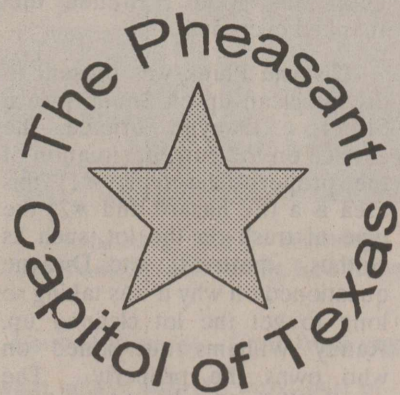


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Stratford Police Dept. were called to the scene of this accident located at the intersection of Hwy 54 & 287 at 8:50 a.m. on Thursday, March 16th. Gerald Garcia of New Mexico was traveling East on Hwy 54 in his ABF semi-truck when he was hit by Larry Bunn of Louisiana who was traveling North on 287 and failed to stop at the intersection. Garcia's truck sustained trailer damage and Bunn's truck sustained heavy damage to the cab area. There were no injuries and Stratford Police Dept. were assisted by the Sheriff's office and Texas Dept. of Public Safety to control traffic at the intersection. The scene was clear at 11:46 a.m.

## National Peanut Month



### First Christian Church To Have Brisket Dinner Sunday

There will be an ALL YOU CAN EAT BRISKET DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINS at First Christian Church on Sunday, March 26, beginning around noon or immediately following church services. This dinner is being hosted by the five sophomores who will be attending the International Affairs Seminar in Washington, D.C., and New York City. The cost for the dinner is a FREE WILL DONATION and all funds raised will be used to help defray the costs of the trip.

### Blood Drive

Blood Drive - Share the gift of life - donate blood. Monday, March 27th, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Sherman County Barn. Remember to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating blood. 358-4563.

### Tree Orders Still Being Taken At SWCD

REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak and landscape trees. One and five gallon along with balled and burlapped evergreens, shade and fruit trees can be ordered until April 1, 2000. Come by or call 396-5517, ext. 101 for more information.

### Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman - 366-5611  
Arlene Baker - 366-5318  
Joyce Dodson - 366-5608  
Patsy Harland - 827-7568  
Viola Kautz - 396-2058  
Mark Metzger - 396-2013  
Michal Meyer - 827-7453

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### Texhoma Chamber Of Commerce Banquet March 28th

Texhoma, OK - Chamber president Denise Keylon has announced plans for Texhoma Chamber of Commerce banquet-2000 to be held March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Gym of the High School. The meal will be catered by the Dairy Kream and tickets will be available at Babers' Supply at \$10 each.

Captain Jack Parker, famed western humorist, will be guest speaker. As an avid collector of Old West, Captain Jack will share his Oklahoma/Texas/Rocky Mountain tales and experiences with those attending. The theme of the year 2000 banquet will be western, and Mrs. Keylon assures a night of fun. She invites everyone to wear western attire to relax and enjoy the evening.

Be sure to watch for more information on this event and Captain Jack Parker.

### TAAS Test To Be Taken

The week of April 11-14 our students will be taking the TAAS test in grades 3 through 8. We would like to invite our parents and/or grandparents to come and see what the TAAS test is all about. You might be able to take a practice test with your child or grandchild. Also, join us for lunch in the cafeteria on March 29. The cost of an adult lunch is \$3.00 and a child lunch is \$1.25. We believe you will be surprised at what our students know and have to know.

### March 22 5 p.m. Deadline to Sign Up For City Election

Last day to sign up for City Election is Wednesday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

### District Golf Meet

District Golf at Borger on Wednesday, March 29th.

### Stratford Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Set For April 11, 2000

Our Stratford Chamber Banquet will be April 11, 2000. Our theme is "Sounds of Stratford". Tickets can now be bought from any member (Wayne Smith, Jimmy Gillenwaters, Blake Confer, Yvonne Pittman, Vernon Paul, Lynn Lunz, Richard Ragsdale, Walt Berry) or Women's Division Member (Karen Perrin, Jamie Sims, Theresa Keener, Jennifer Koch, Deena Mungia, Carol Zimmer and Joan Palmer.) As always tickets may be purchased from the Chamber office in the City hall building. All tickets are \$10.00. For more information, call Paula at the office 366-2260.

## Summer Baseball

It's time to start thinking about and planning the 2000 summer baseball season. We have lost several of last year's volunteers. If we are to have a baseball season, it is essential that we get new volunteers. Last year, 114 youth played baseball in Stratford. If you are a parent of a youth who wants to play baseball, we need you as a volunteer. There are many ways to help out-coaching, umpiring, field maintenance, concessions, fundraising and much more. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. If you can't attend, but would like to help, please call Ronna Riffe at 366-5322.

### Deadline For Business Story For God Grass and Grit

If you have not written the history of your Sherman County business for God, Grass and Grit, Vol. 3, please do so and get it to Kathy Bonds by March 27, 2000. You may mail it box Box 64, or bring it by the Sherman County Appraisal District.

### Trustee Election To Be Held

The Stratford Ind. School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 6, 2000. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so through march 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications filed to date are Jeanne Bell, Greg Wright and Scott Buckles. Board members whose term will expire are Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, and Sandy Baskin. Holdover members are Steve Johnson, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, and Joe Reinart.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 and continue through May 2, 2000. Early voting will be conducted in the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

### 4-H Fashion Show To Be Held Friday

The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be Friday, March 24, 2000. The achievement event will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Youth have learned about clothing and textiles, construction and buying skills, clothing care, and personal grooming through the project.

4-H'ers who have completed a clothing project will be interviewed beginning at 5:00 p.m. The awards program will feature each 4-H member modeling their project will begin at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish meal will follow the style show.

The public is invited to attend the Awards presentation and is asked to bring a covered dish to the event. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

### Ex-Student Reunion Plans

Stratford Ex-Students will hold their reunion July 28-29. Honored classes ending with 0-1920, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90.

Class representatives are asked to meet Thursday, March 23 in the High School Home Economics Room at 7:30.

Mailing list need to be updated. Class of 1990 need a mailing list.

### "Keep America Beautiful Month"

The Sherman County Development Committee has decided to implement a clean-up program in our community. As part of this project we have partnered with the City of Stratford and the Chamber of Commerce to "Keep Stratford Beautiful". April has been officially designated as "Keep America Beautiful" month. With this in mind and with the opening of the new recycling center it was decided that April would be "Keep Stratford Beautiful" again this year for our clean up campaign.

We would like to ask the community for your help in making this year's clean up project a success. Our clean up campaign consists of two different aspects. The first is the "Adopt-an-Alley" program and the second is "We pick it up" program.

With the Adopt-an-Alley program we can give any community, non-profit or civic organizations an opportunity to participate in our clean up campaign. If there are any organization that would be interested in participating in this program please contact the SCDC office and we will help assign you an alley or allies. If your organization has another project in mind that you would like to do, instead of Adopt-an-Alley, that will be wonderful. We would like to see the entire community become involved with this year's campaign, so even if your family would like to clean an alley, just give us a call and we will get it set up.

The "We pick it up" program will be for those individuals who have items such as appliances and vehicles that need to be removed or hauled off. It was agreed to do this free of charge to residences of Stratford. If you have an item or items that you would like to see removed from your property all you have to do is contact the City Hall. Give them your name, address and what you need picked up and it will be taken care of at no charge.

If you should have any questions about our "Keep Stratford Beautiful" clean up campaign, or would like to participate in either program please contact the SCDC office at 366-2897 and we will be happy to assist you.

"Keep Stratford Beautiful" is one way to show the pride we have in our community so let's all get out and help keep our community and neighborhoods beautiful.

### St. Jude's Trail Ride

On April 1, 2000 the Freeman Ranch No. of Goodwill, OK will be hosting the St. Jude's Trail Ride.

We will meet at the county barn and leave at 10:00 a.m. promptly! Don't Be Late! We will drive to the Freeman Ranch, eat our sack lunches and ride. It is a pretty place to ride with lots of trees, a creek and a park.

You need to have a coggins test and health papers on your horse. Children 12 and under need to have a riding adult with them.

All donations will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Prizes will be given according to the amount collected. Collection forms will be handed out prior to the trail ride or you can fill them out the day of the trail ride. Anyone under 18 must have a parents' signature on the form. Please turn in all donations on that day, if possible.

A special thanks to Jack Freeman for allowing us to ride and enjoy his ranch for this special cause.

Everyone is invited. If you know of anyone that is interested, invite them. They can call me at 806-727-4648 if they have any questions. The rain date is set for April 8th.

Drinks will be furnished for after the ride. Bu, don't forget your sack lunch. No alcohol or smoking is allowed. See ya there and thanks for supporting the children at St. Jude's.

