

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## J. M. Bowling Is Candidate For Commissioner

J. M. Bowling announces that he is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct Four of Sherman County. His candidacy for the office is announced for the consideration of the voters subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 24. Mr. Bowling located in Stratford in 1902 and operated one of the city's first barber shops. He served the county for two terms of office as County Commissioner, having been elected in 1912 and 1914.

J. M. Bowling moved to South Dakota in 1916 where he was engaged in farming and ranching. During his residence in South Dakota he served two terms as County Commissioner during the 1930's.

Mr. Bowling feels that he is qualified for the office he seeks and if elected, he states that he will be in a position to give as much of his time as necessary, to carrying out the duties of the office. He will appreciate the consideration and support of the voters of Precinct Four in the coming election. If elected he will fulfill the duties of the office to the best interests of the taxpayers.

## 924 Citizens Qualify For Voting

Sherman County has 924 qualified voters to take part in the coming elections of the year. According to a report made by John Kidwell, there were 908 poll taxes paid, and 16 applications for exemptions.

## L. F. Denney Injured At Rail Crossing

L. F. Denney is in St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo receiving treatment for fractures which he received in a car-train collision at the Santa Fe and U. S. Highway 54 intersection Sunday morning. Mr. Denney has three fractures of the right leg and one fractured rib. He is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

The Denney car, which was demolished, struck the tender of the fuel tank car of the diesel train. This kept the car from running under the train and is credited with saving Denney's life.

## Rev. Brayshaw Selected For Local Pastorate

Rev. Cryder Brayshaw, pastor of the First Christian Church at Perry, Oklahoma, has accepted the call of the First Christian Church of Stratford to fill the local pastorate.

Rev. Brayshaw has a wife and a 12-year old son. They plan to move to Stratford to make their home on March 2.

## Fire Department Changes Time Of Meetings

Meeting times of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department has been changed to 7:30 P. M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the week. The new meeting time will allow the boys to enjoy the Fire Department Recreation Hall after the regular practice session.

The Fire Department formerly practiced from 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

## Engagement Is Announced



The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Opal Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lowe, was announced at a coffee Sunday afternoon of last week, when Mrs. V. O. Lasley entertained at her home at 218 Bruce Street in Dumas with Mrs. G. L. Lasley also of Dumas, assisting.

Sky blue carnations and Baby Breath, were used throughout the entertaining room and white carnations tied in sky blue mailin were used in the corsages of members in the house party. The honoree also had a corsage of white carnations tied in sky blue mailin.

Greeting the guests at the door were Miss Jeanette Cook of Sunray and Mrs. Dean La Fever of Canyon, sister of the honoree.

The table was laid with a white linen cloth and decorated with a large bowl of sky blue carnations and white baby breath. White satin streamers with gold letters reflected Opal and Charlie March 12, 1954. The white napkin also bore the same tidings.

Individual white cakes with sky blue frosting, salted nuts and white mints were served. The favors were blue old lace rice bags tied with white satin.

Mrs. Sherman Holt, Jr., Dumas, served coffee from the appointed silver service. Miss

Eula Faye Lowe, Amarillo, and Miss Helen Lowe, alternated in serving the cake.

Those calling from the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Etheridge, Stratford; Mrs. George Batis, Dumas, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Myrtella Deahl, Hedley, Eula Faye Lowe, Amarillo, Mrs. Sherman Holt, Jr., Mrs. Chas. Sheldon, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. G. L. Lasley, Orlanda Lasley, Orland Lasley, Dumas; Jeanette Cook, Mrs. Ernie Schumacker, Mrs. Gilford Corse, Sunray; Mrs. Dean La Fever, Canyon; Mrs. A. E. Lowe, Helen Lowe, Mrs. R. C. Buckles, Mrs. Arthur Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lasley, Mrs. Joe Adams and Mrs. F. D. Sutton of Stratford.

Miss Lowe is a graduate of Stratford High School and a B. A. graduate of W. T. S. C. where she was a member of the Pi Omega Sorority. She is teaching at present in the Sunray High School.

The prospective groom, Charles Neal Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson of Hedley, Texas, is a graduate of Hedley High School and Texas Tech, where he was a member of the College Club. He served two years in the U. S. Army, and at present he is a teacher and coach in the Sunray High School.

## Humble Oil Test In County Spotlight

Those interested in the development of the natural resources of Sherman County are watching the developments at the Humble Oil & Refining No. 1 Morris, located in section 79 of Block 1-T. Several companies are said to be contributing to the drilling of this deep test which is being core drilled for information of the geology of that territory. According to the company the well is being drilled, not only for information, but for oil.

The well has shown structures indicating that it can be completed as a good gas well.

The Ada Oil Co. Whorton No. 1 in section 136 of Block 1-T, has been completed for a potential volume of 1,909 million cubic feet of gas. The well produced pay from 2,803 to 2,840 feet.

## CUB SCOUTS TO OBSERVE SCOUT WEEK

Local Cub Scouts will participate in National Boy Scout Week, which begins February 8 and lasts through February 14, by placing a display in the window the City Drug. Each Cub will have on display one article of his own handiwork.

## Scouts To Aid In Heart Fund Drive

Stratford Boy Scouts will take part in the heart fund drive now in progress. According to plans which are being made, the scouts will make a house to house canvass of the city on some Sunday afternoon. Contributions given them will be turned over to the heart fund.

## Royalty Owners Will Meet February 10

A meeting of royalty owners will be held at 2:00 P. M. Wednesday, February 10, at the court house in Stratford.

Every one interested in natural gas for pumping irrigation water and the protection of gas and water rights in Sherman County should attend this meeting.

## Heart Attack Takes A. A. Biddy At Age Of 65

A. A. Biddy, 65-year old father of Ben Biddy, died suddenly Thursday afternoon of last week with a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy and sons went to Altus, Oklahoma Friday to attend the funeral which was conducted Sunday in the Warren Baptist Church at Warren, Oklahoma.

# Kendrick Bares Subsidy Systems

Kenneth Kendrick, Vice-President of the National Association of Wheat Growers, gave the following address at the fourth annual convention of the National Association of Wheat Growers at Wichita, Kansas today.

"Members of the National Association of Wheat Growers, friends, and guests:

Let me say in the beginning that I am greatly indebted to The Program Committee of The National Association of Wheat Growers for the privilege of speaking to you here today. Although I do hold an office in NAWG, may I say that the material contained in this paper does not necessarily reflect the opinion and policies of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

I live at Stratford, Texas. I make my living as a wheat farmer. Part of the time I grow wheat and part of the time I just plant wheat. However, I am proud to have a small part in helping to produce the agricultural products of this nation.

As nations go, the United States of America is a comparatively young nation. In just 165 short years the United States has grown from 13 states with a population far less than any one of a number of our great cities today, to a nation of over 160 million people and is recognized today as the greatest nation in the World. In all history no other nation has made such rapid progress as has the United States.

What are the reasons for this? There are many reasons, but I just want to dwell on one of the major reasons this country has made such amazing progress. The industrial revolution began in this country about the same time, or perhaps just a little later, than it did in England. Yet, within a period of forty or fifty years we had far outstripped England and other European countries — with our technical advances. We were able to produce faster than other countries and still are. America is known as the "melting pot" of the races — and from this group there came the ingenuity, the resourcefulness, the desire for perfection, the willingness to take a chance — in short — the know how to produce everything this country needed and to produce them better and faster than any other country.

In the last generation we have fought two great World Wars, and won them both. Why? I say to you that probably the major factor in the winning of these two great wars was because the U. S. was able to produce more butter, more bread, more food of all kinds, more guns, tanks and fire power than our enemies could produce in the same period of time. One of the things that has made America great has been her ability to produce.

America is still producing. Today we hear stories on every hand that we have too much butter, too much wheat, too much of a great many commodities, and what are we going to do about this modern problem? Many people today in high places are condemning Americans because of our ability to produce. When this nation was young, during the administration of George Washington, and for 30 or 40 years afterward we are told that about 75% of the families of this nation made their living as farmers, tillers of the soil. In between serving our Country and leading our armies George Washington was a farmer, and a good one, I am told. However, with the coming of the industrial revolution this situation was soon to begin a rapid shift from the farm to a job in town. Before long railroads began to span our country, great cities and towns sprang up along these railroads and our rivers almost overnight. America's inventive genius began to assert itself and machines of all kinds and types were invented, farmers were able to use many of these machines and save labor. There began a steady stream of people moving from the farm to our cities. At first this stream was just a trickle, but it has grown through the years and now today only 15% of the people of this nation engage in the business of farming. Yet, this 15 percent is able to produce the

food and fiber needed for the other 85 percent of our population with some left over to feed the hungry of the world.

But, the hungry people of the world do not have the dollars with which to purchase our surplus commodities.

For the past 150 years American business and industry has enjoyed a relative high protective tariff. When foreign goods were produced and shipped to this country to compete with our own manufacturers a tariff was levied on these goods in order that the American manufacturer could sell his goods a little cheaper than the foreign competitor. From the earliest history of our country we have had immigration laws that limited the number of people coming to this country. This was necessary in order to keep from flooding our labor market. In more recent years we have passed a minimum wage law and have given the laboring man the right to collective bargaining. Labor has consistently through the years demanded and received shorter working hours and higher pay. This was good, and as a result has continued to raise our standard of living until we today enjoy the highest standard of living of any nation in the world.

