



Last week's big wind really blew and as a result we've heard several tall tales.

One of the leading contenders for the biggest windy we heard concerning Jim Taylor and Melvin Phillips.

Seems that when the wind hit the local area, Jim was out looking after cattle by Melvin's irrigated land north of town. Jim was out of the pickup taking a looksee at the animals and the wind hit, nearly knocking all six feet six inches of him down. He managed to hold his feet, but in the confusion the wind got under his hat.

As Jim tell's it the wind then caught his hat, spun it about 40 feet into the air then took off with it across Melvin's irrigated ground.

"I'm just gonna sue Melvin for losing my hat," he explained. "If it hadn't been for Melvin's fence, the irrigation ditch and all that stuff I'd caught my hat but I just couldn't get across all that stuff in time to keep up with it," Jim pointed out.

Jim's story sorta reminds us of one that Les Parker told one time following a wreck. Seems that Les had hit a lady, or been hit by her, but at any rate Les said he told the lady it was all his fault. He explained that he saw her coming down the road and had plenty of time to drive out across the borrow ditch and into the plowed field before she got there, but didn't!

Carroll Wisdom down at Corral Ford says he has found a fool-proof way to sell used cars. Seems a week or so ago a customer came in and found a used vehicle to his liking and kept it to try it out. To make a long story short, the customer took the vehicle home and his wife drove it back to town to see if she liked it.

Well, the upshot of the whole thing seems that the lady of the house had a small wreck while driving the used car.

We have been sworn to secrecy about this incident, but we just had to include portions of the incident being they were humorous to all concerned, except the lady driver.

Oh, yes, nobody was hurt, and the wreck didn't really hurt much so all was well...the man ending up buying the auto also!

We would encourage everyone to be on hand Friday night for the basketball game between the KGNC Fourflushers and a local town team which is billed as the Stratford Stars.

High School Principal Dale Prescott, members of the local coaching staff and a few others comprise the Stratford Stars. We know it will be an entertaining event for all, with the possible exception of a few of the participants.

The event is being sponsored by the Stratford Fellowship of Christian Athletes and it all goes for a good cause. Come on out and enjoy yourself Friday night in the high school gym.

The big wind of last week really blew more than Jim Taylor's hat away. Then this week we've had more cooler weather and in fact, early Monday morning we got more snow. The temperature was not that cold and the big puffy wet flakes melted about as quickly as they fell but we imagine the cold weather hurt some of the local fruit trees which had made the mistake of blooming early. We hope not.

Today (Tuesday) it is bright and cool but is supposed to warm up again. This weather has been quite a thing this year. Yours truly got a sunburn at a track meet on Saturday and then got snow down his back Monday morning.

Like the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather, wait 30 minutes and it'll change!"

Commodity prices Tuesday noon showed wheat selling for \$2.15 per bushel, grain sorghum selling for \$2.80 per cwt and corn going at \$1.62 per bushel.

TOWN TALK

Several local residents are in various area hospitals. Glen Reed is in an Amarillo hospital in the intensive care unit, Frank Sutton was in Dumas but has now returned home. Mrs. Merritt Green is still in Dumas Memorial along with W.O. (Bud) Parvin. There may be more that we were not informed of. We hope all have a quick and a complete recovery.

ON APRIL 7

Absentee Vote Continues For School, City, Hospital

Absentee balloting is now underway for elections to be held on Saturday, April 7, for three positions on the board of trustees of the Stratford Independent School District, three positions of the City Stratford City Council and two positions on the board of the Stratford Hospital District.

Absentee balloting in all three elections will continue until four days previous to the election. All residents who may be out of town on April 7 are urged to vote now to avoid not being able to cast their ballot for the candidates of their choice.

Absentee balloting for both the school trustee and hospital board election is being held at the school tax office in the administration building and at the Stratford City Hall in the council election.

All three races are contested, quite a contrast with many local races in years gone by. Supt. E.L. Bass remarked this week "I am glad to have good candidates running for our board," he said. "This shows our teachers and administrators

Cynthia Holmes Speaks Monday To Lions

Cynthia Holmes of Clovis, N.M., presented a program "Magic Suitcase" on the uses of natural gas to members of the Stratford Lions Club Monday night.

Miss Holmes described the many uses other than an energy source of natural gas including the preparation of urethane foam as the Lions watched.

Following her talk and demonstration, Doug Reese, local Southern Union office manager, showed a film describing the activities of the industry in seeking new sources for natural gas and its transportation.

In a brief business session, Tommy Wakefield was initiated as a member of the Lions Club, sponsored by Bill Sladek.

Boss Lion Max Stephenson announced the District Lions Convention has been set for late April in Hereford.

WIN TWO FIRSTS

Elk Tracksters Compete At Hereford Event

Stratford Elk track team competed this past weekend at the Hereford Relays in Hereford with Jim Bob Brown winning first place in his division in the shot put and the Mile Relay taking top honors in that event in their division.

Brown threw the shot a distance of 48 feet 7 1/2 inches to win top honors in that event while the Mile Relay Team, consisting of Scott Buckles, Jerry Sherrod, Mark Beaty and Van Brandes, won first place in that event with a time of 3:38.2.

Jerry Sherrod won fourth in the 880 Run with Brent Brannan tying for fifth place in the pole vault event.

While the Varsity Track Team was competing in Hereford the Stratford 7th and 8th Grade Tracksters competed in an Open Meet at Dumas.

The Junior High teams did not compete in any classification

that our people are interested in their schools," he added.

