disheartened.

The fat lady may be singing. But for those with enlightened ears her song is not a mournful final operatic dirge. It is a joyful opening Christmas carol!

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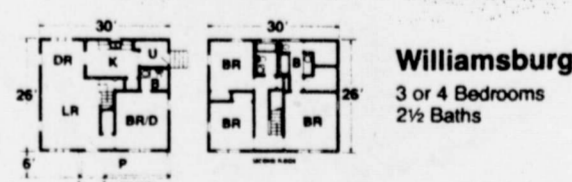
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## Local Hospital To Sponsor Breast Cancer Detection Service

According to the American Cancer Society, one out of every eleven women in the United States will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. Every year over 37,000 women die as a result of breast cancer which is the number two cancer killer of women.

According to a spokesman from the regional breast care center at Women's and Children's Hospital in Odessa, "The death rate from breast cancer could be drastically reduced if women would have mammograms done before a problem exists." By using modern state of the art X-ray equipment, breast cancers can be found when they are about the size of a grain of rice and well before the cancer can be felt. A woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer at this early stage has a 90%-97% survival rate. However, a woman who is not diagnosed until a lump can be felt has approximately a 50% survival rate in five years.

In an effort to find cancers at the earliest possible stage and prevent unnecessary deaths, the Regional Breast Cancer Care Center from Women's and Children's Hospital in Odessa in conjunction with the North Runnels Hospital in Winters will be providing a mobile breast detection unit. The unit will be in Winters at the North Runnels Hospital on January 13, 1987. The mobile breast unit will be parked at the hospital. Appointments may be made by calling the North Runnels Hospital at (915) 754-4553. For more information you may call North Runnels Hospital or at the Regional Breast Care Center at Women's and Children's Hospital at (915) 334-8888.

Segun el American Cancer Society una de cada once mujeres en los Estados Unidos tendra cancer en sus senos en una vez de su vida. Cada ano mas de treinta mil mujeres mueren con cancer de los senos que es el numero dos matador de mujeres.

Segun el representante del Regional Breast Care Center en la Women's and Children's Hospital en Odessa, "La muerte de cancer de los senos puede estar bajo si las mujeres toman mamografias antes que la problema exista." Usando los mas nuevos equipos de rayos-x, cancer de los senos se puede hallar cuando este del tamaño de un arroz y tambien antes que la

mujer se lo puede tentar. La mujer que le hallen cancer cuando esta pequeno tiene mejor oportunidad de vivir. Sin embargo la mujer que no le hallen el cancer hasta que se palpara un bulto no tiene mucho de vivir.

Con esfuerzo a hallar cancer temprano y salvar mas vidas, el Regional Breast Cancer Care Center tendra una clinica movil. La clinica movil va estar en Winters at the Hospital en la fecha January 13, 1987.

La clinica movil va estar estacionada en el hospital. Puede hacer nombramientos llamando este numero 915-754-4553. Para mas informacion llaman a la Regional Breast Care Center en la Women's and Children's Hospital en el numero (915) 334-88.

## Department of Public Safety predicts 41 traffic deaths for holiday period

The Department of Public Safety is estimating that 41 traffic deaths will mar this year's peak holiday travel periods in Texas.

"Christmas and New Year's should be two of the best times of the year for everyone, but each holiday season, many traffic deaths could have been prevented occur on our roads and highways," said DPS Director Jim Adams. "Our intention in reminding Texans of the grim possibilities is not to sound a discouraging note as people prepare their travel plans, but to encourage driving safety by showing what could happen. I hope our estimate proves to be too high."

During the 54-hour Christmas holiday period, an estimated 23 persons may die in traffic accidents in the state, Adams said.

The estimate for the New Year's period, which also is 54 hours, is 18 traffic deaths.

In 1985, because of the day of the week on which Christmas fell, the prime travel period was 30 hours long. During that time, 15 persons were killed in traffic mishaps. Two other persons later died of injuries suffered during the period, bringing the final 1985 Christmas death toll to 17.

Last year, 17 persons died in traffic accidents during the 54-hour New Year's period, with seven later deaths making a total of 24 fatalities associated with the period.

"The way to help make this year's estimates inaccurate is to refrain from drinking alcoholic

## Abilene church to present Christmas Story

On Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m., the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, North Third and Orange in Abilene, will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors".