Yet, during all the history of America, except the last 20 years, the farmer has had no protection. He has produced in a protected market and sold in an unprotected market, and reaping all that time he has paid his share of the protective market yet enjoyed none of the benefits of it. Someone has estimated that the American farmer from 1800 to 1932 lost 50 billion dollars because he was forced to produce in a protected market and sell in an unprotected market. We all know the result of such a policy for the farmer, in the late 20's and early 30's because he had to sell in an unprotected market and the price of farm commodities dropped until in many cases the price received for a good crop would not pay the cost of harvesting. The result was chaos for the farmer; and soon to follow, chaos for the economy of this country. For the past 20 years the farmer has had protection for many of the crops he has produced, and as you all know, has in recent years received much unfavorable publicity because of these price supports. We have had the potato scandal; the egg scandal or perhaps I should say "the bread and butter" scandal.

From far and wide we have heard and are still hearing the hue and cry about the high subsidy the farmers are receiving; all the farmers are rich, they are on a dole, they have sacrificed their liberty for a few dollars, etc. I know you have read about the Cadillacs in every farmer's garage. Down in my country the story is going around that since the great drought of last summer some of the wheat farmers are now having to wash their own Cadillacs.

## FACTS ABOUT SUBSIDIES OF OUR GOVERNMENT

With your permission I would like to examine closely with you the subsidies of all kinds that are paid by our government and compare these to the farmer's subsidy. First of all, let us examine the subsidy received by agriculture. From information which I have received from the Legislative Service of the Library of Congress — I find that from 1933 to 1951 the net loss sustained on Price Supports by our government on all basic commodities was \$982,000,000; and one-half of this loss was on potatoes. The net loss on all non-basic commodities for the same period of time was \$321,000,000 and one-half of this was on eggs. The total net loss to the government during 18 years of price support was \$1,303,000,000. Now if we divide 18, the number of years of operation into the total we get roughly a figure of \$72,000,000. The average cost of price supports during the first 18 years was \$72,000,000. Keep these figures in mind as we proceed. This means that each person living on a farm has received an average subsidy of \$3.00 per year for price support. To put it another

way, every person in the United States has had to pay an average of only 45 cents per person per year to maintain price supports for the farmer during the past 18 years.

Now let us look at some of the other subsidies which Uncle Sam has been paying; but with relatively little publicity. However, even without the publicity, the cost to the taxpayers is the same.

First of all let us look at the deficit of the Post Office department. For the past several years the deficit has been close to or slightly more than 1-2 billion dollars each year. Now let us look at the culprit that is causing a good portion of this trouble, second class mail. What is second class mail? Advertising, you know that 1-3 to 1-2 of your mail that you glance at and throw in the waste paper basket before you leave the post office.

Walter Rogers, United States Representative from Texas, recently made a very interesting comment along this line. This is what he said: "In the Post Office Department it is interesting to notice that the deficit in second class mail has continually increased. Beginning with the year 1946 we find a deficit of \$138,000,000 which increased each year; and in 1951 was \$183,567,000. This simply means that the deficit on second class mail in six years was as much as the over all cost of the farm price support program for a period of 18 years.

Now, let us look at the case of the airplane subsidy, another major reason for the tremendous deficit in the Post Office—quoting from an editorial in the Amarillo Daily News as of Sept. 26, 1953. This editorial was written by John F. Kennedy, U. S. Senator from Mass., quote: "Air lines enjoying the mail contracts are charging the Post Office around \$140,000,000 for carrying the mail each year. After repeated questioning by Rep. John W. Heselton (R. Mass.) John J. Rooney (D. N. Y.) and others, the Civil Aeronautics Board admitted that of this vast sum known as "air mail pay" no more than 60 million can be considered compensation for mail services actually rendered by those air lines. Subtracting 60 million from 140 million comes to \$80 million each year.

Who gets this \$80 million and why? The answer is that it is hidden subsidy, that is being dished out to the airlines without either the knowledge or the consent of the taxpayers or their elected representatives in Congress." End quote.

140 million a year to the airlines for carrying the mail, and 80 million of that is not used or needed to help pay the cost of carrying the mail. In plain and simple words it is a donation from our government to the airlines. Well anyway, if there is anyone in the whole country who does not know about the farmers subsidy, it has not been my privilege to talk with him yet. The cost to the taxpayer for subsidizing airmail equals 88 cents per capita during the past several years, or almost double the cost of price support to the farmer.

Now let us take the shipping industry, in this we pay two kinds of subsidies, one is called a construction subsidy. Our government helps build the ships, got to pay the high labor costs. Then we have the operational subsidy. In order to operate his ship and pay the prevailing wage rates, which are much higher than those paid by ship owners from other countries. I have no quarrel with this. I am simply pointing out facts, the shipowner must receive help from our government.

From July 1, 1937 to December 31, 1946 our government paid construction subsidies amounting to \$380,285,242.00, an average of almost \$40,000,000 dollars per year. In the years of 1951, 1952 and 1953 our government paid a total operational differential subsidy of \$144,135,782 or an average for the past 3 years of over 48 million dollars and over 1-2 of this subsidy was paid in the year 1953. Seems as if some other subsidies are going up along with the farmers.

Last summer I read in the

Congressional Record about a ship owner making a report on his ship, and the figures showed that for each trip overseas this ship made it costs the Federal government \$30,000.00 in subsidy differential payments.

Did you know that our government spent 14 billion to get industry to convert and expand during World War II? Now, I would like to quote to you a few statements from the Honorable Carl H. Anderson, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Appropriations for agriculture in the U. S. Congress about what he has to say concerning subsidies and business conversion after the war; and I quote: "May I respectfully suggest that too many members on the floor of the House have imbedded in their minds that the farmers, that Agriculture as such in America are the recipients of huge subsidies, paid for by the other taxpayers of the nation. Nothing can be further from the truth. Please let us orient our line of thinking here before we proceed.

During World War II there was paid out of the Treasury of the U. S. \$4.2 billion dollars for the sole purpose of bringing to the consuming public cheaper food. This is the reverse of expenditures to support the price of farm commodities. Since 1933 through January 1, 1953, the cost to the Treasury of the U. S. in what might be classified as farm price support was \$1,064,000,000. In other words, since 1933 up to this date about one-quarter as much money has been expended in behalf of keeping up the price for the farmer in America as there has been expended for holding down the price of food to the consumer. Let us remember also that if OPA roll-backs on pork, beef, veal, lamb, and mutton, let alone butter and milk products had not been put into effect during World War II farmers of America would have during that time received at least ten billion more for their products than they did. Furthermore through expenditure of \$1,070,000,000 during the last 20 years for price supports, at least 10 times that amount has been paid as additional income taxes by farmers because of their prosperity approaching that of other portions of our economy.

Business as such was subsidized by the taxpayers to the extent of \$40,787,864,000 following the end of World War II in what was known as business re-conversion payments, including tax amortization. End quote. Uncle Sam paid business and industry 14 billion to change from peace time to war time goods, and as soon as the war is over we pay them another 40 billion to get back to peace time goods. This 40 billion of course includes tax amortization, or fast write off, charge off the complete cost of a factory in five years, all of this just costs Uncle Sam a little over 54 billion dollars, in about 7 years. In other words, this has been a cost to the American taxpayer of an average of about 8 billion dollars per year during a 7 year period. Or to put it another way, for every man, woman, and child in the U. S. this represents a cost of \$50.00 per year in taxes. Whereas the cost of price supports on agricultural products represents a cost of only 45 cents per capita.

Now, let us look at the railroads, from 1850 to 1871 the government gave land grants to the railroads amounting to 183,000,000 acres. The estimated value of this land has been placed at \$1,282,000,000 and I would say a very conservative estimate. Other special type subsidies which the railroads enjoy are: the government loans them money on very favorable terms, lowering the import duty on railroad iron (in early days) mail service contracts, and grants of right-of-ways over public lands. And incidentally there have been 11 freight rate increases since the end of World War II and an almost annual round of wage increases.

I wonder if you know how many tillable acres of land we have in the U. S. We now have about 462 million acres of cultivated land, and I just stated

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Want Ads

DIAL 2111 for PLUMBING and general repairs. — Willis Naugle. 5-tfc

WANTED: Tree or Shrubbery Pruning, see T. J. O'Neal or Phone 4156. 17-2tp

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that the Government granted 183,000,000 acres of land to the railroads, the railroads owning at one time over one-third of all the land that is now under cultivation.

If we take the facts just pre-

sented and apply a little arithmetic we find that for the past 8 or 10 years our total Government subsidy per year has averaged something over 10 billions of dollars and this does not count the 5 or 6 billions we have given to foreign aid. Out of that 10 billions the farmer got 72 million, or to put it another way, the farmer got 75 cents of every \$100.00 the government spent on subsidies, and if you include the 5 million for foreign aid this reduces the farmers share to about 50 cents out of each \$100.00.

These facts are not presented at all with the purpose of being critical, but simply to point out that a very small segment of our population are aware of the high subsidies paid by our government. I cannot refrain from speculating on the recreation of the general public if the facts just presented were as well known to them as are the subsidies paid to farmers.

I am not here today to argue the merits or demerits of government subsidy. Certainly if I could plant and produce all the wheat I wanted to without any sort of government regulation and be assured a price for it that is comparable to the goods and services I must buy, I would much prefer that kind of farming. I believe also, that every business man and manufacturer would be happy to remove our tariffs if it did not affect their prices adversely, and I am sure the working man would be glad to dispense with his labor Union dues and our immigration laws and minimum wage laws if he could still be assured his present high wages. The industrial man and the laboring man know that this is impossible for them to do and still stay solvent; and I say to the American Farmer today, that in our present complex society that it is just as impossible for him to remain solvent unless he receives a price for his products comparable to the prices he must pay for the goods and services he must buy in order to produce.

A good many of you present can remember the late 20's and the early 30's. Some of you were farming then, and you know what happened, nine farmers out of ten were broke or worse than broke. The more property you owned the worse off you were. You do not want again to see another 1932, when the farmers share of the National income reached an all time low, only 5.5 percent. During the years 1910-1914, the base period used for figuring parity, the farmers' share of the national income was 12.4%.