City Manager Max Stephenson echoed Bass' statements pointing out only a few short years ago those retiring from the council had to beat the bushes to find anyone who would be willing to run for the job.

This year there are five running for three positions on both the school board and city council and three running for two places on the hospital board.

The five candidates for the school trustee posts include one incumbent, Rex Christian, who is seeking his second term on that body.

Other candidates include Don Dietrich, Don Riffe, Gail (Kay) McDaniel and Darrell Cotney. Christian is the farm manager for Stratford of Texas Inc; Dietrich is a farmer southwest of town; Riffe is the manager of

Public Meeting Set For AFS

A public meeting of American Field Service will be held Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in conjunction with Stratford Lions' Club.

All clubs and organizations who contributed to the local AFS Chapter last year are asked to have a representative there. All persons interested in being a host family are also invited to attend and ask any questions they might have.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Renfer of Dumas, who have worked actively in AFS for several years, will be present to assist on the program.

ABOUT FOLKS

Mrs. Joe Cluck visited Ralph Harding & family in St. Anthony's Hospital last Saturday.

Wayne Harding, Mrs. P.J. Pronger, Mrs. A.L. King, Mrs. Dick Woolsey and Mrs. J. G. Cummings visited Ralph Harding in St. Anthony's Hospital who is still confined in intensive care.

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will be sponsoring a basketball game between the KGNC-Fourflushers and the Stratford Stars Friday night in the high school gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Admission price will be \$1 for adults and 75¢ for students and children.

All residents are invited to be on hand for the conflict.

Mrs. Sneed's Sister Killed At Idalou

Miss Jewel Weston, sister of Mrs. Horace Sneed of Stratford, was found dead in her home near Idalou late Friday afternoon. Investigation revealed the victim had been killed late Thursday evening, probably upon her return to her home following church services.

Relatives had become worried at not seeing her and went to check and found her dead in her home.

Miss Weston had been a frequent visitor in Stratford and is well known in this area. Funeral services for Miss Weston were held Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Church of Christ in Idalou.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Horace Sneed of Stratford, one brother, W.T. Weston of Kress, and four nieces. (ED NOTE: A suspect confessed to the killing of Miss Weston early this week and is being held pending trial).

Stratford Grain Company; McDaniel farms in the Kerrick Community and Cotney is manager of C&C Texaco Products.

The five candidates running for the Stratford City Council also includes one incumbent, Owen Hudson. Hudson is seeking his second term on that body. Hudson farms in the Spurlock Community. The other candidates for the council include William L. (Bill) Riffe, Sherrydon Keener, Dwayne Plunk and Ronald Hager.

Rife is associated with Stratford Grain Company and has served on the council several years ago. Keener is employed at J&B Implement Company and farms also while Plunk is a teacher in the junior high school here and Hager is owner of Ron's Texaco Station.

The three candidates running for the board of the Stratford Hospital District also includes one incumbent, Walter Lasley. Lasley is owner-manager of Walter Lasley & Sons Feedlot located about 14 miles east of town. The other two candidates include Mrs. Charles Beaman, a housewife, and Carroll Wisdom, manager of Corral Ford.

Absentee balloting in all three elections continues through April 2. All residents who have registered to vote this year and meet the residency requirements are eligible to cast ballots in the elections.

FCA Group Sponsors Game Here

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Song Titles Chosen Theme Of Jamboree

Song titles has been selected as the theme for the 1973 Stratford Jamboree Parade which is slated for September 14-15 in Stratford, announced R.J. Hill, Jamboree Committee Chairman.

The Jamboree Parade will be held this year on Saturday, September 15, with the annual Miss Stratford Beauty Pageant slated for Saturday evening, September 8.

W.E. Brannan told the Jamboree Committee members that several exhibitors have already been contacted concerning this year's event and have expressed interest in displaying wares.

The committee voted not to have a commercial carnival this year but give local clubs and organizations an opportunity to have booths if they wish. Anyone interested in sponsoring a booth at this year's Fair & Jamboree is urged to contact Mrs. Bill Sladek, committee secretary.

The next meeting of the Jamboree Committee is set for April 30 at the County Barn.

TOWN TALK

Alvin Kazi-Girey of Portland, Ore., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Woods over the weekend. Mr. Kazi-Girey is the nephew of Mr. Woods and the grandson of Mrs. Eugenia Carver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayworth, & Mrs. Roy Combs, visited with relatives of Boise City in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.



JUNIOR PLAY CAST---These are members of the play, "If Mother Only Knew" which was presented last week by members of the Junior Class. Shown above, left to right, seated, Kathy Powers, Melinda Zaricor, Brenda Dodson, Andrea Pilch, Belinda Iribeck, and Debra Turner. Back

row, left to right, Jim Rutherford, (class sponsor), Brady Heil, David Vaughn, Steve Williams, David McReynolds, Ty Hacker, Jack Hall and Harry Lisle, (class sponsor). The class grossed about \$150 with the three act comedy.

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BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Sealcoating Bids Opened Sharing Funds Budgeted

Bid opening for sealcoating, plus the purchase of new mowers for weed control highlighted the March regular meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court.

The Court also authorized the paving and reworking of the west end parking lot at the Court House, appointed three new members for the Sherman County Library Board and okayed the estimated budget for spending of the Federal Revenue

Sharing program. Cooper & Woodruff, Inc., of Amarillo, was awarded a contract for the sealcoating of 44 miles of county roads, plus the areas around the Sherman County Barn in Stratford and the Texhoma Cemetery in Texhoma, on their low bid of \$107,274.31.

