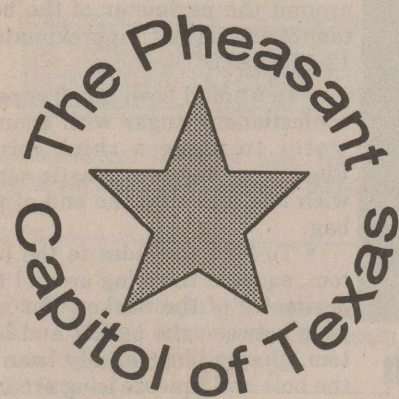


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Trivia Question For Last week in
March is-
Name the first King & Queen
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1960



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Alzheimers Support Group To Meet

Alzheimer's Support Group - Tuesday, April 2, 1996, 7 p.m. Coldwater Manor. Open to public.

Reminder!!

Reminder: Memorials can be made to Bonar Park. For more information contact Carolyn Tarver at the Allen Agency, Joan Palmer or Martha Ellison at Ellies. Deadline for getting your brick or name on the monument is May 1st.

Scot Luncheon

Scot Luncheon, Thursday, March 28th, at Scot Hall.

Scot Dance

Scot Dance Saturday, March 30th from 8 to 11 p.m.

Building Permit Code To Be Enforced

City to enforce Building permit code. See ad on page 7.

Time For Kindergarten Swimming

First week of Spring, can summer be far behind? Time for Kindergarten Swimming. Volunteers are needed the first 2 weeks of May. Needed: Swimmers, dressers, substitutes, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 1:00 to 3:00. Please contact Mr. Jim Bob Brown, elementary school.

Trustee Election

Eight candidates have signed up for the Stratford Ind. School District Trustee Election to be held on May 4, 1996. Those filing for position are incumbent Barbara Chumley, Karen Riffe, Dudley Hill, Suzanne Ashley, Frank Vaughn, Jesse Resendes, Barbara Chumley, Don Reed, and Danny J. Starnes. Two positions will be filled.

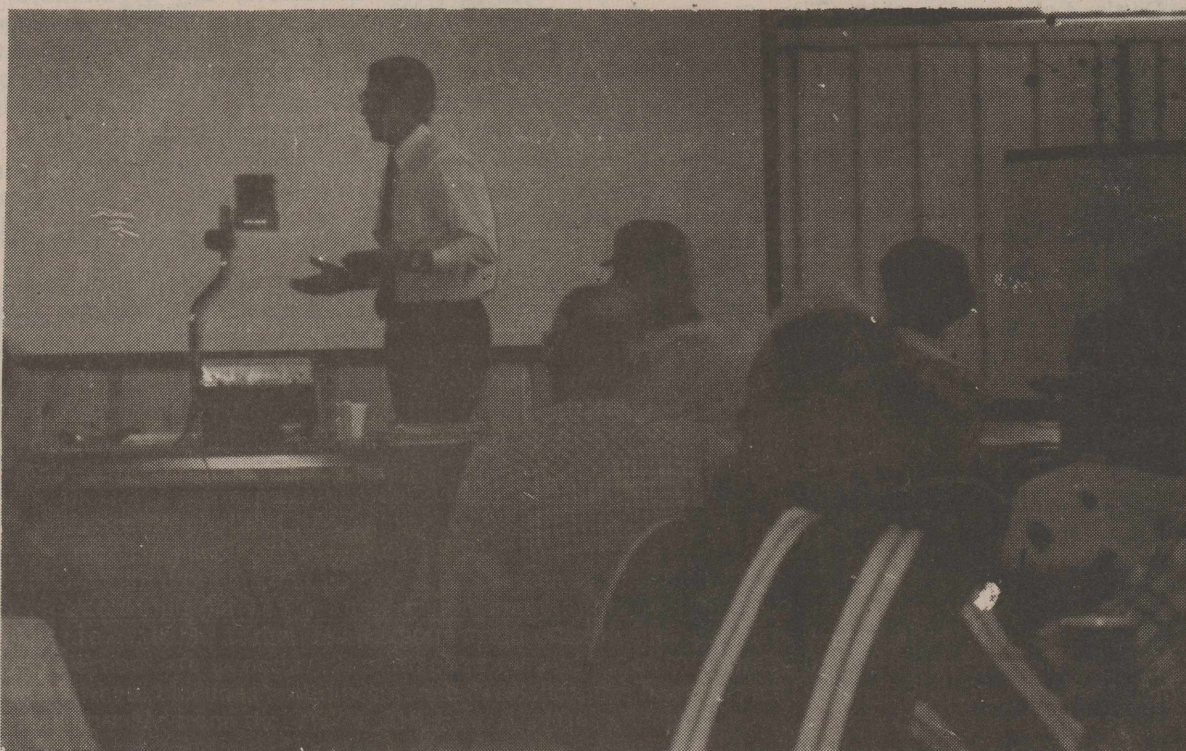
Absentee voting will begin on April 15, 1996 and continue through April 30, 1996. You may vote early at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regular voting will be conducted on May 4, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Prom Time Again

Believe it or not, it's Prom time again. The theme this year is Always & Forever. The proms will be 8th grade, Friday, March 29th and High School, Saturday, March 30th. Both will begin at 7:30 in the High School cafeteria. The public is invited to the dress rehearsal for the entertainment which will be Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Attention-Trees Available For Windbreaks

ATTENTION: Seedling hardwood and evergreen trees are in at the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District office. These seedlings can be used in windbreak plantings as well as home landscape practices. Evergreens are \$2.00 each and hardwoods are 65 cents each. Stop by soon for the best selection.



Kohl Speaks On Agriculture & Economics Friday In Stratford

Dr. David M. Kohl, Professor, Agricultural Economics at Virginia Tech gave a very informative talk about agriculture and economics at the Sherman County Barn on Friday, March 22nd. First State Bank, Stratford arranged for Dr. Kohl to speak at the County Barn.

City Has Reopened Area For Grass Clippings

The City of Stratford has reopened an area near the landfill for grass clippings. This area is just to the right of the chain gate, and will be open 24 hours a day. Please-Grass clippings only-no tree limbs, trash, plastic bags, etc.-just grass clippings. Everyone is urged to dispose of their grass clippings at this site, and help reduce the amount of trash that is filling up our landfill.

Texas Corn Producers Board Announces Election For Five Director Seats-Set Voting Deadline To Be April 22, 1996

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) announced that it will hold elections in five of its eight voting regions to elect five board members where current members' seats are expiring. The election will be conducted by voting regions. There is *One Seat* open for election in Voting Region Five which consists of *Sherman, Randall, Hansford, Moore, Potter, And Swisher*;

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of corn, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (April 22, 1996) has been a producer of corn or has caused corn to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the corn assessment. Qualified voters must reside within the TCPB voting region wherein they seek to vote. Ballots are available at the (1) all county agent offices within counties where elections are to occur, (2) at all elevators and processors within counties where elections are to occur, and (3) Ballots can be requested by mail directly from the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

If you request an election ballot by mail from TCPB, please include your county of residence. There are five TCPB voting regions conducting elections, and you must request the ballot that is appropriate for your county of residence.

Ballots will be available from the county agent offices in each of the 112 counties where elections are being conducted, from elevators or processors in such counties, or by mail from the TCPB office after March 25, 1996. For a ballot to be valid, it must be mailed to the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, with a postmark date of no later than April 22, 1996. Ballots with a postmark date later than April 22, 1996 will not be valid. Voters will be voting for qualified candidates who have sought nomination within the respective TCPB voting regions where elections are to occur. All voters otherwise qualified to vote as corn producers must reside in a county within the TCPB voting region where they seek to vote. Voters can only vote for candidates within the TCPB voting region where the voter resides. In addition to the candidates on the ballot, voters may also vote for write-in candidates.

The TCPB is a research and promotion program for corn funded by a uniform corn checkoff, collected on a refund basis, from corn producers in every county of Texas. This election in five of the TCPB eight voting regions is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

An official Ballot may be picked up at Stratford Grain Company. On the ballot is Billy C. Bell-Stratford for Sherman County, Marion Garland Sunray-Moore County and Dee Vaughan Dumas, Moore County.



CRP Program Announcement

Gary Lundberg announced today that an "early out" of some Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring September 30, 1996, will be available during a sign-up period to be held from March 20 through April 26 at local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Lundberg also said that current CRP participants whose contracts expire on September 30, 1996 will have an opportunity to extend their contracts for only one year. "A one year extension is the most prudent option until a new farm bill is enacted giving USDA new enrollment authority and establishing a longer-term policy for the CRP." After the farm bill is enacted, USDA will announce a policy for extension for all CRP contract holders. The sign up and dates to extend one year are March 20 through May 31, 1996.

Contracts with erodibility index greater than 15 will not be eligible for early out.

Highly erodible land released from the CRP for cropping must have an approved conservation plan. Any land used for haying or pasture must have a haying or grazing plan.

For contract extensions, the Commodity Credit Corporation will offer producers with CRP contracts expiring on September 30, 1996, the option to extend their contracts for one year.

"Extending these contracts will allow for the continued protection of highly erodible and environmentally-sensitive lands already in the program,"

The one-year extension will not change producers' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations existing under an original contract will continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

The one-year extension policy announced today permits those CRP participants with contracts expiring this year to make an informed decision about the early out. USDA intends to develop long-term CRP rules and regulations consistent with the changes Congress is now in the process of completing for the program. The actual terms and

Record Crowd Attends XIT Telephone's Meeting...

XIT Rural Telephone's 45th Annual Membership Meeting was a huge success. There were over 600 in attendance. Three hundred and twenty seven were voting members. Both totals represent a record attendance for the meeting. Members and invited guests were treated to a delicious luncheon catered by K-Bob's Steak House.

President Tommy Baskin welcomed the members and introduced the guests. Among the invited guests were retired XIT office manager, Ruby Smith.