Amahl, a crippled boy, and his mother are visited by the three kings on their journey to bring gifts to the Christ Child. During their visit a miracle takes place that changes the lives of Amahl and his mother.

You are cordially invited to attend. There is no admission charge for the performances and a nursery will be provided. For further information, call First Baptist Church Music Ministry, 675-8118.

beverages before driving or while behind the wheel and hold driving speeds down," Adams said. "Those two steps will go a long way toward keeping drivers from having a traffic accident. But, if worse comes to worse and you are in an accident due to the carelessness of another driver, your chances of survival will be greatly improved if you are wearing your safety belt."

This year, the DPS Operation Motorcade period will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 23 and continue until midnight Christmas Day. The New Year's counting period will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 30 and continue through midnight New Year's Day.

During both periods, as part of the Department's Operation Holiday effort, additional Highway Patrol Troopers will be out to assist motorists and enforce traffic laws, with particular emphasis on DWI arrests, speeding and safety belt violations.

## Carr Scholarship Program accepting applications

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for Carr Academic Scholarships for 1987-88.

Over 400 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1987-88 ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$4,000 are available to qualified high school seniors. During the current year, 986 students are attending Angelo State University on Carr Scholarships.

As a general rule, worthy and deserving students who are in the top 10 percent of their class, have a 90 or better high school average, and have a composite ACT score of 23 or more or a combined math and verbal SAT score of 950 or more should compete favorably for the Carr Academic Scholarship.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established in 1978 by Mr. Robert G. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University and can be worth from \$4,000 to \$16,000 during a four-year course of undergraduate study.

The Priority deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is March 1, 1987, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until June 1, 1987, to the extent that funds are still available.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships can be obtained by contacting or writing: Carr Academic Scholarship Program Office, Angelo State University, Box 11007-C, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915/942-2103).

## Nominations

**Outstanding Citizen of the Year**  
Charles Ludwick  
Bobby Airhart  
Esther Sharps  
Randall Connor  
Mike Grantham  
Stephen Byrne

**Oil Industry Citizen**  
James Bomar

**Agricultural Citizen of the Year**  
Mike Mitchell  
Randall Connor

## Veterans receive increase in pensions

More than 38,000 Texas veterans and dependents will receive up to a 1.3 percent increase in Veterans Administration Improved Pension checks payable December 31, 1986.

The increase, effective December 1, 1986, applied nationally to 424,000 veterans and 258,000 surviving spouses and children on pension, plus 38,000 parents of deceased veterans receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits. The new payments are automatic and require no action by recipients.

Unlike compensation benefits paid to veterans disabled by illness or injuries related to military service, pensions are affected by income from other sources, so the exact amount of increase will vary.

Increases in Improved Pension and DIC payments to veterans and deceased veterans' parents are set by law at the same rate and date as Social Security increases.

VA pensions other than the Improved Pension remain fixed at the rates in effect in 1978. The income limits which control eligibility for these programs, however, also are increased by 1.3 percent, effective December 1.

## Social Security sets December visit

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Winters.



## District Scouting Award

A special award has been presented to Norma Jo Sudduth by the Chisholm Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America for her six years of work in scouting.

Local Scout Official Gary Moore is shown with Norma Jo and her award.

In the presentation of the award it was noted that Norma Jo became interested in scouting because of a relative, that she is active in her church and community.

She has served as Cubmaster, Den leader, Secretary-treasurer, committee chairman, and Tiger Cub organizer. She has attended the "Timber Tag" and many other scout functions during her association with scouting.

## Card of Thanks

The American Cancer Society extends appreciation to the following volunteers who worked in the downtown hotdogs and cold drinks booth.

Dub Davis, Horte Joyce, Rhonda Kruse, Dawson McGuffin and Carolyn Davis.

Dorthea Laughon, Ruth Wood, Bob Clark, Ethel Sawyer, and Sandy Griffin.

Floy Hodge, J. R. Lacy, Noma Eoff, Pat McGuffin, and Dickie Lloyd.

Local Chapter President Gary Turner and Vice President Bill Hooten express thanks also to the public participation in their fight against cancer.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT

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# North Runnels Hospital

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**Tuesday, January 13, 1987**

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