Three other bids were received for the sealcoating project. These included E.D. Baker Corp., Borger, \$107,109,292.90; and Hi Plains Pavers, Plainview, \$114,654.45.

The sealcoating work is to be begun by May 15 and is to be completed by September 1.

In another bid-opening the Court opened bids for mowers and the Moore Implement Co. of Stratford was awarded the contract for mowers for Precincts 1-2-3 on their bid of \$2,547 per unit.

The bids, all based on two units each, were as follows: Moore Implement Co., \$5,094.00; J&B Implement Co., \$5,249.45; King Equipment Co.

\$5,784.56; and Golden Spread Implement Co., \$6,756.00.

In one other paving project, the Court Authorized Judge W.S. Frizzell Jr. to enter into a supplemental contract with E.C. Baker Corp. to completely rework the west parking lot at the Court House for a total of \$4,829.60. The Baker firm is already working on a new parking area on the eastern side of the Court House around the new jail.

The Court approved the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget for 1973, a copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's office. The Court has already received \$34,215 in Revenue Sharing and expects to receive an additional \$93,000 for a total estimated of \$127,000.

These are to be spent in the following manner--Transportation, \$48,000; Social Services, \$5,000; Environmental Protection, \$2,500; Public Safety, \$5,500; Fire Protection, \$5,000; Recreation, \$9,000; Sherman County Library, \$1,500; and Capital Outlay which includes Jail Bonds, \$16,650, Court Ho-

use and County Barn Parking areas, \$12,000 and remodeling Court House, \$19,865.00.

The Court appointed three new members for the Sherman County Library Board for two-year terms each. The new members included Father Richard Neyer, Mrs. Margaret Reed and Mary Peach Smith. This trio will replace Mrs. Helen Taylor, Mrs. Lori Dietrich and Leon Guthrie who's terms expire this year.

The Court also approved two Resolutions. One was in opposition to a proposed bill in the State Legislature which would zone rural areas according to land use and the other in opposition to Senate Bill 362 which would abolish schools which do not include a complete 12 - grade schedule of classes.

All members of the Court were present.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, March 23
7:30 p.m. KGNC Fourflushers vs Stratford Stars, hi school gym.
SATURDAY, March 24
9:00 a.m. Elks @ Dumas Track Meet, Jr. Hi @ Boys Ranch
9:00 a.m. Elk Band UIL Warm-up @ Borger
7:30 p.m. Couples 42 @ Country Club
8:00 p.m. Square Dance, Legion Hall, Roy Johnson, caller
7:00 p.m. Girls All Star Game @ Amarillo
SUNDAY, March 25
ATTEND CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE
2-5 p.m. Sherman House Museum Open
MONDAY, March 26
7:00 p.m. Lions Club @ County Barn
TUESDAY, March 26
7:00 p.m. Lions Club @ County Barn
TUESDAY, March 27
10:00 a.m. Southside HDC, Mrs. John Lavake
12 noon Star HDC, Jan Harris
2:00 p.m. Music Club @ Christian Church
7:00 p.m. Senior Class Banquet, Methodist Church
WEDNESDAY, March 28
9:30 a.m. Better Homes HDC, Arlene Baker



IN PLAY AT TECH--Mark Hudson, above right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson of Stratford, is shown above in a recent production, "The Physicists" which opened March 15 at the German Theatre at Texas Tech University at Lubbock. Shown with Hudson above, left to right, Gary Rouse of Lubbock, Christine Taylor of Lubbock, Kazas Jones of Center and Hudson. (Tech Photo)

OBITUARIES

Irene Leal

Services for Irene Leal, 19-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casilio Leal of Stratford were held at 3 p.m. Friday from the Baptist Mission in Dumas.

The Rev. Daniel Hernandez, pastor, officiated with burial in the Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

The infant, born July, 1971, in White Sands, N.M., died Thursday afternoon at the family home in Stratford.

Survivors also include the grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leal of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Artalejo of Dumas.

Mrs. Hankey

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Maude Hankey, a longtime Stratford resident, were held from the First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Bruce Mitchell, pas-

tor, officiated. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery.

Mrs. Hankey died Sunday evening in Dumas Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Hodges of Stratford and Mrs. Clara Graham of Los Angeles and several nieces and nephews.

Kerrick News

by Mrs. Fred McDaniel

Kerrick H.D. Club traveled to Dalhart March 13 for a Mexican luncheon, then a meeting at the home of Extension Agent, Mrs. Marian Moore.

Mrs. Kenneth Wells was honored for the second year in a row as Kerrick H.D. Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Charles Durr, president, conducted the meeting that began



MINIMUM TILLAGE--C.C. Heath, Jr. had such great success with 1972 no till practice that he plans on 300 acres in 1973. This picture was taken in August 1972. Heath planted 175 acres of grazing sorghums in irrigated wheat stubble. The planting operation was done with his own equipment. A six row John Deere planter and coulters were used. He commenced planting on June 17 and completed the operation on June 27th. Moisture conditions were excellent according to Heath, as wheat was watered through May. The only moisture the sorghum received was 3.75 inches of rainfall from June 29th thru September 19. More than two inches of this fell during September. No fertilizer was applied as Heath hoped to have some carry over from wheat crop. Two hundred and fifty seven 475 pound stockers were turned into sorghum field around September 11th. By this time the crop had attained a height of 4 feet. All stockers were taken off grazing sorghum on November 4th. Heath said that these animals made an average gain of 1 1/4 pounds per day, and that's not bad for 53 days of good quality grazing at today's cattle prices. According to Hinds Mc Gowen, Soil Conservationist, the cover provided by minimum tillage is greatly effective in preventing wind erosion and air pollution by blowing dust. The cover is equally effective against water erosion. These are some of the environmental benefits derived from the practice of minimum tillage. (SCS Photo)

with THDA Creed and Prayer. Announcements were made about the Sew Fair to be in Dumas August 30. 4-H Food Show is in Dalhart March 24.