A special presentation was made by President Baskin to the family of director Lee Hill. Baskin said, "We were saddened this year with the passing of Lee Hill. This is a loss not only to his family, but to the community, his church, and to the XIT Telephone Cooperative." Lee was elected to the XIT Telephone Board of Directors on February 2, 1972. He was elected vice president on April 18, 1973. While on the Board, Lee served on nearly every committee and was chairman of several. Baskin stated, "Lee was an example to the Board in his dedication to the job--the way he represented XIT Telephone at industry meetings, and by the way he prepared for each board meeting." Baskin concluded by saying that Lee's input to the organization for the past twenty four years was very much appreciated by all the board members and that he would be missed very much by the board and by the employees as well.

President Baskin then addressed the membership. He spoke about a "level playing field in regard to XIT Telephone and the rest of the world." He conveyed that our rural residents should not have telecommunication service of lesser quality than our "city cousins". Baskin informed the membership, "Congress has passed, and the president has signed into law a new Telecommunications Act." This legislation promises to bring sweeping changes to the Telecommunications Industry. Baskin remarked, "This is a new ball game that opens up new fields of competition that includes small telcos, large telcos, long distance providers, TV cable companies, and maybe a few more." Baskin went on to say that the game has started with two referees in place--the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He further commented that "We haven't seen the rules as of yet because the referees are writing them as the game progresses." Baskin did assure the membership that XIT's management and the Board of Directors are diligently working to maintain XIT's service at a level comparable to urban service--and at a reasonable cost to the members.

President Baskin then introduced the Cooperatives Manager, Jimmy R. White, who presented a brief report to the membership and explained the Cooperatives balance sheet and operating statement. White then reviewed graphs prepared to reflect the Cooperatives operations for 1995 and the Patronage Capital Credit Summary. He also presented a progress report on the Cooperatives subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Inc.

White told the membership that 1995 was another good year for the Cooperative. Looking forward--White added that 1996 appears to be a year for growth for the Cooperative, its subsidiary XT & T, and XIT Cellular. He said that all companies are gearing up for a marketing promotion for the new and enhanced services that XIT will begin offering soon.

Manager White elaborated on the legislation mentioned earlier by

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Exemption Information Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owners a pamphlet called "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities". Published by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, the "Remedies" Pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system works, and offers ways for possible tax savings. The pamphlet also describes exemptions available such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons or senior citizens. The pamphlet and all exemption forms are available at the Appraisal District Office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling 396-5566.

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it. Homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exception last year.

For example, all homeowners may file for a \$5,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural land owners. Owners of land receiving productivity valuation do not need to reapply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land Appraisal, tax rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners in the Sherman County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about all possible property tax relief. Remember, taxpayers must file exemption application with the Appraisal office by April 30 and any protests by May 31 of this year.

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Dear Readers
By Marty

Spring has sprung, and activities a plenty are going on in Stratford. Can you believe its prom time already. I feel so old at times.

Remember April is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month. When it warms up again, lets get out and spruce up our yards and businesses. I know my places need it.

Congratulations to all the young men and women in this weeks edition who have either participated in or won in some activity of their choice. We should be proud of our youth, we certainly have a great share of the pie of some excellent ones in our community. Your parents, teachers, grandparents, sisters, brothers, whomever should hold their heads up high.

I would like to express my appreciation again to all of you who have been so kind and patient during this most difficult time for me and my family. I have not exactly been on top of things and I do apologize for that. But everyday it gets a little easier, and I can only thank my wonderful family and friends for that. I love you all, you're the greatest. God has been very good to me.

Reminder-this is the last week in March for this months Trivia question. Try and be the winner of the Dinner for two at Betty's. Good Luck.

Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.
—Jerome K. Jerome



Historians say the ancient Sumerians created the first parks during the 2300's BC.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF TEXHOMA
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Texhoma will hold a second public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 1996 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements for the City in the approximate amount of \$250,000.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the City for assistance.

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Obituaries

John Durward Knowles

Texhoma-John Durward "Jerry" Knowles, 80, died Friday, March 22, 1996 in Guymon, Okla.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 25th in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Davidson officiating. Burial was in the Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Knowles was born in Tucumcari, N.M. He graduated from Tulia High School and received a degree in business administration and accounting from West Texas State University. He moved to Texhoma, where he worked for Sherman County Grain in 1939 as a bookkeeper and later as a manager. He retired in 1980.

He married Jeanette Wilson in 1940 at Texhoma. He was a member of First Baptist Church and served the community as town treasurer and past president of the Rotary Club. He served on the Boy Scout Committee of Texhoma and was a member of the Texhoma Masonic Lodge No. 382 AF&AM. He also served in the Navy for three years as a lieutenant in the Navy Supply Corps.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Don Knowles of Bakersfield, Calif., and Gary Knowles of Lakewood, Colo.; a brother, Alan Knowles of Lubbock; two sisters, Irene Willis of Fort Smith, Ar., and Bobbie Hodge of Dallas, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Dunaway Manor or a favorite charity.

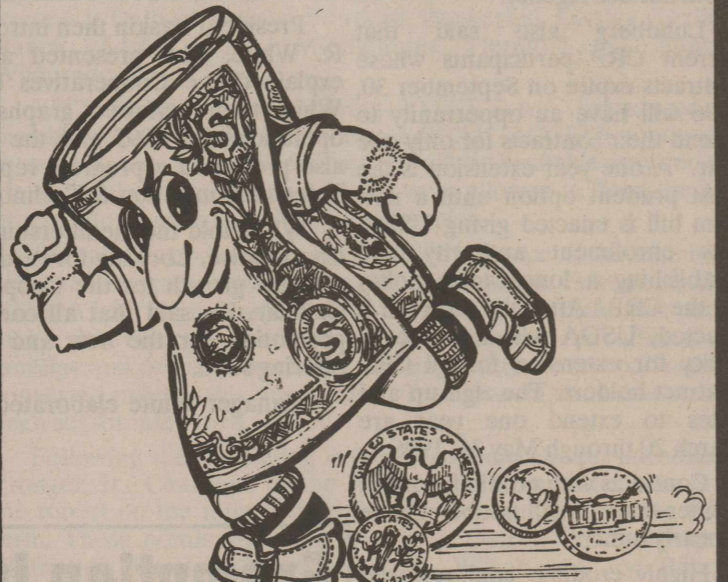
Letter To The Editor

Dear Marty,

Last Friday we had the opportunity to host the I-AA District UIL Academic Contest here in Stratford. We, at Stratford I.S.D., are very fortunate to have many people from our community willing to give up a day and help us. Our school faculty and staff is to be commended. Our custodial staff should receive a special thanks for having our buildings and grounds in excellent shape. A big thanks is due Martha Ellison and Stanfield Printing for their donation of flowers, and calculators respectively. Jeanie Boggs' hospitality room was fantastic as usual. Those helping from our community were Sandy Baskin, Brenda Bell, Jeanie Bell, Joan Bell, Margaret Bell, Becky Brooks, Dana Buckles, Lugenia Carter, Rene Cavitt, Bernice Christian, Barbara Chumley, Lisa Crabtree, Shanda Davis, Barbara Dettle, LeRayne Donelson, Tina Duke, Martha Ellison, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Orlanda Garoutte, Millie Hacker, Carol Heatwole, John Heatwole, Mary Hill, Sue Hudson, Brenda Johnson, Pat Johnson, Nancy Kimball, J.A. Lasley, Mike Leonard, Elaine Lundberg, Joyce McBryde, Kaci McBryde, Misti McBryde, Kim McCracken, Marilou McDaniel, Mark Metzger, Valerie Naugle, Janie Navarrete, Doris Parsons, Mary Pool, D'Lynn Reed, Margaret Reed, Janet Reinart, Gayle Rhoades, Karen Riffe, Kathy Riffe, Donita Robertson, Margaret Russell, Jeanie Sikora, Nelda Stacey, Daina Starnes, Jerry Stewart, Shannon Taliaferro, Carolyn Tarver, Cathy Thomas, Norma Trimpa, Patti Vincent, Kristi Walden, Ann Wells, Carolyn White, Faye White, Gay Wilhelm, and Kelly Willard.

A heart felt thanks to one and all.
Sincerely
Jim Taliaferro
Jim Bob Brown

CRP
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conditions will be developed through the regulatory process. As with the current CRP, the actual level of future participation may be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
Affected participants will be notified by their local Farm Service Agency office during the spring of the opportunity to modify and extend their CRP contracts.



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April is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month

SCDC Board planting grass at the Post Office "Keep Stratford Beautiful 1995"

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce, City of Stratford, and Sherman County Development would once again like to encourage the residents, businesses and organizations in Stratford to participate in Keep Stratford Beautiful Month by adopting a clean-up or beautification project. When you have chosen a project, please let the Chamber or SCDC know so that recognition can be given.

Several projects can be adopted including painting, picking up trash, planting flowers or trees, removing debris or junk, mowing vacant lots, maintaining yards, and more. If you need ideas, call the SCDC office.

Please help us to improve our community for our businesses, tourists, prospective new residents, and for the enjoyment of our local citizens. The improvements made last year were wonderful and proved to make an already beautiful community even better!

For questions or more information please call 396-2260 or 396-2897.

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is a vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of a child.

—Carl Jung

The Marshmallow Easter PEEPS™ Basket

Ingredients: Approximately 20-30 (Yellow, Lavender, Pink, White) Marshmallow PEEPS™, 2 cups confectioner's sugar, 10 oz. bag jelly beans, one small bag shredded white coconut, and green food coloring.

• Take four Marshmallow PEEPS™ still connected and flatten with palm of your hand to create bottom of the basket. Assemble still connected PEEPS™ around the perimeter of the bottom of the basket (approximately 12-15 PEEPS™).

• In a small bowl mix 2 cups of confectioner's sugar with enough water to make a thick icing. Place the icing in a plastic sandwich bag and snip the end of the bag.

