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ON CABLE—Mayor Homer Hodge, right, prepares to cut a ribbon across the screen of a television set, activating a part of the cable being installed to bring cable television to Winters residents. At the left is Frank Settle,

general manager of Texas Cablevision of San Angelo, the franchised company with the responsibility of providing cablevision to Winters. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at

Huffman House. A few downtown sites were "on cable" at first, with residences in the southeast section of town, near the receiving tower, the first to receive the signal. Settle said the entire city would be serviced within a few weeks.

City Is Still In Sound Condition

Although inflation continues to cause problems, as rate of income increase lags behind the rate of inflationary operation costs increase, the City of Winters, on a whole, remains on a sound financial footing, a cursory inspection of a recent financial audit indicates.

The audit report, or financial report, for the City of Winters, prepared by the firm of Eckert, Story, Ransom & Ingram, Certified Public Accountants of San Angelo, has been released, covering the fiscal year ended September 30, 1975. The report was received by the City during the past few days, but has not been reviewed by the City Council, Buford Baldwin, City Secretary, said Monday.

Nearly every department within the city structure shows an increase in the cost of operation, with a much less increase in revenues to cover the operational costs, as indicated in the report.

The report covers the fiscal year just ended, and also makes a comparative analysis of the previous year in most instances.

Revenues for the General Fund show a slight increase in some columns, but a much larger decrease in other departments. Total revenues for the General Fund for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1975, were \$312,101.09, compared with a total of \$320,456.12 for the previous fiscal year. Although ad valorem revenues showed an increase over the previous year, such columns as gross receipts and sales taxes showed a decrease. Federal revenue sharing receipts were slightly

higher than the previous year, but interest on invested funds, a very important item of revenue for the City, was down about half.

An interesting difference in revenue for the City was in the Parking Meter column—\$3,127.28 was collected during the previous fiscal year, while only \$2,534.41 was collected in the fiscal year just past.

In the Street Department, paving assessments for the last fiscal year were listed at \$23,589.75, compared with nothing the year before. However, this money did not stay in the City treasury for long, designated to pay for paving work which was done during the summer and fall.

The City had received \$23,262.06 from the Texas Aeronautics Commission during the previous fiscal year, compared with nothing during the last year.

For the Water Department, sales were down for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1975, from the previous year, which was a dry year, comparatively. Water sales totaled \$94,896.91 for the last year, compared with \$104,937.61 for the previous year. Operating expenses for the year just past also were increased over the previous year, \$73,582.29 over \$64,860.44. Net income for the past year was set at \$763.37, compared with \$14,626.81 for the previous year. Salaries were up, as were chemicals and maintenance costs. Office expense and postage also were up over the previous year.

In the Electric Department, operat-

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Work Days Set At Livestock Barn

All members of the Winters Livestock Association, and dads of youngsters who will have stock in the show, have been asked to report to the livestock show barn next Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 and 8, to help prepare the area for the annual Junior Livestock Show, which will be held Monday, January 12.

There is much work to be done to prepare the facilities for the livestock which will be moved into the barns over the weekend, association directors said.

This year's show is being held on Monday, January 12, instead of on a Saturday, as has been the custom in the past. Livestock Association spokesmen said the day was changed to take

advantage of the "off" day for school students. January 12 is a work day for teachers, and students will be out of school for that one day.

This is expected to be the biggest livestock show ever held here, according to information from spokesmen of the Livestock Association, sponsors of the show. Cash awards in addition to place ribbons will be awarded to winners in the show, with special contributions being made from a special fund collected by the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

The show is open to all students and members of the Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members who reside within the Winters or Wingate school districts.

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A KNOCKOUT!—Some type of vehicle plowed into the side of a storage building used by Spill Bros. Company on South Main Street on Christmas Eve, leaving a big hole. The building adjoins a parking lot. Police Chief Doc Smith said no one reported the accident, and it is not

known who was in the vehicle when it ran through the wall. However, he did say that flecks of automobile paint had been found on some of the bricks, and this evidence is being used to trace the vehicle. A spokesman for Spill Bros. Company said seven or eight pickup loads

of new and used furniture had to be transferred to another warehouse location because of the damage to the building. This building has been used for storage for several years; about 20 years ago, it was occupied by a cafe.

Outrages Continue!

A continuation of rowdiness, vandalism and lawlessness during the past few days has left a trail of broken show windows in downtown Winters, a smashed-in wall of a small building on Main Street, and broken beer bottles and cans and other debris strewn about town, on the streets and on private lawns.

Several days ago, a show window at Riess Radio-TV on West Dale was broken when some person threw a rock through it. Over the past weekend, someone tossed a rock through a plateglass show window of Bahman

Jewelers on Main Street. Sometime during the Monday night of this week, another rock was thrown through another plateglass window of Riess Radio-TV. A vehicle was crashed into the side of a small building on South Main Street Christmas Eve.

Late-night traffic in downtown Winters—and on highways leading into town—has become something to be concerned about, according to officials. Drivers have been using the streets as drag-racing strips, evidenced by tire marks on the pavement and through observation.