Election of officers was held with Mrs. Ted Irlbeck, president; Mrs. Ralph Hampton, vice-pres.; Mrs. R.E. Florida, Jr., Secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Charles Durr, council delegates; Mrs. Fred McDaniel, reporter.

The program was on cutting and pruning.

Making the trip were Mesdames Hank Rogers, Gail McDaniel, Fred McDaniel, Ted Irlbeck, Ralph Hampton, Don Moon, Charles Durr.

New residents of Kerrick are Bill and Billie Perkins. Perkins is working with Don Moon.

A community supper was held Saturday, March 17 with the Ted Irlbecks, J.C. Robinsons and Don Moons as hosts. About 50 were present for the meal, then a couple dozen more came out from Stratford to square dance.

Several work days have been held at the community building this month. The south room has been painted, rest rooms painted and paneled, cement hallway repaired, bookcase painted for library, and sign for building.

Mark and Judy Stevenson have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Florida, during break from college at Weatherford, Okla.

James Elms of the Griggs Community will be the Sunday

night speaker at the Kerrick Community Center's Worship Service beginning at 7:30 p.m. W.A. (Bill) Dyess of Stratford served as speaker this past week.

Tested Bull

Sale Sets

Record Price

Ninety-nine head of registered Performance tested Hereford, Polled Herefords, Angus, and Charolais bulls brought a record price of \$111, 865.00 at the 21st annual Panhandle State College Performance Tested Bull Sale, for an average of \$1130 per bull.

A record number of buyers and sellers were also in attendance for the large number of bulls sold. Forty-four bulls sold for \$1000 or more.

The high selling bull, a hereford owned by Bob Andrews of Olney, Texas, sold for \$10,000.

He was purchased by Paul Redd of Pardo, Colo. and Lasal, Utah.

The 56 herefords that sold averaged \$1224 per head while the 12 polled herefords averaged \$1008, and 24 Angus averaged \$952. The 7 Charolais averaged \$1130.

The top ten selling bulls and their owners and buyers were: Robert Andrews Herefords, Olney, Tx, sold to Paul Redd Ranches of Pardo, Co.,

and LaSal, Utah for \$10,000. 2nd high was owned by Paul Dauer Herefords of Panhandle, Tx, sold to Colby Cronkite & Sons, Hereford, Tex. for \$2900; 3rd, Floyd Coen Polled Herefords, Elkhart, KS, sold to Ralph Gordon, Nara Visa, N.M. for \$2300; the 4th, 5th, and 6th high selling bulls sold for \$2000 each. They were owned by Parcel Hereford, Coldwater, KS, and sold to Wess Hepner,

Freedom, Ok; Robert Andrews, Olney, Tx, sold to J.R. Wheat, Higgins, Tx; and Paul Dauer Herefords of Panhandle, Tx, sold to Jess Hepner, Freedom, OK. The 7th high selling bull was owned by A.F. Flint & Sons Angus Ranch of Bard, NM, that sold for \$1950 to Rading Angus Ranch, Mineral, Iowa; 8th high selling bull was owned by Robert Andrews Herefords Olney, Tx, sold for \$1825 to Merlin Anderson, Dresden, KS; 9th and 19th high selling bulls were owned by Schroder Charolais, Campo, Co, sold to Colbert Cress Farms of St. Francis, KS for \$1800, and Parcel Herefords of Coldwater, KS, sold to Hamilton Herefords of Toppa, KS for \$1800.

ABOUT FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hauser spent the week end in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hauser, Hayden, N.M.

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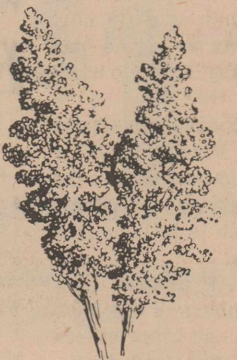
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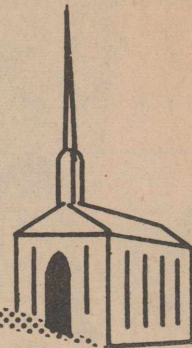
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"Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
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PSALM 16-11

HERE IS THE PATH



AFTER THE PARTY IS OVER



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.

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Have you ever felt like this little girl after a big, exciting day at the Fair, or a party? You know how you feel — excited, exhausted; but you feel good, too. Sometimes you just want to lie down and think about it. But like the little one in this picture you, also, are too tired to remove your party hat or your shoes.

Sometimes it is delightful just to lie down and think of something good and wonderful and happy. It is good just to *be still* and sort of day-dream about what has happened.

There are other times in our lives when we need to achieve a sense of quietness and think of God. The Psalmist says, "*Commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.*" Psalm 4:4. God says in Psalms 46:10 "*Be still and know that I am God.*"

We invite you to attend church and sense the still, quiet holiness that is God's presence in the midst of the congregation.

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BABY SHOWER HONOREE--Mrs. Larry Sutterfield and son, Randall Wayne, was honored with a shower in the home of Mrs. James Boardman Thursday, March 8. Shown above, Mrs. Larry Sutterfield and Randall Wayne and her mother, Mrs. Sonny Judd.