• To hold the sides to the bottom, squeeze the icing around the perimeter of the basket. For any gaps between the basket and bottom, simply place a jelly bean in the hole and squeeze icing around.

• Place basket in refrigerator until icing has hardened, about three hours.

• When icing has hardened, remove basket from the refrigerator. Mix drops of green food coloring with coconut to resemble grass and fill basket with coconut, Marshmallow PEEPS™ and our delicious Just Born Jelly Beans (Assorted, Berry, Spicy, Licorice) and voilà!—an Easter PEEPS™ Basket!

For more ideas on how to make this Easter special, please write or call: Rose T. Craig, Community Relations & Communications Manager, Just Born 1300 Steffko Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18016-1158. Telephone: (800) 445-5787.

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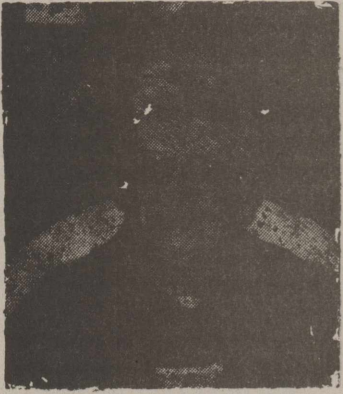
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Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown



Happy Day to you, Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this lovely spring A.M. Monday, March 25, 1996. Seemingly the small amount of snow that fell Sunday washed some of the dust out of the air helping to clear the atmosphere. We are told that our neighbors tulips and crocuses are beginning to grow through the soil and will soon be blooming.

Sunday is a good day for "shut ins" we have learned because we know that most of our peers and family members will be going to church, and following a routine and we're doing the same in spirit IF NOT in fact.

Yesterday was youth day at First Baptist. We relived our youth growing pains as a young Christian with them as they presented their program. At First Methodist we searched with the pastor and little ones for the "sweet treasures" and heard three good sermons. And closed the day with Dr. Mam's Common sense comments. All this was by the wonders of T.F. BUT we were NOT ALONG nor lonely.

We are able physically to attend in person but could have benefited very little therefore we chose the quite way.

Thursday, March 28 is regular meeting day for Scotters. We hope to be there in person.

At Scot Style Show on Friday we visited with Rowena Williams, Irene Zaricor, Dorothy Robbins, Wanda Woolsey, Karen Woolsey, Helen Judd, Charlene Oquin, Lorelyn Powers, Timi Brown, Bess Stone, Alda Mitts, Linda Mitts Oquin.

As modeling we recognized Ellen Tillery, Liz Sanders, J.A. Lasley, Joyce, Kaci, Misty McBryde, Mary Brannan. Now remember our eyesight isn't very good so we missed alot of them. The proceeds were divided by SCOT and Bonar Park, but we don't know what the results were.

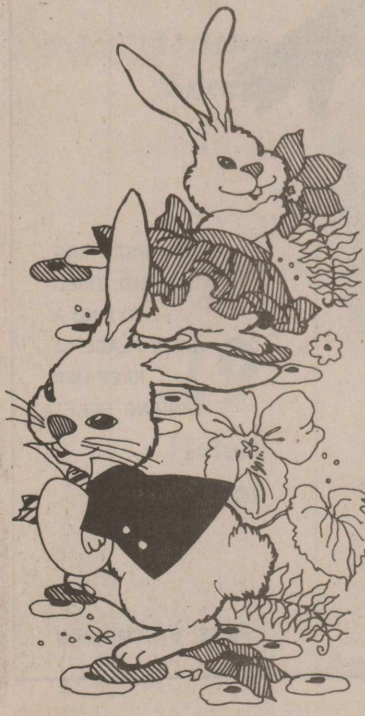
Attending the Baptist Women's Birthday luncheon at Headquarters were Alora Taylor, Geneva Bell, Rose Wells, Lillie Galloway, Carmen Hernandez, Louella Johnson, Luzelle Lowe, Anita DeBord, Cecelia DeBord, Corda Pleyer, Genevieve Wilson, Dorothy Haile.

Geneva, H.L. and Allan haile were in Stratford Tuesday tending to business. Joy and Timi and Devan were in Amarillo shopping. Did you enjoy seeing the story of Betty Crocker on ABC on Wed. March 20th. It was celebrating her 75 year. Since she is not a real person, we thought the composite pictures was pretty good.

Easter Blessings on you faithful readers of Tidbits who are scattered over pints in Texas, Georgia, Mass. Ill. Kans, Okla, Colorado, Calif, Ariz, N.M. where you live, this is a special time to contact our peers with encouraging words, shoulder pats and expressions of love. Let us do that little act of kindness!

Brother Darrell Lewis held a meeting in the Elkhart Baptist Church last week.

P.S. General information is that Opal Bryant remains in Dumas hospital, that Mary Peach is in extended care in Dumas Hospital.



Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick is growing by leaps and bounds This week the parents of Florecia Eslinger and Gary Hudgens moved in a large mobile home. Shorty & Louise Hudgens had been living in Stinnett. This puts Shorty closer to his favorite fishing hole!

Two young men have moved into the house across from the Community Center. They are Justin Moore and Monte Cryer.

Now when Trisha & Brady Schoonover's baby arrives in April—a population boom!

Sorry to report that the seismograph crew that is passing between Kerrick and Stratford is doing a lot of damage to fences, posts, etc. and leaving gates open and letting cattle out. Maybe if land owners protest enough and send the company bills, the crew would be more careful. Just a little caution is all it takes to prevent damage!

Some great food was enjoyed Friday at the Mexican food supper. Hosts were Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel. Jo June was ill and couldn't be there, however.

Present were new residents, Justin Moore & Monte Cryer. Others were Derrek Wells of Lubbock, R.J. & Mary Hill, Dick & Marjory Munden, Stratford and Brady, Trisha & Reed Schoonover, Gary Hudgens, Brad McBryde, Jennifer & Ryan Wells, Virgie Mathews, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Florecia Eslinger, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, George & Barbara Avent.

Ottis & Jan Webster, Ralph, Minnie, Ralph James & Annette Hampton, Nita Taylor, Roy & Ciccy Harris, Marylou, Mike & Merilee McDaniel, Terry & Barbara Schoonover.

Ottis and Jan Webster are the proud grandparents of Bailey Michelle Harkins who was born March 11, 1996. She weighed 4 lbs. 12 oz and was 18 inches long. Parents are Roy & Amy Harkins of Corpus Christi. Wille Mae Webster, Amarillo, is a great grandmother.

Kerrick Good Guys bowling team had the same thing happen to them as Stratford Grain! At the last shift they were knocked out of first place by Martin's Jewelry—BUT there was a twist! Bill Gillenwaters bowled on both teams! Gerald Wilhelm also was on Martin's Jewelry. Others bowling on the Kerrick team were Bill Boren, Gary Hudgens, Chub Carter and Mike McDaniel.

Story of Easter Brought To Life Again

The story of Easter will be brought to life once again at the 45th annual Easter Pageant near Kenton, Oklahoma, Saturday and Sunday, April 6th and 7th. The services are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Central Time Sunday morning (or 5:00 Mountain Time Saturday evening & 6:00 Sunday morning.)

The story taken from the King James Version of the Bible will be portrayed from the Last Supper to the Ascension.

The Saturday evening performance is timed to dramatize the moment of the crucifixion, with Christ hanging from the cross between two thieves, just as the sun sets over the rugged canyon wall.

This performance of the death of Christ and the despair of the world, will be followed on Sunday morning by the living hope of the resurrection, as the sun rises on a great earthquake and ends with the wonderful scene of the Ascension.

The cast of the Kenton Easter Pageant is composed of ranchers, farmers, housewives, students, business and professional people from the surrounding area, who devote their time and labor to the presentation of the pageant. Some of the cast members are third and fourth generation participants.

The pageant grounds are located in the beautiful Black Mesa Canyon Country one and one-half miles East of Kenton in the Oklahoma panhandle. The canyon walls serve as a natural theater for the pageant taking place on the hillside as the audience watches from their cars in the valley below.

Meals will be served at nearby Camp Billy Joe following each of the two performances. Meal costs will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10 years.

Camper hook-ups are available at Kenton, at Camp Bill Joe, and at Lake Etling for people who may wish to stay in the area overnight. There are also five dorm accommodations at Camp Billy Joe. Anyone desiring more information may call (405) 261-7479.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

At times it seems like there isn't any activities going on, but last week and next week will be different. Last week regular activities such as Pool playing, ceramics, aerobics, bingo then also a tour of Scot Hall by a leadership class on Wednesday afternoon. Friday evening was a Spring Style Show in which Scot made over \$100.00.

This weeks activities include Monday night Dance Practice, Tuesday night, meet with Fair Board, Tuesday board meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday noon luncheon, Saturday night Dance.

Thanks to everyone involved with the style show, also to Ellies for showing her new spring fashions.



No man is lonely while eating spaghetti.
—Robert Morley

First Christian Church
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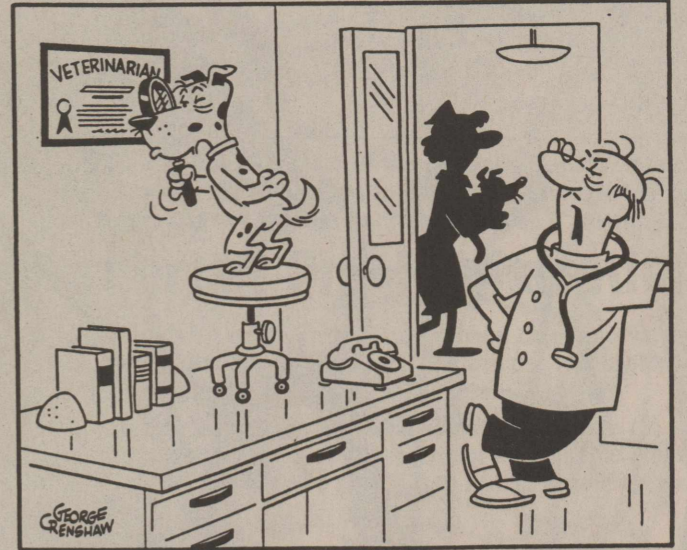
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Regular Trade Days at The Border Stop at Kerrick, Texas
All day Saturday, March 30th
There will be a garage sale set up on the grounds - all women invited to bring items to be sold.
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Jon Heatwole
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
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Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm
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Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

In Harmony With Nature

There are wonders all around us
To see, to touch, to hear—
God's handiwork surrounds us
And reminds us He is near...
So every time you smell a flower,
Or see a starlit sky,
Or hear a cricket chirping,
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You've touched the hand of God above—
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm
Se Cuidamos Susninos Durante El Servicio.



Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Beattie are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Cheryl Lynn to Coby Galla, son of LuAnn Galla of Amarillo and Mike Galla of Stratford. Cheryl is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. York of San Saba and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beattie of Amarillo. Coby is the grandson of Mrs. Jean Turner of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green of Elk City, Oklahoma. The couple are planning to be married April 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

Prospectus Study Club

Young people who attended Leadership Workshops spoke of their experiences March 20 when Prospectus Study Club met at Barbara Chumley's. Since the weather had changed the meeting date, some scheduled were unable to attend.

Ryan Swain spoke about the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar and Cassie Bell and Wyatt Young told of their 4-H Leadership Retreat. They were introduced by Jimmie Pronger, Program coordinator. She read a letter from Misty Bruns who had attended HOBY. Ashley Stoy will be attending the April 26-28 HOBY Seminar.

D'Lynn Reed, club president, conducted the business session. The resignation of Lore Dietrich was accepted with regret. She is moving to Morgan Mill, Texas.

Club will purchase a brick for Bonar Park.

Surveying for a Community Improvement Project are ViAnn Reed, Sonja Kendrick, Barbara Chumley, Linda Haynes and Margaret Reed.

Several club members will be attending the Top Of Texas District Convention in at Borger Country Club March 30. A leadership workshop is slated there for March 29.

A business session will be held April 3 at Betty Brown's. Selection of 1996 Old Timer King & Queen, Scholarship and summer plans are on the agenda.

Co-hostesses Margaret Reed, Marsha Wright & Dorothy Haile served refreshments to D'Lynn Reed, Oline Caraway, Mary Woodford Wisdom, J.A. Lasley, Mattie Baskin, ViAnn Red, Marylou McDaniel, Betty Brown, Liz Sanders, Sonja Kendrick, Linda Swain, Patti Vincent Linda Haynes, Marty Bain, Jimmie Pronger, Cynthia Schoenhals and Barbara Chumley.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Stop Aging Now! is by Jean Carper. She writes columns for USA Weekend and King Features Syndicate. She was an award winning medical correspondent for CNN. "Stop Aging Now! is a well-researched beautifully written book on aging that will enable everyone to increase their years of healthy life" is a quote from Denhan Harman, M.D., University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

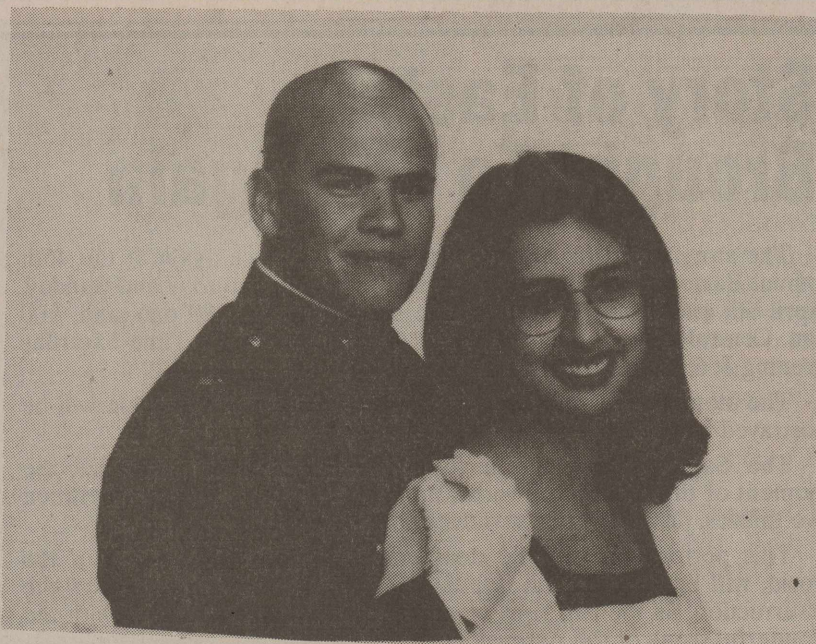
Kathleen Nosek, former Executive Director of the National Dyslexia Referral Center provides information for frustrated parents, teachers, and dyslexic students how to work with the public school system. In her book The Dyslexic Scholar she gives a definition of dyslexia, how to identify dyslexia and step-by-step instructions on exactly what parents should do if their child is dyslexic. The following gifted individuals had dyslexia: Thomas Edison, Tom Cruise, Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, General George Patton, Hans Christian Anderson, and Nolan Ryan.

That Camden Summer by Laverl Spencer and Breakfast in Bed by Sandra Brown are new fiction titles.

In Marketing Your Arts and Crafts: Creative Ways to Profit From Your Work, author Janice West presents fifty ways for getting your work noticed and sold.

To most men, experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Engagement Announced

Artemio and Eva Cano are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Anna Cano to Patrick Wells McCuen. Patrick is the son of Ralph McCuen of El Paso, Texas, and June McCuen of Louisville, Kentucky. Anna is a student at the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in Political Government. Patrick is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, and is currently in the Marines, stationed in Virginia. A wedding in late May is planned in Dallas, TX.

Mierzwik Named Student of The Month

Stephanie Mierzwik, an honor student at Greenville High School, was selected in Feb. as the Greenville Rotary Club Student of the Month. The senior has been active in Future Homemakers of America on the year book staff for three years, a member of the tennis team and in the D-FY-IT drug free program all four years.

She is a Cum Laude student this year. Mierzwik hopes to attend Texas Tech and major in legal studies. Gil Weaver, Greenville Superintendent presented the award.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of J.R. and Erma Houston of Stratford.

Births

Ashley & Calvin James Brooks are proud of their new brother, Parker Alan, born in Guymon, Ok. Wednesday, March 20, 1996. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 7 ozs and 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Tina and Russel Brooks. Grandparents Brenda & Jim Hutchinson of Garden City, Ks and Dwight and Mary Brooks of Stratford.

Great grandparents of the little mister are Roy and Jo Carpenter of Houston, Tx. Mae Hutchinson of Sunray, Myrtle Ellison and Joyce Brooks both of Stratford.



In 1994, there were an estimated 3,949,000 births in the U.S. This was the first time since 1989 that the total has fallen under four million.



Stratford Four Attend Meeting

The Northwest Texas Museum Association met March 15th for their spring meeting at the Hutchinson County Museum in Borger. Representatives of museums all over the Panhandle area were in attendance. The program entitled "Researching and Exhibit" was presented by Dr. Bill Green of Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon. It was a very informative and interesting program. Lunch, by the host museum, was served in the museum area. Several awards were presented including one to the Sherman County Depot Museum. Following lunch and the program, tours of downtown Borger, were conducted. Others chose to tour the museum itself on their newly erected oil-drilling rig located across the street. Shown above attending from the Depot Museum were left to right Daina Starnes, Joyce Hart and Helen & Arthur Judd.



Shown modeling fashions for Ellie's at the Spring Style Show is Tanya Thiessen. Margaret Reed shown to the right was M.C. for the event. The Spring Style Show was held at SCOT Hall on Friday, March 22nd with proceeds benefiting SCOT Hall, Bonar Park and Christmas decorations fund.

Happy Birthday,

Bobby, Cecilia, Heath, Jo, Kyla, Michael, Ralph, Whitney, Don, Hailey, Lindsay, Shane, Christina, Gail, Gene, Jeremy, Julie, Mario, Jerry, Alissa, Delores, Helen, Jim, Lucero

AFTER YEARS OF WAITING TABLES,
IT WAS LAVERNE HICKS' TURN TO
SAY, "CHECK, PLEASE."

ONE DAY, LAVERNE HICKS WAS BRINGING THE DAILY SPECIAL TO THE REGULARS AT HER HOMETOWN DINER. THE NEXT DAY, SHE WAS PICKING UP THE CHECK - A \$7.7 MILLION CHECK FROM LOTTO TEXAS. THESE DAYS, LAVERNE HAS HUNG UP HER APRON SO SHE CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON BEING ONE OF OVER 150 MILLIONAIRES AND STILL COUNTING.

