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# Elkettes Down Archer City, 60-57 To Win Second State Class A Title

What a weekend, and had it not been for a squirrely last second shot, who knows but what we would have all been making plans to go back to Austin again!

We cannot say enough about the effort of Coach Sam Brite's Elkettes or Coach Jody Richardson's Elks this season.

It isn't every day a small community has dedicated boys and girls to represent them in sporting endeavors.

Have you stopped to figure that this season our girls and boys have a season record of 60 wins and only six losses! That ain't to be sneezed at!

The Elkettes were just wonderful down at Austin and the crowd sat on the edge all the way in the opening game as the Elkettes fought off a late charging bunch of gals from Deweyville.

We don't know what we would've done had we been here at home and tried to listen to both games on the radio...one won by two points in the last seconds, and the other lost by one point with three seconds left!

Then on Saturday night it was a whole new ballgame. Personally we never felt the Elkettes were in too serious a situation. However, when the fouls began adding up, we did get a bit on the edge of the seat. Then when Vicki Bell fouled out, and we looked at the charts and found that both Rhonda Sutterfield and Barrie Donelson had four each we did get a bit nervous. However, the Ellette seniors kept their cool and it all came out fine!

One more item which we would pass along. We've heard many times about sportsmanship and know you have also. We saw first hand at Austin how many fans can upset a ballclub.

We reckon down in the big cities, fans are used to seeking referees abused. But we were kinda shocked when we saw a cigar go flying into the ref during the Deweyville game.

Don't ever say that what one person in the stands does, doesn't count! It does. A technical foul was assessed on the fans and the UIL Athletic Director just dang near called the game right there because of the fans reaction.

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We have heard that about six dogs have died recently as a result of being poisoned.

Let us say right here and now, a dog poisoner is a cowardly person. And what really gets me is that for a dog to eat poison it has to be baited. Then, a young child is just as liable to get ahold of the poison as the dog!

There is bound to be another way rather than to put out poison.

We admit our town has a dog problem, but usually the dog that gets killed is someone's pet rather than the hound that runs loose all the time.

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Our congratulations this week to the new owners of our newest eating place, the El Comodor restaurant which is now located down on Highway 54 in Stratford.

The place has been completely redone and will be featuring Mexican dishes, steaks and shrimp at the evening hours.

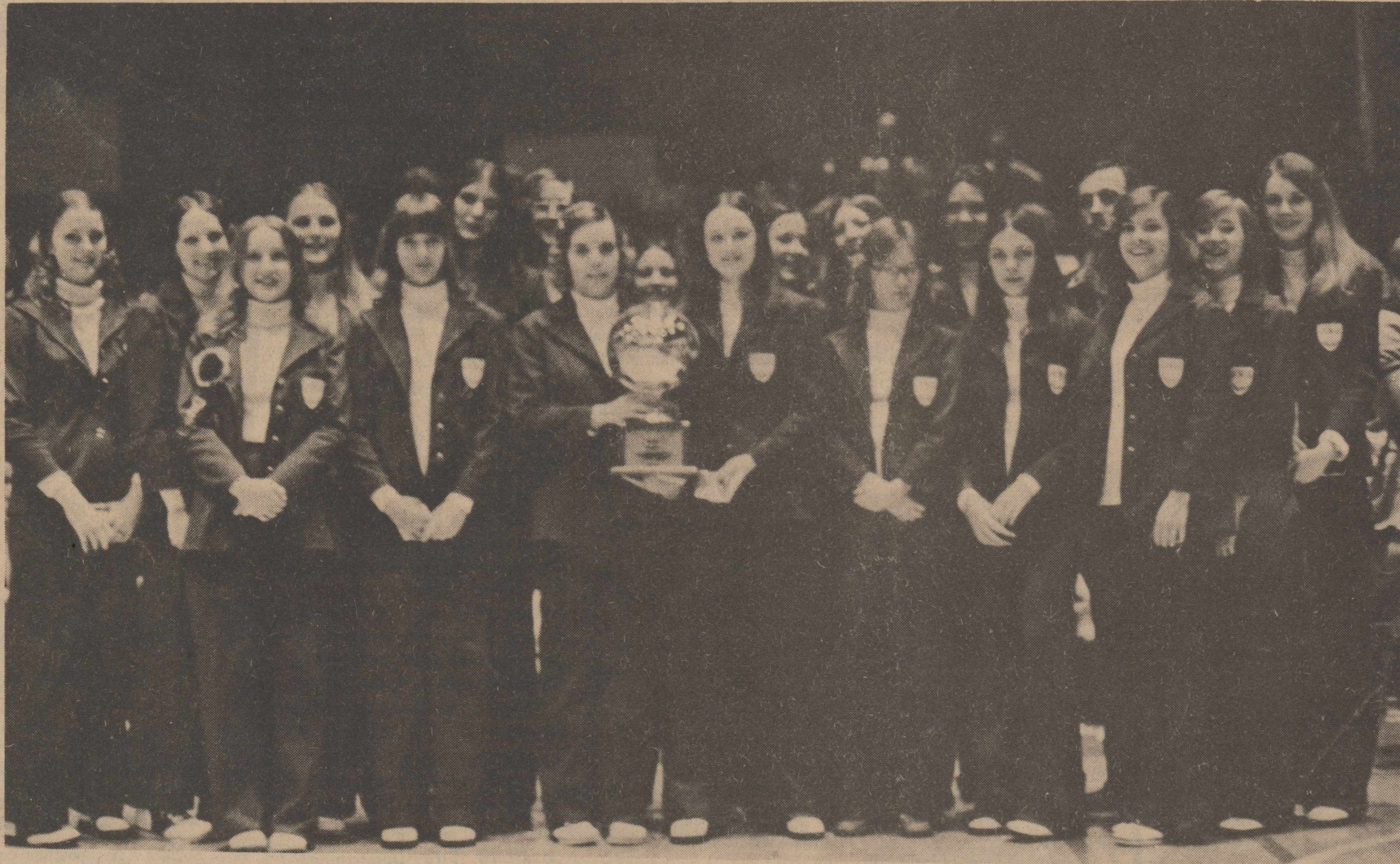
We know everyone will wish to drop by during their Grand Opening which is to be held Friday morning for free coffee and donuts and get a first hand look at the new business...our best wishes.

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This is now Open House Week at the local schools, with all the hubbub of the basketball activities this almost got left out, we know folks will take the opportunity next week to go up to the school and visit and also they invite you to visit in the cafeteria during a meal at your convenience.

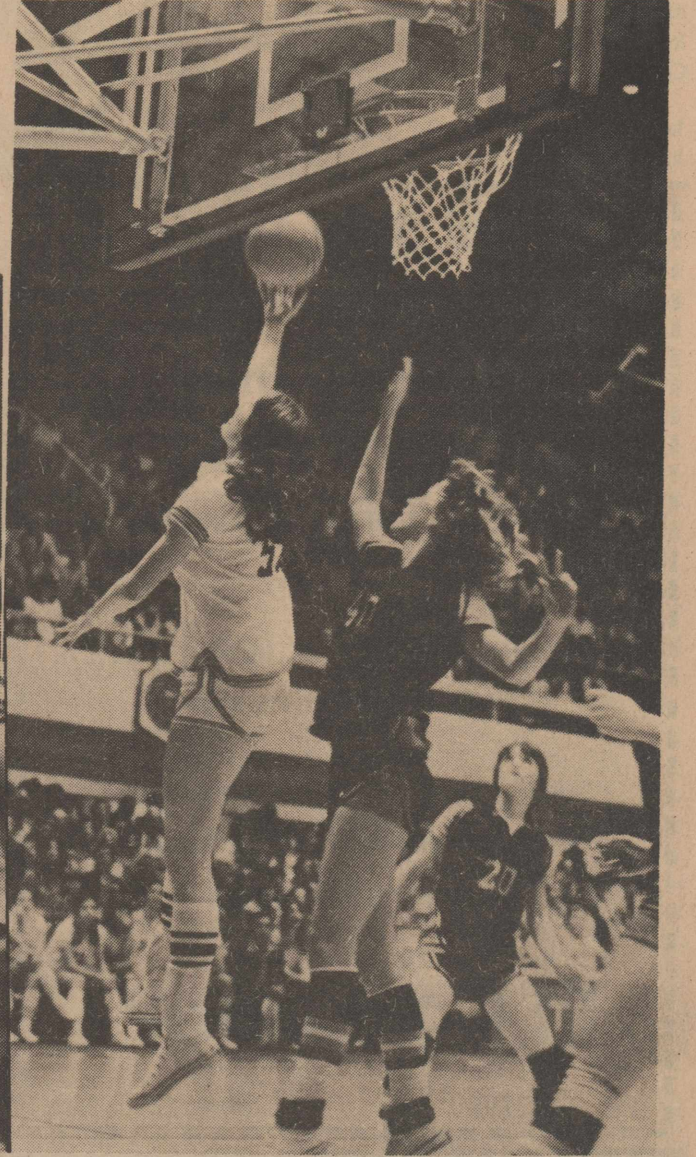
Tuesday night will be Open

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A HAPPY MOMENT--Members of the Stratford Ellette basketball squad is shown at Gregory Gym in Austin following presentation of the big silver basketball for winning Girls Class A State Championship. Left to right, Barrie Donelson, Janice Messer, Patty Dietrich, Vicki Bell, LaRonda Stacy, D'Lynn Brown, Belinda

Sladek, Dalene Prescott, Kristi Summerour, Brenda Hawkins, Jeanne Engelbrecht, Rhonda Sutterfield, Deena Dodson, Bitsey Chesmer, Jana Wiley, Coach Sam Brite, Pam McReynolds, Brenda Baker and Toni Oakley with Cheerleaders Patty Pool and Connie Moore watching.



GOING UP FOR TWO--Stratford's D'Lynn Brown accounted for 42 big points in the Ellette's final game as they downed Archer City 60-57 for the big silver basketball. The Elkettes won over Deweyville 49-47 in the opener on Thursday to gain the finals which set attendance records for the largest number of fans in Texas, 6,800, to watch a girls basketball game.

## Annual Event Slated By Consumers

Stratford Consumers Company, Inc., local fuel cooperative, will hold their annual meeting in the high school cafeteria Saturday night at 7 p.m., announced Arthur Judd, board president.

Jim and Diane Guthrie of Austin will present a musical program for entertainment of those on hand and the barbecue meal will be catered by Sutphen's of Amarillo.

"We urge all members and their families to attend the event," said Judd.

All members of the board of directors will be up for election at the meeting. The board members, in addition to Judd, include A.E. Pronger Jr., vice president; Joe Flores, secretary; with S.J. Lavake and H.L. Haile, members. Leon Guthrie is manager of the cooperative.

All those attending will also register for door prizes which will be given away during the night's proceedings. In addition, the oldest man present and the lady travelling the farthest distance to attend will be recognized.

## Open House Week Set At Schools

Next week Public School Week will be observed at the Stratford Schools with a special Open House slated for from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday night and all parents invited to come see the school at their convenience during the week-days.

"We would especially invite parents, and all residents of the school district, to come eat in one of our fine cafeterias this next week," said Supt. E.L. Bass.

"We are proud of our school, the programs offered and we hope everyone will take the opportunity to come visit with us next week," he emphasized.

There will be various demonstrations and activities at the Mary Allen Elementary School and all teachers will be in their respective rooms on up through high school on Tuesday night during the Open House time.

"We always invite taxpayers and parents to see our schools at any time but we do hope everyone will come and see what their children are doing and where they are doing it this next week," Supt. Bass stated.

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## BY LAST SECOND SHOT Elks Lose Opener At Regional

Stratford's Elks, who were picked no better than fourth in district prior to the season's opening, were nosed out in their first game at Regional Playoffs in Lubbock by a desperate last second attempt that went into the bucket as time ticked out on the clock.

The Elks bowed 61-60 to Seagraves on that last second attempt which was put up late in the game in a last ditch effort.

The Elks had trailed 20-18 at the end of the first, tied it up 34-34 at the half then trailed 48-44 going into that last quarter.

The Elks had hit a cold spell that lasted nearly the last six minutes of the third quarter and early into the fourth before they got into the bucket again.

Stratford fought back tough in the final stanza, four times they narrowed the margin to only one but each time Seagraves counted to three points.

Finally with 1:03 left in the final, Joel Hart hit to pull up to one point of the leaders 59-58. Seagraves came back in a delay attempt but Stratford got the ball and Darrell Doshier was fouled with 25 seconds on the clock. Doshier missed his charity shots but Will Allen got the rebound and with 18 seconds left hit on a jumper to put the Elks out front 60-59.

Seagraves took nine of the remaining 18 seconds to work the ball down and with three seconds left, Seagraves Bryan Hawkins hit from 20 feet out for the all important bucket. The hit gave Seagraves a 61-60 win and pushed the Elks out of the playoffs.

Wayne Garoutte and Darrell Doshier finished out their high school careers with high point honors, 16 each, in the game while Joe Pete Albert and Will Allen hit for 10 each in the effort. Joel Hart hit for 6 points and Leonard Duncan got a pair

in the contest.

Coach Jody Richardson's Elks had fought their way tooth and nail through the season finishing the first half of district action with a perfect 6-0 mark but fell off their pace in the second half of round robin action and saw Sanford Fritch and White Deer finish tied. This resulted in a playoff which Fritch won then were downed by the Elks who won their first District 1A basketball since 1963.

The Elks had previously been at the Lubbock Regional Playoffs four years ago as representatives of District 1AA under Coach Sam Brite. They lost out in that session to eventual State Champion Morton in the first game.