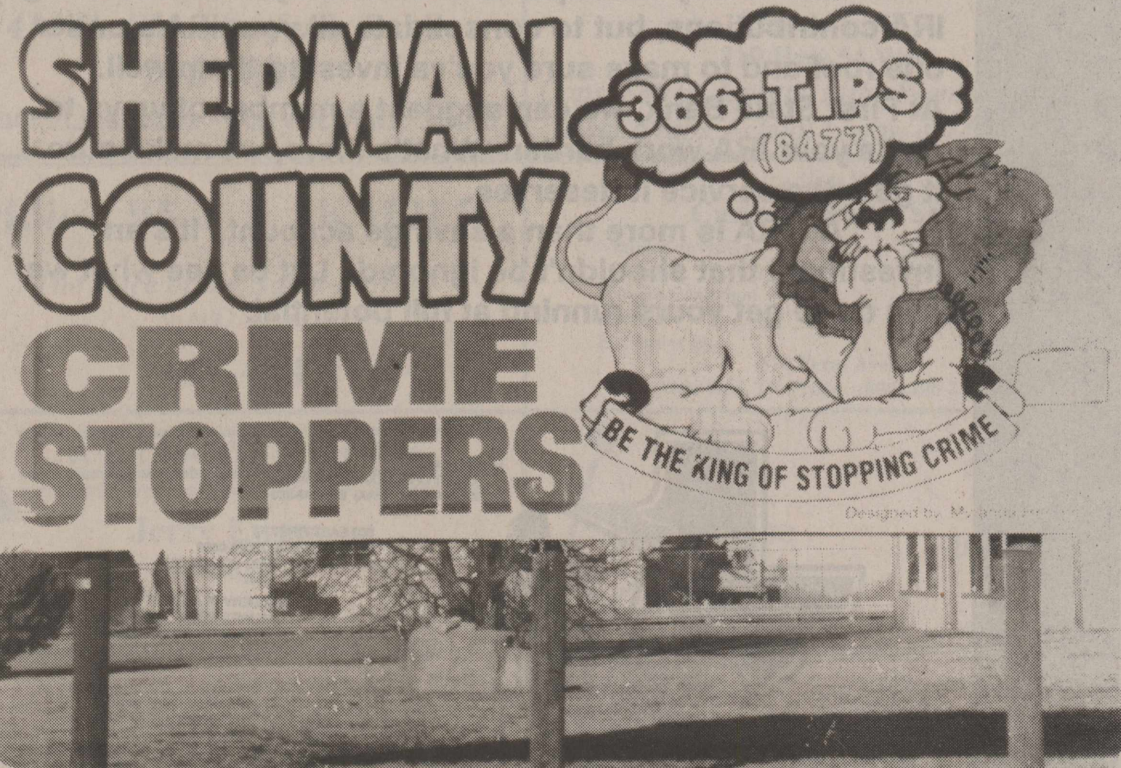
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### TRTA Meeting Re-scheduled

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association has been re-scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at St. James Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Denver Avenue and 8th street, Dalhart. There will be a business meeting.

### Stratford Track Meet

JH & High School Track Meet March 24 & 25th here.



Shown above is Sherman County Crimestoppers billboard designed by Miranda Herring located on Hwy. 54 East. Miranda was the winner of the poster contest sponsored by Sherman Co. Crimestoppers and Stratford High School Student Council. The poster contest was open to students K-12 in the Stratford and Texhoma schools. Nice Job Miranda!

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

## Obits

Norma Gore

Dalhart-Norma Gore, age 80 died Monday, March 13, 2000 in Wichita, KS.

Services were held Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. at Lincoln Street Baptist Church in Dalhart, Texas with the Rev. Bob McAlister, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Channing, Texas officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home, Dalhart, Texas.

Norma was born July 15, 1919 in Texhoma, Ok. to Edward and Lula Mae (Pancoast) Jacobs. She married Mike Gore on July 15, 1939 in Guyton, OK. Norma was a homemaker and lived in Dalhart for many years before moving to Derby, KS in 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband Mike on October 14, 1999.

Survivors include Daughters: Lula Ann Hendry, Derby, KS, Mary Kay Collier, Derby, KS, Son-in-law: John Hendry, Derby, KS, Grandchildren: Tammy Cate, Kristie Coaly, Caylene Crouse, Nicole Bonner and Caryl Greenstreet, Great Grandchildren: Jacob & Jenna Crouse, Kelsi & Kilby Greenstreet, Apryll Christie, Alyson Mosteller, Autumn Harkrider, Tim, Jason & Chyanne Coaly-Perez, Sara & Lance Bonner, Meagan & Whitney Perez.

As most of my friends in Stratford know, I do and have worked overseas now for many years. During a recent physical examination (which I have performed on a yearly basis when I return home for vacation) the blood work turned up an abnormally high Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) reading.

My family Dr. recommended that I see an Urologist. The Urologist decided (because he knew I needed to be back in Egypt) to forgo the usual Free PSA Test, and go directly to the Biopsy.

The Biopsy showed a definite Malignancy in my Prostate. Following his recommendation, I had the Prostate gland removed.

During this period of time, the people of Stratford once again proved their neighborly ways toward me, and I greatly appreciate it, however that is not the purpose of this letter.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all males in Stratford that if you are over the age of 40 you should have your PSA checked at least a bi-yearly, which should probably be increased to yearly after the age of 50 and upon recommendation of your Doctor.

It could save your life-I certainly believe that it did mine.

Regards,  
TED MARTIN

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* denotes new listing

- March 1 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"  
April 1 State Right Theatre, Amarillo 806-353-7888
- March 25 Mozart's "Magic Flute" Amarillo Opera  
Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-373-7464
- March 31 "The Music Man" ALT Academy 7:30 p.m.  
April 1 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- March 31 "Best of Texas Festival"  
Grand Plaza 806-373-9305
- March 31 Randel Chamber Orchestra - David Palmer, piano  
First Baptist Church 806-876-8782 Youth Orchestra
- March 31 Showcase Five-Broadway Musical Showcase 7:30 p.m.  
Amarillo College Theatre School for Children  
Ordway Auditorium 22<sup>nd</sup> and Washington (806)371-5353
- April 6-9 "Harvey" directed by Doyal Handbury  
LaRita Theatre, Dalhart 244-5646
- April 8 Amarillo Symphony - Juliette Kanq, violinist  
Samuel Jones "Roundings (Golden Nail Awards)"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- April 14 WTAMU SHOWCASE OF MUSIC  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium
- April 27 "The Secret Garden"  
May 14 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- April 21-29\*\* "Einstein" Stage Right Theatre  
4418 S. Washington St. Amarillo 806-353-7888
- April 29\*\* The Harrington String Quartet  
Northern Hall WTAMU 806-376-8782
- April 29-30\*\* "STOMP"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096



It is claimed that Mozart wrote the opera Don Giovanni in one sitting.

## AgriPartner Report

Week of March 13, 2000  
Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore

Greenbugs that have been a problem in area wheat since last fall have been brought under control by the parasitic wasp. There may be some isolated wheat fields in the northern Texas Panhandle that still have economic infestations of greenbugs, but that should be short-lived with the current parasitic wasp activity.

Russian wheat aphid may become an important pest in the Amarillo area and south. This aphid will continue to increase through March and April. Research has shown that for every one percent of the tillers infested Russian wheat aphids cause a 0.5% yield loss.

An adult sitting in a relaxed position inhales approximately one pint of air with every breath.

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## City Council Minute

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Ken Forthman, Johnny Garza, Randy Williams, and Jim Taliaferro.

Also present were: Ric Walton, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jon King, City Attorney; Jim Dewees, Chief of Police; Paula Nusz, Chamber of Commerce Manager; Kristine Olsen, Sherman County Development Committee; Clovia Talley, Sherman County Emergency Coordinator; and Brenda DeBonds with Keeney, Hembree & Co.

**Call to Order**  
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Approve Minutes**  
Ken Forthman moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 1999 meeting, Randy Williams, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Presentations to the Council**  
Brenda DeBonds with Keeney, Hembree & Co. gave the results

of the 1998-99 fiscal year audit. Brenda explained to the council the fund differences. Brenda also briefed the council on the management letter sent by the firm. Brenda continued to explain the 1998-99 financial statement to the council. The City's overall audit was good. Brenda then thanked everyone.