Yet, I am sure those of you who have been farming since 1947 realize that from that time until the present time every piece of machinery you have bought has been much higher than it was in 1947. Your labor costs too have risen about 25 percent. And what about the products you have been selling, wheat was bringing \$2.80 per bushel in 1947. In other words since 1947, when you received nine percent of the national income, everything you have had to sell has gone down and everything you had to buy in order to operate your farm has gone up. The result is, that the farmer is in a price cost squeeze. Your buying power since 1947 has been reduced about 25 percent. Did you know that the farmers share of the National income last year, 1953, was only 5.5 percent. Exactly what it was in 1932. Today the farmer is simply handling a lot of money and having precious little left.

Did you know that according to the figures of a National Farm Service that during 1953 the farmer will only net 36 cents out of every dollar worth of commodities raised, and that this is the smallest percentage we have realized since the depression year of 1932. In other words, your operation costs have risen to the point where it takes 64 cents of each dollar you take in to pay your operation costs. You know as well as I do that it cost just about as much to farm when you make a short crop as when you make normal crops, therefore in 1953 unless you made a normal or better than normal crop the chances are good that you made very little money farming. This is our situation even though we are now guaranteed 90 percent of parity on basic crops. The report of the Bureau of Agricul-

ture Economics gives us some interesting figures with reference to the income of farmers in 1953. They estimate the purchasing power of the farmer in 1953 to be about the same as it was in 1941 while the purchasing power of the average city worker is up about 30 percent over 1941. Farm foreclosures in 1953 have exceeded the combined total of any of the five past 10 years and farm debts during 1953 have gone up by nearly 3 billion dollars. Declining prices cut the value of land, buildings, machinery, and livestock by more than 15 billion dollars in 1952. In the face of all that, headlines that labor unions are striking for higher wages do not make pleasant farm reading.

To those who criticize the government for maintaining price supports I can only say that they just simply have not examined the facts. There are many that clamor and say that we must get back to the free market. Just what do they mean by a free market. I think Senator Russell has given the answer to that question much better than I could. As you know Mr. Russell is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and I quote: "I hear references around Washington to a free market for the American farmer. Just what does that mean? It should be spelled out. If it means a free market for every segment of our economy and if it means the abolition of every artificial prop or subsidy for every segment of American business and industry the farmer will welcome that kind of free market." (I say "Amen" to that). "The farmer produces the basic necessities. Every one must have clothing to wear and food to eat. Certainly the farmer will get along in a free market but I apprehend that the free market we hear talked about means that farm prices alone are to be permitted to seek their level in an economy in which almost every other segment of American Economic life has some artificial support or benefit that is conferred by national law. If "free market" means that the farmer alone is to have a free market, that means he will be thrown to the wolves and that he is headed for disaster. "Mr. President, we cannot have a prosperous economy in our nation if the farmer is to be pushed back into a position of low income, with mortgage foreclosures and heartaches, and actual privations in the farm homes of this land. "If I ever hear Secretary Humphrey tell Congress that he wishes to have all the tariffs which have been imposed by Congress repealed; if I ever hear Secretary Durkin tell Congress that he favors wiping out the minimum wage law and doing away with the 40 hour week and doing away with time and one-half pay for overtime, and that he favors the repeal of laws which give the benefit of collective bargaining; and if I ever hear Secretary Weeks tell Congress that he favors a repeal of the subsidies which are paid to the various transportation facilities, including the airlines, shipping at sea, and the railroads, if I ever hear such policies advocated and put into effect then I shall see the day of free economy dawning. But until that time comes, I propose to stand up and fight for the American Farmer as an American citizen who is entitled to all the rights that accrue to any of those who live and earn their livelihood in any other segment of our economy."

And gentlemen, I propose to stand up and help him fight for the American farmer.

I am wondering what percentage of the people realize the problems faced by the farmer in producing goods. The farmer is the only one that is compelled to gamble on the weather and the insects. One storm or one drought can in a very short time wipe out all the farmers' investment. You have all read about the drought last summer in Texas and the Southwest. I live and farm in that area. I know of no one down there engaged in dry land farming who made expenses in 1953. Again the farmer is the only producer who cannot control his production when threatened with a loss. Once the land is tilled and the crop planted, the farmer is a slave to his investment. Now, nearly

any other producer can do something about it, he can reduce his production, adopt a three day week for awhile if necessary. All other producers of wealth have means of protecting themselves and their investment, but the farmer does not. I know of no other producer who must place all of his produce on the market in a period of two or three weeks. Most farmers must do this. The note is due at the bank.

Let me quote one other statement by Senator Russell, quote: "I am quite sure that statistics will show that the farmer, who produces the basic wealth necessary to our existence, receives the least return for his toil, of all the thousands who handle that which he produces before it reaches the ultimate consumer." End quote.

There are many who say even now that \$2.00 per bushel is too high for wheat. Yet, we know that with wheat selling for \$2.00 per bushel the value of the flour used to make a one pound loaf of bread is now just a little under 3 cents, while the pound loaf of bread cost the consumer 17 or 18 cents. In other words, if you gave your wheat to the millers the price of your loaf of bread would only come down 3 cents.

A lady was fixing sandwiches one day and was in the process of putting lettuce on them. The head of lettuce was about all used up and as she broke open the heart of the lettuce she notices a small piece of folded paper. She picked it up and read this note. "I got 1-4 cent for this head of lettuce, I wonder what it cost you?" The housewife had paid 7 cents for the lettuce. The lettuce retailed for 2800% more than the farmer received for it. This example comes from the Readers Digest 1941. My wife tells me that a 1954 model head of lettuce costs at least 25 cents.

Not long ago I read an article in U. S. News. This article was a report on the incomes of the various groups of workers in the United States. Guess which group was on the bottom. You are right, the farmer. The average net income of the average farmer in the United States was lower in 1953 than any other group.

Yet in spite of these facts, some of the leaders of one of our great farm organizations, of which I am a member, are advocating reduction of our parity and claim this will do away with our farm surpluses. It seems now, at least since The State of The Union Message of

Our President, that Mr. Kline, who is President of The American Farm Bureau, has not only gained the ear of our Secretary of Agriculture, but also the ear of the President, for the President in his message recommended to the Congress that they give the Secretary power to invoke the "Sliding Scale of Parity" ranging from 75 to 90 percent of parity. He has said in effect, the way to keep the American Farmer healthy and prosperous, is to cut the price of each bushel of wheat about 40 cents per bushel. Furthermore he has recommended two years from now the basic commodities be placed on the so called "modernized parity" and this again would cut the price of wheat another 30 cents per bushel. If this program is carried out, and I do not think it will be, within a three or four year period the price of wheat will be cut by at least one-third.

The entire theory behind the "sliding scale parity" is based on the assumption or belief that if you lower the price of wheat say 20 percent it will automatically cut the production of wheat a corresponding 20 percent the following year and increase the consumption. Factually, this is not true. If there is ever a time when the grower needs protection in the market place, it is at the very time when his commodity is in excess, and let us look at the other side of this question. Just as soon as a commodity becomes scarce, just at the time when the grower does not need protection, for there is a shortage, then according to the plan the farmers protection rises again to 90 percent of parity. In other words this plan, in actual operation, will take away our protection at the very time we have the greatest need for it and give us our greatest protection when we do not need it.

Let me quote you a statement made on the house floor January 11, 1954 by Rep. Whitten, in which he gets to the heart of what I have been trying to say; quote: "These sliding scales sound like they are good. They would stretch when you need them and would tighten up when you do not need them. May I say they are directly the opposite. If a farmer is in a plight and needs protection, it gives him less. If, on the other hand you have a small supply and there is a shortage of a farm commodity they give you more. Of course if there is a scarcity and there is

a shortage there is a market and you need none. Instead of a farm program to help farmers, it is geared to something else. He further states: "There is nothing in the President's message about sliding scale for wages. In fact if you will wait a short time you will probably see the President's recommendation increasing minimum wage levels from 75 cents to \$1.00 per hour. "There is nothing in the message about reducing tariffs, but it is said that the American Farmer, under the law, should be given less protection when he needs it and more protection when he will have no use for it." End quote.

Now let us take Mr. Wheat grower as an example. With wheat selling at about \$2.10 per bushel you have been raising say \$15,000.00 worth of wheat. If you were an average farmer it costs you 64% of this \$15,000.00 to raise this wheat or \$9,660.00. This only leaves you \$5,400.00 for a fairly comfortable living for you and your family. Now, if within the next year or two the price of wheat drops to \$1.50 per bushel, and labor does not go down; your machinery costs do not go down, traiffs are not cut down, your food bill is not reduced, and you live in a strictly wheat producing area, and you do, then the only possible way for you to make \$15,000.00 worth of wheat is to raise 10,000 bushels of wheat instead of the 7,000 bushels you raised in 1953 in order to have an income of \$15,000.00. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the way I believe sliding scale will operate for the farmer. Just force him to plant more of the same commodity in order to make a living, and increase our surplus.

It seems now that 100% of parity in the market place can only mean one thing, if the Secretary of Agriculture and Mr. Kline have their way, the farmer will produce in a protected market and sell in a free market, or as they call it, 100% of parity at the market place. And this is the program that is to maintain a healthy agriculture and give the farmer his fair share of the National Income.

I say to you if they will reduce the tariffs 1-3, reduce wages 1-3, reduce the costs of living 1-3, reduce the costs of machinery 1-3, in short, if they will cut the subsidies of the U. S. Government 1-3 straight across the board, the farmer will go along and take his chances on survival along with the rest, (Continued on Page 6)

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# DOES SIN AFFECT THE WEATHER

(By W. B. Strother)

The curtain has just rolled down on the year 1953, and we have now reached the time again for taking inventory and making income tax reports. But let me say unto you, there is one Who is Great that is also taking inventory and making out an income report for us. Apparently His list of our sins for 1953 must have been long and terrible, for our drought has been great and our income small.