In BI District Action last Tuesday night, the Elks downed Memphis Skyrockets in overtime by a score of 72-63 in Canyon to advance to the Regional Playoffs in Lubbock.

The Class A Region I title was won by Crowell 54-46 winners over Seagraves in the finals last Friday night.

The Elks finished out their season with 27 wins and 5 losses.

The Elks were comprised this year of Darrell Doshier, Leon Payne, Joel Hart, Wayne Garoutte, David Maas, Jimmy Powers, Joe Pete Albert, Leonard Duncan and Will Allen with Managers Dennis Luther and Kurt Harris.

Wayne Garoutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garoutte and a senior for the Elks, was named to the Region I All Regional Tournament Team, at the conclusion of the games last Friday night in Lubbock.

TOWN TALK

Jeff Wiley and Ernie Ellison skied at Red River and Angel Fire over the weekend. \*\*\*



BLOOD DRIVE--Mary Lou Cotney looks on with a bit of interest as the nurse prepares to draw her blood at last week's drive sponsored by the American Legion Post 262. A total of 35 pints of blood were donated in the effort held at the county barns last week.

## TRUSTEE & MAYOR RACES Two Contested Race In Local Elections

There will be two contested races in two of the three elections before area voters in the April 3 election for three members of the board of trustees of the Stratford Independent School District, three members on the board of the Stratford Hospital District, plus two council members and the Mayor's seat all up for grabs next month.

As this issue goes to press, there are two men running for the office of Stratford Mayor and four men have signed up seeking the three spots up on the SISD board of trustees.

There are two who have signed for three spots on the hospital board and two seeking the two

offices on the city council.

The two candidates for the office of Stratford Mayor are Leonard Duncan, local auto dealer, and Ron Haggard, a member of the City Council and local service station owner.

There are two men seeking the two spots on the Council itself, these include J.R. Houston Jr. and John Marvin Wilson. The Council seats are currently held by J.E. Moore and Bill Blaine and neither have chosen at this point to seek reelection. The Mayor's office is currently held by Annell Wall but she has not said officially whether or not she will seek

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Stratford's Elkettes used total team effort and individual coolness to earn their second State Class A Girls Championship in Austin this past weekend.

The Elkettes downed probably the second best ball club at Austin in their opener on Thursday easing by Deweyville Pirates 49-47 then played it cool on Saturday night to down the Archer City Archerettes 60-57 in the finals. The big victory Saturday night, played before the largest crowd every to view a girl's basketball game with over 6,800 in attendance at Gregory Gym in Austin, brought Stratford fans racing onto the court as the buzzer sounded and the big silver basketball went to the Elkettes.

Both the semi-final and final games had their individuals who got the spotlight, however it took team effort from starters and the gals on the bench alike to assure the second State Championship for the Elkettes.

"They all came through when it counted," said Coach Sam Brite. "I don't know what else a coach could ask from a bunch of girls, they are all just wonderful," he added.

The Elkettes escaped by the hair of their chinny chin chin in their opener against Deweyville on Thursday. After jumping out to lead by as much as 18 points at one instance, the Pirates came alive and fought back right down to the final buzzer.

Ellette forwards D'Lynn Brown and Vickie Bell both got in foul trouble early in the game and Miss Bell finally left with her fifth foul with 4:56 left in the fourth.

At this stage the Elkettes led 41-35 but sharpshooting Deweyville forward Priscilla Teel hit both ends of the resulting charity shots to close the gap to 41-37.

The Pirates closed the gap 47-47 with 0:45 left on the clock. Dalene Prescott and Barrie Donelson combined to rush the ball downcourt to Miss Brown at the line. Passing off to Brenda Hawkins, Miss Brown took a stand near the bucket and then took a pass from Miss Hawkins, passed quickly over to Patty Dietrich who laid it up for the go ahead bucket, 49-47. The ball went quickly back down court where Rhonda Sutterfield drew a foul. Miss Brown missed her first shot on a one and one and back down the court the ball went with 0:29 left in the game. Deweyville's hot shot forward, Priscilla Teel, went up for a shot, but Guard Barrie Donelson blocked the all important effort and the loose ball was controlled by Dalene Prescott. Miss Prescott then passed the ball to midcourt to Miss Brown who just held the ball and was tied up as the buzzer sounded the end of the game.

Recapping earlier action, the Elkettes jumped out to lead 18-4 at the end of the opener as the blue and white Elkettes pressed the Pirates forcing turnover after turnover and capitalizing on most of them.

The Elkettes then went into the half owning the long end of a 35-23 lead. What loomed more important at this point was the fact that Miss Brown and Miss Bell were both in foul trouble with three each.

In the third stanza, the Pirates outscored the Elkettes 10-6 and closed the gap to 41-33 but the last minute efforts by all players put the game away by the narrow two point margin.

Saturday night's final stage was set. Archer City had little trouble with Springhill in their opener, putting them down 60-36 on Thursday.

The Elkettes were led by Senior D'Lynn Brown at scoring as she accounted for 42 big points in that final game of her high school career.

Forward Vickie Bell, playing her final game for the Elkettes, performed brilliantly under the bucket getting a total of 11 rebounds in the game before she went to the bench late in the fourth quarter.

On the forward end, Brenda Hawkins controlled the ball with Miss Brown at high post and Miss Bell on the other side of the key. Patty Dietrich relieved Miss Bell in the fourth after she got her fifth foul.

Miss Brown hit on 15 of 25 field goal efforts for a 60 percent total shooting in the game but it was her charity shots in the last stanza which made the difference on the scoreboard.

With 5:06 left in the last stanza, Miss Brown hit on three

of three shots. Two came on a one and one and the third was a

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## Calendar of Events

**THURSDAY, March 4**  
8 p.m. Ex Students meeting at Country Club

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**  
Boys Track at Boys Ranch, preliminaries

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**  
Boys Track at Boys Ranch 7 p.m. Consumers Annual Meeting at Hi School Cafeteria

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
Attend Church Of Your Choice 3:15 p.m. 4-H Food Show at County Barn

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**  
7 p.m. Lions Club at County Barn

7 p.m. Band Boosters at Band Hall  
7:30 p.m. Daisy Moore at FB Bldg.

R. E. Florida

Word was received Tuesday morning of the death of R.E. Florida of the Kerrick Community. Mr. Florida had suffered a heart attack late last year and had been home. However, he

had been taken back to High Plains Hospital in Amarillo over the weekend and died late Monday. As this issue goes to press there were no details available. A complete story will be carried in the next issue.

TRACKS

...from page 1 House Night from 7:30 until 9 p.m. at all the schools, so don't forget this date next week. XXXX

Weather is still dry, and March came roaring in like a lion bringing a bunch of dirt and tumbling weeds. We sure do need moisture, now worse than ever.

Commodity prices Tuesday noon showed wheat selling at \$3.83 per bushel, grain sorghum at \$4.20 per cwt. and corn at \$2.64 per bushel.

SCOT HEARS PATRIOTIC PROGRAM ON THURSDAY

Sherman County Older Texans (SCOT) met last Thursday in the County Barn with 49 members and 14 guests present.

The Stratford Girl Scouts presented a Bicentennial Program, "Sing Out, America". The group was accompanied by Mrs. Bob Boardman and sponsored by Lynn Wells.

Final plans were made for the 40 members who are attending the Lawrence Welk Show on March 5 in Amarillo.

Games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by Happy Hour Home Demonstration Club.

LOCAL POLITICS

...from page 1 reelection.

There are currently four men who have filed as candidates for the three places which are up this year on the board of the trustees for the SISD. These candidates include Rex Christian, Don Riffe, Don Dietrich and Keith Waters. Three of the four, Christian, Riffe and Dietrich are incumbents while Waters is seeking his first political office.

Only two persons, both incumbents, have filed seeking reelection to the board of the Stratford Hospital District. These are Shirley McReynolds, and Joe Flores.

The deadline for filing for any of the elections will pass as this issue goes to press.

At present the board of trustees is comprised of Christian, Riffe and Dietrich, with holdover trustees E.R. Bell, V.O. Lasley, Joe Wells and Johnny Summerour.

Members of the Stratford City Council include Mayor Wall, Councilmen Moore and Blain with Ron Hager, Dwayne Plunk, J.E. Moore and Bill Riffe.

Hospital Board members include Walter Lasley, Carroll Wisdom, Phillip Bain, Shirley McReynolds and Joe Flores.

BULL SALE SET AT PANHANDLE STATE

The 24th Panhandle State University Beef Bull Performance sale will be held Tuesday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the college farm.

The top 100 head of bulls will sell. This includes Herefords, Polled Herefords, Angus, and Charolais. The test this year was an all-time high performance record on average daily gain over the 140 day test. A total of 127 bulls were included in the test.

For further information, contact Milt England, Panhandle State University, Goodwell, Oklahoma. A complete history, breed and average daily gain is available on each animal.

TOWN TALK

Mrs. Gary Hudson was released from Hi Plains Baptist Hospital Saturday after undergoing major surgery last week. \*\*\*

Six Players Named On Honor Teams

Three Elks and three Elkettes were named to the District 1A All District Team following the end of the season this week.

The three boys named to the All District Team include Seniors, Darrell Doshier and Wayne Garoutte along with Junior, Will Allen.

The three Elkettes named to the elite group include D'Lynn Brown, senior forward, and Dalene Prescott, senior guard, and Barrie Donelson, freshman guard.

Joe Pete Albert, junior, was named as an Honorable Mention for the Elks and Senior Forward Vicki Bell with Senior Guard Janice Messer were all named Honorable Mentions for the Elkettes.

A total of 10 boys and 13 girls were named to the All District First Teams this year. Stratford and Gruver placed three boys each on the elite group with Stratford and Sanford Fritch each placing three girls on the top list.

The complete list is as follows:

GIRLS ALL DISTRICT--- FORWARD--Teresa Williams Canadian, senior; Denise Ashby, Fritch, senior; Coillia Compton, Fritch, junior; Lucy Smith, Gruver, junior; Jan Osborne, Sunray, senior; Teresa Doughten, Stinnett, junior; and D'Lynn Brown, Stratford, senior.

GIRLS ALL DISTRICT GUARDS--Sherry Smith, Canadian, senior; Diane Baggett, Canadian, junior; Rhonda Cawthron, Fritch, senior; Kelley Hart, Gruver, sophomore; Jeannette Schad, Gruver, senior; Cindy Bowers, Stinnett, senior; Dalene Prescott, Stratford, senior; Barrie Donelson, Stratford, freshman.

BOYS ALL DISTRICT..... Darrell Doshier, Stratford, senior; Wayne Garoutte, Stratford, senior; Will Allen, Stratford, junior; Scott Richerson, Fritch, senior; Terry Summers, Fritch, senior; Bobby Tollison, White Deer, junior; Eddie Milton, White Deer, senior; David Bergin, Gruver, senior; Wade Dahl, Gruver,

junior; Jerry Trussell, Sunray, senior.

GIRLS HONORABLE MENTION GUARDS--Peggy James, Canadian, junior; Donna McClellan, Fritch, sophomore; Donna Satterwhite, White Deer, junior; Sharon Cartrite, Sunray, senior; Starla Osborne, Sunray, senior; Grace Throckmorton, Stinnett, junior; and Janice Messer, Stratford, senior.

BOYS HONORABLE MENTION--Allen Cummings, White Deer, senior; Sandy Hodge White Deer, senior; Steve Williams, White Deer, junior; Joe Freeman, White Deer, senior; Ross Dodson, Stinnett, senior; Kevin Hart, Gruver, senior; Bryant Layton, Sunray, senior; Alan Hunnicutt, Sunray, senior; and Joe Pete Albert, Stratford, junior.

NO MORE U TURNS ON MAIN STREET

Notice is being given this week that in the future no more U Turns will be allowed on Main Street after March 7.

This change in traffic laws locally is due to increasing congestion on Main Street and to prohibit damage to autos and perhaps a loss of life or serious injury.

LOCAL FIREMEN RECEIVE CERTIFICATES IN FIREFIGHTING

Seven members of the Stratford Fire Department received their executive Firefighters Certification on Feb. 24, 1976. Those completing the requirements and receiving the certificates include Owen Hudson, Ronnie Hager, Junior Harkins, Arvil Griffin, Johnnie Pulliam, Max Stephenson and Wayne Cummings.

Other members of the Fire Department are currently working on their certificates and plan to have them completed in the near future.

TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Plunk returned home Sunday after a trip to New Orleans; a visit with son, Phil, and wife in Houston and a stop in Austin for the girl's basketball finals. \*\*\*

"Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength." Eric Hoffer

Show Begins Weekdays 7:30 p.m. Sunday Begin 8:15 p.m.