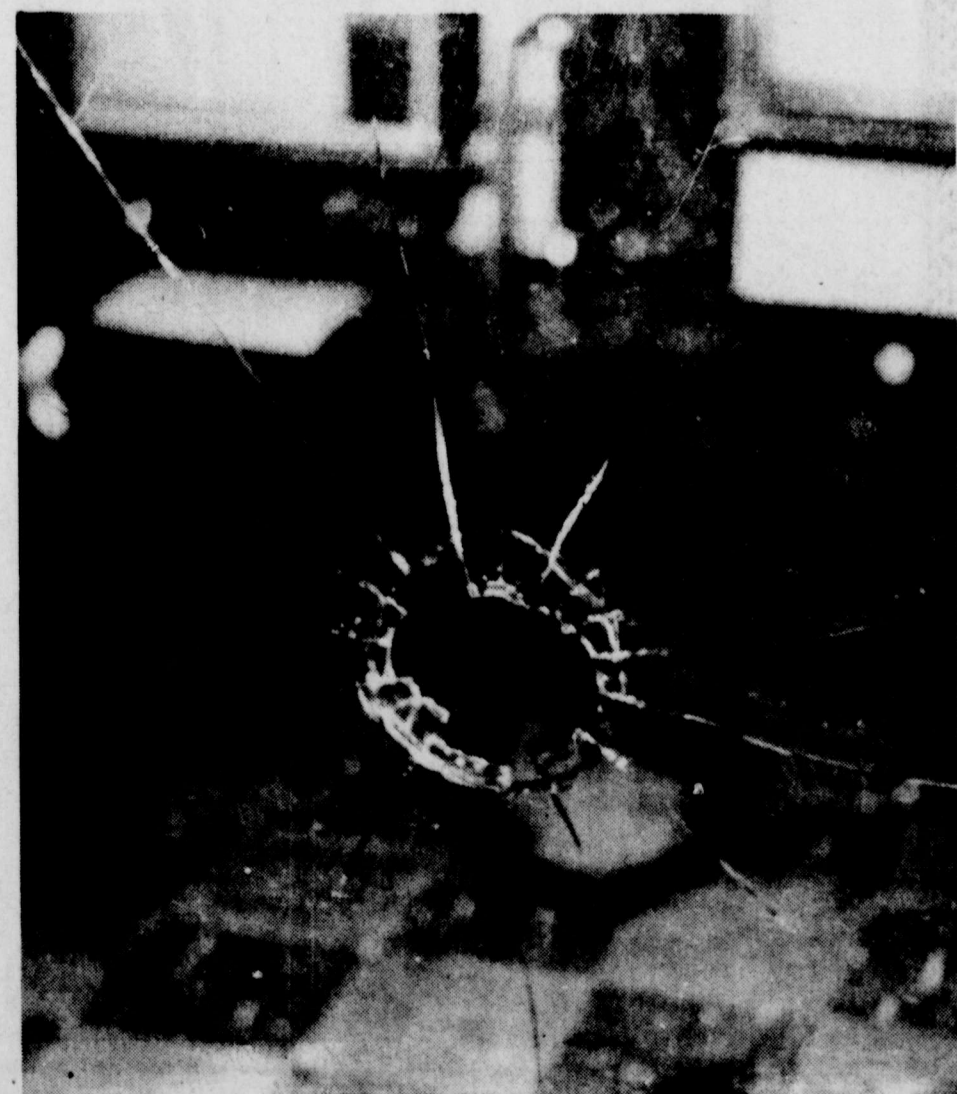
Several reports of wild driving on the streets and in the alleys of residential sections of town, during the late hours, have been heard, as drivers race their cars and pickups about town.

Few lawns in town have missed becoming dump grounds for empty beer containers, and pop bottles.

Police are reported to be frustrated over their efforts to curb these incidents, and to bring more order to the community. City officials have been studying the problem, and some have said that something must be done to cut down this rowdiness before

someone is seriously injured, or property damages multiply. Some groups and private individuals have threatened to "do something about it" if these incidents are not brought under control, but officials have pointed out that private action could lead to serious trouble.

Meanwhile, police are doubling their efforts to bring more law and order to the community.



CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
Comparative Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
All Funds

	Year Ended	
	1975	1974
Beginning cash balance	\$ 237,477.84	\$ 131,515.54
RECEIPTS		
Taxes, penalties and interest	\$ 104,198.00	\$ 101,161.61
City sales tax	46,516.73	44,352.69
Electricity services	221,884.65	183,749.30
Water services	93,855.30	101,216.18
Sanitation services	35,540.40	26,765.77
Sewer services	22,131.10	21,825.96
Rents and leases	5,225.00	4,791.50
Permits, fines and fees	9,738.34	8,692.02
Sales of equipment - 1 property	3,811.88	3,548.98
Parking meters	2,534.41	3,127.28
Swimming pool and concessions	4,054.67	4,397.92
Interest on investments	9,056.53	17,225.37
Federal revenue sharing funds	37,695.00	37,419.00
Funds, from other governmental units	25,146.05	28,918.13
Investments matured	60,000.00	367,000.00
Insurance recoveries	75.00	1,165.63
Loans from bank	7,500.00	14,113.00
Paving assessments	7,732.30	-0-
Miscellaneous revenues and deposits	1,572.92	3,511.40
Total Receipts	\$ 698,268.28	\$ 972,981.74
Total Funds Available	\$ 935,746.12	\$ 1,104,497.28

CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
Comparative Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
All Funds

	Year Ended	
	1975	1974
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	\$ 209,243.78	\$ 192,266.70
Operating supplies	123,803.82	95,929.41
Maintenance and repairs	43,294.79	47,559.12
Telephone	2,303.20	2,411.41
Utilities	24,217.26	22,408.65
Office supplies and expense	4,378.86	3,695.36
Insurance-general	15,332.26	12,634.45
Employee benefits-including firemen	14,837.23	15,428.65
Audit and legal	2,400.00	1,300.00
Social security taxes	11,579.67	10,326.87
Miscellaneous	12,601.84	1,918.31
Bonds and notes paid	79,113.00	59,500.00
Interest	34,844.24	36,894.68
Capital outlay for equipment, etc	179,647.10	106,625.83
Investment purchased	-0-	252,000.00
Bond sale expense	-0-	6,120.00
Total Disbursements	757,597.05	867,019.44
Ending cash balance	\$ 178,149.07	\$ 237,477.84

Literary and Service Club

Christmas Party

The Literary and Service Club held the annual Christmas party in the Merrill Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Residents of the home were special guests. Hostesses were Mrs. E.E. Thormeyer, Mrs. Joe Irvin, Mrs. C.T. Hart and Mrs. J.S. Tierce.