Dwayne Plunk, was present to discuss clean up on South Spruce Street. Dwayne briefed the council on the current situation of the property, he feels #1) this area is a fire hazard and #2) the type of trash on the lot, such as clothes, mattress, etc...Dwayne questioned on why it was taking so long to get the lot cleaned up. Randy Williams questioned on who owns the property. The people living in the house have been contacted. Randy Williams also questioned on what the city could do now. The City is currently trying to work with the owners of the property; Ric Walton contacted the owners approximately one week ago. Mayor Brown then asked Dwayne

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## Will R. Allen Certified Public Accountant

244-7732

## Sandy Tillery FOR

## Sherman County Commissioner PRECINCT 1

Your Vote Will Be Appreciated

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd for by Sandy Tillery, HCR 2 Box 10, Stratford, TX 79084

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## THE OPENING OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD'S RECYCLING CENTER

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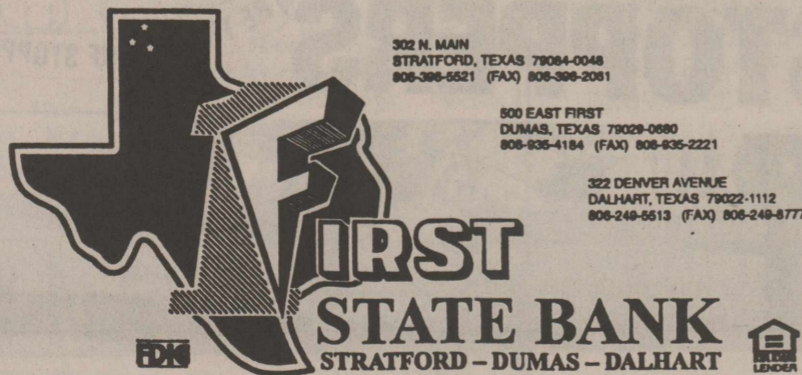
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## Large Equipment Auction April 1, 2000 at 10 A.M.

Location: 1 Mile North of West Side of Texhoma Livestock Auction and 1/4 mile East -or- On the Cut off between Hwys 54 & 95 North of Texhoma.

We will be selling with 2 Rings for portions of the day so come early! We will start the Auction with Shop Equipment from the Gail "K.O." McDaniel Estate and others. At 11 a.m., we will start on the Equipment Lines. We have a very nice offering for this Auction.

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### TRACTORS, COMBINES & BLADES

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**Timis Tidbits**  
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizen this calm, sunny, sixty degrees Fahrenheit, Monday, March 20, 2000.

Turning to the Calendar of Activities shower for the prospective bride-elect Karen Lynn Babcock of Rev. Mark Metzger pastor of First United Methodist Church, Sunday, March 26, 2000, 2:00 - 4:00 Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce Banquet set for April 11, 2000, read Star or call Chamber for more information. Remember to cast your ballot for School Board, Hospital District May 6, 2000.

The Women's Forum Distinguished Service Award is seeking nominations. This luncheon will be May 6, 2000 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Beginning today is the last six weeks for Public School Year 1999-2000 admitting this is a very busy voting schedule in a small community.

On Sat. March 18, 2000, being home bound grew tiresome so we started on trek which led us to the road of Lost Camp where we think Mrs. Corda Sloan Duke had her bird sanctuary for birds to rest in traveling south for winter and north for spring. Continuing westward we ran in to the road High Lonesome Trail road that neither of us knew anything about. Following on we entered Boise City on Highway 385 crossing the Beaver River then on to 287 and so many miles to Amarillo then seeing Stratford once again with one hundred miles on the odometer on our car.

We want to offer Scotter and personal comfort to the sorrowing family of Norma Gore of Dalhart, TX.

Betty and Baskin were by Sunday evening, Baskin is nursing a cold. Betty is doing well. Our family is getting ready for a visit by Joe Ray and family March 24, 25, 26, 2000, Fri., Sat., Sun.

Don't forget to wear your green or pay the price Thurs. for SCOT noon luncheon March 23, 2000.

This brings us to our usual reminder to our peers to Scotters encouraging shoulder pats and expression of love for that's what makes the world go round.

**Cards of Thanks**

The McCarver family would like to take this opportunity to tell all of you precious people that stood by us in the loss of J.W. how much we love and appreciate you. Beginning with Jimmy Lanning and the ambulance crew and to each and everyone that brought food, flowers, and continue to call us. To all the precious friends of Shelli's who stood by her at the hospital and since our return home. Also my co-workers that have covered for me at work. Thanks to Tommy Asher, Daren Rouse, Porky, and George Harding who helped us with the plumbing problem. Stratford is truly a wonderful place to live. God bless each and everyone of you.

Sharon & Shelli McCarver

We want to thank all of you again for your prayers and support, food, calls, and cards. It was so neat to get all the cards in Houston and home.

God Bless You,  
Phillip & Marty

Dear Friends,  
I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the March 14 Primary, especially those who supported me. Now I am asking for your continued support in the Run-off Election. Early voting will be at the Courthouse, April 3-7, and the election April 11. Please exercise your right to vote.

Thanks Again,  
Sandy Tillery

I would like to thank the voters of Precinct #1 for their support and ask that you give your support and vote to one of the candidates in the run-off

Boyd Spurlock

Dear Family and Friends,  
Thank you for remembering our 50th Anniversary with some 300 beautiful cards of good wishes, stories, pictures, gifts, and gorgeous flowers. Art and I have indeed been blessed and the true blessings in our lives come from the kindness of others. May God's Grace and blessings be with you.

In Christian Love,  
Art and Billie Ruth Twombly

**Lenton Lunch Series**

The Sherman County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a **Lenten Lunch Series** with the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response." The series will consist of a light lunch to be served at different churches in Stratford at noon on Wednesdays from March 15 to April 12. The hosting church will provide the meal, which will begin at 12:15 p.m. During the lunch, the pastor of the host church will offer a 15 minute presentation on the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response," based on his experience, as well as the perspectives and current issues of his particular denomination. Following the short presentation, those attending will have 15 minutes to ask questions and engage in discussion. The luncheon will adjourn at 12:50 p.m. and will be followed by an optional tour of the church facilities.

Stratford and Sherman County residents are encouraged to participate in this enlightening ecumenical experience that is sure to build on our shared knowledge, our common spiritual journeys and our Christian unity. The following is the schedule for the Lenten series, including dates, host churches and pastors making presentations.

March 22nd-St Joseph's Catholic Church- Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld

March 29th-First Assembly of God Church-Rev. Dean Williamson

April 5th First Christian Church-Rev. Rob Chandler

April 12th-First Baptist Church-Rev. Jerry Stewart.

**Tree Health Conference**

The Annual High Plains Tree health Conference will be held March 24, 2000 in Amarillo Guest Speaker from Texas Forest Service Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a local nursery will speak on a variety of tree topics. They will provide 3 IPMTDA and 6 TNUA CEU's in Amarillo. Registration Fees are \$20.00. For more information you may call Sam Nusz CEA or Come by the Sherman County Extension Office.

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick ladies were hostesses for March birthdays at Coldwater Manor. Honorees were Wanda Craig, Grace Trainham, Earl Green and Howard Pickard. They were given a package of green & white mints and small figurines, dolls for the ladies and dog angels for the men.

A sing-a-long of Irish songs was sung by all. Marylou McDaniel was the leader.

Chocolate and Angel food cakes, ice cream and punch were served by Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters, Joyce Irlbeck, Nita Taylor and Virgie Mathews.

Mike McDaniel and Florencia Eslinger held the Democratic primary at the Center last week. There was a good turnout to vote.

Attending the Rita Blanca Electric annual meeting March 15 were Mike & Marylou McDaniel. Didn't spot any other Kerrickite. And, surprise, Marylou won a Hoover Quik-Broom that will be just great for the "Spread"!

With the wearing of the green, Kerrick had an Irish potato supper on St. Patrick's Day. After supper, Marjory Munden and Terry Schoonover provided music for a sing-a-long with piano and harmonica.

Hosts were the Bill Gillenwaters, Terry Schoonover and Jo June McDaniel.

Present were R.J. & Mary Hill, Bud & Frankie Shields, Rolene Arkon, John, Terry, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, all of Stratford; Kelly, Kerry & Kevin Carlisle, Ropesville; Jacy & Dasan Gillenwaters, Moreland, OK.

Also Florencia Eslinger, Gary Hudgens, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Nita Taylor, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Pat Boren, Ralph & Minnie Hampton, Mike, Merilee & Marylou McDaniel.

Jacy & Dasan Gillenwaters spent Wednesday thru Sunday with their grandparents, Bill & Donna.

March birthdays were celebrated at Jo June McDaniel's. Penny, Linda Whitson, Fay Daniell and Macy Daniell Whitson, all of Clayton, were joined by John, Terry, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, Stratford.



**"The Magic Flute" To Be Presented**

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The full length opera, to be performed in English is produced in association with the Amarillo College Opera Workshop. Local professional musicians will be conducted by Amarillo Symphony Director, Jim Setapen. Nancy Oquin Riffe, former Stratford resident will sing in the chorus. The "soft sets" are being painted in Italy, shipped to New York and flown to Amarillo. These "soft sets" will be combined with the special props and "hard" pieces currently being built.

A special section is reserved, for high school and college students, with the theme "A Back Seat Celebration-Saluting couples and Best Fiends". Call the opera office 806-372-7464 for more information.