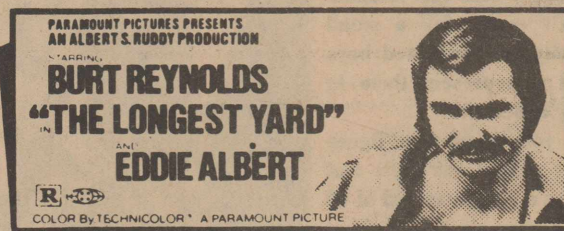
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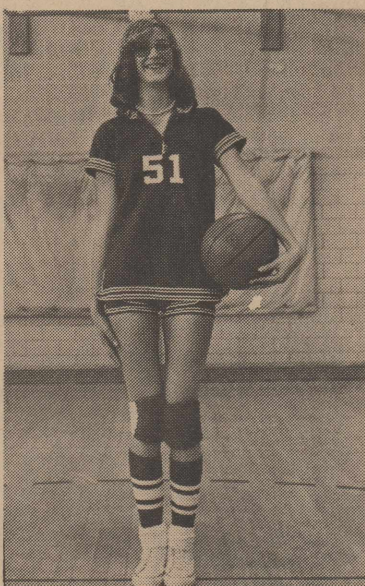
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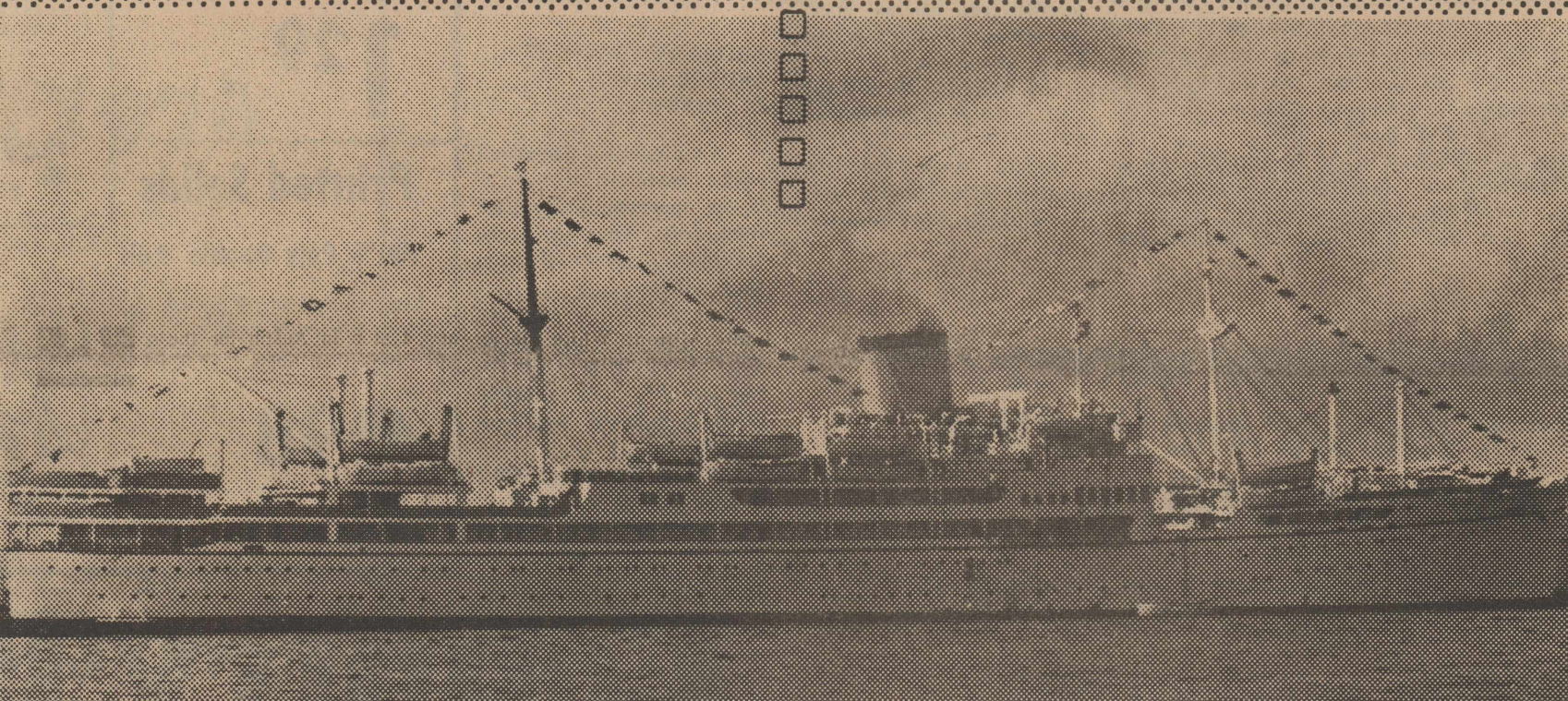
## CRUISE IN THE OFF-SEASON

Although most people prefer to take their cruise during the peak of the season for all the glamour, excitement, and crowds it offers, others enjoy the quiet and restfulness of the off season cruise. Tourists are not present in such great numbers; interesting places can be visited more leisurely and at greater length.

Some people prefer to pray only when they are in church or at some great public gathering where the prayers are led for them. But our Lord said to pray in the "off-season." He

said, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." The real joys of prayer are truly found when you are praying alone with God. The scripture says to be instant in season and out of season.

The church would encourage you to pray both in church and at home. Prayer can uphold, support, and strengthen our churches, ourselves, and our country.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Ser.



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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Services 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Bruce Mitchell

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Main at Sixth Street  
Church School 9:40 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Activities 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. Cecil Hardaway

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN

North Main at Fifth Streets  
Church School 9:50 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.  
Rev. David Harker

#### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Church Services 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Nite 7:00 p.m.  
Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Elder Ernest Vanover

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Confessions Before Saturday and Sunday Masses

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# Society



These Girl Scouts, representing four troops, sang for SCOT at their meeting last Thursday. From left to right they are as follows: front row; Leslie Flores, Toni Borth, Angela Rush, Sharla Wisdom, Sona Hawkins, Carrie Brown; middle row; Betty Saloga, Carrie Brown, Jennifer Wells and the Director and Co-ordinator of the program Olinda Boardman. Back Row; Annette Flores, Mellonee McMillion, Angela Baker and Jill Pronger. Not pictured is Lynn Wells who was responsible for the formation of this group which sings a medley of songs commemorating the Bi-Centennial.



**SPEAKS TO WOMEN'S DIVISION**--Jim Allison, Sherman County Agricultural Extension Agent, is shown during his address to members of the Women's Division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce at last week's noon meeting of the group.

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## Home Demo Club News

Southside Home Demonstration Club entertained Star Home Demonstration Club members on February 24 at 2 p.m. with Mrs. John Lavake as hostess.

The evening was spent playing games led by Mrs. Joe Everett.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames: Tom Wakefield, Bill Sladek, Jack Harris, Vera Pronger, Raymond Keener and Roscoe Dyess from Star Club.

Those in attendance from the Southside Club included Mesdames: John Lavake, Joe Everett, Lloyd Crowover, Elvena Sweny, Arthur Cartrite, Clyde Tims, and Mary Lou Walden.

### DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR DEENA DAVIS

A fund has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford to help defray medical expenses for Deena Davis, 5-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis.

Deena is currently in an Amarillo hospital and is expected to be moved to Galveston sometime this week.

## Look Who's Here



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer Ann, born at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart on February 13, 1976. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 6 1/4 oz. at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler of Stratford and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore of Guymon.

Mrs. Mary Osborn of Vivati, Okla. is the great grandmother.

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Donald Moon was also admitted to the hospital again last week for heart catheterization.

### SCOUT CIRCUS FOR SALE

All Boy & Cub Scouts in Stratford will be selling tickets to the Scout Circus to be held in Dalhart, March 27 and Amarillo, March 20.

Stratford Scouts will be participating in the Circus held in Dalhart March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rita Blanca Lake Exhibition Bldg.

The tickets are \$1.00 each and the income from them helps the boy earn prizes, helps the local unit with a percentage and helps the Council sell Scouting.

### VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY SET FOR MARCH IN SPEARMAN

A volleyball Tournament will be held March 25, 26 and 27 in the Spearman Junior High Gym. Entry forms are at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office.

There is a \$10.00 entry fee and all proceeds will go to K.I.D.S. to help with the expenses of the newly organized program for the youth of Spearman.

Anyone interested in entering this tournament may write or call the Chamber of Commerce office. (659-3330). Deadline for entry is March 15.

**CRAFT DAY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11**

The public is invited to attend

a free Craft Demonstration Day on Thursday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building.

All Sherman County Home Demonstration Clubs will be demonstrating different crafts throughout the day.

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## Cook of Week

In keeping with Girl Scout Week we are honored to have three girl scouts as our cooks of the week.

Belinda Sladek is the daughter of the Bill Sladeks. She is a sophomore in high school, a member of the State Girls Class A Champions Basketball team and represents the Senior Scout Troop 11. Carrie Riffe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe and is in the seventh grade. She is a member of Cadette Troop #31. Karen Waters is a member of Junior Troop #221. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Waters.

**GIRL SCOUT CRUMB COOKIES**  
6 eggs  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 1/2 t. baking powder  
2 c. Butter Flavored Vanilla Girl Scout Cookies ground and packed in cup  
1/2 c. walnuts, ground  
Separate eggs. Beat egg whites stiff and beat in 1/2 cup sugar. Then fold yolks into the egg whites. Fold in crumbs to which baking powder has been added. Add nuts. Drop by



**GIRL SCOUT WEEK**--These three young ladies represent the various levels of Girl Scouting in Stratford. They are left to right, Cadette Carrie Riffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe; Karen Waters, member of Junior Troop 221; and Belinda Sladek, Senior Troop 11. This week we are using their recipes in our Cook of Week column.

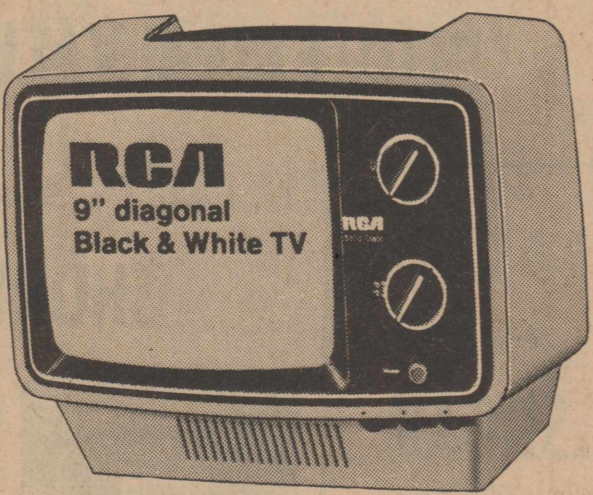
teaspoonful on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 until lightly browned and test done. Melt 1 package chocolate bits and 1 package butterscotch bits. Spread on cooled cookies.

Other flavors of Girl Scout Cookies may be used. We like Butter Flavored Vanilla Cookies.

**GIRL SCOUT CHEWEY COOKIE TREAT**  
Crush 12 Girl Scout round-up cookies. Melt 1/4 cup margarine or butter. Mix together thoroughly. Press into an 8" pie pan. Place miniature marshmallows in shell till it is half full. Place Girl Scout Mints over top of marshmallows. Bake at 350 until the marshmallows are

melted.

**FUDGE PEPPERMINT PIE**  
Fudge Pattie Cookies  
1 pint jar marshmallow cream  
1/4 cup milk  
4 drops peppermint extract  
6 drops green food coloring  
1 cup whipped topping  
Line bottom of 9 inch pie pan with cookies. Use pieces of cookie to fill in spaces. Line sides with more cookies. In mixing bowl, combine marshmallow cream, milk, extract and food coloring. Whip till fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into cookie crust. Freeze till firm, about 8 hours and keep frozen till served. Garnish with more whipped topping and fudge cookie pieces. Serves 8



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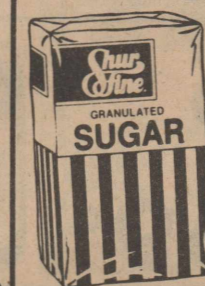
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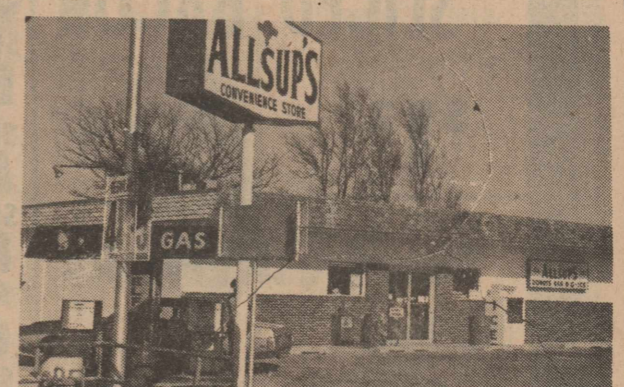
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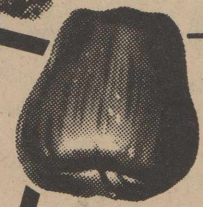
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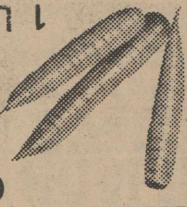
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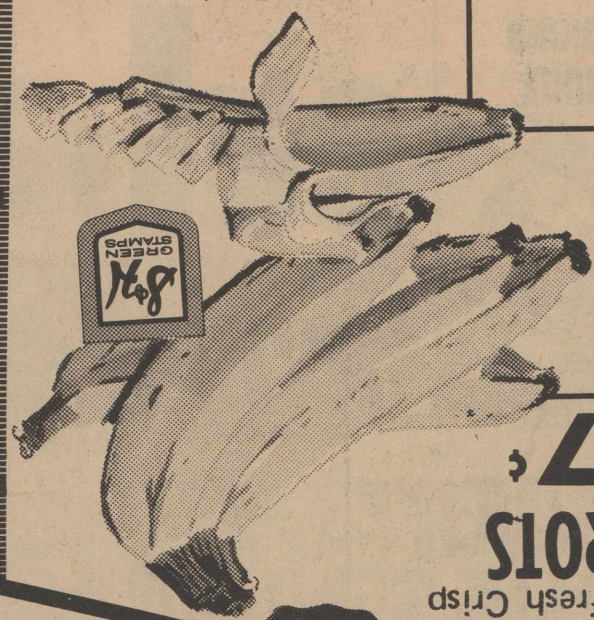
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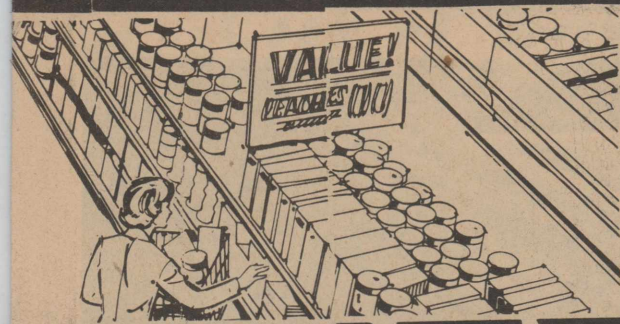
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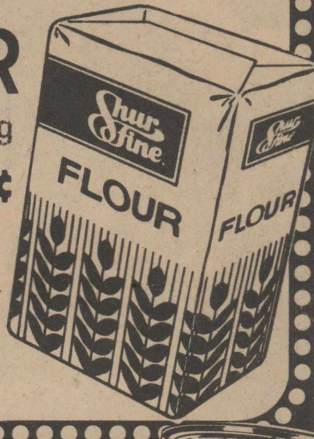