The group sang Christmas carols with Mrs. Earl Dorsett at the piano. Residents of the home shared with club members stories of memorable Christmases in their lives. Mrs. Loyd Roberson read the Christmas Story from the Bible. Mrs. M.G. Middlebrook read a Christmas story, "The Wives of the Three Wise Men." After a visit from Santa,

gifts were distributed to residents. Club members present were Mesdames Lee Harrison, Chas. Kruse Jr., C.A. Lacy, Ray Laughon, Elo Michaelis, H.M. Nichols, Wayne Sims, Jake Smith, Oliver Wood, Earl Dorsett, M.G. Middlebrook, Loyd Roberson, E.E. Thormeyer, Joe Irvin, C.T. Hart and J.S. Tierce.

CONVENIENCE STORE OPERATORS TO STUDY FINANCE

Operators of convenience stores will have an opportunity to sharpen their management skills at an upcoming program at Texas A&M University.

A special Financial Management Institute will be conducted Jan. 19-23 for convenience store operators and managers in Texas, points out Dr. William J. Vastine, economist in marketing and food distribution for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The institute is being planned by the Extension Service and the National Association of Convenience Stores and will be held in the Rudder Conference Center on the Texas A&M campus. "The convenience store industry will demand more effective and efficient management in the years to come," contends Vastine. "Therefore, we are planning this institute to prepare operations management people to more effectively use financial information to make management decisions. The program will give special emphasis to practical applications at the store level and will give participants an opportunity to practice the concepts being taught." Among key topics to be discussed during the institute

Wingate News

The Butch and Ross Heithcott families were home to visit their dad D.R. Heithcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy King and daughter of Fort Worth were guests in the home of their mother Madalyn King and David Downs of Fort Worth. These were all guests in the Buck Rogers home in Colorado City. Melva Rogers, Gay and Kem of Midland spent the holidays in the Bob Phillips home.

Mr. and Mrs. Soc Morris spent Christmas day in the Jack Childers home near Winters.

Leila Harter traveled to Stephenville to see Troy and Maylean and then on to San Antonio to see Grace and Calrie.

Mrs. Flossie Kirkland, Dean and Demetra have returned from a flight to California where they visited Jan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hancock of New Orleans have been here to visit his dad and mother. Julia is ill but is home from the hospital.

Kathleen Shedd is spending some of the holidays in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith and Mrs. M.R. were in Midland for Christmas day.

Mrs. Roy Adams has been ill but is improved and most

C. B. Club Meeting Next Thursday

The Winters C.B. Club will have a meeting on January 8, at 8 p.m. in the Humble Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard of Wingate during the Christmas Holidays were their children, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Jack Pritchard of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bob Pritchard of Ropesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Pritchard of Stephenville.

of her family were here for the holidays.

Mrs. Wheat had as guests all her children the W.F. Matthews, Tommy and Randy, L.C. Brileys and Bryan Midland, A.R. Wheat and Debra, Larry and Kathy of Garden City, Gene Wheat, Bill, Doug and Julie of Winters, Lynn Denton of San Angelo, and Steve Smith of

Garden City.

Ed Hall Jr. from Mexico and Karen and Kathy Hall and a friend from Dallas were guests in the David Bryan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Barnes of Floydada were visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Folsom also Mr. and Mrs. Coy McNeill and boys and his mother Mrs. Ira McNeill. Edna Carol and family

were guests in the home of her mother Mrs. Mayola Cahoy.

Mrs. Nellie Adcock traveled to Odessa to spend Christmas.

Children in the Clay Alee home were Mr. and Mrs. Monty England of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and children of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard of Monroe La.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Miss Bryan, Mr. Nitsch Will Be Married Jan. 30

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bryan announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kendra Sue Bryan, and Mr. Kenny Mac Nitsch. The prospective bride-

groom is the son of Mrs. Lucy Nitsch.

The couple will be married in the home of the bride's parents, January 30.

Mrs. E. Phillips Died Dec. 24 In Nursing Home

Mrs. Eddie Phillips, 60, died at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, in Merrill Nursing Home in Winters after an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 26, at 3 p.m., in Spill Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. V.D. Walters of the Abilene Elmwood Baptist Church and the Rev. Jerry Poteet of the Abilene Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Northview Cemetery under direction of Spill Funeral Home.

She was born Millie Melissa Thomas, Oct. 17, 1915, in Falls County, daughter of the late Dave and Mattie Thomas, who were early day residents of Winters. The family moved to Stockdale where they lived until they moved to Winters when she was a high school student.

She married Eddie Phillips, Aug. 31, 1932. They lived in Abilene from 1953 until 1972 when they moved to Winters.

Survivors are her husband; two brothers, Jake Thomas of Stinnett and Dave Thomas Jr., of Georgetown; and one sister, Mrs. J.B. Little of Abilene. A daughter preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Jim Prine, Donald Prine, Wardell Long, Alvis Waldrop, Joe Irvin and H.P. Self.

Elonzo Airhart Died Dec. 19 At Big Spring

Elonzo Airhart, 85, of Big Spring, father of Bobby Airhart, president of the Security State Bank of Wingate, died at 12:30 a.m. Friday, December 19, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Services were held December 20 in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. Fred Smith, Colorado City minister, officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born June 12, 1890, in Collin County, he married Velma Latty Dec. 24, 1912, at Westbrook. They moved to the Knott Community from Mitchell County where he farmed from 1927 until retirement in 1960, when he moved to Big Spring. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, J.E. of Lamesa, Clarence of Stanton and Bobby of Winters; a sister, Mrs. Jewel Smith of Westbrook; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
Bill Baldwin has been spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Buford Baldwin. He has just returned from El Salvador, Central America, where he was with the Peace Corp for 15 months.

Also in the home of the Baldwins was their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce and Sara of Georgetown, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Chandler and Dr. Griswald as well as the nursing staff of the Ballinger Memorial Hospital, for their tender loving care that was shown to our beloved mother during her long illness. To our neighbors and friends, a special thanks for their visits, cards, flowers and food prepared for us. It is all a beautiful memorial to be treasured and remembered.
-The Family of Myrtle Harkins. 43-11c.