Two complimentary educational lectures on "The Magic Flute" will be presented at noon on March 24 in Common Lobby of the Fine Arts (Bring your brown bag lunch) or March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Amarillo Civic center Auditorium, prior to the 7:30 p.m.

performance.

Amarillo Opera's production of "The Magic Flute", Saturday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Amarillo Civic Center Box Office 806-378-3096.

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Wed. Royal Rangers (Straight arrows & (Buckaroos) 7:30 p.m.  
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Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm  
**First Christian**  
Rev. Rob Chandler  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
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**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Mark Metzger  
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Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
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**What Do You Think**

The basic Christian confession is quite simple. "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Jesus Christ is the King and Sovereign the Bible calls us to serve. We must implement His law of love in all of life. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). According to the Bible, this confession is no fantasy. Hundreds of years before Jesus walked the dusty trails of Galilee, King David prophesied, "The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet" (Psalm 110:1). Peter interprets the Psalm. "It was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:34-36). Hebrews 1:3 declares of Christ, "When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." Paul teaches, "He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet" (1 Corinthians 15:25). Jesus therefore asks, "What do you think about the Christ?" (Matthew 22:42)

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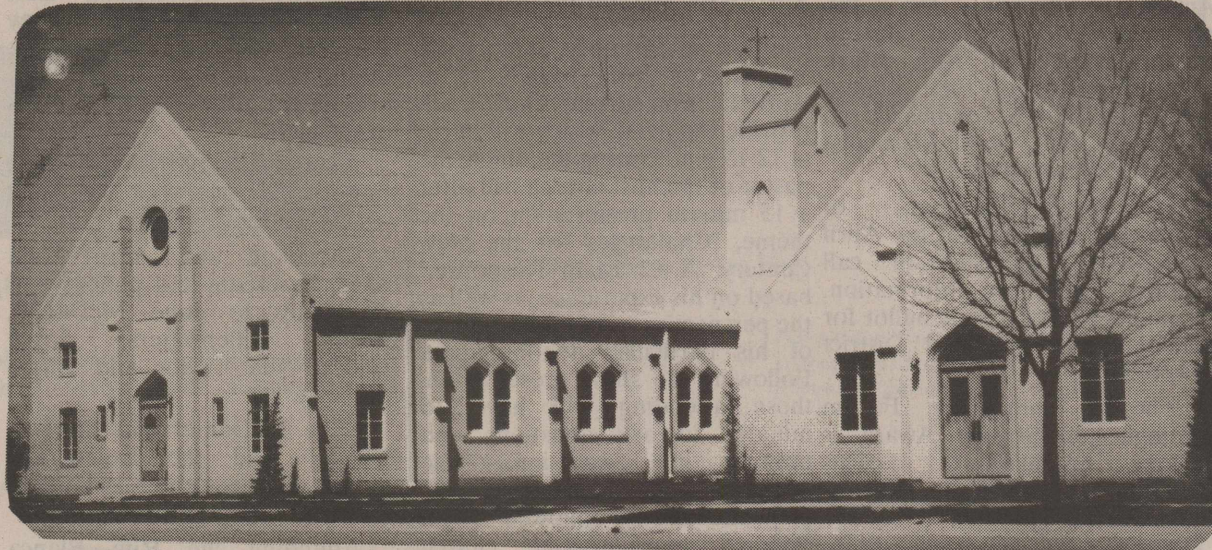
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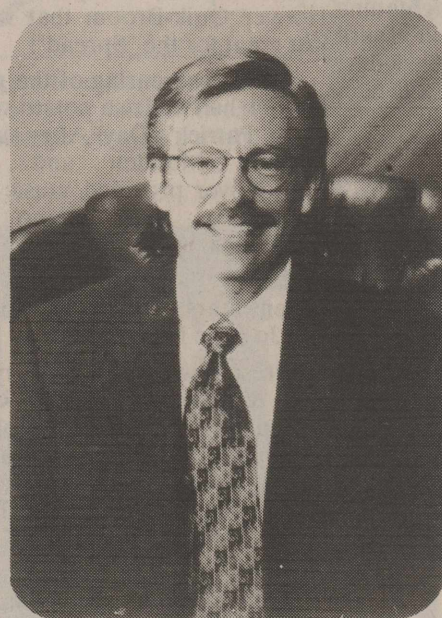
# 100 Years Of The



This church was organized at Coldwater, Sherman County, Texas, in the little stone courthouse. April 14, 1901, by W.B. McKeown. Of the five counties included in the Coldwater Mission to be worked up and organized, this is the first organization effected. The five counties are Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Moore and Hutchinson, Ochiltree county is also included in the mission, but a church was already organized at the county site, Ochiltree.



The First United Methodist Church of Stratford



Rev. Mark Metzger said "When I came to Stratford as a pastor I first met Steve Haynes. He showed me around town just before I moved here in October, 1995. I have always been impressed with the friendliness and the pride for the community here in Stratford. I am engaged to be married to Karen Babcock on April 29. The First United Methodist Church averages about 140 morning worship."

## Making The Survey

By W.B. McKeown

On September 27, 1900, I began the survey of those "regions beyond" in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. In only five places of this territory was the church doing any work, viz. Channing and Hartley on the west, with Brother Thompson as pastor and Higgins, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree on the east.

With a hired livery team I went from ranch to ranch in Moore and Sherman counties, meeting the people, talking with them about religion and inviting them to come

together for worship the next Sunday at Coldwater, the county seat of Sherman County.

having spent Saturday night at the Snyder Ranch, I started next morning to find my way to my appointment, some fifteen miles distant. Choosing the plainer of two trails which seemed to lead in the same general direction, I got lost.

As I wandered along not knowing whither, I was greeted by a dim road or trail which I eagerly pursued, anxiously peering along the horizon for some further token

of human habitation. Soon a small object in the distance gradually grew into a building--the courthouse--the very place I had been trying to reach since eight o'clock that morning.

Imagine, if you can, my amazement to find the people still there, expecting the preacher to come! With a heart full of gratitude for the privilege of bearing a gospel message to that waiting congregation, I announced a hymn at 4:30 o'clock, and began the "morning service".

## Glimpses of Pioneer Home Life

By Mrs. W.B. McKeown, Abilene, Texas, the first Methodist Pastor's wife

I kept a diary for several years, I select those bearing the date of 1901 from which I will try to glean some facts to portray pioneer home life on the plains of Northwest Texas.

April 25, early this month we left our winter quarters in Channing and started for this point in Sherman County. As the evening shadows gathered at the close of the second day's travel our covered wagon with the family and a few household goods halted at our new home--said home consisting of earth, sky and a few piles of lumber. After a raging sand storm had swept away in its maddened fury the camp my husband was trying so hard to build we were compelled to seek refuge under the rude protection of the night before. Suddenly the wind changed from the west to the north and soon the rain drops began to patter upon our open roof with an occasional splash upon our faces., rain first to sleet then to snow.

At last day dawned. The sun arose in a cloudless sky and soon the snowclad landscape was a scene of dazzling beauty.

May 10, work on our new house goes forward rather slowly since a carpenter is an unknown quantity out here.

Not oftener than once in two or three weeks is here a trip made to the Coldwater post office, a distance of thirteen miles.

i sometimes wish for the sight of a woman. A better day is coming, however, for we are about to start a Sunday school at Mr. Snyder's ranch home.

There's no corner grocery to supply the forgotten salt or soda, and no kind neighbor form whom to borrow if things run out before the next trip to Channing, eight miles away. The journey of five miles to the Snyder ranch, it is the event of the week.

July 13, late yesterday afternoon Mr. Steele from the Snyder ranch came and asked us if we knew that our neighbors at the creek a half mile away were Indians. Having seen the company of about a hundred Kiawas pass the ranch, Mr. Steele knew they were on their way to the mountains of New Mexico. Lest we should be frightened he had kindly come to tell us that the Indians were harmless, but made themselves a nuisance by their begging.

Early this morning an Indian came galloping up, his long braids of black hair falling loosely over his shoulders as he rode. "Me want bacon", he persisted. "I'll bring you a piece", I said. Having produced our only piece of bacon, my visitor passing his finger deliberately across it, said "cut right there" and in trembling haste I obeyed to the best of my ability. Very unceremoniously he picked up the larger piece and returned to the camp. About nine o'clock the Indians took up their line of march and the long procession began to wind its way slowly by our door. There were Indians on horseback, in carts and various other vehicles: Indian women and children from the grandmother to the tiny papoose; numerous cattle also, a pack horses carrying every imaginable burden.

September 17, no time these days for scribbling in journals. My agreement to teach in the public school brought me face to face with the necessity of a closer acquaintance with the seventeen required subjects for teachers' examination.

November 25, first, the ordeal of moving claimed attention; then the repeated efforts to get settled in the parsonage with the carpenters still at work on it the opening of school although the delayed school furniture had not all been put in place.