Mrs. Sutterfield Honored Here

Honored with a baby shower Thursday afternoon March 8 was Mrs. Larry Sutterfield and her one month old son, Randall Wayne, in the home of Mrs. James Boardman.

A corsage of baby socks was presented to the baby's mother. The grandmother's Mrs. Sonny Judd and Mrs. Chuck Sutterfield, received corsages made of diaper pins.

The serving table was laid with white linen cloth. A fresh daisy arrangement was used as the centerpiece. Little individual cakes with the baby's name "Randy" was served along with punch and coffee, nuts and mints.

The hostesses for the event included Mesdames J.E. Brannan, H.H. Caraway, James Boardman, Doug Cathey, Clarence Coble, Roger Morgan, Horace Sneed, John Cearley, H.E. Naugle, Trav's Lov'vorn, Barry Smith, Dirk Dowda, Bob Boardman, Keith Borth and Clifford Adcock.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. RUTHERFORD

Mrs. Rutherford's 5th grade class honored her with a surprise birthday party on March 13, at 3:15. Birthday cake and cokes were enjoyed by all.

Spring Event At PSC On Saturday

The Annual spring dance at Panhandle State College will be held Saturday, March 31 from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. The dance will be held in the Student Union Ball room.

The annual dance is sponsored by the Student Senate Association. This year "Captain Get Wierd and the Purple Poses", will play for the dance.

The national dance group, formerly known as "Tumbleweed" has played concerts and dances for many universities and colleges, and they are presently recording in Oklahoma City. The six members band includes an organ, guitars, drums, bases and lead singer, combines to make a dance band that offers a variety of music.

All tickets will be sold at the door at \$1.50 per person.

Local Music Club To Hear Winners

Visitors are welcome as Music Club hears some of the winning UIL Contest numbers performed by soloists and ensembles at their next meeting, Tuesday, March 27. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. and will be at the First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Ronald Engelbrecht, who accompanied most of the students, is in charge of the program.

Co-hostesses are Mrs. Cecil Wright and Mrs. Bill Kent.

Red Rose Set At PSC

The spring meeting of the Red Rose will be held on the campus of Panhandle State College March 31, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The annual spring meeting for educators, former educators and new members will be held at the ROTC Building.

All members planning to attend should contact Dr. Lynn Garner, Panhandle State College, Goodwell 73939 or call 405-349-2611 ext 254.

The organization of the Red Rose is for male teachers and includes members of teachers and administrators from Kansas, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

ABOUT FOLKS
Dana and Rusty Craig, Claude, Tex., visited with Jerry and Linda Oquin the past week-end.

Local Couples Join Museum, Art Tour

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Phillips were among some 65 persons from the area taking a bus tour to the art museums in Fort Worth and Dallas this past week-end.

The group left Amarillo Friday and returned Sunday. The tour was arranged and guided by Dord Fitz for his students from over the Panhandle region.

Points of interest on the tour included the Kimbell Museum of Fine Arts and Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, both in Fort Worth and the Dallas Museum of Fine Art. The group also visited the Windmill Dinner Theatre in Fort Worth and the Dallas Theatre Center which was designed by the late Frank Lloyd Wright.

Area towns represented on the tour included Stratford, Pampa, Liberal, Hooker, Arnett, Spearman, Sayre, Mangum, Wellington, Perryton, Amarillo, Aztec, N. Mex., Childress, Moscow, Kan; Hardesty, Hol is and Fargo, Oklahoma.

Will Greens Attend Bandmaster Conclave

Prof. and Mrs. Will B. Green of Storm Lake, Iowa, recently attended the American Bandmaster's Convention in Washington, D.C. One of the highlights for Mrs. Green was attending a tea at the State Room in the White House with Mrs. Richard Nixon, wife of the President, as hostess. The group of bandmasters and their wives were also treated to a concert in the Kennedy Center.

Professor Green is a native of Stratford and brought his band through here a year ago and played a Sunday afternoon concert. Green has served as Buena Vista College Bandmaster and director of the school's music department for many years. His reputation in music circles is well-known throughout the Midwest.

Dyess Family Fe ted Sunday

A House Warming was held for the Bill Dyess family, Sunday night after church.

Cokes, dips and sandwiches were enjoyed by the following.

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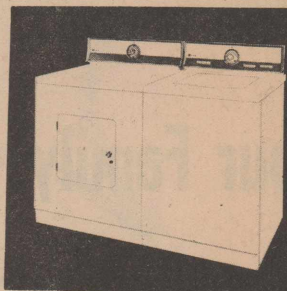
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Local Group Of Explorers At Canyon

The Explorer Scout attended an all-day Scout Olympic Day in Canyon, Saturday, March 10. The group came back with 3rd place over-all plaque. Four of the boys came back with individual metals. Carl Luther came back with three gold metals, one Bench Press (200 lbs.), one Military Press (150 lbs.) and one Dead lift (296 lbs.). Danny Huereca got 2 gold metals, one Dead lift (321 lbs.) and one Bench Press (200 lbs.) and one silver metal in Military Press (150 lbs.). Jimmy Cross got one gold metal in rifle marksmanship. Pat Flores came back with one bronze metal in Chess.

Other Explorer Scouts who attended included Mike Pilch, Tim Moore, Joel Hart, Jeff Pronger, Edwin Gross, Big McGavock, Mike Galla, Carrol Sadler, Betty Jean Hacker, advisor, and the sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Don Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sangster.