Crews News

The older I grow the more these bones produce a series of grunts and groans about which I talk in large amount. I'm happy, you see, with my joint account.

We're glad to report that Mrs. Odie Matthews is home from the hospital and resting well.

Spending Saturday night with the Earl Coopers was their daughter, Brenda Chambliss and daughters Dodie and Jana.

Saturday dinner guest with the Clyde Bervards were Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Morrison; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kirby and Mrs. Thora Irwin of Oregon.

LeLon Bryan and Vicki had dinner with the Doug Bryans on Saturday. Sunday the Bryans were dinner guest of the Leroy Bryans at Norton. Bonnie Clark of Ballinger spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Burley Campbell.

The Rev. Mike Jenkins and wife Debra of Brownwood were Sunday dinner guest of the Coleman Foreman family. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kraatz

VISITED HERE

Visiting Miss Elsie Sanders during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Sanders, Joy and George of Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bartley and Wayne of College Station; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gresham and Richard of Edmonson; Clyde Sanders of Stephenville; Mae Sanders of San Angelo; and Mrs. O'Neal Pearce of Tuscola.

and family spent Sunday with his folks the Robert Kraatz and other relatives.

Stan Hill of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, arrived here on Monday to be here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cavanaugh, Richard, Ruth and Ronald were Sunday dinner guest with Enid Johnson and John.

Weekend guest with the Marion Wood family was their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Maloy Bryant and boys of Pearsall.

Mrs. Thora Irwin of Walport, Oregon, spent several days with her sister Alta Hale. On Saturday, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allcorn met other relatives in the W.A. Hale home in Abilene.

Mrs. Irwin Hale spent Sunday with the Horace Stokes family in Talpa.

Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Faubion had their Christmas supper and Mrs. Faubion's birthday supper Friday night. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Prater of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jim McAden, Claudette, Rosemary and Melissa; Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Faubion of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Faubion, Gene and Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sutherland and Mr. Walter Pape and Bradley.

During the week with the Raymond Kurtz family were Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Faubion; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mc-

Beth; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gerhart and son; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Grissom; Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Kurtz and boys; Mr. Hazel Deitz and Mr. Dean Taylor.

Mrs. Effie Dietz visitors were Clara McKissack; Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Berry; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Erne, Adrianna and Elissa of San Antonio; Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Dietz, Kimberly, Stephanie and Sidney of Dallas and Mr.

Adolph Ernst.

Beverly and Brenda Jacob hosted a Christmas supper Saturday night for their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob.

The Walter Jacobs attended a Christmas dinner in Offen with Mrs. Bernie Michalewicz; Mrs. Don Michalewicz and Mrs. Joseph Busenlehner as hostesses. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Michale-

wicz; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacob; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jacob, Mark and Jan; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Michalewicz and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. Don Michalewicz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Strube and family; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Wieshuhn; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoelscher; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Halfmann; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Busenlehner; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kozelsky and girls; Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Jacob; Robert Van Zant; Brenda and Beverly Jacob; Chris Winkler; Ricky Gully and Douglas Plagens of Garden City.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth visitors have been Emory McBeth; Joe Brown; Carroll Brown of Mount Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Tabor of Andrew. The McBeth's visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens in Brownwood.

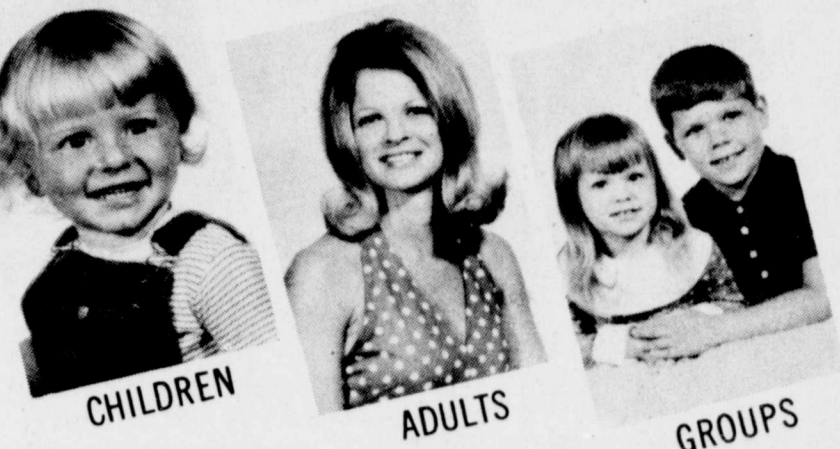
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4 \$1
32-oz. Returnable Bottles FOR

**CHARMIN 4-Roll Pkg.
BATHROOM TISSUE**

**GLADIOLA
FLOUR**
69¢

**5-lb. BAG
79¢**

**HUNTS
15-oz. CAN
SPINACH**
4 \$1 FOR

**KIMBELL 29-oz. CAN
PEACHES**
49¢

**KOUNTY KIST SWEET
PEAS 15-oz. CAN**
25¢

**RANCH STYLE
15-oz. CAN
BLACKEYE PEAS**
4 FOR 89¢

**HI-C 46-oz. CAN
FRUIT DRINK**
45¢

**HEAVY BEEF
SEVEN BONE ROAST**
79¢ lb.

**HEAVY BEEF
ARM ROAST**
89¢ lb.

**HEAVY BEEF
CHUCK ROAST**
69¢ lb.

**TURKEY
HIND QUARTERS**
lb. 39¢

**FAMILY PACK
PORK CHOPS**
lb. \$1.29

**DECKER'S
BOLOGNA**
lb. 89¢

**BUCKBOARD
BACON**
lb. \$1.29

**STEW
MEAT**
lb. \$1.09

**DECKER'S
BOLOGNA**
lb. 89¢

**GREEN
CABBAGE**
lb. 9¢

CARROTS
lb. 2 for 29¢
Pkgs.