December 31, but a few hours more and the New Year will have been ushered in. Strange indeed have been the paths by which his hand has led us to this hours. With our hearts and hands filled with tasks that challenge our best endeavor we press hopefully forward in this new land of opportunity--the beautiful land of beginning again.

Surely goodness and mercy have followed us every step of the way.

## Spurlock Chapel Sherman County

Another Methodist Church in Sherman County was the Spurlock Chapel.

In August of 1903 at the Prairie View School house, one and one third miles northeast of the present site of the Spurlock Chapel, a Methodist Church was organized with six of the original members of the Sherman County Methodist church which was organized at Coldwater.

There were Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Spurlock, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Rogers, Miss Gertrude Rogers and Mrs. Arthur Mullins. Five others including Mrs. A.W. Allen, Mrs. Clara Holt, Arthur Mullins, and Belle and Elizabeth Spurlock were present. Early in 1904 the school house was moved to its present location. Before the church was organized, Sunday School was held in different home.

The original building was replaced in 1913 with a larger and better one. he present church was built in 1948. In 1961 a well was drilled at the church and a kitchen fixed in the basement. The 4-H members planted some trees. One year the interior was completely redecorated. On October 24, 1983 it was voted at Charge Conference that regular services Spurlock Chapel be discontinued and the membership records become a part of the First United Methodist Church at Stratford, Texas.

The Spurlock Chapel history has been intertwined with the Stratford church from the early years, as is evidenced by the early records of the Quarterly Conferences.

Miss Mary Flora Foreman, born March 12, 1890 died July 28, 1964, a member at Spurlock Chapel, was a Methodist medical Missionary in the Belgian Congo for 31 years.

## First United Methodist Church of Stratford

In November 1900, the Annual Conference, with Bishop W.A. Candler presiding, held at Georgetown, Texas assigned Rev. W.B. McKeown to the Coldwater Mission, Clarendon District, Northwest Texas Conference.

This Mission consisted of the following Counties: Sherman, Dallam, Hansford, Moore and Hutchinson, a territory covering about 5000 square miles, without a single church in this vast area. Ochiltree County was added to the Mission the following year, and it did have a church organization at Ochiltree, south of Perryton. The first church organized in the Mission was at Coldwater, and was known as the Sherman County Church. It was organized at Coldwater, Sherman County, Texas in the little stone Courthouse on April 14, 1901, by Rev. W.B. McKeown with the following members: Rev. D.D. Spurlock, Mrs. D.D. Spurlock, Mrs. Arthur Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Rogers, Miss Gertrude Rogers, Mrs. J.H. Bowman, Mrs. Dudley Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Loomis, Mrs. W.B. McKeown and Boyd McKeown. This church organization was moved to Stratford in 1901, with the coming of the Rock Island Railroad and after the County Seat had been moved to Stratford.

The first church building was built in 1902 at 519 N. 4th street and the original parsonage was next door west of the church. The B.B. Carter family gave the church five lots at 6th and Main Street on which to build a new church, and it was completed in the fall of 1949. The present parsonage was built in 1951 and is located at 611 N. Main Street.

## The Work Begins To Take Form

By W.B. McKeown

In conference with the newly-organized town site company, for this town-to-be, we all agreed to do what we could to build here a church and school town, the kind of place to attract a desirable type of citizenship. And right nobly did this company stand by its pledge, refusing in repeated instances to sell lots for saloon buildings and gambling places.

Plans were made to hold on this spot a camp-meeting to begin July 19, and all the people of the surrounding country were notified and cordially invited to attend these services.

In addition to the tent courthouse, Stratford then boasted a railroad station, a public well and windmill, a lumber yard in the making, a small hardware store, a newspaper office, a tent used as a restaurant and two residences under construction.

It was Friday, Some of us were industriously plying our saws and hammers on a board arbor to be used for the meeting.

The close the meeting found the little band of devout worshippers with a new consciousness in their lives of the presence of a payer-hearing and prayer-answering God and with an earnest desire to be used of him in "spreading scriptural holiness" over this new land in which they had come to dwell.

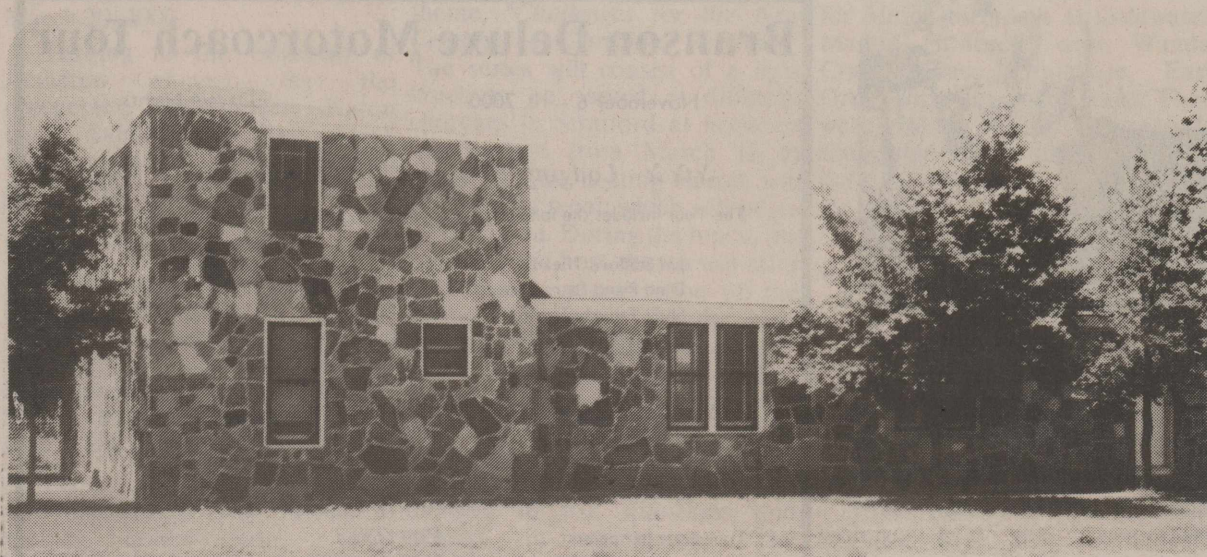
I had also secured lots for church and parsonage, and at the last service with a congregation of sixty persons, we pledged \$600.00 toward building, the first church to be enterprised north of the Canadian River. Definite plans were also made for the organization of a Stratford Sunday School in the near future.

The coming of autumn days found the young Stratford the scene of intense activity. Very man who could drive a nail easily passed for a carpenter with full time work.

Other families had taken up temporary abode in tents, barns, chicken houses, etc. while their homes were being built. The offer of the waiting room at the railroad station, the first Sunday school was organized with some twenty member and three teachers.

When the narrow limits of the waiting room would no longer accommodate the growing Sunday school the new school building became its place of meeting. By the time the robust young pioneer Sunday school had outgrown its quarters in the contracted hall of learning the brand new courthouse was available. This was used until a certain beautiful Sabbath morning when the neat little Methodist Church threw open its doors and welcomed the itinerant child to its permanent home.

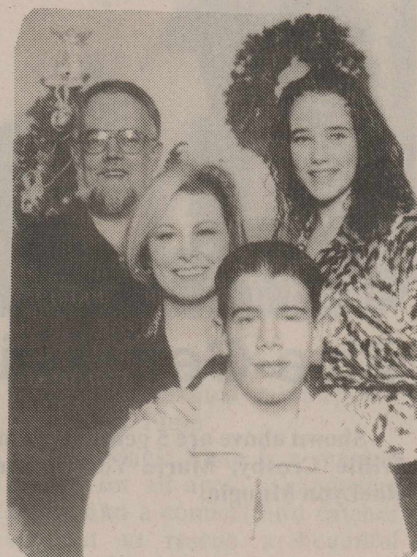
# Churches In Stratford



The Massies came to Stratford in 1919 and drove their Model T Ford to Dalhart or Texhoma each week to church services because Stratford did not have a Church of Christ.

In 1963 lots were purchased with a house on it, the Noland/J.T. Brown house, on the corner off 3rd and Chestnut. The house was torn down and a rock faced church built. John & Cathrine Haney helped establish the Church of Christ here in Stratford in 1963. Mr. Haney served as treasurer for several years and helped build the church which is located on the same property the church has now.

They purchased the Brown House on 3rd and Chestnut. This house was torn down and the lumber used to construct a building. It had a rock faced, four classrooms and an auditorium which would seat 125. There were two smaller rooms in the front of the auditorium, one on each side of the baptistry. Members who attended at this time were the families of Dick Farris, John Haney, Cora Whorton and Scottie, H.L. Vincent, Rufus Farris, Minnie Reese Cameron, Chuck & Dean Smith, Demas Eller and Troy Moffett, in addition to those mentioned above. During the late 1940's Charles Holmes and wife Christene, moved to Stratford. Mr. Holmes was superintendent of schools and his wife taught in the school system. During his stay in Stratford he did much to firmly establish the Church here. H.L. Vincent and Dick Farris were appointed Elders and in 1959 Horace Sneed was appointed an Elder.