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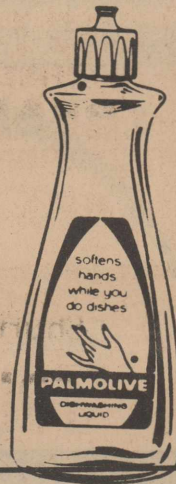


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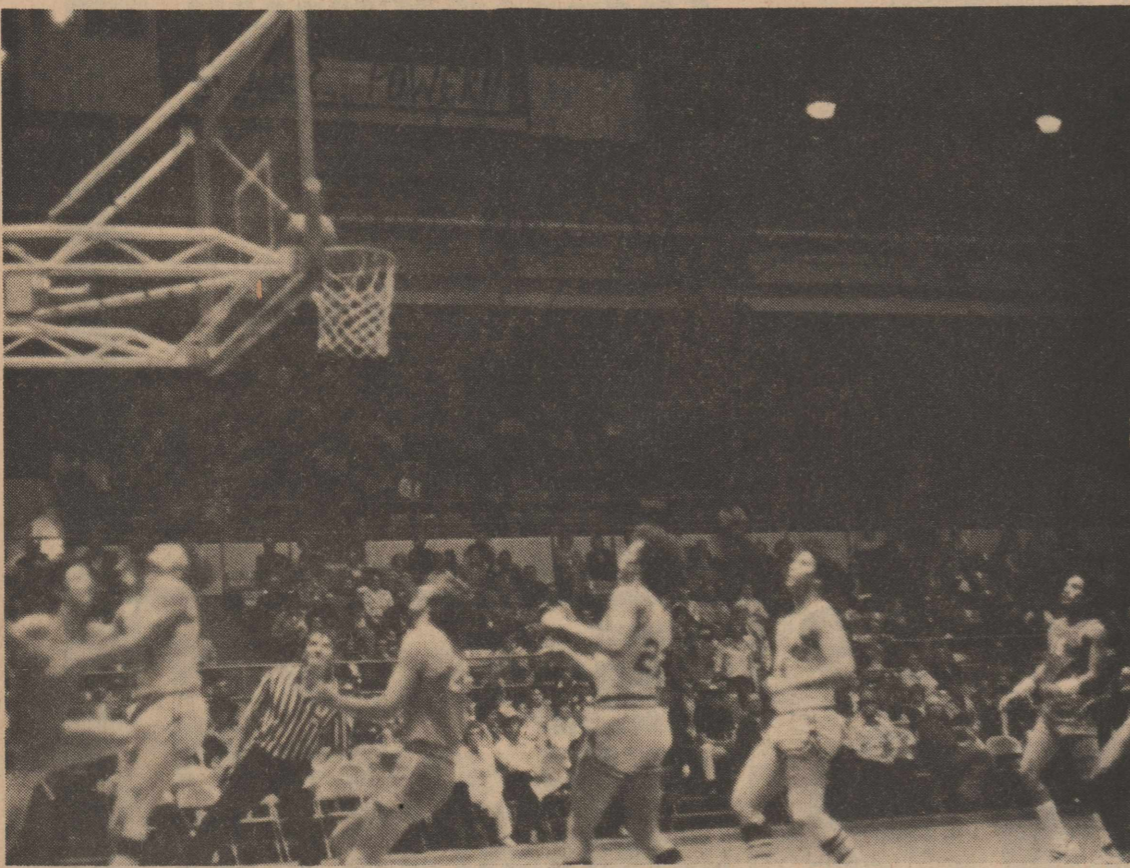
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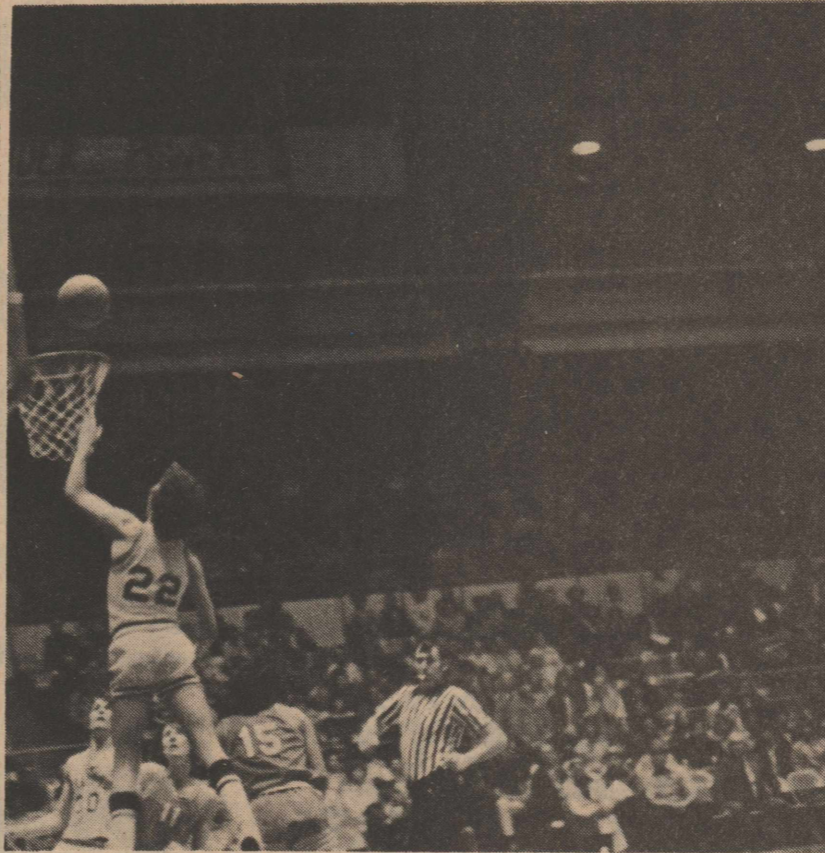
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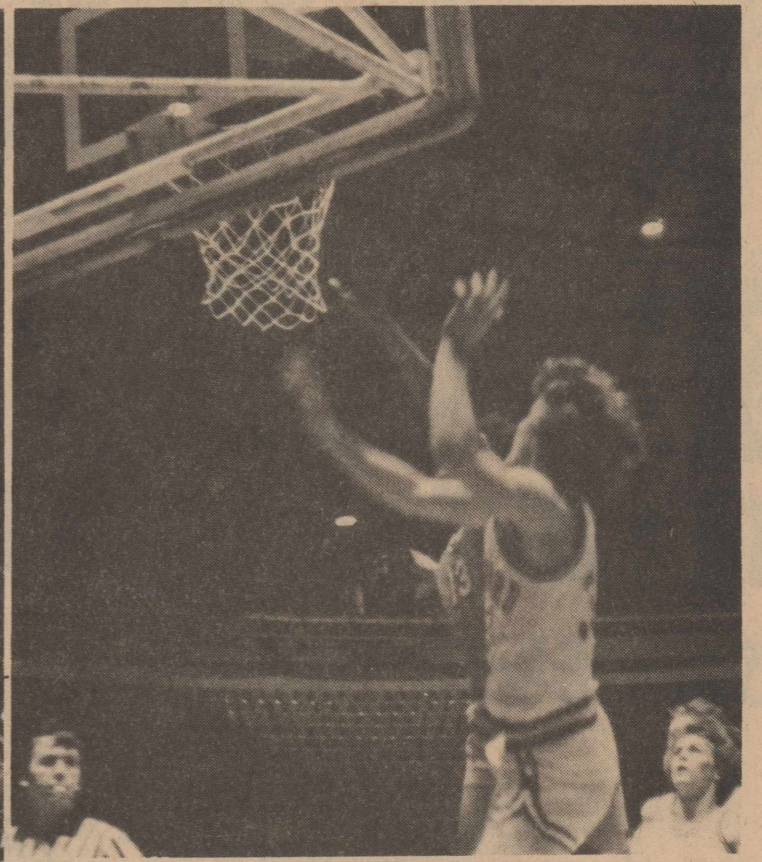
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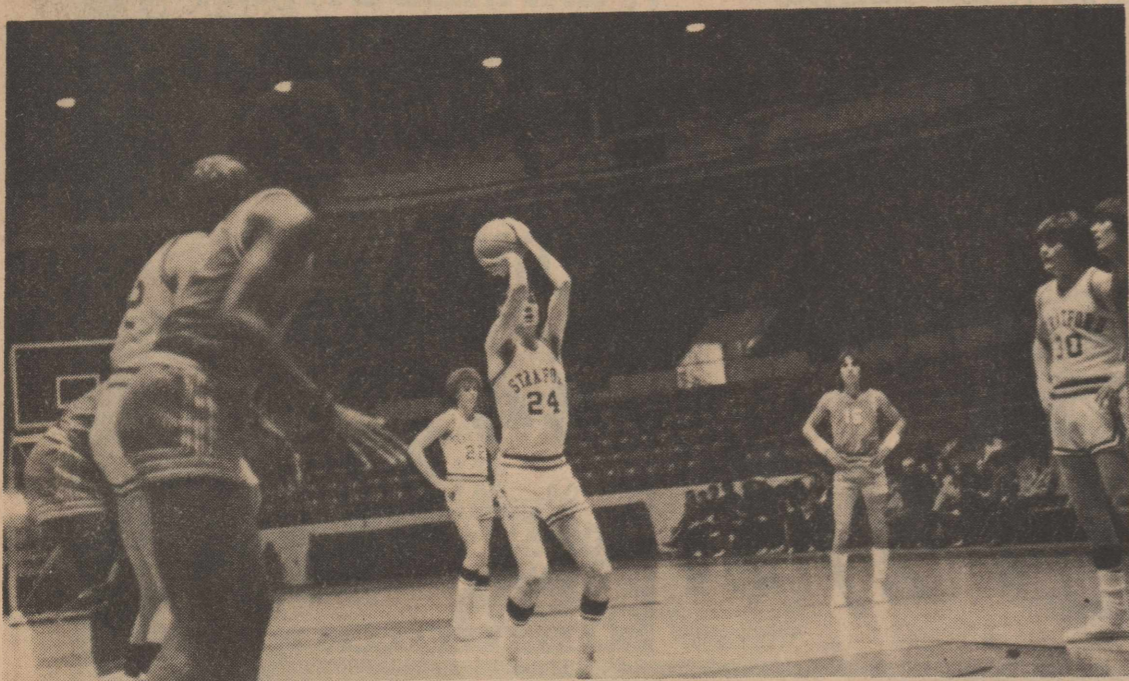