**YELLOW
ONIONS**
lb. 15¢

RECENT VISITORS

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Harold Wilson and Billy and Joyce Harville Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Meyers, Mike and Tony of Midlothian, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin King of Abilene, Mrs. Gary Clark of Buna, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dumas, James and Donna of Midland, Karen Dumas of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chism, Jo Nell, Brad and Jill of Denton, Mrs. Ted Eoff, Mr. Don Harville, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Reel and Kenny of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Reel of Paint Creek, Danny Reel of Houston, Donald Harville of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson and Harold Ray of Ovalo, Mrs. Pat Neff and Janie of Buffalo Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Greenwood of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Reggan, Cheryl and Angelia, Glenn and Joe Shirley and Linda Tabors of Sweetwater.

S. W. Brown Died Friday, Service Sunday

Samuel Walter Brown, 87, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday in North Runnels Hospital, where he had been admitted the previous day.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Spill Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. David Crooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. A second service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Restland Crypt Masoleum in Dallas, under direction of Spill Funeral Home. Interment was in the Restland Masoleum.

Mr. Brown was born at Giddings, June 25, 1888. He was a building contractor, and had lived for a number of years in San Angelo, Odessa, and Abilene, where he built many homes, office buildings and other structures. He moved to Winters in 1973 and had lived here since.

He was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Lela Powell of Richardson; a brother, Perry Brown of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

Merrill Nursing Home News

So many individuals and groups helped make the holidays more pleasant by your kind deeds. We can not thank each of you other than through this article.

The combined Methodist-Baptist choir came down on Wednesday evening and sang carols. The Literary and Service Club met here on Thursday afternoon. Santa came with them and had a gift for everyone. They also brought the program and refreshments. On Friday morning about 20 children came from school with their teachers and made our hearts glad through their voices.

Our family Christmas tree party was well attended James Gehrels and his family brought the program and Santa stopped by and distributed gifts. The South Side Baptist Church, The Wingate Sewing Club and others had a gift for everyone.

Our loss through death has been Mrs. Eddie Phillips and Mr. Walter Brown. We wish to extend our sympathy to their families.

We have two new residents, they are Mrs. Clarence Hill and Mrs. Bonita Friffeth. The Winters String Band will be here this Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

IN BOLES HOME

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Boles were Mr. and Mrs. N.R. Boles and twins of Clinton, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Boles and twin sons and daughter of Whitney; and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Boles of Claude.

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KRUEGER'S KOLUMN

By CONG. BOB KRUEGER
 21st Texas District
 Krueger Comments On Proposal To Close Rural Post Offices

I recently learned of a decision by the Postal Service to close large numbers of rural post offices. Although I understand the Postal Service's desire to cut back on labor and administration costs, I must oppose this move which could isolate and inconvenience many rural residents of my district.

For many people in West Texas, the Post Office serves as a community center, a focal point for numbers of widely dispersed, yet close-knit rural community residents. We should not let these traditional institutions fall by the wayside.

The Postmaster General has argued that some 12,000 post offices could be closed without hurting service; frankly, I find this hard to believe. I suspect that the

only reason this could be true is because the Postal Service is already so bad that no one would notice if a few thousand offices stopped functioning altogether. We in Congress have been told that great amounts of money would be saved by these closings; but, as is often the case, Washington has failed to take a larger view of the situation. At the rate the Postal Service is currently losing money, the closing of these additional 12,000 post offices would only save the amount of money lost in a two week period of normal operation. I suggest that a problem of this magnitude is not to be remedied by the elimination of service in areas where it is perhaps most vitally needed.

As frequently happens, we are faced with arguments for immediate, almost retroactive, fiscal responsibility after years and years of poor policies and inefficient management. Certainly, as the Postmaster General has said, there will be difficult and perhaps painful decisions to make. But we must show some reason in resolving this problem and be responsible in our actions. We must carefully, yet determinedly, pursue the course which will best lead to reduced costs and effective management in our vital postal service.

Our government acts best when we have time to analyze and reflect upon our problems; in emergency cases, when quick decisions are mandatory, someone has to take the lead in representing those who are inconvenienced and whose interests are not protected by the proposed "emergency" solution. I intend to fulfill this responsibility in the case of small post office closings, and I welcome any assistance from my constituents in my attempt to represent them and protect their interests in this matter.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday January 5
 Barbecue on toasted bun, good luck blackeye peas, cabbage slaw, Spanish rice, peanut butter cookies, milk or chocolate milk.

Tuesday January 6
 Hamburgers or combination sandwiches, French fries, catsup in cups, fruit salad, cheese sticks, devil food cake, milk.

Wednesday January 7
 Beef tacos with grated cheese, pinto beans, cabbage slaw, juice in glasses, cinnamon rolls, corn muffins, milk or chocolate milk.

Thursday January 8
 Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, chef salad, white cake with chocolate icing, hot rolls, milk or chocolate milk.

Friday January 9.
 Fish sticks, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, carrot and raisin salad, brownies, corn muffins, butter, milk or chocolate milk.

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O'Connor's Column

Apples Aplenty For Bonanza Of Good Eating

You can translate last fall's large crop of apples into a bonanza of good eating this winter.

Federal-state market news offices report that the volume of apples moving through trade channels these days is such that you may wish to buy this delightful fruit in larger bulk than you normally do.

Usually, Southwest markets provide an excellent supply of Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Winesaps and Red Romes. This year, however, you'll find more Eastern apples that usually go to consumers in nearby markets.

The monthly Food Marketing Alert of the Agricultural Marketing Service points out that this year's harvest merits the "plentiful" tag—more than enough for normal needs. The record crop is estimated at 13 percent more than the utilized production in 1974; 17 percent more than the 1972-74 average.