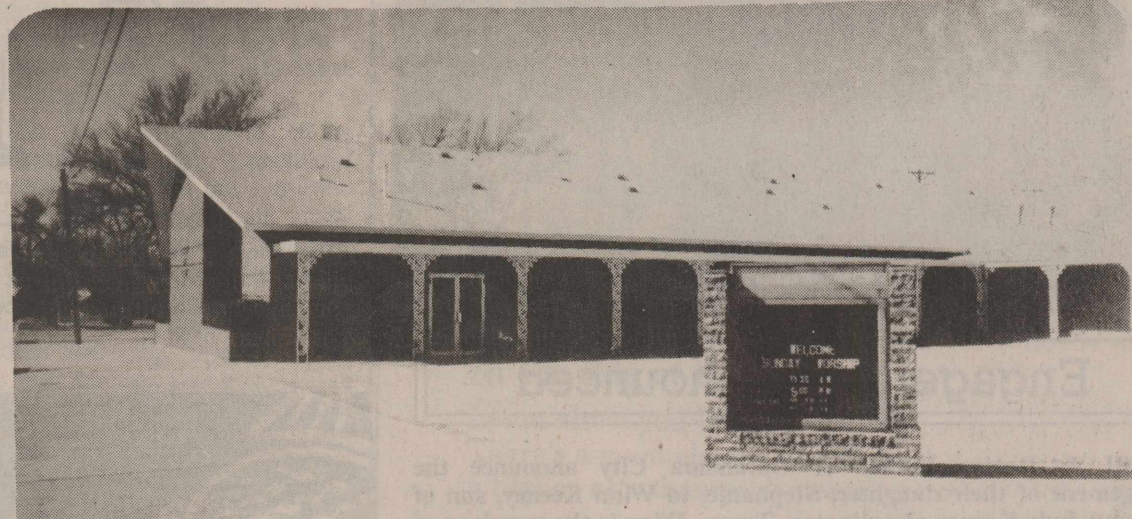


Mike Talley of the Church of Christ Church in Stratford said:

The first people we met when we came to Stratford was George and Kathy Bonds. We interviewed for the preaching job in December of 1998 and moved here on January 10th, 1999. The thing that impressed me most about Stratford was the friendliness of the people. When you smiled at a person or spoke to them they responded in kind.

We have a membership of 120 on our roll today.

Shown above is Mike Talley, his wife Clovia, she works as secretary for the County Judge. Daughter Sarah who is a sophomore in high school here in Stratford and our son Andrew and he is a freshman at Blinn Community College in College Station, Texas. He is working on a degree in Coaching Basketball and baseball.



Church of Christ in Stratford.

## First Assembly of God Church of Stratford

By Mary Stowers & Ineta Chesher

The First Assembly of God Church of Stratford is located at the corner of Fulton & Purnell Streets.

When the church was originally established in 1942, the congregation and founding members consisted of one couple, Leroy and Oleen Judd, and Pastor A.L. Pearson. (An evangelist, Ruby Barrows, conducted initial services). First Assembly was begun as a cooperative effort of three neighboring Assembly of God Churches, Dalhart, Dumas and Sunray. The original church facility consisted of a small building at the corner of Third and Wall Streets and later was enhanced by the addition of a small parsonage located at the rear of the church building. From these humble beginnings, with the addition of other dedicated church members, the church has enjoyed a long history of Christian fellowship and worship together along with continued growth and improvement of facilities and location.

Early-day pastors were A.L. Pearson, 1942-1943; E.F. Dunn, 1944-1956; I.L. Walker, 1946-1956; Bob Goodwin, 1956-1958. Some of the present-day members were also early-day members, including the Wesley Hawkins family, Kenneth Newburn family, and the Leroy Judd family. The Leroy Judd's raised four children; Donna, Lanita, Delton and Faith. These families saw First Assembly through those hard beginning years.

In 1958, two more families moved to Stratford and became a part of the congregation; Bert & Dovie Steffens and their daughter and son-in-law, Lorene and Archie Wright became members of the church. In 1958, J.O. Brown and family came to pastor the church and stayed until 1961. Leland and Dorothy Lewis pastored from 1961-1966.

In 1962 and 1963 the church membership took a jump. J.L. and Mary Stowers and three of their four grown daughters and families moved to Stratford; H.G. and Dean Houston, Robert and Darlene Dickey, Earnest and Arlene Beavers. In 1964 the Stowers' fourth daughter's family, Ineta and Jim Chesher, moved to Stratford following a stint in the Navy. About this time two more couples moved here, Darrell and Mary Lou Duncan and T.L. and Edith Houston.

When Elmer E. Mason came to pastor in 1967, a building fund was established by the members, which was the beginning of plans for a new parsonage and church building. Rev. Mason died in 1973 while still serving as pastor at First Assembly.

After the death of Rev. Mason, J.M. Ashley, his wife, Thelma and their children, John, Steve, Tommy, and Denise moved to Stratford to take the pastorate.

Having had a good deal of building experience in the past, Rev. Ashley was in charge of the construction of a new parsonage in

1974 at 5th and Wall Street. When this was completed, attention was turned to thoughts of a new church building which was greatly needed for the growing congregation. In 1976, Rev. Ashley worked with and directed the work of church members to construct a new church building. This building was built at a new location, Purnell and Fulton Streets. It consisted of a sanctuary to seat approximately 250, 5 classrooms, office, pastor's study, small fellowship hall, nursery and bathrooms. The size of this facility was approximately 6000 sq. ft. The exterior was stone and brick. The old church buildings and property were sold to the neighboring First Baptist Church. The Baptist people removed the old buildings.

In 1977, with great rejoicing, First Assembly burned the mortgage on the new building. Rev. Ashley served as pastor in Stratford until 1981. When he moved to take on a new pastorate, one son remained in Stratford. John and Suzanne (Preston) Ashley and children, Heather and Jason, are still a part of the present-day congregation.

A new influx of members arrived about the same time as a new pastor, Merle and Daisy Lindsey (1982-1984).

As pastors of First Assembly form 1984-1988, Lonnie and Gloria Robbins began a succession of younger pastors. The Terry and Rita Fred family (1988-1990) and the Mike and Sharon Leonard family (1990-1998) followed the Robbins'. The remark was made that First Assembly in Stratford was "growing pastors" as most of these went on to other larger endeavors of ministry, mission work, or evangelism efforts.

As the church grew, it became apparent that larger facilities would be greatly appreciated by the congregation. In 1995 another building fund was started.

In 1977, church members drew up preliminary plans for a new addition. These were followed by blueprints from an architect, and soon construction was started on the new addition which would almost double the size of the existing church building. A contractor, Jerry Hunter of Amarillo, poured concrete, constructed the outer walls, and bricked the exterior. Then church members took over the work. Construction of the inner walls and most of the finish work was completed by the Members who worked on the project along with limited hired labor. Paul Dickey of Canyon was overseer of much of the finish work inside. Paul is a contractor as well as grandson of long-time First Assembly member, Mary Stowers. Work on the new addition was completed in 1998. Open House was held in April, 1998.

The new addition included a large fellowship hall, new pastor's study, 2 multi-use rooms, new bathrooms, a much larger kitchen and a wonderful new foyer. The

project was topped off by a new church steeple.

Men who have served as deacons at First Assembly over the years include Leroy Judd, T.L. Houston, Jim Chesher, Billy Hawkins, Larry Drake, John Ashley, Ralph Warren, Wayne Cummings, Jade Palmer and H.C. Houston. At the present time, Jim Chesher, Jade Palmer, and H.G. Houston are serving as deacons.

Those who have served as Secretary-Treasurer of First Assembly include Oleen Judd, Lorene Wright, Mary Stowers, Ineta Chesher, Gloria Drake, Suzanne Ashley, and Brenda (Hawkins) Bell, who currently serves in this position.

First Assembly of God relies heavily on those who fill these positions, and along with the pastor make up the governing body of the local church. The positions of deacon and secretary-treasurer are strictly volunteer positions and require many hours of service. Ineta Chesher has served as the church organist for over 30 years. Janie Kirkpatrick has been the pianist for 27 years.

A strong women's ministry has been a part of the history of success at First Assembly. They have conducted fundraisers benefiting a great number of church outreaches including children's home, un-wed mothers' home, Teen challenge (a drug/alcohol rehab. program), supporting missionaries with needed supplies as well as furnishing many things needed at the church.

First Assembly in Stratford has strongly supported missions through the years that has helped produce several folks who now work full-time in the ministry. Faith Judd, Leroy Hawkins, Robert Newburn, and Dewey Newburn are some of those.

A recent outreach of First Assembly has been to sponsor the establishment and supporting the building of the Hispanic Assembly of God Church in Stratford.