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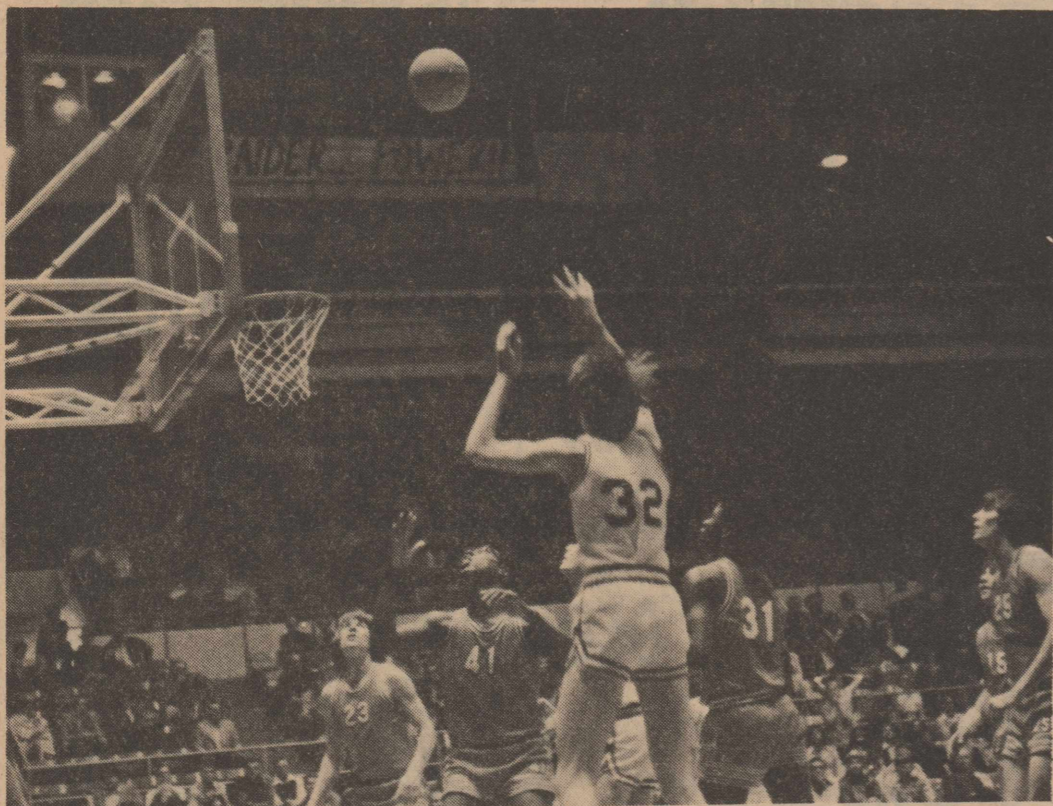
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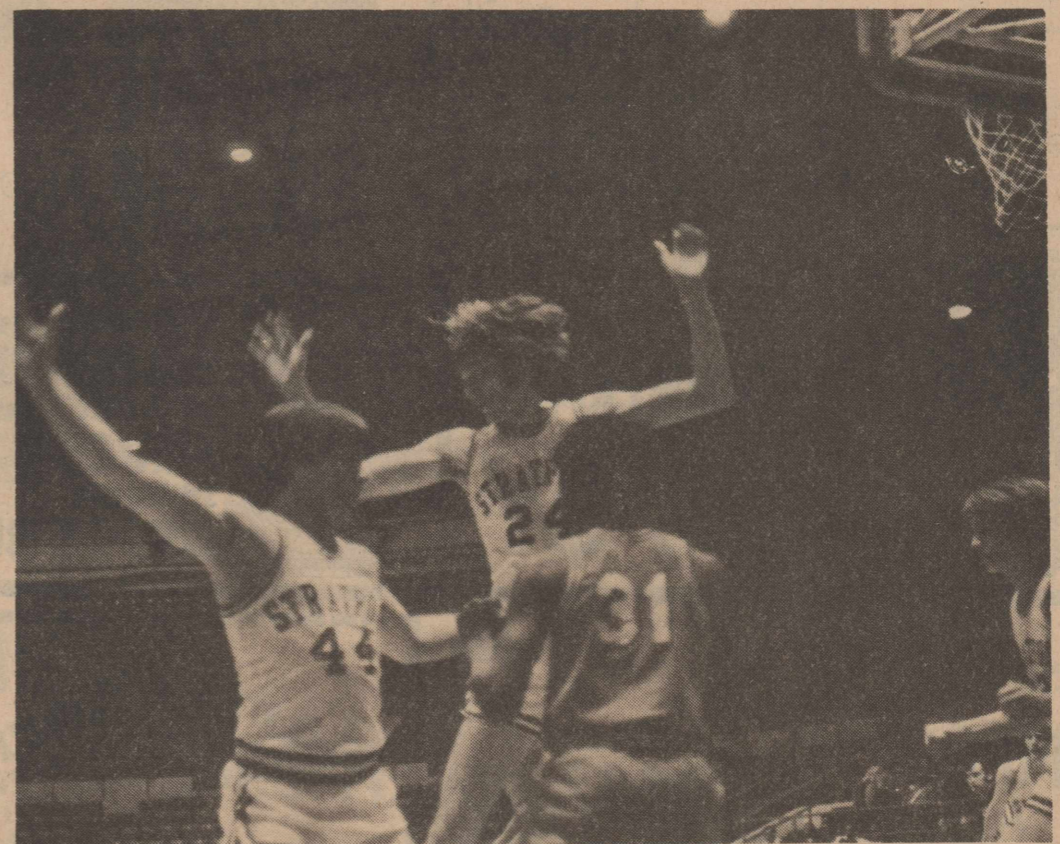
### Action At Lubbock Regional Tourney



All Regional Tourney Wayne Garoutte at freethrow line



Will Allen puts up a jumper



Duncan, Garoutte and Allen under the bucket

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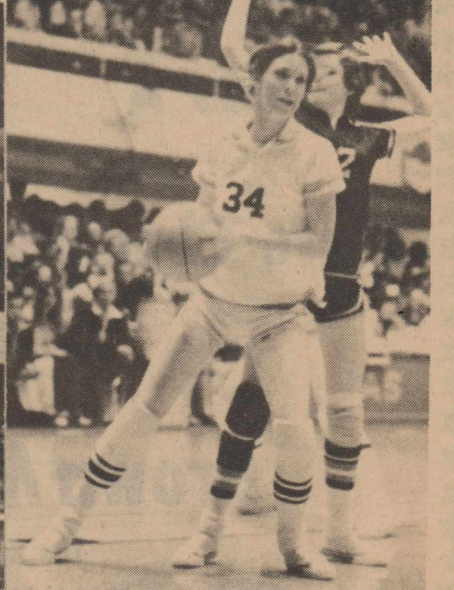
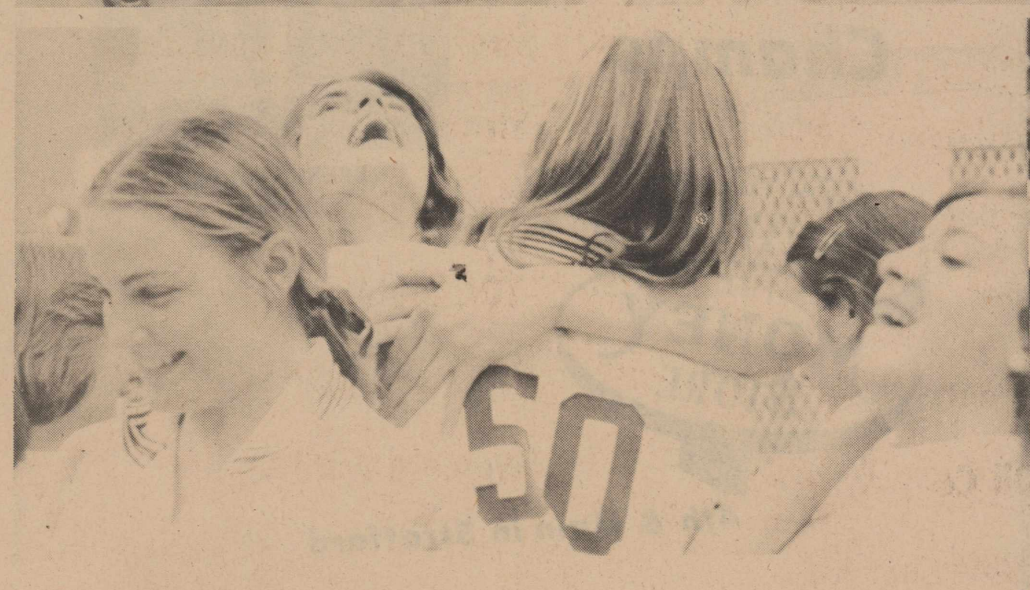
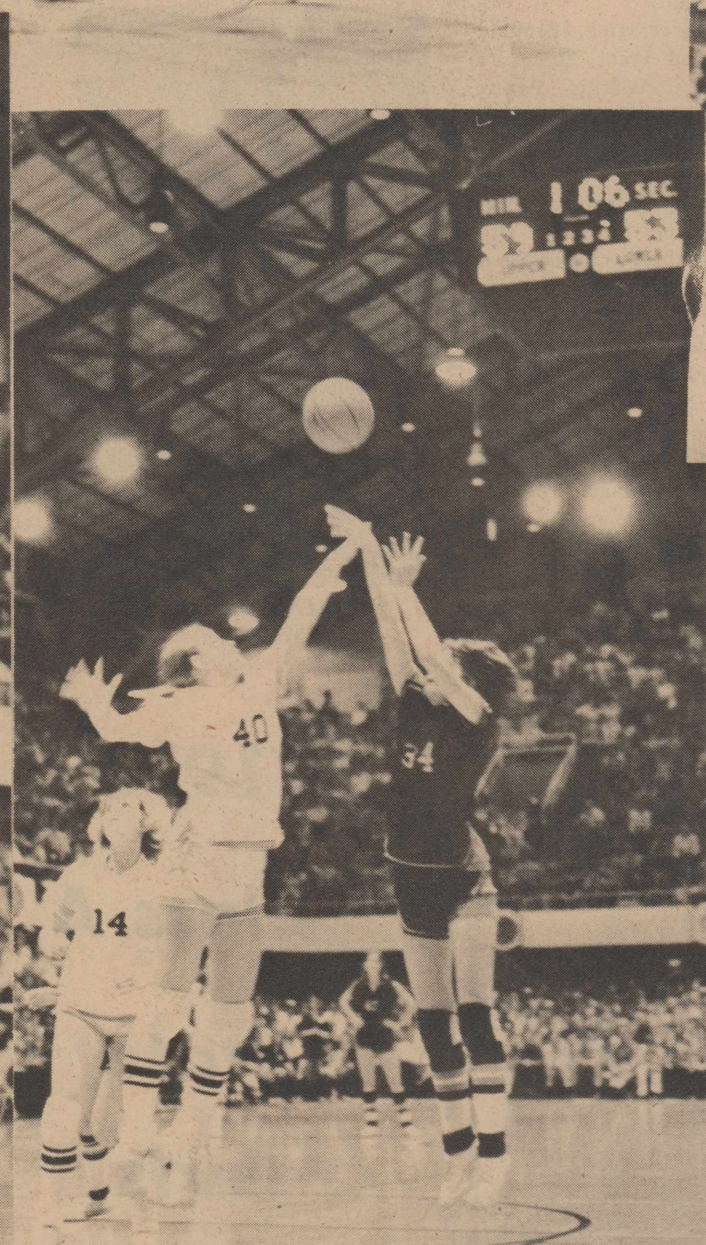
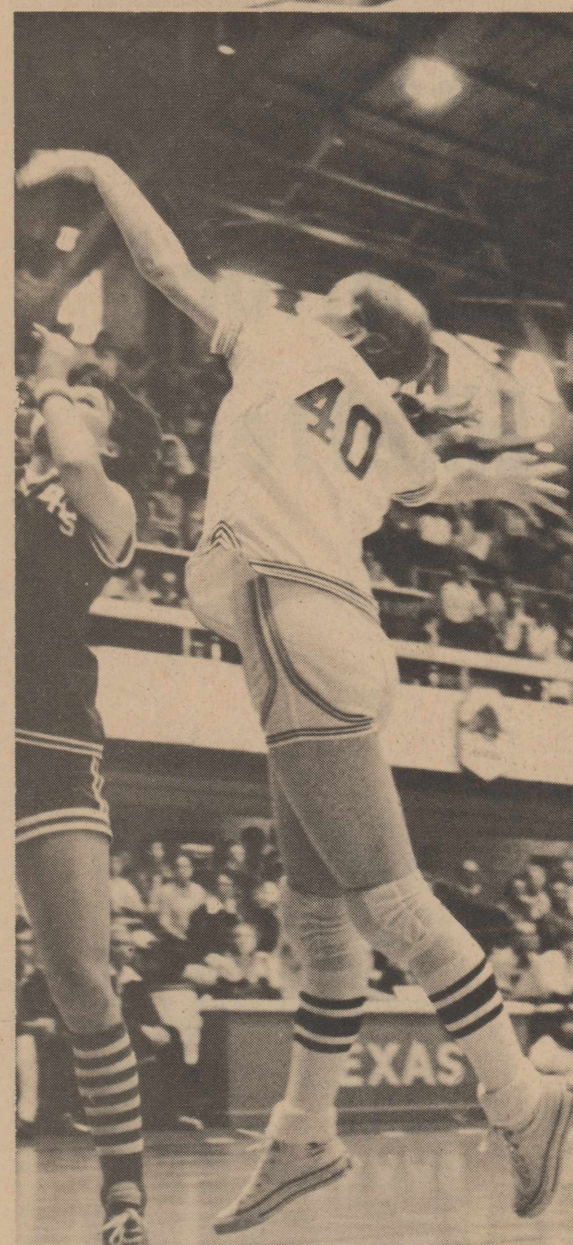
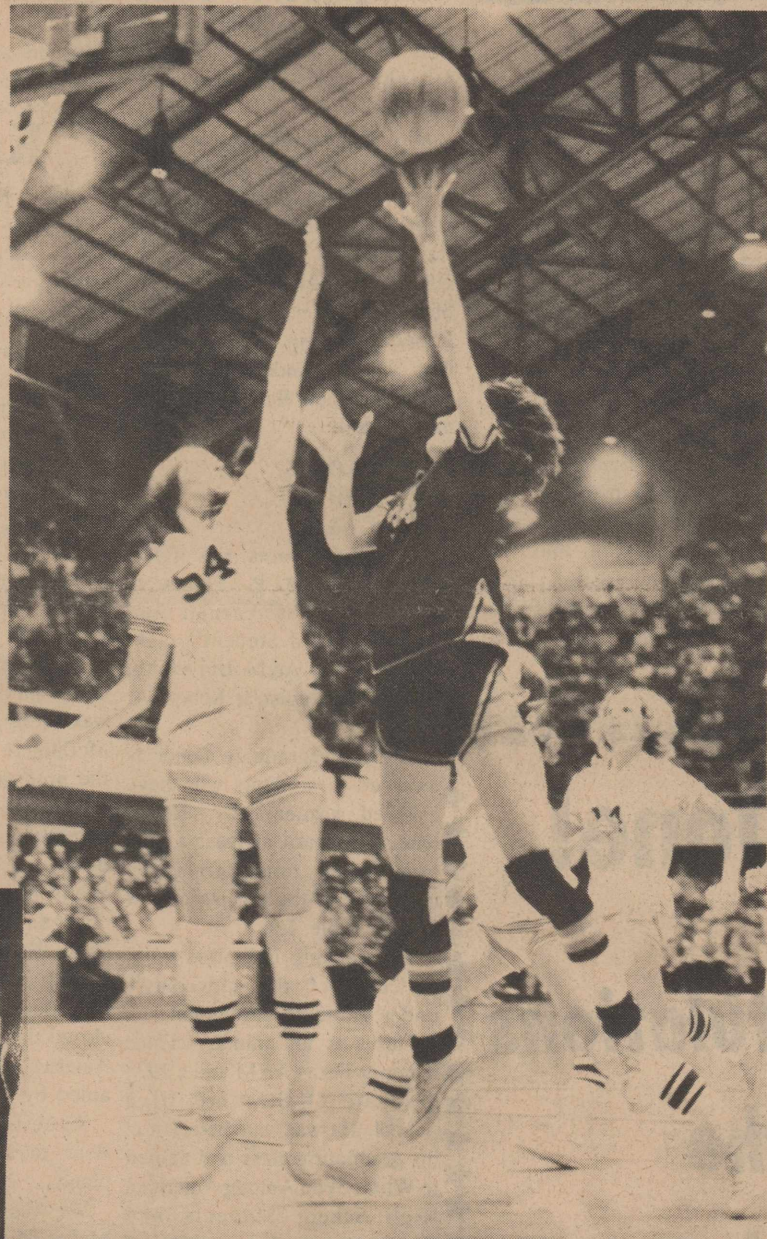
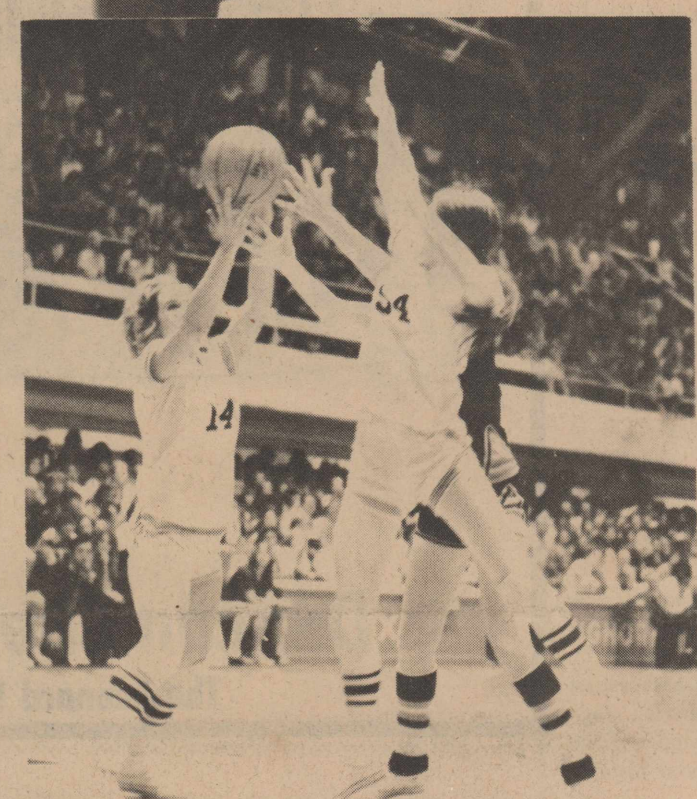
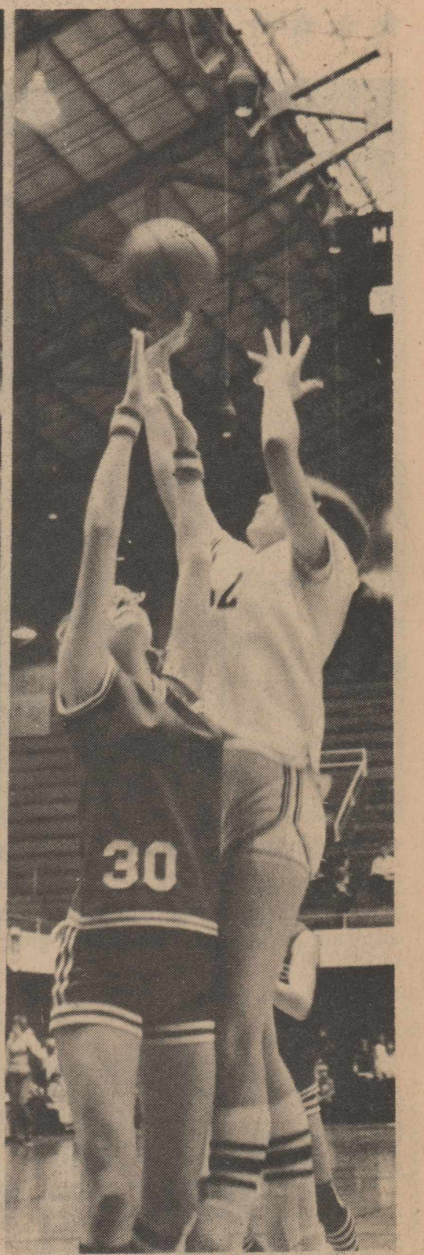
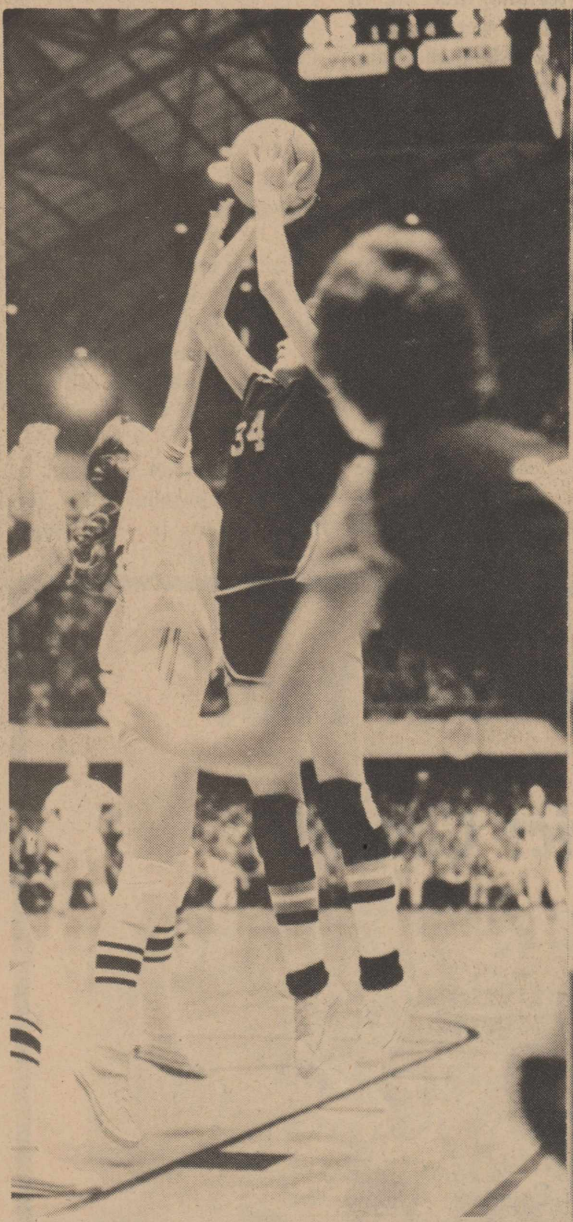
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# Stratford Elkette Girls Class A State Champions