Apples are among the most versatile of all fruits. They fill the bill when a firm, crisp addition is needed for a salad. They can be deliciously combined with cooked turkey, chicken, beef, lamb, veal, pork, link sausage, tuna, salmon and other seafoods. Apples and cheese, or apples and peanut butter, are natural go-togethers.

When you combine apple cubes and slices in salads and fruit cups, you can keep the cut apple surfaces from darkening by sprinkling with pineapple or citrus juice. If a large quantity of apples is being cut, keep them in cold, salted water, using 1 teaspoon salt per cup of water. Too much fruit juice on the

apples can overpower the subtle apple flavor, so remember to merely sprinkle the surface with the juice.

One delightful way you can use the abundance of crisp apple varieties is Sour Cream Apple Pie, a one-crust treat that's loaded with goodness.

To prepare, roll out dough for a 9-inch pie and flute the edges. Set aside. Beat together 1 cup dairy sour cream, 2 tablespoons flour, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 egg. Stir in 3 cups diced tart apples. Mix well and pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake in hot oven 400 degrees F. for 25 minutes. Combine 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup flour and 1/4 cup butter. Sprinkle on top of pie and bake an additional 20 minutes. This pie is good when served warm or cold.

Apple Casserole is a delicious, nutritious meal-in-one dish that combines sausage, apples and sweet potatoes. For 4 servings, have ready:

- 1/2 pound link sausage, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (or, 1/2 pound bulk sausage)
- 4 medium-sized apples, pared and sliced
- 2 medium-sized sweet potatoes, pared and sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon sausage drippings

To prepare: Fry link sausages until done. If using bulk sausage, shape into small balls before frying or cook "crumbled" style. Combine salt, flour and sugar with cold water. Arrange layers of potatoes, apples and cooked sausage in well-greased baking dish, pouring some of the flour mixture over each layer. Sprinkle top with sausage drippings. For a fancy look, allow one more apple, cut the unpared apple into wedges and press skin-

side up into top of casserole. Cover casserole tightly with cover or sheet of aluminum foil. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375 degrees F., about an hour until apples and potatoes are tender. Serve with a salad of tossed greens and a tart oil dressing.

TO CHRISTOVAL

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Scott Jr. were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and family at Christoval. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Speck Jr. of McCamey.

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Mr., Mrs. J. S. Brown Note 60th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford Brown were honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 27, with a family reunion at the Community Center.

The couple were married Dec. 24, 1914, in Coosa, Ga., and came to Texas in 1923 locating near Ballinger. Several years later they moved to the Dale Community where they still reside.

All but one of the couples nine children were present for the reunion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNeil and Delbert, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McNeil, Dana and Tifnee of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black of San Angelo, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Robin, Rebecca and Fred Jr. of Kenedy, J.S. Brown Jr. of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Brown III of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Sammy and Denise, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown, Heather, Monica and Brandi, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ace R. Polk, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Schueler, Noell and Jarratt of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and Lisenell, Miss Carla Brown of Huntsville, Miss Cynthia

Brown of Bryan, Albert H. Brown and Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Lacy of Midkiff, Miss Carol Lacy of Midland, Miss Susie Lacy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacy of Fort Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Brown of Spade, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. Nent Stoehker, Mrs. Leona Dietz Witt of Ballinger, Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mrs. Carolyn Floyd of Brady, Miss Barbara Brown of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brown, Kathy and Julie of Kilgore.

Mrs. A. F. Harkins

Died Dec. 25 In Ballinger

Mrs. A.F. Harkins, 89, died at 8:35 p.m. December 25 in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital, following an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Main Street Church of Christ in Winters, with Paul Wallace, minister of the church, officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Spill Funeral Home.

She was born Myrtle Frances Simpson, Aug. 7, 1886, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. In 1894, the family moved to Hill County in Texas, and in 1906 to Runnels County, settling in the Wilmet Community where she lived for nearly 50 years.

She married W.M. Robertson at Itasca July 4, 1900. Mr. Robertson died Feb. 21, 1920. In 1922, she married A.F. Harkins. Mr. Harkins died in 1956.

Mrs. Harkins moved to Winters in 1953 where she lived until five years ago when she went to live with her children.

She was a member of the Winters Main Street Church of Christ.

Survivors are one son, William M. Robertson of Ballinger; one daughter, Mrs. O'Neil Overman of Grapevine; two step-sons, Drue Harkins of Levelland and Darrell Harkins of Hereford; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Simons of Santa Fe, N.M., and Mrs. Brazoria Clift of Monterey, Calif.; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Three children preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Al Henley, Frankie Berryman, Donald Atkins, J.B. Denson, John Hancock and Gene Virden.



Miss De La Cruz and Mr. Henry Pena Wed Dec. 20

In a double ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church Saturday, December 20, Miss Ernestina De La Cruz became the bride of Mr. Henry G. Pena.

The Rev. Elso Garcia performed the ceremony at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride is the niece of Jose S. De La Cruz of Winters, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Pena of Ballinger.

Baskets of pink and white gladiolas flanked the ceremony area, before a backdrop of emerald fern.

Mrs. Bobbie Butts was organist and Mary Jimenez of Midland was soloist.

Lloyd Pena of Ballinger was best man. Ushers were Alex De La Cruz, Ricky De La Cruz and Jo Ray De La Cruz, all of Winters. Groomsman were Ramon Gonzales and Charles Jones, both of Ballinger, Richard Cuellar, Jerry Trevino and Richard Vaquera, all of San Angelo.

Miss Becky De La Cruz, of Winters, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Doris Suddeth of Winters, Ester Saaredra of El Paso, Rosa Linda Frias, Lamar Rodriguez and Carmen Amons, all of San Antonio.