You have heard it said all of your life that crime does not pay; but let me ask you, does sin pay? Did we realize enough pleasure from our sins to offset the cost?

We could have caused 1953 to have been a year of prosperity and plenty for, if they obey and serve Him (God), they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasure. (Job 38:11).

But, there are those who say we live in a high and dry country, more or less subject to drought and we are going through one of those dry cycles; not anything we can do about it.

The basic reason most people think in this term is because we have been reared in a materialistic age which believes all climatic changes are due to the interaction of the huge masses of cold and warm air. This idea assumes that when God created the world, He set it in motion to run its own merry course. This teaching assumes that God has left the world and not only does not intervene, but cannot intervene with the elements.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16).

So let us see what God's word says about His controlling the elements. He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion. When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures. (Jeremiah 10:12-13).

It is high time we realize that

God is not only the creator, but also the controller of the universe, even controlling our prosperity. God revealed the plan which will keep us prosperous, if we will obey; but down through the ages men have rejected God's plan for prosperity, and have tried to substitute with plans of their own.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9).

So let us see what God's ways to prosperity are—Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. If ye walk in my statutes and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield their fruit and your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. (Leviticus 26:2-5). And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people. (Leviticus 26:11-12).

If sin has caused the rain to be withheld in 1953, what manner you ask, have I sinned? You say, I have tried to treat my fellow man right, I have paid my honest debts, I work hard and try to provide well for my family, I am true to my mate, I give generously to the needy, I belong to all the clubs and civic organizations, I try to be good and congenial with my neighbors. This is fine. But let me ask, how are you treating God? He is the all-powerful one who gives you continued life, He is the one who is able to prosper your labours, He is the one who has given to you everything that you have, for a man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven. (John 3:27). He is the one to whom you will come in the presence to be judged. So, friends, let me say unto you, it makes all the difference in this life and the

one to come what you do with God.

You say, in what manner have I sinned and how could it have an effect upon the weather? Let us see what God's inspired word reveals. Because thou servest not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of HEART, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. (Deuteronomy 28:47-48).

But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious HEART: they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. (Jeremiah 5:23-25).

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their HEART far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men. (Isaiah 29:13). In these three passages of scripture the people had the same disease — heart trouble. No, not physical; but spiritual heart trouble. God's word tells us that if this spiritual heart trouble is permitted to continue or to become serious enough, there is danger of complication setting up, and the mal-nourished spiritual heart affecting the physical heart. For Jesus said His Father had an ax that He used: Every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (Luke 3:9).

So you see, friends, this is a very dangerous disease; keeps away prosperity, also brings death. You say you do not have spiritual heart trouble; that is fine. I could not help you much, for I am not able to see the heart but just look upon the raiment; but my Father the Great Physician has an X-ray and He can see the heart, also examine it. He has never lost a case yet regardless of condition, where they came submitting themselves to His treatment.

Let us see what some of the symptoms are of this dreaded disease. The Lord said this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me. They profess being Christians and confess having joined a church; but have removed their heart far from me. They no longer love me enough to come to my house often, and they are not willing to separate themselves from the things of the world. He also said these things are done without fear toward me. But His word reveals — And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. (Luke 1:50). And be not conformed to this world. (Romans 12:2). But in the last days, God's word says there will be Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. (II Timothy 3:4). Friends, where do you see most of the

people now? Worshipping at God's house the churches or see most of the people seeking pleasure at the picture shows, at the ball games, at the dance halls, at the night clubs, and all of the other things which pertain to pleasure, such as playing cards, seeing TV or just sitting in your easy chair?

But, you say, one does not have to go to church to be a Christian; but Jesus said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4). As it is necessary for the physical body to be fed that it will not die, so it is necessary for the spiritual body to be fed by reading God's word: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25). Let me repeat, as I have previously stated, that without this feeding, your heart will become mal-nourished letting your spiritual heart die of mal-nutrition. You say you don't have these symptoms of heart disease. Let me ask, where were YOU last Sunday, Sunday night, also prayer meeting night? Was your heart in church? For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:21).

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day; shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy CHILDREN and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by thy way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

Mothers, Dads, I beg of you to be concerned about your child's salvation, about his spiritual life. There are hundreds of children in this town and county who never darken the doors of a church. Why? Because you do not read the Bible to them and teach them God's way. Because you do not get them ready and send them to Sunday School and Church. Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).

You work almost day and night that you might earn and lay up, to provide and give to your child's every physical need that his life here on earth might be more in ease and comfort. The average span of life on this earth is less than 60 years; yet you are neglecting so great a salvation that will last forever and forever, throughout eternity. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8:36). I say, it would be better if they had never been born, than to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9: a por-

tion 45-46).

Let me urge you, if you are not going to church, go and regularly to the church of your choice. And if you have not had a born again experience, seek that you may find the peace that passes all understanding. Jesus said, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (John 3:7). But if you won't come, please do not neglect sending your children. You say, I will get them ready and send them to church some of these Sundays maybe soon. But friends, for 83,000 people there won't even be a tomorrow.

What are you and I going to do with God in 1954? You do want to prosper, don't you? There is no other way. Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. (II Chronicles 24:20). Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. (James 4: a portion of 8).

The wheat outlook is rather promising at this time; yet fear the Lord for you know that He can withhold the moisture or He can send worms or insects to destroy it before harvest. But, the Lord said If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:13-14).

In writing this article I have not intentionally wielded the pen of sarcasm, dipped in the ink of criticism toward any person, or persons; but as a grateful soul for whom Christ died, trying to point the way to true prosperity, that our lives here might be full.

## Group Two Meets With Mrs. Knight

Group Two of the CWF of the First Christian Church met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Knight with seven members present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. S. J. Calvird. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. John Knight. Thirteen books were reported to have been read and seven daily devotionals were conducted. A collection of \$10.35 was presented.

A lesson on Old Testament History by characters was presented by Mrs. Clyde Hill. The study was dismissed by the missionary benediction.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Knight.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. R. C. Buckles with Mrs. Paul Adudell as leader.

## Ealon Norvell Circle Meets In Home Of Mrs. W. D. Green

The Ealon Norvell Circle of the Baptist Church met for Bible study Wednesday in the home of Mrs. W. D. Green at 3:00 P. M. Mrs. Royal Pendleton gave the lesson.

Ladies present were Mrs. Royal Pendleton, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Lee Grimes, Mrs. E. W. Butler and Mrs. W. D. Green.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. E. W. Butler.

## MRS. R. A. WILSON INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. T. D. Chisum received word Wednesday evening that her sister, Mrs. R. A. Wilson of Dumas had fallen and fractured her right hip and right shoulder. Mrs. Wilson, who with her husband has visited in Stratford often the past year, is in Dumas Memorial Hospital. Mr. Chisum took his wife to Dumas to be with her sister. Mr. and Mrs. Chisum had just returned Wednesday from a visit with the Wilsons.

## 20th Century Circle Met Wednesday

Twentieth Century Circle members drew to a close their study of Christian Happiness in the Home Wednesday morning in the parlor of the First Christian Church. The topics and discussion were given by the

entire group.

Learning the Bible is the next study course chosen by the Circle.

A report was made of two books having been read and five daily devotionals being conducted.

Coffee and cinnamon rolls were served to Marcelle Sutton, Lou Knight, Bonnie Mitchell, Ruth Brewster, Dorless Wells, and the hostess, Judy Oquin.

## PTA To Present Radio Program

Stratford PTA members will present a program over Radio Station KXIT Sunday at 1:45 P. M. Everyone has a special invitation to listen in.

The PTA will meet Thursday night, February 11, at 7:30 for a short founders day program. A program of entertainment will be presented by the Fourth Grade.

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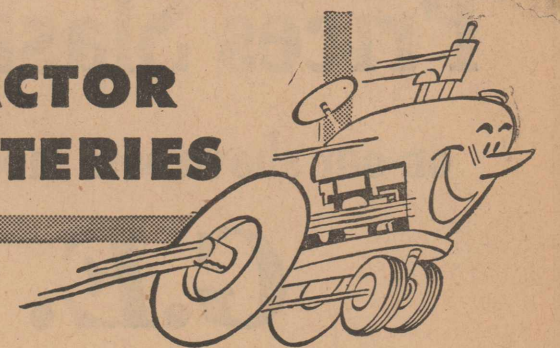
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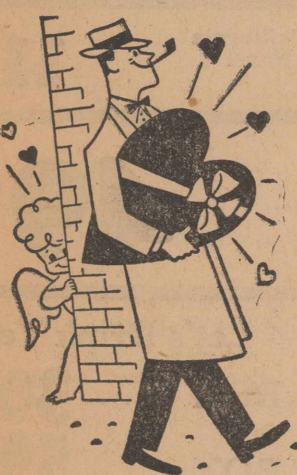


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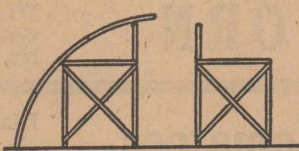
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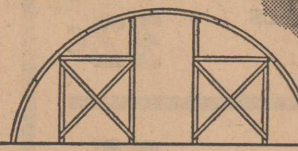
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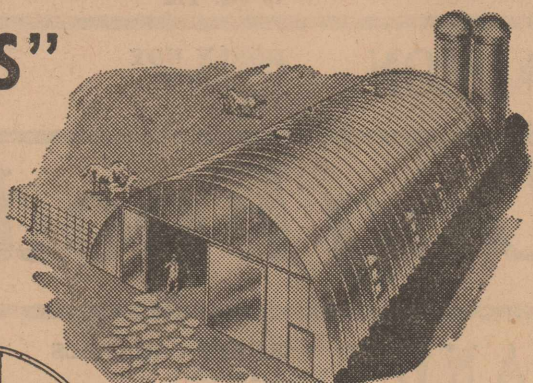
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**Local News**

Mrs. J. H. Weeden, Guymon, Oklahoma, was a guest this week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, and family.