## Action Photos At Austin State Tournament



### What's New At School



WHATS NEW AT SCHOOL--While studying a unit on Patriotism in social studies, Mrs. Jamison's third grade class decided they would like to work up a play to help them learn something about the people who played important roles in the winning of our Independence. We are proud of our nation and want to be loyal citizens. The group wishes to thank Mrs. Mehner for recording the Patriotic Music.

### Masons, OES Hold Program Saturday Nite

Masons and Eastern Stars enjoyed a patriotic program by Gruver Girl Scout Troop 63 Saturday night at the Masonic Hall following a covered dish supper. An FM radio provided the State Basketball final game during the meal.

Mrs. Martha Mans leader, was assisted by Mildred Ottinger, Associate Conductress of Stratford Chapter 960. The Rev. Victor Anderson was accompanist. Other Gruver guests were Mrs. Ruth DeCamp and Fred Mans.

The program consisted of patriotic songs, histories of flags of the United States, stories of Molly Pitcher, Lincoln, Betsy Ross, Uncle Sam, Martha and George Washington, Sachagwea, in costume.

Brief histories were told about the Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty, Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner, American Creed.

Worthy Matron, Doris Anne Marshall, presented trowel letter openers to Pete Wall, J.W. Smith, Ed Crabtree, Floy Yates, and Owen Hudson, who is Worshipful Master of Stratford Lodge.

Special recognition was given to Ed Crabtree and Nellie Blanck, 50 year members.

Other guests were Mrs. Owen Hudson, Evelyn Cooper, Mrs. Pete Wall, Christy Pittman, D'Anne Marshall and 15 members.

Girl Scouts presenting the program were Cindy Hartcunf, Kathryn Cotter, Ronda Serdahl, Charlene Evans, Debbie Padilla, Melissa Mans, Sherry Dixon, Wendy Blessingame, Shannan Miller, Missy Britt, Rhonda Decamp, Sandra Padilla, Cherie Anderson, Paula Kelly, Dawnon Beaver, Donna and Gaylen.

### MIKE FLORES HONORED AT TEXAS A&M

Michael Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Flores of Stratford, has earned the "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

The undergraduate honor is awarded to students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio during the most recent grading period out of a possible 4.0.

This ranking is limited to 10 per cent of the university's under graduate enrollment.

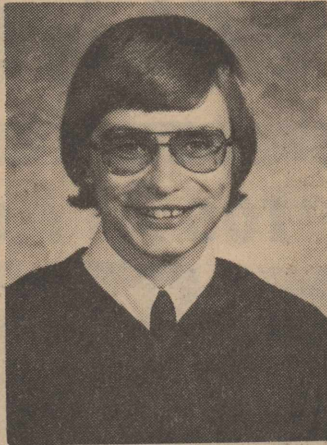
Flores is an animal science major at Texas A&M and a 1975 graduate of Stratford High School. He was valedictorian of his graduating class and named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and Outstanding Teenagers of America in 1975.

### FORMER STUDENTS MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY NITE

All Ex Students of Stratford High School are urged to attend an important meeting set for Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Stratford Country Club.

The meeting will be for the purpose of making plans for this year's Homecoming.

Every former student is urged to attend.



### AFS Student To Visit Next Week

Asgeir Andreassen, a native of Norway, will be visiting in Stratford for a period of two weeks as a part of the AFS Exchange Student program.

Andreassen will be staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McReynolds and will attend classes at the Stratford High School during this period. Andreassen has been in the U.S. since last summer living in Arlington, near the Fort Worth-Dallas metroplex and the two weeks in Stratford is an effort for the young man to see another part of the state of Texas.

He will arrive in Stratford next Monday evening. His home in Norway is a small town and is located on an island in the northern part of Norway. His father is a contractor and his mother works as a secretary for the city. He has two younger brothers and says he is looking forward to visiting in Stratford.

### Kerrick News

#### Mrs. Fred McDaniel

Kerrick Community Kapers proved to be a success as 92 persons gathered to enjoy entertainment Friday night at the Community Center. In addition to Kerrick viewers, guests were present from Stratford, Boise City and Dumas.

Barbara Schoonover was Emcee for the evening. The state area was designated by bales of hay with a backdrop of crazy quilts. Sleeping on stage was Clem Kiddlehopper (Kayo McDaniel). Pat Boren planned the program.

The Desertaries, Frankie Shields and Frank Sutton of Stratford, assisting Penny Whitson and Jo June McDaniel, opened the show with When You Wore a Tulip, Peggy O'Neil, JaDa. When the Saints Go Marching In. They also closed the show with God Bless America. They were accompanied by Marcell Sutton.

Annette Hampton played Bear Scratch Boogie on the piano.

She was followed by Marylou McDaniel as Second Hand Rose and Red Hot Mama. Lorraine Mehner was accompanist.

Marcell Sutton presented The Entertainer and Ain't That a Shame on the piano.

Kerry Boren entertained with her trained fish!

Fred McDaniel showed his talent with a piano rendition and coronet solo of The Birth of the Blues.

Penny Whitson's clarinet solos were Don't Blame Me and My Blue Heaven. He also

accompanied Linda Whitson and her Flick My Bic to the tune of the Blue Danube.

Dear Flabby, or advise to the lovelorn, was given by Donnie Hutcheson and Leda Stanley.

Terry Schoonover played a medly of songs on the harmonica and he and Penny Whitson with his clarinet, played Yellow Rose of Texas and When the Saints Go Marching In.

Franny Taylor demonstrated the training of Pet Rocks.

Desserts, coffee and tea were served following the program.

Worship Services are this Sunday Night, 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Speaking will be Nick Craig of Dalhart. Services are being held the first

Sunday night of each month.

Attending the Rita Blanca Electric Annual Meeting in Dalhart Feb. 25 were Mr. and Mrs. George Allen and Mrs. Fred McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and Todd Lewis of Guymon were guests Friday of the Terry Schoonovers.