Home Demo Club News

Southside H.D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Everett last Tuesday at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Joe Everett. Roll call and minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Mary Lou Walden. Council report was also given by Mrs. Mary Lou Walden. Mrs. Joe Everett gave the program on "Check the Chore You Hate the Most".

Club will meet next on March 27 with Mrs. John Lavake at 10 a.m. Bring a covered dish and stay as we will be working on crafts for "Christmas in Nov. Those present were Mesdames: Arthur Cartrite, H.A. Carter, Lloyd Crowmover, John Lavake, Mary Lou Walden, Joe Everett and one visitor Sherry Morris.

HAPPY HOUR

The Happy Hour Demonstration Club met in the home of Elsie Pickens on Thursday P.M. March 15 with 11 members present. Plans were made for attending the Dist. THDA meeting at Boys Ranch on March 29, 1973.

Dovie Fedric brought the lesson on "Making Egg Carton Flowers". She had several Memorial Wreaths and Sprays which were beautiful.

After a delightful Social Hour we adjourned to meet April 1, with Lela Moon as Hostess.

ABOUT FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman and the Arthur Judd's spent a week recently in Gilmer, Tex. with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pittman, they also fished at different points.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Knapp Canyon visited his grandmother Mrs. Jim Brown Sunday.



FIVE GENERATIONS--Mrs. Charles Beaman of Stratford is one member of a 5-generation photo shown above. The baby is Tishia Leann Zoeller of Oklahoma City, the mother is Mrs. Jerry Zoeller of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Beaman is the grandmother with great-grandfather Carl Snook of Spencer, Okla. and Great-grandmother Mrs. Nina Snook, also of Spencer, Okla.



AT MUSIC CLUB PROGRAM--These two musicians will appear on the April 3 program of the Stratford Federated Music Club to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church. Left is Donald R. Baird, assistant professor of music and assistant director of bands at West Texas State University at Canyon. On the right is Rowie Durden, assistant professor of music at WTSU. All residents are urged to attend the April 3 event.

TOWN TALK

Derryl Morgan, son of former Church of Christ Minister Dean Morgan and his wife, was among 44 Abilene Christian High School students who are currently on a trip to Mexico City where the group will enter a basketball tourney there. The Morgans make their home now in Snyder where Dean is the director of the Western Texas College Christian Student Center.

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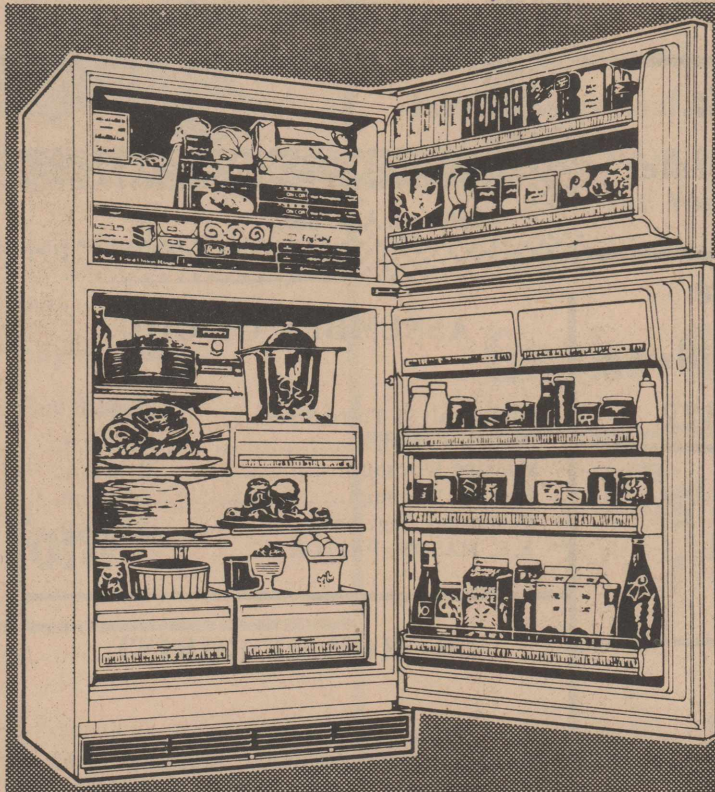
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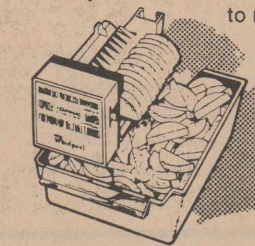
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The Better Homes Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Lance Harrington last Wednesday at 11 am for a salad luncheon.

Each member was to bring a guest that might be interested in joining.

Sue Ramsey, exchange student of New Zealand, visited with the club and gave an interesting program on her home country, New Zealand.

After the luncheon a business meeting was conducted by pre-

sident, Betty McMillion. The secretary, Jean Moore read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Present at the meeting was nine members and six guests which included Winnie McCellan, Sherry Harrington, Roberta Stanley, Jean Moore, Zola Brannan, Arlene Baker, Betty McMillion, and JoAnn Burkham; the six guest included Sue Ramsey, Brenda Borth, Marilyn Gupton, Debra McKeys, Shirley Kirkham and Leona Robertson.

ABOUT FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Crabtree spent a week in Missouri with their sons & family Joe and Charley Crabtree.

*********ABOUT FOLKS**

James Boughan son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Boughan under went a tonsilectomy last week. B.R. Crabtree in Dalhart Sunday in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Cook of Week

COOK OF WEEK---Kathy Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sneed, enjoys doing flower arranging and is shown with one of her arrangements.

George and Kathy Bone were married in Lubbock on Nov. 8, 1970. After living in Lubbock, they moved to Amarillo and then to Stratford where her husband is now farming.