The bride's attendants wore Juliet style gowns of dusty pink, with short trains fall from the shoulders and Juliet caps of the same material, adorned with a scattering of pearls. They carried long stemmed red roses.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Jose S. De La Cruz, the bride wore a long gown of soft laid material, fitted at the waist with Venice lace decorating the bodice along with a scattering of pearls, with a sheer yoke and the same lace fitted around the neck. Sleeves were sheer puffed with lace appliques, fitted at the upper arm and cuff. A high crown of lace and pearls began the veil, which fell into a train on the dress, with a wide band of Venice lace encircling the entire edge of the veil, with blusher attached to the crown. She carried a long bouquet with a white orchid in the middle, and baby carnations cascading into baby's breath, atop a white Bible.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony. In the house party were Karen Simpson, Sherri Collins and Marty Underwood.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School, and is presently attending Howard

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Dr. McCreight, the North Runnels Hospital staff, everyone for the cards, visits and food during my stay in the hospital and since I have returned home. Many thanks to pastor Swoyer for his faithful visits. We are sincerely grateful for our many friends. —Henry Vogler and family. 43-1tp.

Blackwell News

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Parsons are the parents of a son born Monday morning, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. He weighed nine pounds fourteen ounces and has been named, Robert Everett. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Parsons of Sweetwater and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Alderman of Blackwell. He has one brother, Doyle Lee, five years old.

"Merry Christmas" to everyone and "A very Happy New Year." May the New Year be much better for all of us.

Mrs. Ronnie Carlton and children, Ron and Cindy of Star Route, Bronte, visited last Sunday with her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Oden and Larry.

Mrs. Leroy Chew and her granddaughters, Donna Sue Chew and Carrie Ann Chew of Grand Prairie, visited last Tuesday in Abilene with her daughter and her children,

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Christmas holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Scott Jr., were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Hogan, Mark, Mike, Melvin and Mason of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Randy and Kim of Christoval; Mr. and Mrs. Max Tidmore, Karen and Greg of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott, Jodie, Codie, Jim Bob and Shea of Wingate.

Mrs. Ansel Shoup and daughters, Mislal and Brenda Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Oden and daughter, Sarah Joy of Albany visited with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Oden and Larry Tuesday afternoon and night.

Fannie Mae Wilson and her sister, Miss Ruby Pinckard are spending the Christmas holidays in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and her grandsons and families, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and children of Florida and Phillip of Austin. The James Wilsons will report back to Florida on January 4.

Mrs. Lula Palmer had as her visitors on Sunday, her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Harris of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Oden and daughters, Becky and Stacy of Pecos visited over the weekend with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Oden and Larry and other relatives and friends.

Another year is almost gone by, so I hope each and everyone of you have had a most wonderful Christmas and now I want to wish each and everyone of you "A Very Happy New Year" in 1976. I also want to thank you, my friends and neighbors for being so nice to me by giving me your news.

The Blackwell United Methodist Church had their annual Christmas program and tree Sunday night, December 21 at 6:00 p.m., after the evening service

which was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church with thirty attending. Mrs. Bobby Sanderson and her Sunday school class gave the program, entitled "The Story of Baby Jesus." Those taking parts in it were Jennifer Andrea, James Lee Sanderson, Brenda Holland, Treca Andrea, Marty Harist and Doyle Lee Parsons. The pastor, Joe Bentley brought the sermon, also on The Birth of Jesus. Christmas carols were then sung by the group with Joe Bentley as song leader and accompanied by Mrs. Elna Sweet at the piano. A visitor and a friend of Joe's from McMurry in Abilene, Hitoshi Yihoski, gave the thanks in Japanese before the refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate were served. Out of town guests attending were Yihoski, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bentley of San Antonio (Joe's parents) and Mrs. R.Q. Spences sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Alley of Sweetwater.

Mr. Ben Noble and Mrs. Flora Sanderson attended the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Patterson in Odessa Sunday, December 21, with burial in the Sweetwater Cemetery. Mrs. Patterson was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Sanderson and Mr. Noble was a pallbearer.

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met Monday afternoon, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R.Q. Spence, for its annual Christmas meeting, with nine ladies attending and with Mrs. Spence as hostess. The president (Mrs. Terry Barrett) called the meeting to order and shared with the

members her personal Christmas philosophy. Mrs. Josie Hipp presented the program. She told of different Christmas customs and symbols throughout the world, their origins and modern usage. She closed by reading a story entitled "Christmas Love In The Morning," by Pearl S. Buck. The story brought out the idea that by learning "Love" early in life from those who love us, we ourselves are able to give it again and again, to those we love in later years. A refreshment plate of Christmas cookies and sandwiches were served to the following members, Mesdames Austin Jordan, L.W. Sweet, B.R. McCarley, Jennings Lewis, Gladys Copeland, C.B. Smith, Josie Hipp Spence and Miss Bertha Smith. The next meeting will be January 15, in the home of Mrs. B.R. McCarley with Mrs. McCarley as hostess and also giving the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweet and sons, Kyle, Kerry and Kody of Kenai, Alaska are visiting his mother, Mrs. Elna Sweet and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self of Shep. The Self children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ray Self, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Self and two nieces of the couple will honor Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self with a reception celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, December 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Shep Community Center. Other visitors in Mrs. Sweet's home for the Christmas holidays were her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Give Cole and Joe of Dallas.

Joy SS Class

Meeting Recently

The JOY Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Puburn Brown. Special guests were their husbands.

Party rooms were decorated with a Christmas tree and tables with candles and holly. Following a holiday dinner, gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Loyd Roberson, teacher, read the Christmas Story.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Cook, Bill Russell, Jack Pierce, Clifton Poe, Leeman Herrington, Truett Smith, Lee Harrison, R.Q. Marks, Kenneth Sneed, and Mesdames Ray Laughon, Lillian Roberson, W.J. Briley, Joyce Krause, Wayne Sims and Ted Meyer, and Mr. Monroe Boles.

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If you join before February 2, 1976, you can do just that — come and remain indefinitely at the old weekly rate of \$2.50 as long as you continue to pay your current weekly dues thus remaining a member in good standing.