Ian Weems, young grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Rogers, was taken to the hospital Thursday night with croup and tonsillitis.

On the Dean's List at the College of Home Economics, Texas Tech, is Brenda Taylor, daughter of Franny Taylor.

Wil Avent, after two weeks in the hospital, is home and doing well. Sunday visitors with the Boots Avent family were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hendrix of Hardesty, Ok.

Kerrick HD Club meets March 9, 2 p.m. Barbara Schoonover is hostess.

Visiting for several days with the Hap Taylors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Colopy of Lake City, Co. Additional dinner guests Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson of Channing.

Fred McDaniel attended a Leap Year Birthday Party for John Wilde in Spearman Saturday night.

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Manager

1976

Class A  
State  
Girls  
Champs



BRENDA BAKER  
Manager



4th & Main in Stratford

## Best Wishes To All Our Champs



MARCH 9-13

MONDAY--Salmon croquets, catsup, mashed potatoes, buttered English peas/ carrots, hot rolls, butter, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

TUESDAY--Corn dogs, mustard, macaroni/ tomatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, peanut butter cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY--Chili/ brown beans, tossed green salad, buttered spinach, crackers, doughnuts, milk.

THURSDAY--Fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, butter, peanut butter, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY--Hamburgers, cheese, onions lettuce salad, relish, french fries, jello, fruit salad, milk.

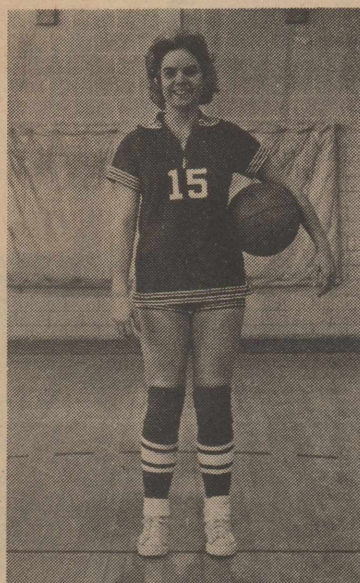


VICKI BELL  
Senior Forward

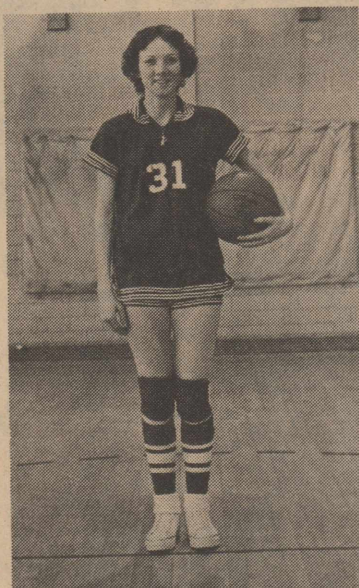
Queen O'Creme  
The Arnolds

## A Job Well Done!

## Congratulations to the Elkettes



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Senior Guard



JANICE MESSER  
Senior Guard

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Class A

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Senior Forward

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## Blue & Gold Banquet Held By Scouters

The annual Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet was held Feb. 21 in the School Cafeteria with approximately 170 Cubs and families attending. Cub Moms furnished the covered dish meal and the Cubs furnished the entertainment.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Strain, Council Executive from Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Anderson, Campaign, which provides District Executive from Dumas.

The following cubs received awards: Pete White, Rob Holly, James Wheeler-Bobcat; Troy Nelson-Wolf; Rodney Rush, Eddie Pickens-Recruiter; Robbie Bullock, Joe Harker, Shawn Meidinger-1 yr. pin. Webelo Achievements-Greg Hudson, Steve Dyess, Brian Kendrick, Daniel Harker, Cary Smith, Brent Spurlock.

Leaders recognized for service to Boys: Claude Allen, Larry Drake, Don Riffe, James Spurlock, Cagel Kendrick, Mrs. Ricky Pickens, Mrs. Clois Osbern, Mrs. Archie Wright, Mrs. Bill Riffe, Mrs. Phillip Billingsley, Mrs. Claude Allen, Mrs. Al Baker and Mrs. Don Riffe.

## Easter Seal Services Enjoy Growth

Because of the steady growth in numbers of crippled children and adults in Texas, the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas has stepped up its rehabilitation services.

Floy L. Yates, who is the Easter Seal Representative for the County, said 10,768 handicapped Texans received Easter Seal treatments during 1975.

"Despite medical scientific advances, Yates explained, "The rank of the crippled are growing. This is because of population growth, increased number of accidents and medical treatment which saves victims of crippling diseases who might not have lived in past years."

Citing the annual report of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas, affiliated treatment centers in Texas provide treatment and rehabilitation, speech and hearing and educational programs, and many other services required by the physically disabled to live normal lives.

The largest group served includes those with major deformities of bones and joints, severe speech defects, cerebral palsy, arthritis, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis and stroke. The Easter Seal funds for continuation of these services, begins March 1, and continues through April 18, Easter Sunday.

## Texhoma Area Slates Program On Cancer

Women in Texhoma and surrounding area will be given an unusual opportunity at the Texhoma High Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16.

The event will be a program for early detection of breast cancer and will be co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Gamma Theta and Nu Theta Chapters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sororities.

Peggy White, Texas County health nurse, will be the instructor using American Cancer Society films, literature and a mannequin type model that has various types of lumps built into the breast forms.

Women of all ages in the area urged to attend the free clinic on March 16.

The program on self examination could save your life!

## TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goetz, Tonya and Nicki from Texhoma; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Shawna, Sheila, Brett; Ann Pendleton and Tammy Bilbrey; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Trotter, Mike and Chris and Ralph Keener; Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Tillery, Roxann, Trisha and Paul Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Stovall and Cindy spent the weekend skiing at Red River.

# Hooray for Our Elkettes

You're Number 1



BRENDA HAWKINS  
Sophomore Forward

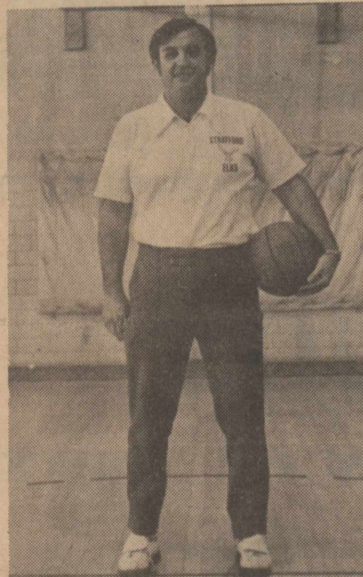


PATTY DIETRICH  
Sophomore Forward

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## Yea Elkettes



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Junior Guard

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### HELP WANTED

**WANTED: AMBITIOUS** energetic couple or single persons who wish to build profitable, stable business, fulltime or part time. Call 925-5425 or send resume to Opportunity, 410 N. Bliss, Dumas, Tex. 79029. 7-4tp

**WANTED--Farmer Dealer** in Stratford area to sell Hybrid Corn, Grain Sorghum, Forage Sorghum, Hybrid Sudan. Major Hybrid Seed Co. Reply to Box 8 Stratford, Texas 79084 8-3tc

**HELP WANTED--21 years** of age, need commercial license. Call or see Billy Blount at RIVERSIDE CHEMICAL, 396-5517. 9-2tc

**HELP WANTED--Part or full-time.** Apply at the Dairy Queen. 18-tfc

### FOR RENT

**FOR RENT--Two bedroom** trailer, couple or small family. Call 396-2149. 8-tfc

**FOR RENT--Two bedroom** trailer. Call 396-5312. 9-tfc

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** FOR RENT--carpeted office space, refrigerated air, central heat. Phone 396-2149. 38-tfc

**FOR RENT--Clean two bedroom** house, unfurnished. Excellent location. Write or call Stanley Ullom, 4516 11th, Lubbock, Tx. 79416. (806) 792-8059. 8-tfc

**FOR RENT--Two bedroom** unfurnished apartment, all electric. Call 5659; after 5:30 p.m. call 2378. 5-tfc

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT--** Contact Bill Riffe or James Spurlock, 396-5541. 9-tfc

Portable Disc Rolling, call Henry Ballard, 935-5229 in Dumas. 8-4tp

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**GOD, GRASS & GRIT--copies** of Sherman County History First Edition books still available at THE STRATFORD STAR, \$13.13 each while they last. Only few of these first books still available, make sure your family has one of these for your children. Send check or money order payable to THE STRATFORD STAR and we will mail your copy to you, or stop by our office Mondays-Fridays. 23-tfc

**FOR SALE--boys double knit** sports jacket, size 18, tan w/brown stitching, worn twice. Contact Sherry Gass at 396-2477 after 5 p.m. 10-2tc

**FOR SALE--Quarter Horse** fillies, 2 & 3 yr old, good youth prospects. Call Pam Williams at 396-2468. 10-1tc

**HOMEMADE BREAD, \$2/loaf,** made w/ home ground wheat and honey. Call 384-2116. Coldwater. 10-3tc

**FOR SALE--1973 Jeep Wagon-**eer, power, air, automatic transmission, 38,000 miles. \$2,650. Call 396-5906. 3-tfc

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**FOR SALE--used 1965 Chevy,** 4-speed, LWB, V8, Pickup, would make good farm wagon, call 396-5555 or 5960. Dave McReynolds. 6-tfc

**FOR SALE--1973 Ford Pickup.** Ph. 396-2248. 9-tfc

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**FULL SET OF ROGERS** DRUMS--for sale, call 396-2074, Curt Pate. 10-3tp

### MISCELLANEOUS

**LOST--Fuzzy black male poodle.** If found call 753-4473. Ethel Green 9-tfc

**WANTED--black and white** or black or calico kitten. Call 396-5602. 9-3tp

Many experts feel that the answer to the rising cost of paper is miniaturization. In microfilm.

## NOTICE

**Due to traffic congestion at corners of North Main and Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street and Eighth Street U-turns are prohibited after March 7th.**

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### Blanche's Blabs

Good fit in a garment should create an attractive, pleasing look--no matter what style garment it is.

Diagonal or horizontal wrinkles, not a part of the garment design, indicate an improperly fitted garment. Consumers should avoid buying clothing with these characteristics unless they have skills in altering for fit.

And when sewing a garment, try it on periodically during construction to make adjustments for fitting problems.

Steps in solving fitting problems:

--Recognize the evidence: tightness or looseness, line out of place, off-grain or wrinkles.

--Determine the cause: body or pattern proportions.

--Decide a remedy: let out or take up a seam, raise or lower a dart, raise or lower hemline.

--Correct by the simplest, nearest method.

Suggested pattern alterations for better fit are outlined in the Extension publication "Personalizing Patterns" - MP 1037. Call the local county Extension office to order a copy. Phone no. 396-2122.

### Applications Climb For GI Loans

Applications for GI home loans during the first half of fiscal year 1976 were 15 percent higher than the total received during the same period in FY 1975, Jack Coker, Veterans Administration Regional Director, reported today.

Loan guaranty staffs at 49 VA regional offices processed 182,900 loan applications from July through December, Coker said. December applications--25,466--were 23 percent higher than a year ago.

More than 362,800 GI loan applications were received during 1975, a 6-percent increase over the previous calendar year.

The Veterans Housing Act of 1974 relaxed restrictions on reinstating GI home loan eligibility. Previously, loan benefits could be restored only for "compelling reasons."

Since January 1, 1975, the VA has been permitted to restore loan benefits when ever the property has been disposed of and the GI home loan paid in full.

Almost nine million GI home loans, valued at \$118 billion, have been guaranteed since the program was established during World War II. Almost 4.6 million veterans have paid their loans in full, and thus could qualify for loan restoration if they dispose of the property which secured their loans.

The VA guarantees 60 percent of the loan up to a maximum of \$17,500 of home loans made by private lenders to eligible service personnel and veterans of World War II and

later periods. There is no limitation on the amount except that the loan may not exceed the reasonable value of the property as established by the VA.

Veterans who used their benefits before December 31, 1974, may have some additional entitlement while technically obligated for an earlier loan. Maximum home loan benefits were raised from \$4,000 to \$7,500 in 1975, to \$12,500 in 1968, and to \$17,500 in 1974. The amount of additional eligibility would be the difference between the present \$17,500 maximum and the amount of entitlement used on prior home loans.

Complete loan information may be obtained at any VA regional office veterans county service officer, or from representatives of local veterans organizations.

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Era Kirkwood  
10-1tc

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who visited me, sent cards, flowers, gifts and showed other acts of kindness to me during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.  
I would like to say a special thanks to those who held care for Terry, Tammy and Joe.  
May God Bless you all.  
Jean Childs  
10-1tp

**LIBRARY**  
It is said that the first public library was founded in Athens in 540 B.C.  
  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
Hattie Chesmer, all the Stratford fans, and especially to Demas Ellar for getting my basketball shoes down to Austin. Sure would have hated for them to have missed out playing in the State Championship in Austin. Even if they did foul out.  
Vicki Bell

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**mack's**  
**tracks**  
*-by dave*

# Elkettes Down Archer City, 60-57 To Win Second State Class A Title

What a weekend, and had it not been for a squirrely last second shot, who knows but what we would have all been making plans to go back to Austin again!

We cannot say enough about the effort of Coach Sam Brite's Elkettes or Coach Jody Richardson's Elks this season.

It isn't every day a small community has dedicated boys and girls to represent them in sporting endeavors.

Have you stopped to figure that this season our girls and boys have a season record of 60 wins and only six losses! That ain't to be sneezed at!