Mrs. Wayne Harding spent the latter part of last week visiting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bybee and a sister, Mrs. Bill Phipps and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Skaer of Augusta, Kansas visited in the home of Mrs. Emil Blanck Monday. They were here on business and to look over the new oil situation.

Mrs. Tim Flores returned Monday from Amarillo, where

she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon, Jr., and daughters, and attended formal ceremonies of Palo Duro Assembly No. 113, Order of the Rainbow Girls, Saturday night at Khiva Temple. Among new officers installed at these ceremonies, was Mrs. Flores' granddaughter, Timmie Lu Williams, who was inducted as drill leader. Miss Williams attended school in Stratford until about two years ago, when she went to Amarillo to make her home.

Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mrs. Richard Albert and children were Dumas visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, Jr., and children, Lamar, Colorado, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, last week

end. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King returned home Tuesday from Albuquerque, New Mexico where they spent the first part of the week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Gilbert of near Sunray visited friends in Stratford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Turner and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner were business visitors in Amarillo Wednesday of last week.

A. L. Cooper and son, Warren Lee, of Big Spring, Texas, were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. H. J. Cooper, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston and Mrs. Mollie Davis visited friends in Friona Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. McCracken, Brownfield, Texas, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkwood and sons had as guests Sunday, her sister, Mrs. W. L. Harvey and children of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keener, Miss Jo Wayne Harding and Johnny Summerour attended the Western program in the Municipal Auditorium in Amarillo Monday night.

Bill Ross took Mrs. L. F. Denney to Amarillo Sunday to be with her husband, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Emil Blanck, Mrs. T. M. Crossfield and daughter, Dorothy Nell, went to Amarillo Saturday to see "The Robe."

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the cards, flowers, visits and many other kind deeds during Mrs. Hamilton's illness.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hamilton

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank each and every one for the many kind and sincere deeds they did for us during our sickness, also for the many nice things we received at Christmas time.  
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**PRISCILLA CLUB PARTY NEWS**

Dear Aunt Sally:  
Helen and Velma didn't make it to club, seems Helen went places with Papa and Velma went with her daddy to the doctor in Amarillo. We are so sorry he is ill and do hope he is soon out and going, his own cheerful self again.  
We always keep quite busy at club and went a little old fashioned last time. Ada Mae and Mary Belle quilted. Frances and Ruth kept crochet hooks going. Mary worked on a beautiful white woven stole. The others embroidered cup towels, and worked at keeping their figures trim running after small fry.

Our newest junior member was present, though quite disdainful of the entire procedure. Joe Lee just ate his dinner, turned his back and went to sleep leaving his mama to her own "rat killing." R. A. and Nancy, as well as Nella Beth and Loyce Ann brought their mothers and tried to be as helpful as possible.

We asked for Mexican food and — did we get it? Enchiladas, Huacamale salad, chile con queso celery sticks and leche comida, also dollar coffee and cokes. Mary declared it was hot enough to melt our girdles. Even so, plates were quite empty when removed.

And speaking of coffee, Aunt Sally, if it doesn't rain pretty soon we may just forget there is such a thing, unless we can make arrangements to buy it on the installment plan, or maybe the bank will start making loans for that purpose — run down and ask them, will you?

I've really got to get busy or that hungry man will be in here before I get the beans boiled.

Little Ruth says come to her house next time, she will be looking for all of you.

Love,  
Sarah.

**Sub-District MYF Meeting Monday Night**

A sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was held at the First Methodist Church in Stratford Monday night. Eighty young people and their sponsors from Cactus, Dumas, Dalhart, Channing, Hartley, Texline and Stratford, attended.

**Mary Ethel Circle To Meet With Mrs. Wayne Stevens**

The Mary Ethel Circle of the First Methodist Church will meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the home of Mrs. W. Wayne Stevens.

**City Moving Pipe Yard**

City officials are moving the pipe yard they have been using in the residential section of South Stratford to a site outside the city limits near the sewer plant.

**Embroidery Club To Meet With Mrs. M. Dortch**

The Embroidery Club will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Dortch

Thursday, February 11, at 12:45 for a covered dish luncheon.



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## THE ELK — STRATFORD SCHOOL NEWS

### First Grade Mrs. Gates' Room

Twenty-one of our weeks are gone which means we must work every minute we can to do all

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we want to get done this year. Many of us are reading fine and are beginning to use sounds to an advantage. This Monday we are receiving a new book. We hope everyone enjoys it. The name of it is WATCH ME. It is very colorful and interesting. This book will be our second reader (primer).

Many of us have been doing well with spelling. Our chart is beginning to look pretty and we hope everyone makes 100 this week. This week, we will study the "at" family: at, cat, fat, mat, bat, rat, tat, nat, hat, pat, sat, and vat. We hope all will work hard. Next week we will have the "ing" family: ing, sing, ping, ring, ting, wing and zing. This is to develop listening to beginning sounds. A few of us hear very few beginning or ending sounds.

We are indeed glad to have Vivian and Edward back with us after their long illness. Edward has been in the hospital the past week with pneumonia. Vivian has had a very bad cold. Julia is out this Monday. She was out all last week. We do hope she can be back before you read this.

### Second Grade Mrs. Peterson's Room

February, the month of famous birthdays, holds an addi-

tional interest for our class, because two of our members have birthdays this month. Sandy Tillery will be 8 years old on the 9th, and Donna Jean Moon will be 8 years old the 14th. Donna likes to write "poems" and to illustrate them with crayon sketches. She said, to her teacher, "How do you know, maybe I'll be a poet and an artist, too, when I'm big."

Here is the first of the original poems in a little booklet she is making, all on her own.

"When I go out to play I see the trees God made. Then I like them."

And she illustrated her thought with a nice little landscape.

Perhaps these childish expressions are not as poetic as Gertrude Stein's, "Prose is a rose, a rose, a rose," but the proof of their worth is in the feeling of pride and satisfaction which glows in the child's eyes. Sandy wants to be famous for "hunting and fishing like Grandpa."

We have only one absentee, so far, this week, which must mean that our clouds are breaking up. However, Wanda Weller and Roy Finch are each carrying bandaged fingers from minor, but painful accident suffered during the past week end. A car door was slammed on Wanda's fingers, while Roy encountered some rough nails as he was doing a bit of carpenter work at home.

Several children in our room are yawning and stretching a lot these days and sometimes dozing. We wonder if this could be a new "epidemic" shall we say — "T. V. itis?"

### Second Grade Mrs. Minkley's Room

The second semester of this school year has begun and we are all striving to do even better work than we did the first semester.

We miss Charlie Lavake from our room. He has been ill for several weeks. We hope he will recuperate soon and can be back in school.

We had a very nice surprise on Friday when Mrs. Reeder treated us with delicious homemade cookies. My! they sure were good! Thank you again, Mrs. Reeder. We surely enjoyed them.

### Fourth Grade Miss Riley's Room

We are happy to have Rayford Rose back in school this week after being ill a week.

We have been studying outlines and oral talks in English this week.

Those making 100 in spelling this week were Cleo Aduddell, Donna Faye Boner, Curtis Davis, Orbie Sue Davis, Shela Ann Donelson, Claude Pedric, Jimmy Gore, Faye Harris, Linda Huggins, James Johnson, Wanda Preston, and John Steel.

We have been practicing two plays for the P.T.A. program in February.

### Fourth Grade Mrs. Duggins' Room

We have a new student in our room from Montana. Her name is Dixie Ann Gibson. We are very glad to have her with us.

The Fourth grade is planning the P. T. A. program for February 11. We hope to see you here that night.

Those making 100's in spelling last week were Keith Borth, Grover De Bord, Joe Elms, Ronnie Feemster, Gary Garoutte, Ann Gibson, Sue Hudson, Laurine Riggs, Shirley Thomas and Julia Willey.

### Fifth Grade Mrs. Elliott's Room

(By News Committee)  
Watch our contest score in Arithmetic. At this time the north is leading the south by thirty-seven points.

Our class held its regular monthly meeting Friday at which time we made plans to have a valentine box. Barbara Lavake, Robbie Burkham, and Elaine Spurlock will be responsible for making the box. John Sears, Garry Dettle, and Glendon Lowe were appointed by the president to make necessary purchases. Red and white were voted as favorite colors. In Geography we are planning a concept of the United

States in sections. Parents we actually feel that we could help the family plan an interesting vacation trip for the coming summer since we are constructing charts showing spots of interest with beautiful views of natural scenery and historical landmarks; chief crops, the industries, various kinds of manufacturing, chief cities, and occupation which go hand-in-hand with the livelihood of the population of the various sections.

On our science table we have many new rocks brought in this week which we value highly because of their beauty as well as the formations shown to us.

In English we are working in teams in learning to make proper instructions of new and old friends.

### Sixth Grade Mrs. Cameron's Room

Our reading class has been organized into groups. Each group having charge of a play. They will select characters, costumes, and direct their own play. By so doing we hope each child learns to be more dependent upon himself.

The sixth grade girls and boys are entering a tournament at Cactus beginning tonight (Monday). The following girls are entering: Sharon Gamble, LaRuth Kendrick, Molly Davis, Sammie Beall, Darla Taylor, Linda Taylor, Gay Plunk, Norma Bachman, Gay Judd, Ann Burgess, Linda Coffman, Patsy Herald. The boys are: J. D. Plunk, Jimmie Muir, Henry Harrison, Park Hammond, Penny Brooks, Ernest Dyess, Rex Palmer, Hal Bennett, Edward O'Quin, and Butch Keener.