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sneed. Kathy attended most of her school years in Stratford. She was graduated from Stratford High School in 1965.

Kathy is an active member of the Church of Christ. She attends several Bible classes a week and she teaches the Bible Share Group, a group of young ladies on Monday afternoon.

Kathy considers her hobbies as sewing and flower arranging.

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1 pkg. chocolate chips
Cream shortening, oil, and sugars. Add egg. Add nuts and chocolate chips. Spread in greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake 20 to 25 minutes at 375 degrees.

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1 202 can apricot halves
1 flat can crushed pineapple
1 cup pecans
3/4 cup marshmallows
1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding.
Drain fruit well and mix pudding with juice until dissolved. Pour over other ingredients.

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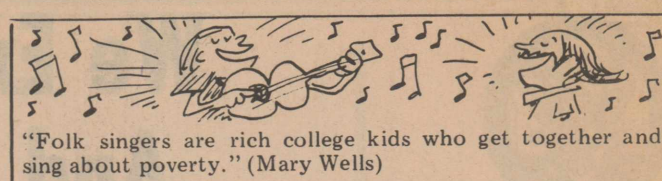
Shawna Dettie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dettie underwent a tonsilectomy in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Religious Reflections

by LOYCE BROWN

A Philosopher once described love as 'Divine Madness'. I consider that a most adequate definition! I suppose he was referring to earthly expressions of it because Love (God, Himself) is not mad. Perhaps he spoke of the out-of-one's-skull - with - Delight emotion. Such reaches High Ecstasies and ecstasy is characteristic of Loving. It doesn't have to be Spring for Love to happen. No indeed. That wonderful miracle-magic stuff happens all seasons! Nor is it limited to the sexes. Teachers' fall in love' with tractable, youth-fresh students; people in Rest Homes fall in love with kind and gentle Volunteer Workers; I, personally, am 'in love' with my below-three-years-old Grandchildren! Isn't it great that our Creator is a God of Love! He had a chance to be one of Evil, (Luke 4:7), once and who knows what may have transpired before His Eternity began? I can't get over my Great Discovery of the Simple Fact of 'What His Will Is'... that we love one another... and with such free joy! I think free joy is another synonym of divine madness. Jesus said, "The Word is nigh thee...even in thy mouth". And another philosopher spoke of that -- the Creator's (Love's) indwelling as being "Imprisoned Splendor". Isn't that truth worded beautifully? The Election is such on my mind these days. What is Ideal Government? What if the people had not insisted on a king? (Samuel 8:5) Whom would our Theocracy-Leader have us 'Citizens of Another World' vote for? What can Romans 13:1 poss-

ibly mean? Oh that my America chooses and acts right! (2 Chronicles 7:14) When will the Nations of this Earth, obey the One who gave them Birth? I love God, my Country, Laura Rochelle and Bridget Dawn! Indeed, I am 'Divinely Mad' about a lot of things!



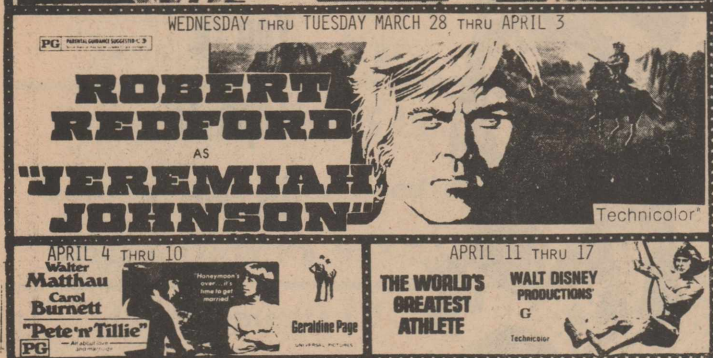
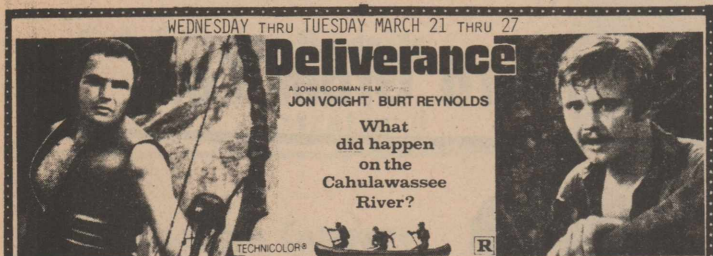
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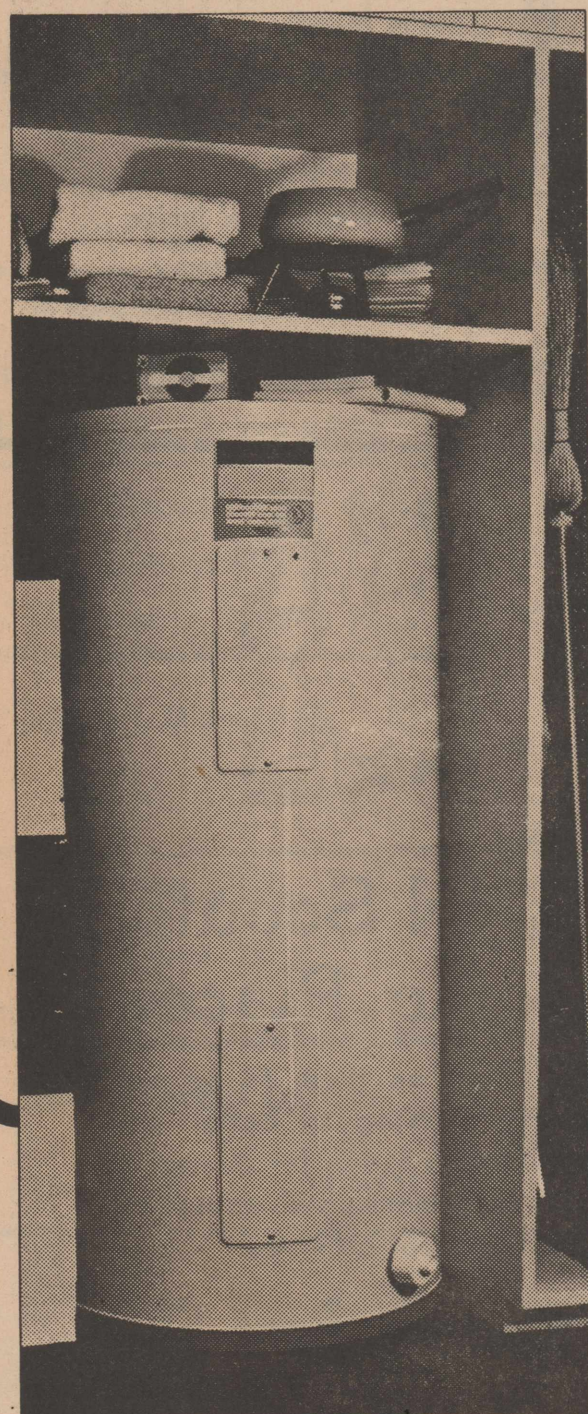
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For FRIDAY, March 30, and FRIDAY, April 6, we are expecting 5000 or more cattle for each sale. We will be having as many choice cattle coming off of area wheat pasture as you can find anywhere in the Southwest.