The Elkettes were just wonderful down at Austin and the crowd sat on the edge all the way in the opening game as the Elkettes fought off a late charging bunch of gals from Deweyville.

We don't know what we would've done had we been here at home and tried to listen to both games on the radio...one won by two points in the last seconds, and the other lost by one point with three seconds left!

Then on Saturday night it was a whole new ballgame. Personally I never felt the Elkettes were in too serious a situation. However, when the fouls began adding up, we did get a bit on the edge of the seat. Then when Vicki Bell fouled out, and we looked at the charts and found that both Rhonda Sutterfield and Barrie Donelson had four each we did get a bit nervous. However, the Ellette seniors kept their cool and it all came out fine!

One more item which we would pass along. We've heard many times about sportsmanship and know you have also. We saw first hand at Austin how unfairly fans can upset a ballclub.

We reckon down in the big cities, fans are used to seeking referees abused. But we were kinda shocked when we saw a cigar go flying into the ref during the Deweyville game.

Don't ever say that what one person in the stands does, doesn't count! It does. A technical foul was assessed on the fans and the UIL Athletic Director just dang near called the game right there because of the fans reaction.

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We have heard that about six dogs have died recently as a result of being poisoned.

Let us say right here and now, a dog poisoner is a cowardly person. And what really gets me is that for a dog to eat poison it has to be baited. Then, a young child is just as liable to get ahold of the poison as the dog!

There is bound to be another way rather than to put out poison.

We admit our town has a dog problem, but usually the dog that gets killed is someone's pet rather than the hound that runs loose all the time.

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Our congratulations this week to the new owners of our newest eating place, the El Comodor restaurant which is now located down on Highway 54 in Stratford.

The place has been completely redone and will be featuring Mexican dishes, steaks and shrimp at the evening hours.

We know everyone will wish to drop by during their Grand Opening which is to be held Friday morning for free coffee and donuts and get a first hand look at the new business...our best wishes.

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This is now Open House Week at the local schools, with all the hubbub of the basketball activities this almost got left out, we know folks will take the opportunity next week to go up to the school and visit and also they invite you to visit in the cafeteria during a meal at your convenience.

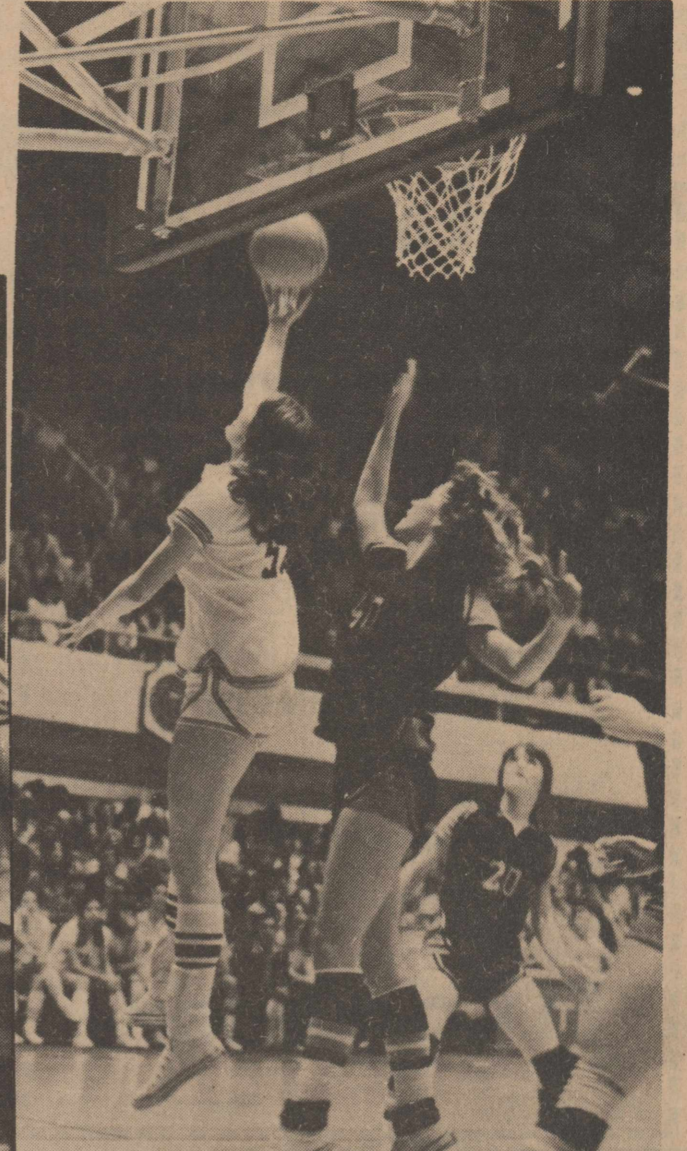
Tuesday night will be Open

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A HAPPY MOMENT--Members of the Stratford Ellette basketball squad is shown at Gregory Gym in Austin following presentation of the big silver basketball for winning Girls Class A State Championship. Left to right, Barrie Donelson, Janice Messer, Patty Dietrich, Vicki Bell, LaRonda Stacy, D'Lynn Brown, Belinda

Sladek, Dalene Prescott, Kristi Summerour, Brenda Hawkins, Jeanne Engelbrecht, Rhonda Sutterfield, Deena Dodson, Bitsey Chesmer, Jana Wiley, Coach Sam Brite, Pam McReynolds, Brenda Baker and Toni Oakley with Cheerleaders Patty Pool and Connie Moore watching.



GOING UP FOR TWO--Stratford's D'Lynn Brown accounted for 42 big points in the Ellette's final game as they downed Archer City 60-57 for the big silver basketball. The Elkettes won over Deweyville 49-47 in the opener on Thursday to gain the finals which set attendance records for the largest number of fans in Texas, 6,800, to watch a girls basketball game.

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Stratford's Elkettes used total team effort and individual coolness to earn their second State Class A Girls Championship in Austin this past weekend.

The Elkettes downed probably the second best ball club at Austin in their opener on Thursday easing by Deweyville Pirates 49-47 then played it cool on Saturday night to down the Archer City Archerettes 60-57 in the finals. The big victory Saturday night, played before the largest crowd every to view a girl's basketball game with over 6,800 in attendance at Gregory Gym in Austin, brought Stratford fans racing onto the court as the buzzer sounded and the big silver basketball went to the Elkettes.

Both the semi-final and final games had their individuals who got the spotlight, however it took team effort from starters and the gals on the bench alike to assure the second State Championship for the Elkettes.

"They all came through when it counted," said Coach Sam Brite. "I don't know what else a coach could ask from a bunch of girls, they are all just wonderful," he added.

The Elkettes escaped by the hair of their chinny chin chin in their opener against Deweyville on Thursday. After jumping out to lead by as much as 18 points at one instance, the Pirates came alive and fought back right down to the final buzzer.

Ellette forwards D'Lynn Brown and Vicki Bell both got in foul trouble early in the game and Miss Bell finally left with her fifth foul with 4:56 left in the fourth.

At this stage the Elkettes led 41-35 but sharpshooting Deweyville forward Priscilla Teel hit both ends of the resulting charity shots to close the gap to 41-37.

The Pirates closed the gap 47-47 with 0:45 left on the clock. Dalene Prescott and Barrie Donelson combined to rush the ball downtown to Miss Brown at the line. Passing off to Brenda Hawkins, Miss Brown took a stand near the bucket and then took a pass from Miss Hawkins, passed quickly over to Patty Dietrich who laid it up for the go ahead bucket, 49-47. The ball went quickly back down court where Rhonda Sutterfield drew a foul. Miss Brown missed her first shot on a one and one and back down the court the ball went with 0:29 left in the game. Deweyville's hot shot forward, Priscilla Teel, went up for a shot, but Guard Barrie Donelson blocked the all important effort and the loose ball was controlled by Dalene Prescott. Miss Prescott then passed the ball to midcourt to Miss Brown who just held the ball and was tied up as the buzzer sounded the end of the game.

Recapping earlier action, the Elkettes jumped out to lead 18-4 at the end of the opener as the blue and white Elkettes pressed the Pirates forcing turnover after turnover and capitalizing on most of them.

The Elkettes then went into the half owning the long end of a 35-23 lead. What loomed more important at this point was the fact that Miss Brown and Miss Bell were both in foul trouble with three each.

In the third stanza, the Pirates outscored the Elkettes 10-6 and closed the gap to 41-33 but the last minute efforts by all players put the game away by the narrow two point margin.

Saturday night's final stage was set. Archer City had had little trouble with Springhill in their opener, putting them down 60-36 on Thursday.

The Elkettes were led by Senior D'Lynn Brown at scoring as she accounted for 42 big points in that final game of her high school career.

Forward Vicki Bell, playing her final game for the Elkettes, performed brilliantly under the bucket getting a total of 11 rebounds in the game before she went to the bench late in the fourth quarter.

On the forward end, Brenda Hawkins controlled the ball with Miss Brown at high post and Miss Bell on the other side of the key. Patty Dietrich relieved Miss Bell in the fourth after she got her fifth foul.

Miss Brown hit on 15 of 25 field goal efforts for a 60 percent total shooting in the game but it was her charity shots in the last stanza which made the difference on the scoreboard.

With 5:06 left in the last stanza, Miss Brown hit on three

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### BY LAST SECOND SHOT Elks Lose Opener At Regional

Stratford's Elks, who were picked no better than fourth in district prior to the season's opening, were nosed out in their first game at Regional Playoffs in Lubbock by a desperate last second attempt that went into the bucket as time ticked out on the clock.

The Elks bowed 61-60 to Seagraves on that last second attempt which was put up late in the game in a last ditch effort.

The Elks had trailed 20-18 at the end of the first, tied it up 34-34 at the half then trailed 48-44 going into that last quarter.

The Elks had hit a cold spell that lasted nearly the last six minutes of the third quarter and early into the fourth before they got into the bucket again.

Stratford fought back tough in the final stanza, four times they narrowed the margin to only one but each time Seagraves counted to three points.

Finally with 1:03 left in the final, Joel Hart hit to pull up to one point of the leaders 59-58. Seagraves came back in a delay attempt but Stratford got the ball and Darrell Doshier was fouled with 25 seconds on the clock. Doshier missed his charity shots but Will Allen got the rebound and with 18 seconds left hit on a jumper to put the Elks out front 60-59.

Seagraves took nine of the remaining 18 seconds to work the ball down and with three seconds left, Seagraves Bryan Hawkins hit from 20 feet out for the all important bucket. The hit gave Seagraves a 61-60 win and pushed the Elks out of the playoffs.

Wayne Garoutte and Darrell Doshier finished out their high school careers with high point honors, 16 each, in the game while Joe Pete Albert and Will Allen hit for 10 each in the effort. Joel Hart hit for 6 points and Leonard Duncan got a pair

in the contest.

Coach Jody Richardson's Elks had fought their way tooth and nail through the season finishing the first half of district action with a perfect 6-0 mark but fell off their pace in the second half of round robin action and saw Sanford Fritch and White Deer finish tied. This resulted in a playoff which Fritch won then were downed by the Elks who won their first District 1A basketball since 1963.

The Elks had previously been at the Lubbock Regional Playoffs four years ago as representatives of District 1AA under Coach Sam Brite. They lost out in that session to eventual State Champion Morton in the first game.

In Bi District Action last Tuesday night, the Elks downed Memphis Skyrockets in overtime by a score of 72-63 in Canyon to advance to the Regional Playoffs in Lubbock.

The Class A Region 1 title was won by Crowell 54-46 winners over Seagraves in the finals last Friday night.

The Elks finished out their season with 27 wins and 5 losses.

The Elks were comprised this year of Darrell Doshier, Leon Payne, Joel Hart, Wayne Garoutte, David Maas, Jimmy Powers, Joe Pete Albert, Leonard Duncan and Will Allen with Managers Dennis Luther and Kurt Harris.

Wayne Garoutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garoutte and a senior for the Elks, was named to the Region 1 All Regional Tournament Team, at the conclusion of the games last Friday night in Lubbock.

TOWN TALK

Jeff Wiley and Ernie Ellison skied at Red River and Angel Fire over the weekend. \*\*\*



BLOOD DRIVE--Mary Lou Cotney looks on with a bit of interest as the nurse prepares to draw her blood at last week's drive sponsored by the American Legion Post 262. A total of 35 pints of blood were donated in the effort held at the county barns last week.

### TRUSTEE & MAYOR RACES Two Contested Race In Local Elections

There will be two contested races in two of the three elections before area voters in the April 3 election for three members of the board of trustees of the Stratford Independent School District, three members on the board of the Stratford Hospital District, plus two council members and the Mayor's seat all up for grabs next month.

As this issue goes to press, there are two men running for the office of Stratford Mayor and four men have signed up seeking the three spots up on the SISD board of trustees. There are two who have signed for three spots on the hospital board and two seeking the two

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### Calendar of Events

- THURSDAY, March 4  
8 p.m. Ex Students meeting at County Club
- FRIDAY, MARCH 5  
Boys Track at Boys Ranch, preliminaries
- SATURDAY, MARCH 6  
Boys Track at Boys Ranch 7 p.m. Consumers Annual Meeting at Hi School Cafeteria
- SUNDAY, MARCH 7  
Attend Church Of Your Choice 3:15 p.m. 4-H Food Show at County Barn
- MONDAY, MARCH 8  
7 p.m. Lions Club at County Barn  
7 p.m. Band Boosters at Band Hall  
7:30 p.m. Daisy Moore at FB Bldg.