A young couple from Odessa is presently serving as pastor at First Assembly. Dean and Susan Williamson and children Savannah and Steven arrived in the fall of 1998.

As in all churches, folks come and go, move into and out of town. Some remain through the years and become as much a part of the church as the pews. It takes everyone! Many contribute and then move on, and many remain to "keep the home fires burning". Some move away and some return, new souls are added, and hopefully each church in the community spreads the gospel. When mentioning names, many may be missed, but hopefully a picture has been painted that will tell the history of First Assembly of God Church in Stratford, Texas.



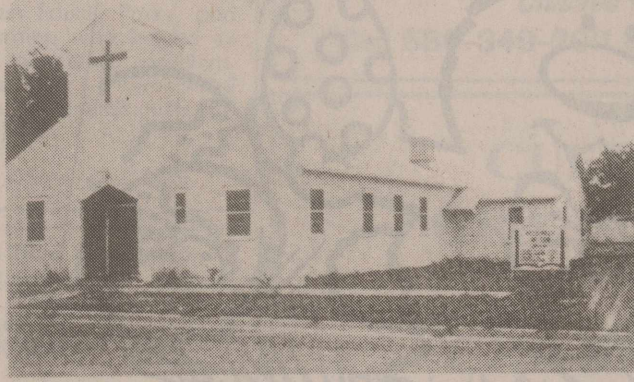
New addition in 1999 Seating 160



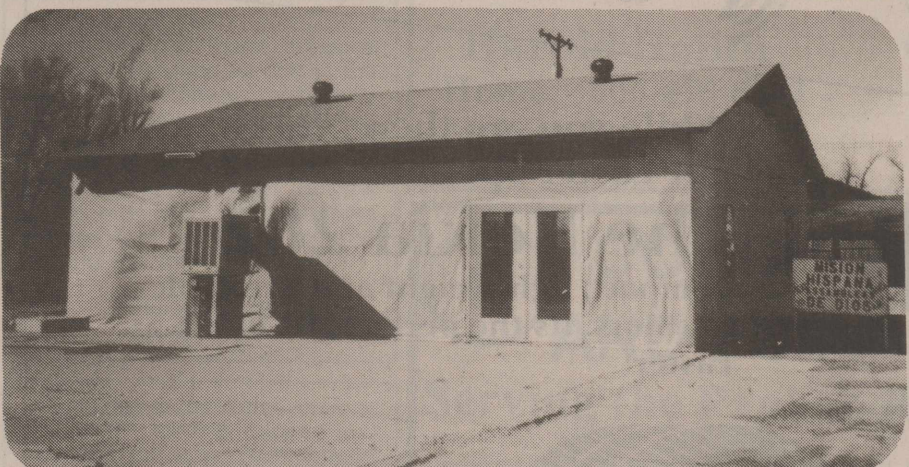
Dean Williamson came to Stratford to pastor the Assembly of God Church. Moving here in October 1, 1998, the first person we met were J.R. and Erma Houston at the Ranger Motel. The cleanliness of the town impressed me most when I first came to Stratford.

Our church today has 33 voting members and we have an average attendance at our principal church service of 74. Susan and I have two children, Savannah and Stephen. We moved here from Odessa, Texas.

The Assembly of God church in Stratford was begun through the efforts of Brother Robert T. Ridener of Dalhart in 1941. He, with neighboring church members, erected a building on lots they had purchased from L.M. price, banker in Stratford. Meetings were begun in February of that year. The first evangelistic meeting was preached by Miss Ruby Barrow. Mrs. Homer Martin, who later moved to Spearman, was the first pianist. She was the first person of the Pentecostal faith, known to live in Stratford for any length of time. The meetings began to gather interest, but due to the World War II breaking out, the small congregation was scattered. Tough efforts were made by several ministers, it was not until the conclusion of the war that the church was established.



Assembly of God Church, 1971



The Mission Hispana is being built-Roberto Frescas is pastor.

## Templo Hispano Assemblies de Dios

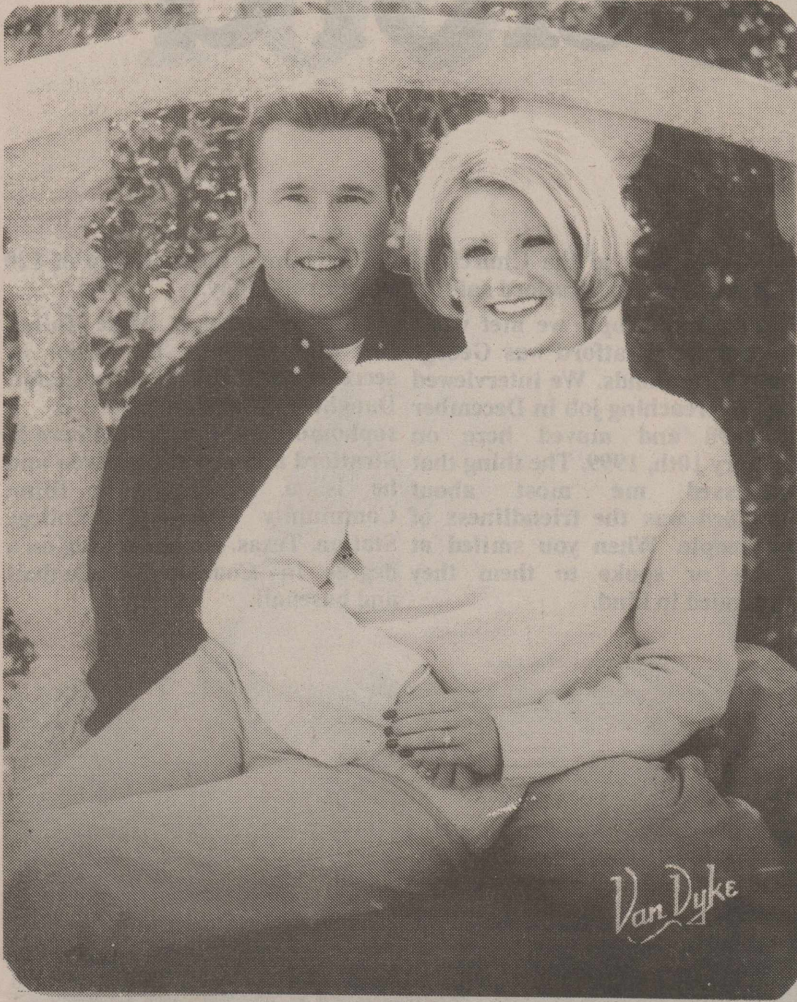
By Mary Stowers & Ineta Chesher

This is the name of the Hispanic Assembly of God Church recently established in Stratford. It is located at Second Street and Highway 287.

The new church was founded in 1996 and first began as a group meeting in someone's home. Later a trailer house was donated for the group to use for services, followed by the new facility they now enjoy. Talk of expansion is now in the works as there are almost nine families who worship there.

Severino and Carmen Ibarra were instrumental in getting the church started. The present pastor of Templo Hispano Assemblies de Dios is Roberto Frescas from Dumas.

A couple from Austin, Texas, Mae and Clinton Edge spearheaded construction of the church building for this Assembly. Mae and Clinton are part of a group called MAPS. This group is made up of retired couples from across America who travel around the country building and repairing church facilities. This group is a part of the National Assembly of God Ministries with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.



### Engagement Announced

Bill & Denise Becker of Oklahoma City announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie, to Winn Keeney, son of Ron and Judy Keeney of Arlington, Texas. Winn is the grandson of Sis Steinberger of Stratford and Leo Keeney of Amarillo. The couple plan to wed the 17th of June at the First United Methodist Church in Arlington, Texas. The bride-elect is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the prospective groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University. Both are employed by Americredit Corp. of Fort Worth, Texas.

### Couple To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Larry O'Bleness and Ms. Gloria O'Bleness, all of Scott City, KS, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Michelle Noll is a graduate of Kansas Newman College. She is currently working at the Moore County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ballinger is a

graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and is currently working as an agronomist at the Sunray Co-op. The couple is planning a March 25 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Scott City, KS.

### Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The First Ag-Credit-Dalhart Credit Office will award the 14th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to two deserving graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each to be paid \$250 for each semester. The applications have been mailed to area counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties. Applications are also available by calling the FLBA office at 249-2616 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 28th.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas
2. A "B" average or (80 or above)
3. A well rounded student with a good attitude.

There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982.

### Tree Health Conference

The Texas A&M Research & Extension Center will be hosting a Tree Health Conference Friday, March 24. The Conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$20.00.

Topics include: shade tree insect and disease management; pruning, fertilization and transplanting; oak wilt; how to choose resistant trees and the economic and casualty value of trees in urban and rural landscapes.

Participants can earn three continuing education units in integrated pest management from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association.