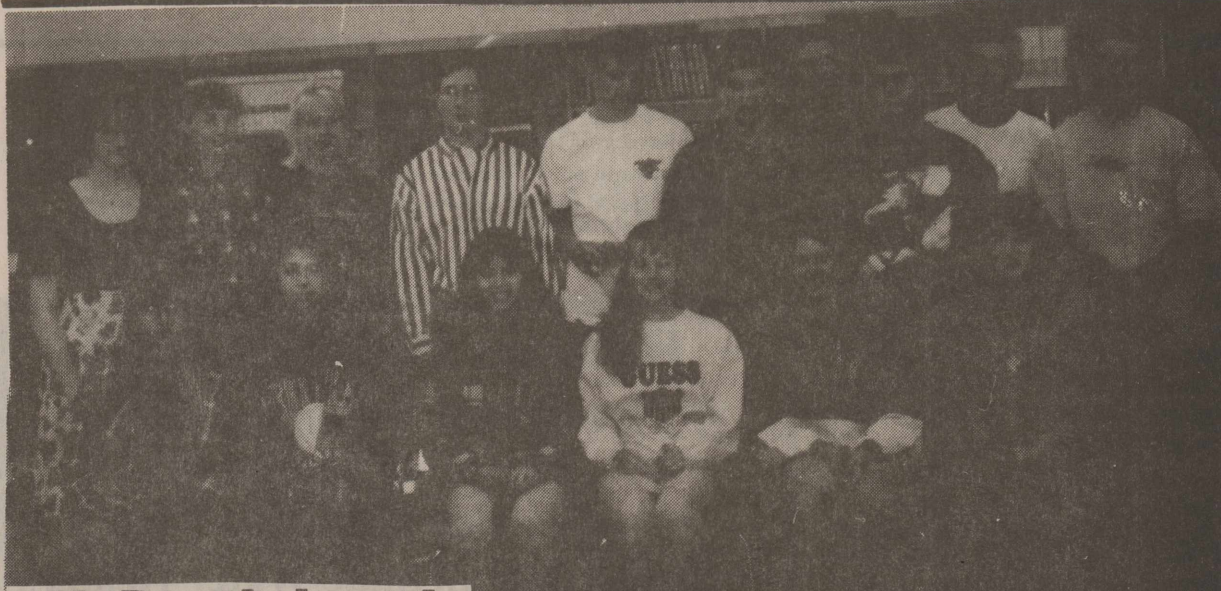


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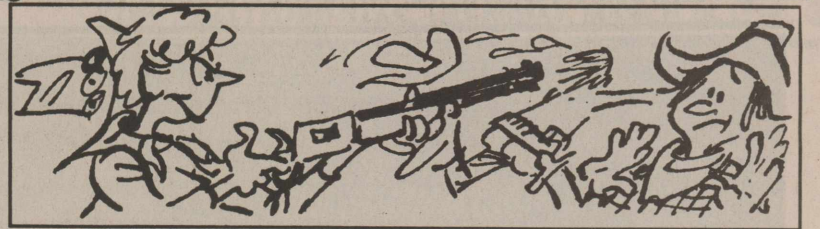


UIL Participants

Placing in UIL held Friday, March 22nd in Stratford were seated (l to r) Susan Dewees, Erica Baeza, Julie Kimball, Ashley Stoy, Ashlie Lasley and Carissa Reinart. Standing from left, Amy Reinart, Megan Baskin, Cara Lavake, Clay Wheeler, T.D. Baskin, Mark Meil, J.B. Presley, Ezra Daniels, Chris Haynes and Finnan McClellan. Not available for picture were Jeremy Pool and Jessica Sikora.

Stratford UIL results from Friday, March 22nd are as follows for high school: Accounting: Carissa Reinart - 1st, Susan Dewees - 2nd and Cara Lavake - 6th - 1st Team - Carissa Reinart, Susan Dewees, Cara Lavake. Computer Applications: Clay Wheeler - 1st and Susan Dewees - 2nd. Computer Science: 2nd Team - T.D. Baskin, Carissa Reinart and Ezra Daniels. Current Issues & Events: Chris Haynes - 4th, Jeremy Pool - 5th, J.B. Presley - 6th. 2nd Team - Chris Haynes, Jeremy Pool and J.B. Presley. Feature Writing: Ashley Stoy - 5th. Editorial Writing: Clay Wheeler - 6th. Mathematics: Ezra Daniels - 5th. Number Sense: Mark Meil - 3rd. Ready Writing: Jessica Sikora - 6th. Science: Mark Meil - 5th. Spelling & Vocabulary: Erica Baeza - 1st, Amy Reinart - 5th. 1st Team - Erica Baeza, Amy Reinart and Megan Baskin. Poetry Interpretation: Finnan McClellan - 5th. Prose Interpretation: Julie Kimball - 6th. Lincoln Douglas Debate: Ashlie Lasley - 1st.

Advancing to Regionals are Carissa Reinart, Susan Dewees, Cara Lavake, Clay Wheeler, Mark Meil, Erica Baeza, Amy Reinart, Megan Baskin and Ashlie Lasley.



Calamity Jane was the nickname of Martha Jane Canary, a famous American frontierswoman. According to one story, she got her name because she used to warn men that to offend her was a calamity.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

It is time to think about next year's Kindergarten class and we could use your help in finding our Pre-K. Students. We will use this list to invite the children to the Kindergarten Easter Party.

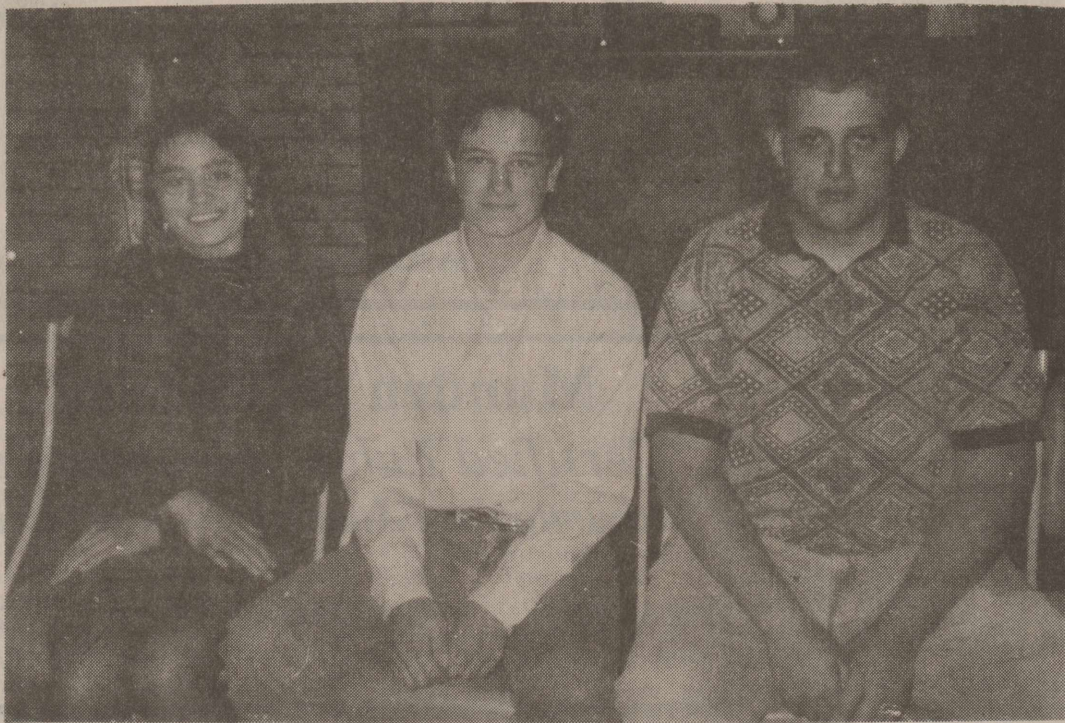
All children entering Kindergarten next year must be five (5) years old on or before September, 1996. If you know of any eligible children. Please fill out the following form and return it to Mary Allen Elementary School.

NAME _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____
 PARENT'S NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE NO. _____

All children that are entering kindergarten August 1996. Will need the following documents on file at the Mary Allen School by August 12, 1996.

1. Valid Birth Certificate
2. Updated Shot Record
3. Social Security Card

 If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.
 —Derek Bok




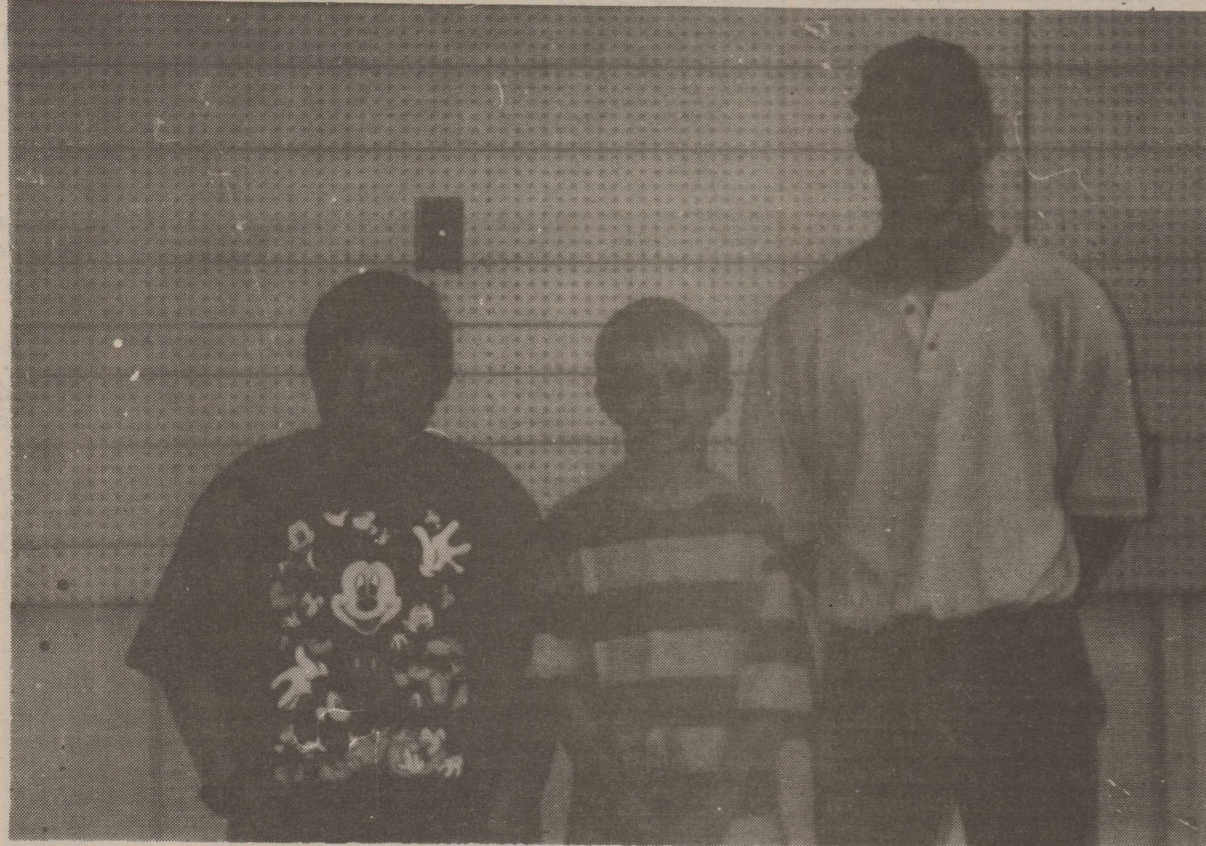
Leadership Workshop Participants

Speaking about their Leadership Workshops for Prospectus Study Club were from left, Cassie Bell, Wyatt Young and Ryan Swain. Bell and Young attended a 4-H Retreat and Swain attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar.