Mary Gay Judd is preparing to enter a Berkshire pig in the fat stock show here February 16th.

Kark Kirkwood is entering two Hereford calves.

Patricia Herald is entering a Hereford calf in the show to be held in Dalhart, February 17th.

We are hoping some of us win.

### Seventh Grade Miss Patterson's Room

Jerry Bammes was a visitor in the seventh grade this week. He was a member of the seventh grade class until he moved to Amarillo.

Raymond Albert, Russell Brooks, Gerald Preston, Sue Flores, Linda Riffe and Mary Sue Taylor have been absent due to illness.

Stratford Junior High boys and girls went to Channing Thursday night to play basketball. The Stratford boys won their game with a score of 34 to 17. The Stratford girls lost with a score of 35 to 28. Those making the trip were Richard McMinn, Park Hammons, Joe-dale Reesing, Melvin Mitts, Paul Aduddell, Kenneth Knight, Willy Price, Henry Harrison, Russell Brooks, Gary Steinberger, Tom Lavake, Bill Minkley, Cagle Kendrick, Dwayne Plunk, and Manager Bill Dyess. Melvin Mitts was high point man with a score of 11 points. Other scores were: McMinn 8 points, Price 6 points, Harrison 1 point, Steinberger 3 points, Lavake 3 points, Kendrick 2 points. Girls were Mary Janice Boren, Nellie Johnson, Martha Stone, Gracene Parvin, Sue Flores, Sharon Hampton, Mary Lou Wells, Alice Ann Hayse, Patricia Newman, Patty Hamilton, Betty Bradley, and Manager Betty Lou Gore. High scorer was Mary Lou Wells with 11 points. Others making scores were Mary Janice Boren 7 points, Sharon Hampton 8 points, and Martha Stone 2 points.

Basketball fans from Stratford attending the game at Channing were Mr. and Mrs. McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Ann, and Betty Walker.

Mary Sue Taylor was a visitor in Amarillo on Friday. Holly Harrington brought an avocado seed to school which will be observed by the science classes. It was placed in water and has begun to sprout.

Leon Eden and Neil Harris prepared two interesting experiments for Science class on Friday. One was "Preparation for Ammonia," the other was "Preparation for Nitric Acid."

### Junior High Gossip

What's this about Betty B. making eyes at Kenneth W. What happened to Bill! Say Betty!

Gracene P. and Chuck O. were seen together at the show Saturday night. What happened to Teddy?

What is this about Mary Janice sitting so close to "Punkin" in Math class? I wish you'd make up your mind Mary Janice.

### Junior High Hit Parade

Patty to George — No Other Love.

Martha to Wayne — P. S. I Love You.

Alice to Russell — Say You're Mine Again.

Shorty to Tut — Why Don't You Believe Me.

Gracie to Buzz — I'll Go On Alone.

Boren to Larry H. — You, You, You.

Betty to Bill — With These Hands.

Marvin to Marge — Where is Your Heart.

Jessie to Park — Your Cheating Heart.

Gore to Red — Changing Partners.

Sharon to John W. — Heart and Soul.

Nellie to Kenneth — Crying in the Chapel.

Betty W to Jimmy — Love-sick Blues.

Gracene to Teddy — I'll Always Care.

Sue Ellen to Jimmy — You're the Only One.

Alice to Melvin — Hey Good Looking.

Boren to Richard — Rags to Riches.

Penny to Sue E. — Too Young.

Eighth grade girls to eighth boys — How Much is that Pogie in the Window.

Gary to girls — Dear John.

### Freshman News

This is Monday again. The Freshman don't mind coming to school this week. It surely was rough last week. It is a relief to get up in the morning and not put on a 12x12 sign that says I AM A SLIMY FISH. Ugh

We certainly enjoyed the party given us by the upper classmen of the high school. Thanks a lot to all of you. It was worth the weeks punishment.

Junior High Band News — Reporters Jack Walker and Dwayne Plunk.

Our band program has been postponed until February 7th, this Sunday. We had two challenges for the trombone section chairs last week.

We take off our hats to the grade school for their successful drive for the MARCH OF DIMES. They raised \$54.28. The high school came a poor second with \$3.90.

Miss Patterson had a very enjoyable trip last Monday night while attending the T.S.T.A. It seemed that she finally located one slightly used heater. The brand name would hardly be listed in Consumers Guide but is becoming an outstanding name in this area.

Our Superintendent has missed his calling. Many men dream of it but few ever reach the height of being able to drive at full tilt with both eyes closed, head thrown back and guff-hawing at the utmost. Possibly it was the uplifting comedy being reacted by Mr. Chan- cey and Miss Patterson on the dignified return trip from T. S. T. A.

### FFA Livestock Judging Team Places At Pampa

The Freshman Judging team, consisting of Sonny Judd, Edward Summerour, Raymond Kirkwood and Rex Burgess, attended the annual Top-O-Texas Livestock Judging Contest held last week in Pampa. They were competing with senior judging teams representing fifty one schools in the Texas Pan-handle. They judged six classes of livestock, two classes of swine, two classes of sheep, and two classes of beef cattle.

Sonny Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Judd, was eleventh high individual, with a total score of 367. This was in competition with one hundred and fifty-three individuals. Sonny was also fourth high individual in sheep judging.

The team score was 915, the winning team, Canyon, had a total score of 1,144. A majority of the teams score was slightly below or slightly above 900.

The Stratford judging team, is made up of Freshmen, and in competition with Juniors and

Seniors from other schools, they did exceptionally well.

### Future Farmers Busy Getting Calves Ready For Livestock Show

This is a very busy time for ten F.F.A. boys who are planning to show livestock in the coming livestock shows. The grooming program has been rushed up, and each boy is trying to get his calf's feet trimmed, his head clipped, and to give him a bath at least once each week.

F.F.A. boys who are planning on showing one or more animals in our local fat stock show are: Johnny Summerour, Butch Kirkwood, Edward Summerour, Homer Boren, Kenneth Walker, Jimmy Huggins, Bob Newman, Sonny Judd and Wayne Cummings.

Plans are being made to carry at least five of the calves to the Guymon show to be held next week.

Our own local show will be the 16th of this month. The catalogue is in the process of being printed at this time, and (Continued on Page 8)

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but we must not sit idly by and allow them to remove our protection and do nothing about all the others, or the American farmer will be forced into bankruptcy.

Gentlemen, I do not believe that Mr. Kline's sliding scale will be passed by the Congress. I have a great deal of faith in the members of the House Agricultural Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee. These men have their feet on solid ground. They know that such a program will not maintain a healthy and prosperous agriculture. They know that agriculture is fundamentally the very basis upon which all the rest of our economy is based and to destroy this basic industry ultimately will destroy our entire economy. And I further believe that when the time comes to vote on these measures, that partisan politics will have no influence on the ballots cast by our elected farm representatives and senators. I believe these gentlemen will vote for the program

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which they believe will give to the American Farmer his fair share of the national income, regardless of which party they may belong.

1954 is a crucial year as far as the American farmer is concerned because our farm laws are expiring and legislation must be passed to either extend our present program or revise and rewrite a new farm program. It is a matter in which every farmer should be vitally concerned. The question then arises, just what does the American farmer want in the way of a farm program. I believe that Rep. Clifford Hope, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee answered that question in a recent article in the Country Gentleman where he said that a sound farm program should do two things for the farmer. Quote: "The first is a reasonable stability of prices at levels that will afford farmers a fair share of the national income. The second is productivity that will insure a continued supply of agricultural products sufficient to meet the needs of an expanding population at home and whatever obligations we may have abroad." End quote.

I believe that the majority of the farmers of this nation will agree with Mr. Hope's statement. We ask only for a fair share of the national income. Our historic share of the national income has ranged from 7 to 10 percent. Yet, in 1953 I repeat again the farmers share of the national income was only 5.5%. In no other year in history have we received a lower percent than this and it was equalled only in 1932.

I have read in the papers and in magazine articles a statement by Mr. John H. Davis, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in which he stated: "That we will not scrap or change the present farm program until we have found something equally as good or better." I like that statement very much and believe it is a sound statement from which our leaders in Agriculture can use as a basis for setting up our farm program. And to a farmer this means only one thing, if it is just as good it brings him the same number of dollars for his commodities, and if it is better it brings him more dollars.

As you know, we have heard considerable discussion about a two price system for wheat, sometimes referred to as the "certificate plan." I understand there is a possibility that this plan may be offered to the growers as an amendment to that portion of our present law that applies to 90% of parity, and still maintain our present controls and marketing quota features of the law. The plan, as I understand it, proposes to guarantee to the grower 100% of parity on that portion of the wheat which is used for human consumption, which would be about 45 to 50%, and set a loan value on the remainder of the wheat at about \$1.40 to 50 cents per bushel.

My own opinion is that this plan will meet serious opposition from a political standpoint. I am afraid other wheat exporting countries will object to the so called dumping of wheat on foreign markets thereby depressing the market abroad. I feel that this plan would have a much better chance of being accepted by the growers in this country and also abroad if the I. W. A. quota were included in the 100% of parity guarantee. It is my hope that the wheat council will give this recommendation serious thought and study before making their final recommendations to the secretary. However, I do believe that the two-price system as proposed perhaps has greater possibility of disposing of a substantial portion of our surplus wheat through feed channels. It has been estimated that the two-price system would dispose of 150 or 200 million bushels of wheat annually through feed channels. Therefore this proposal should certainly receive very careful study and analysis by the National Association of Wheat Growers.