Lifetime members of Weight Watchers in this area have until February 29, 1976, to check in to remain at the current fee of \$2.50. Lifetime members absent two (2) calendar months will automatically be charged the new \$3.00 fee.

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C-C Directors for '76 Assume Office

The new officers and directors of the Winters Chamber of Commerce assumed duties effective January 1, for the new year. Several new directors were elected by the membership some weeks ago, and officers for 1976 were elected by the new board.

Officers for 1976 will be Bill Graves, superintendent of Winters Independ-

ent School District, president; Lanny Bahlman, of the Winters State Bank, vice president; and Mrs. Milton Gerhart, of Milton's Auto Parts, treasurer.

Graves succeeded James West as president of the business organization.

New directors elected recently for two year terms were Dr. Jimmy Smith,

DVM, Margaret Bell, Louis Johnson, Mrs. Freddie Bredemeyer and Mel Swoyer.

Directors with another year to serve on the board are Bill Graves, Gary Pinkerton, John E. McAdoo, Lanny Bahlman, Phil Harrison and Mrs. Gerhart.

Memorials To Hospital Fund Continue To Come In

Many months after the initial drive to raise money to help pay for equipment and supplies for the North Runnels Hospital, donations and contributions in the form of memorials continue to be received by the special committee formed to manage the special account.

Ted Meyer, chairman of the special committee, reported this week that an additional \$152.09 had been received into the gift fund since the last report several weeks ago.

Latest memorial donations have been:

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Mrs. Martha Sellers	3.00
J. D. Vinson	3.00
Mrs. Louis Wade	10.00
Earl White	49.00

About 50% City Taxes Have Been Received

Buford Baldwin, Winters City Secretary, said Monday that about 50 percent of the 1975 city taxes have been received. He expected a much larger percent to be received by the end of the work day Wednesday of this week, the last day of the year, when many will be paying taxes in order to list the payments for 1975.

Baldwin said estimated taxes for 1975 amount to approximately \$119,000.

January 31 is the deadline for paying 1975 taxes without penalty and interest.

Time For Aliens To Report Their Addresses

Joe F. Staley of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make the reports are available at Post Offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must be submitted in person to one of those offices.

Parents or guardians are required to submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Joe Staley urged all aliens to report before the end of January, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.

On Dean's List At Midland College

Jan Underwood Smith of Midland, a freshman student at Midland College, was listed on the president's list for the fall semester.

Mrs. Smith is a 1970 graduate of Winters High School and is the daughter of Mrs. Marva Jean Underwood of Winters.

Cynthia Brown Receives Degree

From Texas A&M

Cynthia A. Brown of Winters has received her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.

Brown is the daughter of James R. Brown. She has earned her degree in poultry science.

TAMU had a record 1200 degrees awarded at fall commencement, including 869 undergraduates, 256 master's and 75 doctorates.

IN BEDFORD HOME

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Bedford during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells and sons Todd and Damon of Paris, and Mrs. Glynn Hill and Lana of Austin.

KRUEGER ANNOUNCES LOAN NOTIFICATION FOR AREA

The Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. of San Angelo, has been granted a loan of \$718,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration, according to Congressman Bob Krueger of the 21st District of Texas.



ALLIANCE OFFICERS—Pictured are the new officers of the Winters Ministerial Alliance, recently elected by the membership of the organization. They are, left to right, the Rev. David Crooks, First Baptist Church,

president; Sister Martha Woelke, Pentecostal Church of God, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. Charles Steinberg, Assembly of God, vice president.

City Financial Structure Sound

ing revenue showed an increase, from \$185,416.93 for the previous year to \$232,770.02 for the reported fiscal year. However, operating costs soared, from \$156,619.28 to \$188,716.10 for the reported year. Gas fuel costs made a big difference in operating costs, from \$40,372.26 the previous year to a whopping \$71,198.19 for the reported year. However, cost of diesel fuel was down slightly, caused by the use of more gas than diesel fuel in the reported year.

An increase in electrical rates caused an increase in total operating revenue, and helped to raise the balance for debt service for the electric department from \$28,797.65 the previous year to \$44,053.92 for the reported fiscal year. Net loss for the year dropped from \$22,801.09 in the previous year to \$6,899.09 for the reported year.

A Comparative Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, all Funds, is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

Judy Foster Got Degree

Judy Foster, a graduate of Winters High School, was one of 589 students who received degrees during the fall commencement at East Texas State University, Commerce, Friday, Dec. 19.

ETSU President F.H. McDowell made a brief address and the deans of each of the four colleges presented the candidates.

Miss Foster received a bachelor of science degree.

Miss Foster, Mr. Steen Married December 27

Miss Judy Kay Foster and Mr. Calvin Steen were married Saturday, December 27, at the Winters Church of Christ, with Glenn Gray, a former minister of the local church, officiating.

Parents of the couple are

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Foster of Winters, and Mrs. Arlene Steen of Texline.

The bride is a graduate of East Texas State University and Mr. Steen is a student at the university.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh we're doin' fine, just swapped my cattle and sheep for my neighbor's food stamps!"

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Capital Highlights

Vets Loans Suspended

The Texas Veterans Land Board temporarily suspended applications for loans under its program effective Dec. 31, 1975.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said the Veterans Land Program is simply too popular and has experienced a whopping increase in applications during the last nine months.

About 12,000 have requested applications for the long-term, low interest real estate loans since June 1—double the usual rate.

Armstrong said the program will be reopened in three to six months, when conditions are more favorable to the veteran and when there will be a minimal delay in loan processing. More than 57,000 Texas veterans already have participated in the program.

Gas Curb Ordered

Texas Railroad Commission ordered a 10-year program to reduce use of gas as boiler fuel.

At the same time, the agency acknowledged conversion to oil or coal would cost utilities \$18 billion and bring more air pollution.

It directed a 100,000 cubic feet daily ceiling for any gas utility on sale of gas for boiler fuel without a specially-approved exception.

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