April 1996

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Susie Harlow	2 Lucille Hills	3 Polly Martin	4 Closed for Easter	5 Closed for Easter
8 Jimmie Pronger	9 Joan Palmer	10 Selma Pendleton	11 Marylou McDaniel	12 Marge Pilch
15 Alda Mitts	16 Billy Joe Ross	17 Dicy Stephenson	18 Marcella Sutton	19 Bess Stone
22 Orlena Sneed	23 Gaynelle Riffe	24 Nita Taylor	25 Cynthia Schoenhals	26 Daina Starnes
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The 1996 Sherman County Beef Carcass Contest was held recently. The event was sponsored by Cactus Feedyard & Stratford Feedyard. The purpose: to further the educational benefits received from livestock feeding, particularly cattle feeding, for 4-H and FFA students, their families, and any other interested party. The Carcass Contest Program provides information concerning the current USDA beef grading system and specifies those items that directly effect the value of the product ultimately purchased by the every day consumer. Participants received detailed carcass data for their entries. Those present were given a thorough explanation not only of how those results affected the placing of the steers in the contest but also how they fit into entire beef producing industry. Entries were limited to those steers exhibited in the recent Sherman Co. Livestock Show. There was 13 head this year. Cactus and Stratford purchased the steers after the Show's Premium Sale and later shipped the cattle to a beef packing plant where Cactus Feeders, Inc. personnel collected the individual carcass data. A Hamburger fry was had before the program on Thursday, March 21st in which Denny Pounds, Cactus Fed Cattle Salesman, was the speaker. Shown above are the winners left to right Josh Kautz third place winner of \$375.00, Levi Artho 2nd place \$500.00 and W.G. Lasley 1st place winner \$1,000.00. Congratulations Boys.

James & Cruz To Play In Down Under Bowl

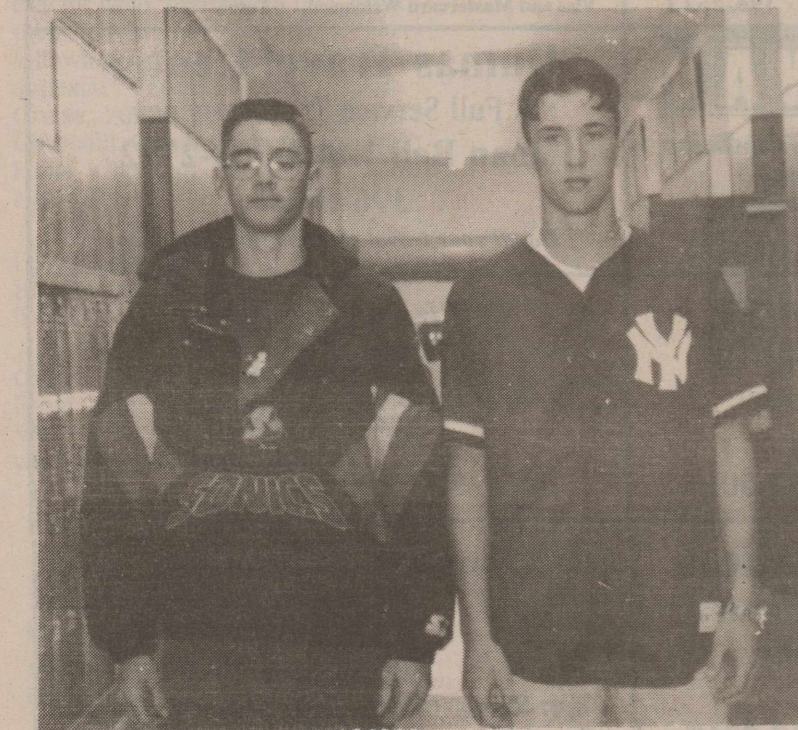
Trew James and Fabian Cruz, seniors at Stratford High School, have been invited to participate on this year's Texas Down Under Bowl team.



Trew James, left and Fabian Cruz, seniors at Stratford High School have been invited to participate in this year's Texas Down Under Bowl team.



From left, T.D. Baskin, Dusty Stewart and J.B. Presley were named All-District basketball.



Ross Davis, left and Brandon Starnes were named Honorable Mention All-District basketball.

chosen to play in this prestigious All Star game. They will be playing in an American football tournament, featuring All-Star State Teams from all over the United States.

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the 1996 Down Under Bowl. Those who have gone in the past have had an unforgettable and life changing experience. They have the chance to play and perform in front of Australian and New Zealand fans, and interact with Australian and New Zealand students. They not only see a part of the world that is truly fascinating, but they also act as Ambassadors for America as they exemplify the great sporting traditions we love.

Trew and Fabian will be selling tickets to an autograph party featuring Bob Lilly, as the guest speaker on Sunday, April 28th at 1:30 p.m. at the County Barn. Bob Lilly, a former Dallas Cowboy will come to speak and sign autographs. There will also be a Dallas Cowboy game football, that has been autographed by the team, that Trew and Fabian will be selling raffle tickets on.

Trew is the son of Ben Tom and Gayla James. He is a 3 year starter for the Stratford Elks and has played Offensive and Defensive tackle, and has been the deep snapper.

Fabian is the son of Joe and Sylvia Rangel. He played running back for the Elks and corner, he had 1146 yards rushing and 300 receiving.

All proceeds will go to help these boys pay for their Down Under Bowl trip.

Design Trends 2000 To Be Presented

DESIGN TRENDS 2000, will be presented by the District I Texas Association of Extension Home Economists members on Friday, March 29 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The educational seminar will begin at 1 p.m. with Gary Pheffer of Collections, Ann Fry of Kitchen and Bath Concepts, Anne Haralson Nail and Terry and Stewart Huber of Amarillo

College as keynote speakers. Topics to be covered will include today's decorating trends and how to work with a designer, special considerations for remodeling kitchens and baths, making interior spaces work for you and using what you have, and smart antique buying.

The program is open to all interested persons with a small fee of \$5.00 for general public and \$3.00 for Family and Community Education club members.

DESIGN TRENDS 2000 is being held in conjunction with the District I Family and Community Education clubs Cultural Arts Event also to be held March 29th.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 396-2122.

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7th grade: Supt: Austin Elliott, Josh Stone, Beau Sullivan, Mitch Trammell. Principals: Blake Dickson, Josh Moore, Tanya Salinas, Brody Winchester.

8th grade: Supt: Davey Johnson, Joe Reed, Bryan Worley. Principals: Amber Adams, Laci Unruh.

9th grade: Supt: Lori Clark. Principals: Marshall Bridwell, Eric Dumler, Jesus Garcia.

10th grade: Supt: Kori Harland. Principals: Shannon Adams, Kristi Burd, Brian Clark, Collete Coffey, Alan Huddleston, Stephen Keenan, Robin Larson, Linda Sangster, Jaime Sullivan, Jonas Walls.

11th grade: Supt: Jamey Mitchell, Jeremy Ross. Principals: Ace Berry, Misty May, Julie Skelton.

12th grade: Supt: Mendi Winchester. Principals: Robin Addcock, Heath Boothby, Jamie Burd, Kaycee Cartwright, Miranda Cole, Tommy Jones, Heide Schommler.

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So come on out to the MATUA FIELD DAY and get a hands on experience of this grass and also other grasses such as Eastern Gamagrass, Old World Bluestem, Orchardgrass and many others. Specialist such as Dr. Vivian Allen from Texas Tech University, Bob McBride from Boise City, Oklahoma, J.R. Bell from Amarillo, Texas, Rex McCloy from Morse, Texas, Chet Dewald from Woodward, Oklahoma will be there giving talks and answering any and all questions on these grasses. A free lunch will be served and furnished by Watley Seed Co. of Spearman, Texas. So don't you dare miss this chance to be informed. This Field Day is gladly being sponsored by the Hansford, Hutchinson Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information call area code 806-659-2330 or come by and see us at 909 W. 9th in Spearman, Texas.

See you Tuesday, April 2nd 1996 at the Morse Community Building at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts.

Every man is a borrower and a mimic; life is theatrical and literature a quotation.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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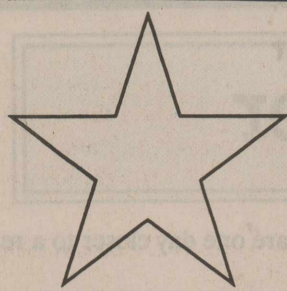
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Dollar Day Sale at Ellie's Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 3-28-c

40% off Winter Clearance Sale at THE General Store. Walls coveralls and coats, underwear, and winter boots. 3-11-tfn

For Sale: 1988 Regal. See at Brooks Motor or call 396-5684 after 5:00 2-8-tfn

For Sale: 1993 Ford 1/2 T. XL pickup, low mileage, call Armita at First State Bank 806-396-5521. 2-1-tfn

Trees & Shrubs have arrived at THE General Store. Selections include fruit, shade, and ornamental trees, flowering shrubs and arborvitae. 3-21-tfn

For Sale: 1994 Chevy Suburban. Loaded. 396-2070. 3-28-c

For Sale: Big Round Bales of good quality cane hay. Call 727-4302. 4-4-c

It's not too late to get your crabgrass control from THE General Store. While you're here, check out the monthly specials! 3-7-tfn

For Sale: Matching sofa & loveseat and washer & dryer. 396-2176. 3-28-c

Alcohol Anonymous And Al-Anon meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the County Barn

Debbi and Tana's Annual Bedding Plant Sale Coming Soon! Now Taking Orders For Large Orders! List Available at The Elk Pharmacy

Lost and Found

Lost! Child's saddle on 287 near Wallace Hill. Call 396-2527. 3-28-c

Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt.
—William Van Horne

Cards of Thanks

The family of Jo Ann Schank would like to thank everyone for their prayers, memorials, cards, visits, phone calls, & hugs. Your many kind words of sympathy have meant so much at this difficult time. We are so blessed to live in Stratford and all its wonderful people. Again thanks.