In the past three or four years, it has been my privilege to attend many wheat meetings with growers from a number of our wheat states, and after two or three conferences listening to the various proposals made to help solve our present wheat problem, I am always reminded

of the story about the man who stopped at a farm house and asked directions to a place about 15 miles away. The farmer began, "Well, you go this road two miles. No, that is wrong, now, you take this east road until you come to a fork in the road, no, that road takes you too far. Well sir, you go west two miles and take the first hand road, then three miles north, no, that won't work either." And finally in desperation the farmer said to the stranger, "To tell you the truth, stranger, there just ain't no way to get from here to where you want to go." That is about the way I feel about our wheat program.

I seriously doubt that we will be able to find a program for wheat that will materially improve our present program of 90 percent of parity and acreage allotments. I do feel, however, that some change in our present program ought to be made especially from the administration viewpoint of the program, and I believe a better method of determining allotments can be found than our present method of using "historical base."

However, I believe that our farm leaders and growers themselves should continue to work toward the solution of this vital problem. We need a program that will give the farmer a fair share of the national income and at the same time exercise enough control to keep down surpluses. Certainly more concentrated effort and study should be placed upon our foreign markets. We have the hungry people in the world and our problem is to find a way of getting the food to them.

Sometimes I feel that there is entirely too much space given in our news to the term "burdensome surplus." Today there are only a few nations in the world that are able to produce more than they consume, and

I feel that perhaps we might ought to get on our knees and thank God that this nation does have the ability to produce more goods than we can use. Our population is increasing at the rate of 2.5 million per year. In just ten years, 1964, we will have a population of 185 million people. No longer do we have fertile new lands and frontiers. Who can say for how long we will be able to produce surplus commodities. At the present rate of per capita consumption of wheat we will use 75,000,000 more bushels of wheat per year for human needs in 1964. The decade of 1950-1960 may well be the last one in which we are able to produce more goods than we consume.

I certainly am not up here this afternoon to suggest a plan that will solve our problems. I have no such plan. However, I do remember reading in the papers last summer about our President sending 15 million dollars worth of food to the German people under communist domination. I remember reading that many of those people defied the tanks and guns and threats of their communist rulers to get food for their loved ones. I have a feeling that we probably were able through this gesture of brotherly love to create more good will for our country and to do more toward combatting the propaganda of the iron curtain than we could have done with 50 times that amount of money spent for military purposes. In the long run if the nations of the world that have the surplus of wheat, butter and eggs, do not find a way of getting this food to the hungry people of the world, then they will go unfed and we have failed to use what probably is our greatest propaganda weapon, our food surpluses. Our problem is not over production, it is a matter of improper distribution of the food produced.

The one indictment I have for the American farmer is, that far too few of our farmers take an active interest in and participate in the planning and writing of our farm legislation and farm programs. Too many take the attitude of "let John do it." Our leaders are anxious for farmer opinion and participation in building our farm policies. I hope that each farmer present here will go home and beat the bushes among his farmer friends and do everything possible to get a greater percentage of our growers interested in his own problems.

I say to you, Mr. Wheat Grower, Mr. American Farmer, it is high time for you to stand up and be counted.

In summation I would like to say that so long as the farmer produces in a protected market he must be able to sell his products in a protected market if he is to survive. If business and industry are entitled to a protective tariff, and we all agree that they are; and if labor is entitled to restrictive immigration laws, minimum wage laws, and labor unions to protect their rights, and we all agree that they are; if all forms of transportation facilities, such as airplanes, railroad, and shipping are entitled to subsidies; if business is entitled to reconversion payments and amortization for their investments, if all segments of our American industry must have subsidies in order to compete and maintain our present high standards of living and at the same time set the price at which their goods and services shall be sold.

Then ladies and gentlemen, I say to you that the American farmer does not have to apologize to anyone in asking for price supports of at least 90% of parity which will assure him a fair price for the commodities which he produces.

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**Flora Foreman  
Circle Meeting  
Wednesday**

The Flora Foreman Circle met in the parlor of the First Methodist Church Wednesday for the regular weekly meeting.

Mrs. W. P. Cummings was acting chairman in the absence of Mrs. Blanck. After a short business session, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams led the program taken from the Methodist Woman.

Mrs. J. K. Richardson read the scripture lesson from Matthew 17:11-18.

Mrs. C. W. Moon gave a report on "The Christian Struggle for World Order."

Mrs. E. T. Neal and Mrs. W. P. Cummings discussed The Crusade Scholars, their work and how supported.

Mrs. M. Dortch gave a report on "The Lonely Age" and the subject was discussed by the members present: Mrs. J. W. Elliott, Mrs. Hatlie Flores, Mrs. J. K. Richardson, Mrs. T. E. Neal, Mrs. W. P. Cummings, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams, Mrs. M. Dortch and Mrs. C. W. Moon.

The meeting was closed with the circle benediction.

**Star Club Meets With  
Mrs. Donelson**

The Star Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Shuler Donelson. Miss Lucile King gave a demonstration on making chicken pie

with vegetables served with colorful salads. It was a delicious meal.

After lunch, Mrs. Kirkwood, the club president, opened the meeting with the group repeating the club prayer.

Mrs. Nina Judd read the minutes and called the roll which was answered by holidays in this month.

Miss King discussed the making of hats. The period for making hats date was selected for the 15th and 19th at 9:30 A. M. in the club room at the court house.

Those present were Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Mrs. Doris Dyess, Mrs. Jane Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Haile, Mrs. Penny Bennett, Mrs. Irene Wakefield, Miss Lucile King, Mrs. Nina Judd, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, Mrs. Ava Keener, Mrs. Georganna Lavake, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams, and the hostess, Mrs. Shuler Donelson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Doris Dyess on February 16.

**THANKS**

We wish to thank the family who used their car to push our car which was stalled on the highway Sunday night.  
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## Land Owners Meeting February 10

Sherman County Underground Water Conservation and Royalty Owners will meet Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 P. M. at the court house in Stratford.

Plans have been completed for holding a county meeting to discuss an Underground Water Conservation District for Sherman County. This will be followed by a short business meeting of the Royalty Owners. This is the third meeting held in a series to present the Underground Water Conservation District Law of Texas to local people for consideration. There is considerable interest in forming a district covering the area north of the Canadian River to conserve and protect the underground water supply.

J. B. Craig and Luther Browder were elected at a farmers' meeting in Sunray last fall to represent Sherman County on a committee to see what could be done about getting a district formed. As a result of this committee's work, the Board of Water Engineers at Austin were contacted and have under consideration delineation of the underground water pool north of the Canadian River. The committee will make a progress report to the people at the meeting Wednesday. They have arranged also to bring two of the best authorities available on operation of a district under this Texas Law and the supply of underground water in this area to the people.

Tom McFarland of Lubbock, Texas will discuss the Texas Underground Water Conservation District Law and how a district is organized and functions.

Bill Broadhurst will discuss the geological formation and underground water supply in this area.

Sam Wohlford will discuss some of the legislative problems on the Underground Water program.

Business men and farmers are encouraged to attend this meeting because their business in-

terests may well be affected by what happens to this movement to organize a district. It is very important that the land owners keep abreast of what is being done on this Underground Water Conservation Program in Sherman County. The State Board of Water Engineers have been petitioned to delineate the boundaries of the underground water pool on the North Plains, we have been advised.

Once a reservoir is designated, the next step is to hold an election of property owners and resident tax paying voters to see if the majority want a district. If the reservoir is all within Sherman County, the Commissioners Court will be the ones to call an election to see if the majority of the voters want a district. But, if the reservoir includes more than one county, the State Board of Water Engineers calls the election. In voting, each county votes separately from other counties; residents of cities vote separately from those living outside of cities; and voters in segregated irrigation areas, where irrigation areas are over five miles apart, vote separately from others. The majority vote in each voting unit determines whether or not that particular unit is included in the district. Once a district is organized, its members can finance its operations by voting taxes up to 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, if desired.

Once the district is organized and the directors elected, the Law assigns nine powers to the district.

1. It has general power to do what is necessary for conserving, preserving, protecting, and recharging underground water over which it has jurisdiction.

2. Prevent waste by letting water flow when not being used, polluting of water in reservoirs, letting water escape from underground water reservoir not containing water, and or withdrawal of water resulting in unsuitable water coming into the reservoir.

3. The district can require that any person wishing to drill a well obtain a permit from the district before drilling.

4. Control spacing of wells.  
5. Require records be kept on

drilling work and water used.  
6. Improve or build structures for increasing recharge of reservoir.

7. Employ district engineer for surveying purposes.  
8. Analyze all available information and plan best use of water, provided the solution comes within its powers. It does not have power to prorate water.

9. The district can go into court and get an injunction or a mandamus or whatever other legal remedy it might need to enforce its rules and regulations.

The Board of Directors is made up of local people in the county. In case of more than one county in a district, in addition to the county committee, there are five directors on the district board.

The public is urged to attend the meeting and hear the speakers discuss this district law and get your questions answered. Bulletins on the Underground Water Conservation District Law are available at the County Agent's office and will be distributed at this meeting. The Royalty Owners meeting is of particular interest to the farmers and business men because it is tied in very closely with the development of this underground water. They will have a very interesting report to give the people, in addition to some business they need to present.

## 45 Young People Take Part In Record School

Forty-five 4-H Club boys and girls, adult leaders, and parents attended the training school on "Records" which was held Saturday morning at the court house by the County Extension Agents.

The following things were discussed at this meeting:

1. What goes into a 4-H Record.
2. Photograph.
3. Standard Report Form.
4. 4-H Club story.
5. Record book.
6. News clippings.
7. Pictures.
8. Awards and recognitions.
9. 4-H Club correspondence.
10. Why keep a record.

A slide show was given on "Making Records." Pictures were made of the group and materials for records were given each member.