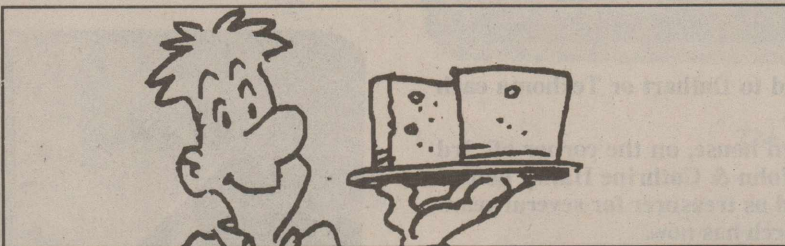
To register, send your name, address and a \$20.00 check payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service (account 240101) to Harold Kaufman or Vicki Bartlett, Texas Agricultural Extension Services, Route 3 Box 213 AA Lubbock, TX 79403. Please refer to Amarillo Conference March 24.

For more information, contact a local county extension office or Kaufman at (806) 746-6101. Gaynelle Riffe (396-5303) is planning to go if you would like a ride to the conference.



### Five Generations

Shown above are 5 generations of one family. They are from left: Willie Crosby, Marie Young, James Young, Lori Mungia, and RaelLynn Mungia.



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—Edgar Allan Poe

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Celebrating March birthdays at Coldwater Manor March 14 were from left, Earl Green, Grace Trainham, Wanda Craig, and Howard Pickard. Ladies from Kerrick Community were hostesses.

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what he felt was the worst part of the situation? Dwayne states the trash in the area. Randy Williams then suggested the City send a certified letter to the owner's and give a certain amount of time to get the area cleaned up, and after that the City will then do what the City needs to do to get the area cleaned up. Jim Taliaferro then read aloud to the council portions of Ordinance #248. Dwayne feels he should have never had to file a complaint, he feels the city should enforce the ordinance. A Certified letter will be sent to the owners. Kristine Olsen spoke on cleaning up property for the month of April. Kristine asked the council on specific projects. Randy Williams feels the city has an ordinance and would like to enforce the ordinance. Randy's opinion is that he would like for the city to stay out and give this project solely to Sherman County Development Committee, as a separate entity. This would be a "let us help you" activity. The City would be willing to furnish the truck to haul the trash to the collection station.

Paula Willey in reference to grave covers. Paula was not present to discuss this.

Molly in reference to NO Truck Parking on South First Street. This area cannot be restricted due to being in a heavy retail zone.

Bill Allen in reference to sewer bill. Item moved to later in the meeting.

Clovia Talley was present to brief the council on the emergency coordination plan. Clovia is now the emergency management coordinator for Sherman County. Signatures are all that are needed to update the emergency management plan. Randy Williams questioned on what this plan covered. Clovia stated such situations as weather, HAZMAT, fire, and other such emergencies. Mayor Brown is the City of Stratford's emergency Management Official and Judge Bill Fesler is the County's.

Paula Nusz was present to request from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for reimbursement of the 1999 Pheasant Hunt. Jim Taliaferro moved to approve the funds, Johnny Garza seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Paula gave the details on the 1999 Pheasant hunt.

Bill Allen to request partial payment of sewer bill received from White's Plumbing. LaRita Butler briefed the council on the status of the situation. Ken Forthman spoke on his knowledge of the situation. Discussion took place. It was the consensus of the council to pay \$30.00 of the total bill, due to the fact that the sewer line was broke where Mr. Allen's line meets with the City's line.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Consider vacation policy revisions for more than 20 years of service with the City of Stratford. Current policy was explained. No action taken.

Consider adoption of revisions to Police Department Policy and appointed review board. Jim Dewees explained to the council the current policy for the Police Department. The only change made to this was the color-coding. Discussion took place. There have been changes made to section 2.13, Family Policy. Discussion took place. Jim did use visuals for further information. There were some deletions and additions to section 2.10, Use of Force and section 2.11, Pursue of fleeing vehicle. Jim Dewees then asked for any questions, and there were none. Detailed discussion took place on the current situation around town with juveniles. Jim would like to appoint a review board, who will then look at any changes to policies. Review board will be Ken Forthman, Johnny Garza, and Ric Walton. Randy Williams moved to approve the most current changes to the policies, Jim Taliaferro seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approve changes to cemetery rates/charges. Funerals held on weekend/holiday would have an addition \$100.00 surcharge. This was the consensus of the council. Johnny Garza moved to approve the additional rate, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Cost of burying an urn would also be the same as the cost to bury a casket.

Consider awarding proposal for mowing tractor. Proposals were opened at the January

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**Nominations Deadline April 1, 2000**

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2000.

Nominations for Citizen of the year due by April 1. Special Awards Guidelines (Revised March 13, 2000) are as follows:

1. Selection Committee will be composed of General Board members. The group will consist of a majority of eligible members.

2. Accept only signed nominations received by deadline. No verbal nominations in committee meeting are acceptable.

3. Base Choice on Merit-Not on number of letters received.

Citizen of the Year-consistent community support (give credit for length of service)  
Number of people reached

(give consideration for those actively involved in more than one community activity)

Continued personal growth  
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(This was approved by Wayne Smith-President and Paula Nusz-Secretary.

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1999 AWARDS

**CITIZEN**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Family Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications/Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

name and phone number of nominator:  
Signature

Deadline - Sat - April 1, 2000

Type or print brief explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.

**School Board Candidate Workshop To Be Held**

**Basketball Tryouts Sunday, March 26**


The High Plains Storm Basketball Club will host tryouts for a 9th and 10th grade girls basketball traveling team. Grade will be determined based on the 1999-2000 school year. The tryout will be conducted at Beaver High School Auxiliary gym Sunday 26 March from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information call Frankie Cash at 580-778-3284 or Lonnie Bailey at 580-934-3452 or e-mail cbailey@ptsi.net.

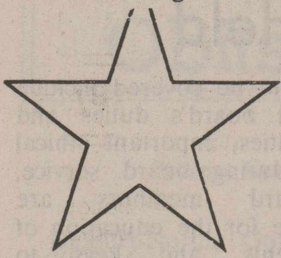
Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of the students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6171.

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For Sale: 24'x6' "Gooseneck" brand goose neck cattle trailer. Many extras & very great condition. Also a single axle older horse trailer. Joe Flores - 396-5538 work, 396-5389 after dark. 3-9-tfn

Shower selections for Karen Babcock, bride-elect of Mark Metzger are at THE General Store. Free delivery to the shower on Sunday, March 26th. 3-16-2xc

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meeting. Proposals were received from Hansford Implement, Moore Implement, and Elkari Implement Inc. Discussion took place on the proposals. Jim Taliaferro moved to accept the proposal from Moore Implement for \$17,844.00, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider closing or restricting traffic in alley behind SCOT hall. Mayor Brown, Ric Walton, and Wayne Smith have looked at the alley earlier this week. Discussion took place, the alley will be closed and a 30-inch sidewalk to the dumpster will be put in. The City will level the alley out, so the water will drain. Utility vehicles will be able to go in and out, in order to read meters. Work will need to be done on curb and gutters in front of the dumpster. Ric has spoken with a representative from First State Bank to discuss the closing of the alley and the moving of the dumpster. Jim Taliaferro moved to close the alley, Johnny Garza seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss software used by the City of Stratford, was tabled until later.

Approve Substitution of Securities. Discussion took place, Ken moved to approve the substitutions, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion for Fiscal Year 2000 Audit took place. The council feels that if there is a current problem the city needs to address this issue now. Jon King offered to look for other possible interested Auditing firms.

Randy Williams moved to approve the Bain Tire bill, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried, with Johnny Garza abstaining.

Ken Forthman moved to approve all other bills, Jim Taliaferro seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place on the Financial statement, Ken Forthman moved to approve the financial statement, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ric Walton asked the council if they knew a veterinarian that would sell drugs for the animal control darts to the City of Stratford. Jim Taliaferro stated he would talk to some vets in surrounding towns.

Ric also reported that the City has been cited for not doing customer service inspections. Requirement for customer service inspection code has changed, and the City is required to pass an ordinance and adopt a plumbing code, therefore; all plumbers doing work within the city would have to be licensed plumbers. Discussion took place.

Water Well is still down for the third week.

### CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Jim Dewees reported that Carlos Castorana is now in custody. The approximate cost to the city to obtain the criminal was \$100.00. Jim then gave the council the current qualifications for chief of police.

### ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Randy Williams had a citizen talk to him concerning cemetery permits. Discussion took place and explanation was given. Ric Walton and LaRita Butler can both issue permits. It was discussed that possibly someone else needs to be able to issue permits, for situations when Ric and LaRita are gone at the same time.

It was reported that the Stratford Bi-Products trucks are parking in town. A phone call will be made to the office in Hereford.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.



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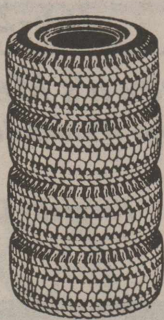
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