Duane & Marty Robertson
Lane, Donita, Kayla & Heather Robertson
Gregg, Shari, Brittany & Scott Hudson

Words cannot express our deep gratitude for all the kindness and consideration shown us by all our friends in our recent time of sorrow and need. Your prayers, calls, flowers, memorials, your kindnesses have given us great comfort. The love and concern you have shown will comfort and remain with us in the time ahead. We offer a special thanks to the staff of Coldwater Manor for their tender loving care of our mother during her tenure as a resident. May God bless each of you.

Billy Cox & family
Mildred Sanders & family
Margaret Duggins & family

Services

For Termite Control Call Leo Russell
1-383-7075 Amarillo. Have been working Stratford for 28 years. Have City and State license for the City of Stratford. 1-12-tfn

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Now has a place in Stratford for Pick up & Delivery. Bring your repairs to be done to Coldwater Manor Thrift Store on 287 and we will pick up, fix and deliver. Thrift Store open Thurs. - Sat. 9-4. 3-28-c

Veterans - You can still qualify for low interest loans on homes and land. For assistance in applying for these and other VA benefits. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348. 4-25-p

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Check With Us On Individual Health Plans. We have some new plans with new companies with some good Rates!
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Good clean fun. Need your house clean, windows washed. Call 396-2809. 10-19-tfn

K & F Landscaping From Mowing, Edging & All Your Lawn & Garden Needs To Landscape Design & Construction. Contact Kevin Cotney or Floyd Keener at 5615 or 2236. 3-28-2xc

Nails by Carie at Family & Friends. Sculptured and hot oiled. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. 396-2809. 4-4-c

Spring Cleaning
Call Andy Zimmer for all your yard work needs. 396-5849. 4-4-c

Come To Ellie's Thursday, Friday and Saturday for Dollar Day Sale. 3-28-c

Free Blood Pressure Clinic at First State Bank Lobby. Wednesday, April 3rd, 9 a.m. until noon. 3-28-c

Need some help with your holiday baking? Call Kathy at 769-4478 and enjoy Kathy's Klasic cooking. Call after 5:00 p.m. or leave a message on machine. 4-4-c

To Give Away

To Give Away: Female Black Lab & puppies. Call 396-5918 after 6 p.m. 3-28-c

Houses For Sale

Will Trade - 3 Br, 2 bt, brick house for large single or double wide mobile home as partial payment. 619 N. Maple, phone 806-396-5806. 3-7-4xc

For Sale: 3 BR, 1 bath, basement, 396-2348 after 6 p.m. 401 N. Wall. 1-4-tfn

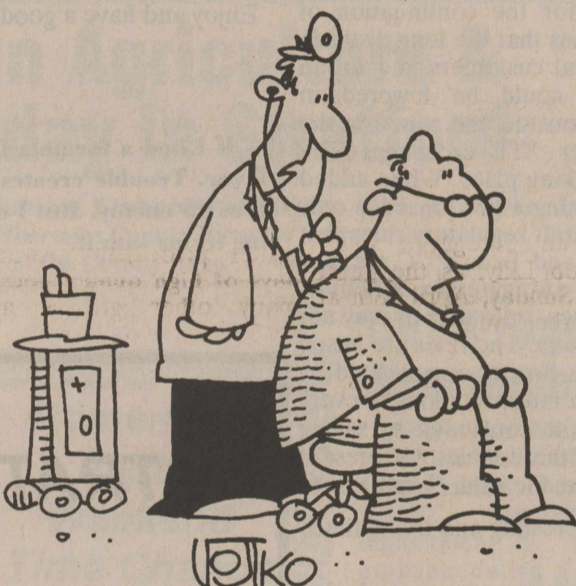
House for Sale: 2 story home, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den, North 3rd & Maple. Call 396-5927 or 396-5831. 11-9-tfn

Home for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, lots of closet space, corner lot, new paint inside and outside, near school. Ready for immediate occupancy. 1002 N. Maple. For appointment call 1-806-935-2853. 1-11-tfn

House For Sale on 3 corner lots. 3bdrm, 2 bath, large living room. Central heat & air. 6 ft. privacy fence. 219 S. Wall. Contact R.J. Hill. 396-2087. 2-22-tfn

3 Bdr, 2 bath house for sale: 396-5831 after 5 p.m. 3-28-4xc

I have never in my life learned anything from any man who agreed with me.
—Dudley Field Malone



"I can't find a thing wrong with your back. Maybe you're carrying too much of a tax load."

Effective immediately, the City of Stratford will begin enforcing the Building Permit Code. This Ordinance states in part that "in any case wherein the value of labor and materials to be used shall be \$100.00 or more, before the erection, construction, moving, alteration, or repair of any building, structure, or wall, or any part thereof, the owner or lessee, or the agent of either, shall apply to the Building Inspector of the City of Stratford for a permit" also, the residents of the City of Stratford are advised that in most cases, the City of Stratford owns approximately 14'6" of the property behind the curb of the streets and before anything is put on this property, they should obtain the approval of the City.

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Call Keith Waters at
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For Rent

For Rent: One bedroom, furn. apt. 6th and Fulton. 396-5692 night, day 5541 day. 12-21-tfn

Apartment for Rent: All electric, 2 bdms. Call 396-2462. 1-11-tfn

Kitchenette for Rent: Lone Star Motel, 396-2316. 3-14-4xp

Help Wanted

Drivers Needed! Must be 25 yrs. of age, 3 yrs. exp. and a Class A CDL. High School diploma or GED. We have major medical benefits, off week-ends and holidays. 1-800-435-3836. 3-14-tfn

The First Methodist Church is seeking a nursery worker. Those interested should call the church at 396-2178. 3-21-4xc

Nurse Aide Positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days. Will provide training for certification. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas. EOE. 3-21-c

Gopher's is now accepting applications. 396-5602. 3-28-c

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Clerk of the Court, M.L. Albert, P.O. Box 270, Stratford, Texas

Petitioner's Attorney or Petitioner, Rick L. Russwurm, P.O. Box 718, Dumas, Texas 79029.

The State of Texas

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgement may be taken against you."

RUTH L. PIERCE, UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, GREETING.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 15th day of April, 1996, before the Honorable District Court of Sherman County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Stratford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said

court on the 29th day of February, 1996, in this case numbered 4112 on the docket of said court, and styled, ALFRED OCHOA AND KAY OCHOA, Plaintiff, vs. RUTH L. PIERCE, UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONS, SUCCESSORS and ASSIGNS, Decedent.

A Brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that DEFENDANT be cited to appear and to answer and that upon final trial, PLAINTIFF have:

- Judgment for title to and possession of the real property which is the subject matter of this suit. This parcel of real property is more particularly described as follows: All of Lot ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), FOUR (4) and FIVE (5) Block FORTY-TWO (42), Original Town of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas, as shown and designated on the official map or plat of said Addition, recorded in the Deed Records of Sherman County, Texas.
- Damages including prejudgment interest as provided by law.
- Costs of suit.
- Reasonable attorney's fees in the sum of \$10,000.00
- Reasonable attorney's fees in the sum of \$5,000.00 in the event of appeal to the Court of Appeals.
- Reasonable attorney's fees in the sum of \$5,000.00 in the event of appeal to the Supreme Court.
- Post-judgement interest as provided by law from date of judgment until paid.
- Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff's may be justly entitled.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Stratford, Texas, this the 1st, day of March, 1996.

Attest: M.L. Albert, Clerk
District Court, Sherman County

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed Proposals for:
MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY
on various highways in the following counties:

POTTER/EXPRESSWAY (CONTRACT #046XXM1001),
GROOM/CARSON (CONTRACT #046XXM1002)
HUTCHINSON/HANSFORD (CONTRACT #046XXM1003)
HEMPHILL/OCHILTREE (CONTRACT #046XXM1004)
RANDALL/ARMSTRONG (CONTRACT #046XXM1005)
HARTLEY/MOORE (CONTRACT #046XXM1006)
DALLAM/SHERMAN (CONTRACT #046XXM1008)

DEAF SMITH/OLDHAM (CONTRACT #046XXM1011)
AND GRAY (CONTRACT #046XXM1012)

will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:

5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, 79110

Attention: Joyce Davis, Contract Administrator

until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 1996, for CONTRACT NOS: 046XXM1004, 046XXM1005, 046XXM1008, 046XXM1011,

and until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 1996 for CONTRACT NOS: 046XXM1001, 046XXM1002, 046XXM1003, AND 046XXM1006, and 046XXM1012

Then publicly opened and read.

All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-bidders Conference which will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996

Bidding Proposals, plans, and Specifications will be available at Texas Department of Transportation, Maintenance Operations Office, Building B, at 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, (806/356-3283 or 356-3284).

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Smart Lawn Care Tips

from Briggs & Stratton, manufacturers of the Smart-Fill™ Fuel Can

Mowing

- When mowing, never remove more than one-third of the blade surface.
- Be sure to keep the lawn mower blade sharp.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They decompose quickly and put nutrients back into the soil.