Ten of the eleven 4-H Clubs in Sherman County were represented. The Country Club girls' club was 100 percent in attendance and also had one of their adult leaders present.

Those attending the training meeting were Nathacha Morris, Shirley Robbins, Jonna Knight, Donna Boner, Laurina Mae Riggs, Wanda Preston, Martha Purnell, Wynette Morris, Sharon Smith, Susan Sloan, Norveta Bammes, Nanfreda Bammes, Jean Spurlock, Kay Spurlock, Elaine Spurlock, Madelen Reesing, Julia Willey, Alice Ann Hayse, Betty Bradley, Ann Bradley, Frankle Aduddell, Linda Riffe, Lora Ann Schafer, Sherry Goule, Bill Kirkwood, Bill Dyess, Joedale Reesing, Chuck Oakley, Wayne Cummings, Karl Kirkwood, Hal Bennett, Dean Roper, Ronnie Pickens, Sheila Donelson, Sharon Gamble, Gay Plunk, Carolee Baskin, Mary Sue Taylor, Jessie Jean Riggs, Kay Pickens, Mrs. A. B. Morris, Mrs. Travis Spurlock, Mrs. Jodie Reesing, Mrs. Roy Schafer, and Earl Kirkwood.

## Brooks Stationed At McAllister

Pfc. Clyde Brooks has been stationed at the U. S. Naval Base at McAllister, Oklahoma. Brooks expects to receive his discharge March 20. He returned from duty with the U. S. Marine Corps in Korea recently to be with his father during an operation.

## Honored With Pink And Blue Shower Friday

The Flora Foreman Circle members were entertained in the home of Mrs. Emil Blanck Friday. Mrs. Percy Pronger, Jr., was honored with a pink and blue shower. About twenty members attended and enjoyed several games with all the prizes going to the honoree.

After refreshments were served, a lovely gown and white shawl were presented to Mrs.

Pronger.

## Group Three Meets With Mrs. Arnold

Christian Womens Fellowship Group Three met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Archie Arnold with five members present.

The group leader, Mrs. Arthur Folsom, opened the meeting and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien led the opening prayer.

The lesson study was on the following chapters of the Bible study, "Old Testament History by Characters" and "Old Testament Histories by Characters concluded." Each one took part in the lesson and the meeting was closed with the missionary benediction. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and a social period was enjoyed.

## Mrs. Lester Plunk Is Circle Hostess

The Mollie Davis Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Wednesday with Mrs. Lester Plunk for a circle program. Mrs. H. B. Norris, circle chairman, opened the meeting and Mrs. Stanley Murdock led the opening prayer. The devotional was given by Mrs. W. O. Cook. "Great Things for God," was discussed by Mrs. Lester Plunk. Margaret Funk and Me' was given by Mrs. Stanley Murdock. "Home Missionaries to the Russians" was the topic of Mrs. W. P. Brooks. Refreshments were served to Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. Stanley Murdock, Mrs. H. B. Norris, Mrs. A. H. Ellison, Mrs. W. P. Brooks, by Mrs. Lester Plunk.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. M. J. Carter.

## Mrs. Keener Is Hostess To Variety Club

Mrs. Ralph Keener was hostess to the Variety Club Thursday of last week at 11:30 A. M. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by Mrs. Roy Mitchell, Mrs. Tommie Reeves, Mrs. D. Howard, Mrs. S. J. Lavake, Mrs. Elmer Oquin, Mrs. Tom Lavake and the hostess, Mrs. Ralph

Keener. Mrs. Ralph Keener and Mrs. Elmer Oquin were honored with birthday gifts.

The club will meet February 11 at 2:30 P. M. in the home of Mrs. Raymond Keener to honor

the birthdays of Mrs. Tom Lavake and Mrs. Roy Mitchell.

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### American Heart Month Is Designated

Schools, churches, scientific bodies, social and fraternal organizations and the people gen-

erally today were urged by Mayor H. M. Flores to actively support the Sherman and Moore Heart Association in its February Heart Fund campaign.

In a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month, Mayor Flores pointed out that diseases of the heart and

circulation are the leading causes of disability and death in this area, as well as throughout the United States.

Present at the signing ceremony, which was held at Dumas, were Kenneth Kendrick and H. M. Flores.

The Heart Fund, sponsored by the Sherman and Moore Heart Association and the American Heart Association, is seeking to raise \$2,500.00 in its month-long campaign. The major portion of contributions will support local and state programs, with the remainder going to advance the nation-wide program of the American Heart Association.

Mayor Flores' proclamation stressed these factors:

"The people of this community earnestly share the hope of science that practical measures can be found through research to combat cardiovascular illnesses.

"There is urgent need for public education to dispel harmful misconceptions concerning heart disease.

"This community requires heart programs looking toward the protection of healthy hearts and the rehabilitation of heart disease sufferers."

BE IT PROCLAIMED:

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart and circulation are the leading causes of disability and death in this city, as throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, these diseases constitute a basic health problem that is everybody's concern;

WHEREAS, the people of this community earnestly share the hope of science that practical measures can be found through research effectively to combat cardiovascular illnesses;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for public education to dispel harmful misconceptions concerning heart diseases;

WHEREAS, this city requires community heart programs looking toward the protection of healthy hearts and the rehabilitation of heart disease sufferers; and

WHEREAS, the Sherman-Moore Heart Association, an affiliate of the American Heart Association, devotes itself during the month of February to an effort to enlist the aid and cooperation of the people, science, medicine, government, health agencies and social agencies in a constant and intensive battle against heart disease:

NOW THEREFORE, I, H. M. Flores, Mayor of Stratford, do hereby order that the month of February be observed in the City of Stratford as American Heart Month. I further call upon all schools, churches, scientific bodies, civic association, business establishments, social and fraternal organizations and the people generally to fully cooperate in the Heart Fund Campaign and its activities to improve the public health.

speaker on the "Ross Rizley Appreciation Day" program to be held in the high school auditorium in Guymon, Oklahoma at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday of next week.

### CUB SCOUTS HAVE JOINT DEN MEETING

All four dens of the local Cub Scouts joined in a Pack Meeting at the Legion Hall January 26, with each Den participating in the program. Den one gave a puppet show. Den two and Den three each had an Indian stunt, and Den four entertained with a Kitchen Band.

Forty-four badges, arrows and service stars were presented to the boys by Cub Master George Allen, who also introduced Scout Field Executive Dan Ferguson of Dalhart, who told something of the work to be done.

Den four closed the meeting with the Cub Scout song.

Den Mothers are Mrs. Paul Aduddell and Mrs. Virgie Mathews, Den one; Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Mrs. Newton Crabtree, Den two; Mrs. Cone Donelson, Den three; Mrs. Virgil Garoutte and Mrs. David McBryde, Den four.

### Kirk McWilliams Gets Discharge From Air Force

A/1c Kirk McWilliams received his discharge at Clark Air Force Base, California Thursday of last week. He arrived home Wednesday morning.

McWilliams spent four years in the air force, two and a half years of this time, he served in Japan.

Kirk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

### Mrs. J. S. Johnson Is Circle Hostess

The Mildred Crabtree circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met with Mrs. J. S. Johnson for Bible study. Mrs. Roy Strother presented a very interesting lesson on the life of Samuel. Plans were discussed for a supper and

mission study class for the Y. W. A. which the circle sponsors. Delicious punch was served to Mesdames Leon Guthrie, O. H. Ingham, Newton James, V. M. King, Everett Riggs, E. B. McQueen, Roy Strother and Mrs. Molly Davis by the hostess, Mrs. J. S. Johnson.

### The Elk—

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we should have copies available in a few days.

### Hit Parade

Pat T. to Bob G. — There Stands the Class.  
Ealton D. to Donald S. — I Get

### Authorized Political Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election to be held Saturday, July 24

For County Treasurer:  
Mrs. Marguerite Wilson.  
Mrs. Loraine Foster.  
Mrs. Dorothy R. Slay.

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:  
A. L. Wilson.  
Harry Sears.

For County and District Clerk:  
Mrs. Lelah Boney.  
Mrs. Ethel Skillin.

For County Commissioners of Precinct 1:  
Roscoe Dyess.

For County Commissioner of Precinct 4:  
E. E. Hamilton.  
F. M. Keener.  
J. M. Bowling.

For Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4:  
Burk Green.

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Schools:  
Bob Ferguson.

Oslo, Norway, was formerly known as Christiana.

Ideas.  
Bob N. to Sherry G. — Do I Like It?  
Buzz W. to Joyce H. — Blue Moon.  
Carroll Ann to Benny — Oh! Beth P. to Douglas C. — Please Don't Talk About Me.  
Jean C. to Frankie H. — With These Hands.  
Joy K. to Billy — That's Amore.  
E. A. to LeRayne — Pretend.  
James to Helen — I Love You

Because.  
Dan G. to Carloyn — She's My Baby.

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### Three Injured As Car Rolls

Two Amarillo air base men and their woman companion were involved in an accident which demolished the car and left them suffering from injuries of various natures Tuesday morning. The accident occurred on a county road about 4 miles north and 3 miles west of the Spurlock Chapel. The car was traveling at too high a rate of speed to make the square corner, according to those viewing the scene of the accident, and the vehicle turned over about five times.

Gorman Lawson, with a broken arm, and his companion, whom he called "Dolly," were discovered by a school bus driver Tuesday morning. A. B. Morris was notified and brought the couple to the Stratford Clinic. The girl was suffering from chest injuries and exposure. Some of their clothing had been burned in an attempt to keep warm in the 22 degree weather.

Joe Griggs, an occupant of the car, who left Lawson and his companion and went to search for help, was located by W. N. Elliott and M. H. Harrison at the Spurlock Chapel.

The airmen were transferred to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon.

**Benson Will Speak At Guymon Tuesday**  
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