Fertilizing

- Fertilize about once every six weeks, beginning in the spring.
- To keep roots healthy during the winter, fertilize in the late fall.

Watering

- Watering should be done heavily and infrequently.
- Lawns need about one inch of water per week.
- Water in the early evening or morning when there is less heat and wind.

For more smart lawn and garden tips from Briggs & Stratton, call 1-800-967-7627.

Nothing is so lovely as Spring...long and lovely and lush.
—Gerard Manley Hopkins



Coldwater Manor Birthday Party Held

Enjoying Coldwater Manor birthday party held on March 12 were Frank Ogan and Wanda Craig, with Florence Warren, center. Bill Heard was resting as was Bob Pendleton, the other honorees.

Hedges Speaks At Program

A visit from the area coordinator, Miss Anne Hedges of Amherst and a story of history of the Gamma XI Chapter by Frances Holden and Mildred Bosler were the highlights of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society meeting in their March meeting held in Dalhart.

Miss Hedges, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Joye Hedges, praised the chapter for their interesting and informative monthly meetings, their yearbook, and their activities in behalf of education.

She urged the members to continue to be diligent in fulfilling their duties in the society and in the field of education. She urged them to attend area workshops to be held in Sudan, Texas in August, and the state convention which will be held in Beaumont in June. As key women teachers they should set an example for others in the field of teaching at whatever level they are serving.

Frances Holden told of the founding of the Gamma XI chapter in 1940. Mary Roberson is the only chapter member now living who helped to found the chapter in this area. She is in ill health and was unable to attend. Then Mrs. Holden listed the active members and the decade in which they joined the society. Some were transferred from other chapters.

The group sang two birthday songs, and the meeting closed with the official Delta Kappa Gamma song. Frances Holden led the singing assisted by Mildred Bosler.

Margaret Parson, president, presided at the meeting. The minutes were approved; a treasurer's report was given by Shirley Hendricks and was approved.

Janet Pipkin gave a report on the button project. Buttons, inscribed in English and Spanish, with the words, "READ TO ME" are given to each kindergarten student in the schools of Dumas, Dalhart, Texline, Sunray, Channing, Hartley, Cactus, and Stratford. Members voted to continue the project for the next year.

A beautiful birthday cake with white frosting and decorated with Happy Birthday Gamma XI was served by the hostesses, Shirley Hendricks and Pat Garrison. Sandwiches, chips, coffee and tea completed the brunch served to members and guests.

Dalhart members and visitors enjoyed the meeting held in the Community Room of the Senior Citizen Center. Name tags decorated with a red rose, the flower of the society, were made by the Kindergarten students of Miss Hendricks. The meeting room tables and the serving tables were beautifully decorated with bronze bowls filled with red roses.

The slate of new officer for the next biennium was presented and approved by the membership. Officers will be installed in the May meeting (No April meeting will be held). Time, date and location of the May meeting will be announced at a later time.

For each ecstatic instant we must pay in keen and quivering ratio to the ecstasy.
—Emily Dickinson

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Board President Baskin. He said that a Telecommunications Bill was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995 that reduced regulation and provided safeguards for the Cooperative in a competitive environment. The bill allows for competition in local services, but protects small companies from competitors' "cherry picking" or selecting only the high volume customers. White said that, all in all, the Bill has a number of provisions that protects the "universal service" concept that is the key to the survival of small rural telephone companies like XIT. White assured the members that the Cooperative will be looking at its options to determine what actions may be taken to ensure the maximum long term benefits of the legislation. White then discussed the new Telecommunications Act of 1996. He explained that this law also addresses opening local service to competition and contains support for universal service. The law has a provision for the continuation of national geographical average rates which means that the long distance rates charged must be the same for both rural customers and urban customers. XIT's concern was that rates could be lowered in competitive urban areas such as Dallas and Houston and raised in the rural areas like Texline, Kerrick and other XIT exchanges. The Telecommunications Act prevents this from taking place. White added that what most people don't realize is that getting a law passed is only half of the process. The regulators must then draft regulatory rules that implement the provisions of the law. The FCC and Texas PUC are now attempting to modify the regulatory rules on an aggressive schedule. White said that the major problem is that the new rules may or may not implement these laws the way we understand them. The rules are based on the interpretation of the regulators. This is further complicated by other interested parties presenting yet different interpretations of every provision that would favor their position. White concluded by saying that XIT will find that the end results of all of these issues will present both problems and opportunities for the future. He said, "I can assure you that the next two years will prove to be interesting and trying times for our Cooperative."

President Baskin then asked that a marketing report be given. It was reported that XIT Cellular, in its sixth year of operation, continues to experience rapid growth in its markets. XIT now has fourteen towers located at Dalhart, Dumas, Stratford, Bunkerhill, Kerrick, Texline, Boys Ranch, Adrian, Vega, Middlewater, Hereford (2), Sunray and Wildorado.

XIT's latest service offering--XITNET--was introduced to the membership. XITNET will offer LOCAL ACCESS to the internet through its subsidiary XT&T and should be available very soon. Those attending the membership meeting were allowed to "Surf the Net" and obtain information from XITNET's display.

XIT also introduced another "NEW" service to its members--XIT Voice Messaging-- which is a voice mail system. Features included in XIT's AT&T digital switching system has enabled the Cooperative to make this offering. XIT Voice Messaging will be offered to both landline and cellular customers. Existing cellular voice mail users will be converted over to this new system. Tentative implementation date has been set for mid-April.

Following the marketing report, President Baskin introduced A.E. Pronger, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District 1, Dallam County-Glenn Olson; District II, Hartley County-James R. Wilson and Joe Billups, and District III, Sherman County-Walter E. Lasley.

President Baskin took charge of the election process and called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Harry Lunt, Bill Gillenwaters and Kenneth Stanley to tally the ballots. The committee declared the election of Glenn Olson, James R. Wilson and Walter E. Lasley.

Director E.H. Little conducted the drawing for the eighty four prizes that were awarded to attending members. There were also eleven children's prizes given away. Director Little was assisted by fellow director, J.W. McClellan, XIT employees and members' children. The winner of the \$300 cash prize was Frank Winters. The winners of the 3-\$100 cash prizes were Chris Herrera, Clay Loble and Van Swinford.

After the prizes were distributed, the election results were announced and the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperatives headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III President; James Spurlock-Vice President, and Gary Finch-Secretary-Treasurer.



"As part of our paper-reduction program, I'm going to write the amount you owe us on your forehead."

Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

Spring has sprung and a few showers! The old saying goes without dispute we are one day closer to a real rain and that even goes for the pessimist.

The next great "thing" to look forward to is the springing forward of the clock. Needless to say I am not particularly anxious for that to happen, I like Central Standard Time. The time to set that clock forward is at 2 a.m. on Sunday April 7th, of all things, Easter Morning!

Last Friday the schools of the Stratford Independent School District were wall to wall kids, educators, and volunteers. SISD was the host for the District 1-2A UIL. This District is very competitive. It was good to see so many kids involved in not only one area but several. Not only were there areas of education, but the high school homemaking class furnished all kinds of goodies to graze on while you waited for the next event you were to help in. Incidentally the One-Act Play will be over with by the time that you read this, Whatever the outcome, we are proud of the Stratford School Youth.

Friday evening was another Biggie, The "Spring Fling", an evening of good looking clothes, Ellie's Enterprise had the clothes and then of course there was food. It was a benefit for the Bonar Downtown Park, Mercy, for a vacant spot that gathered tumbleweeds for years it certainly has taken on very quickly, an intriguing look, wouldn't you agree? And there is more to come. A reminder, if you have not gotten your form for the bricks that will grace the back wall or the monument that will grace those who have served in an year, from Sherman County-HEY, you can pick those up at City Hall, or Joan Palmer, Carolyn Tarver and Martha Ellison all have forms. The deadline for the first to be made is May 1st. This committee is hoping for a near completion before Memorial Day.

Wednesday at 4:45 was the deadline for candidates to sign up for school board, hospital board, city council and mayor. Folks there will be decision to make this year, There are 8 running for 2 position SISD Board, 2 running for Mayor, 5 running for City Council and 2 positions and for the Hospital district board, 4 running for 3 positions. This is a healthy situation to have this many running, it shows there is interest and that is the way that it should be.

Coming up for the rest of March:

March 27th: Coldwater Manor Bible Study/First Christian Church-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Ceramics, Quilting and Pool.

March 28th: Scot Hall Monthly noon luncheon at noon 1 p.m. Pool 8 p.m. County Barn AA and Al-Non Meeting.

March 29th: Scot Hall 1 p.m. Quilting, ceramics and pool.

March 29th continues: Jr. high Banquet Prom-No school.

March 30th: Scot Dance here in Stratford, High School Banquet and Prom.

March 31st: Coldwater Manor Worship Service with the First Christian Church-Palm Sunday.

April and Looking ahead-April 1st-April Fools Day-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Ceramics, quilters, and pool Golf Dist. Boys at Spearman/Girls District at Stratford

April 2nd-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool-Tennis

April 3rd-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Quilting, ceramics, and pool. Tennis-Coldwater Bible Study/Methodist.

April 4th District Golf at Boys Ranch-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool. Early school Dismissal.

April 5th:-No school Scot Hall 1 p.m. Quilting, pool and ceramics.

April 6th-(Before you go to bed-change your clocks spring them forward.)

April 7th Easter Sunday-Attend the Church of your choice-Coldwater Manor Worship Service/First Baptist

April 8th No School-District Golf. Scot Hall 1 p.m. Quilting, pool and ceramics.

April 9th Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool.

April 10th-Coldwater Manor Bible Study/First Baptist Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool, Ceramics and Quilting.

Enjoy and have a good week.

If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I wouldn't pass it around. Wouldn't be doing anybody a favor. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. I don't say embrace trouble. That's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say, meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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