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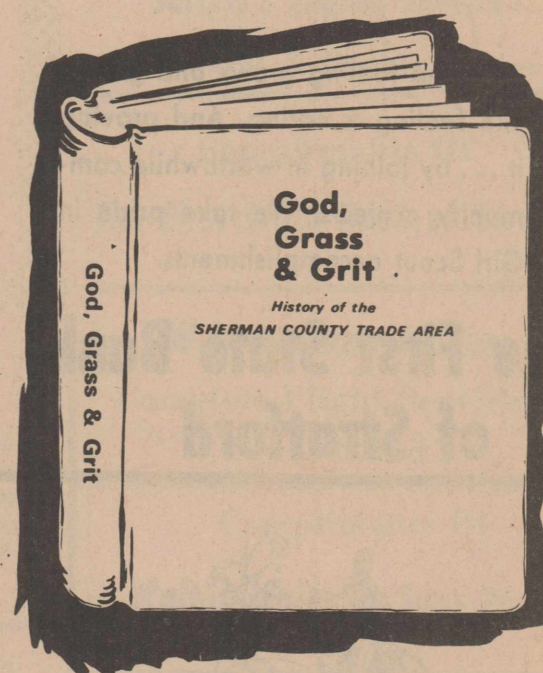
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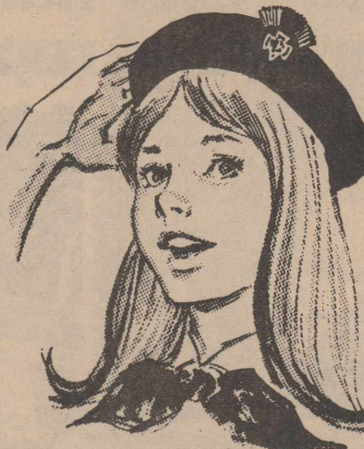
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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick of Stratford will be among wheat producers from all over the nation who will be meeting in Washington, D.C. this week-end to exert a united effort in legislative actions affecting wheat and wheat producer income.

Kendrick is chairman of the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Others from this area who will be attending include Leo Witkowski of Hereford, president, Texas Wheat Producers Association; Dwight Hamilton of Olney; C.L. Edwards of Panhandle; Bill Nelson of Amarillo and Ronald Kershen of Canyon.

Workshop sessions with administrative and legislative leaders will be conducted in a wide

range of subjects, including; future farm programs; international trade and monetary policy; cost of living council; as well as agricultural research and extension direction.

Highlight of the wheat-related activities will be a Congressional Breakfast, March 28, to be attended by members of both the Senate and House of Representatives. Keynote speaker at this function will be the Honorable W.R. Poage of Waco, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

The National Association of Wheat Growers, the wheat producers national legislative and service organization, Great Plains Wheat, Inc., and Western

Wheat Associates, both regional producer supported export market development organizations are acting as sponsors and coordinators of the week-long wheat sessions. Each of these groups also have their own board of directors and committee meetings scheduled in order to develop and direct policies to meet the changing wheat situation and related economic conditions.

Kendrick, and Witkowski, said that these Washington sessions are not a "one shot deal", but are part of the continuing producer-supported efforts to gain improved farm income through liaison with those making decisions affecting the production, marketing or public policies of wheat.



Rep. Dean Cobb



LETTERS FROM HOME. A legislative representative over 500 miles away from home could hardly know all of the problems, wishes and desires of his constituents during the time the legislature is in session. Fortunately, I do receive a good number of calls and letters each week and I try to stay in touch through this weekly column as well as radio broadcasts on some local radio stations. It occurred to me that I might share some of the areas of greatest concern as reflected by some of the contacts I have had thus far this session.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION. A proposal by a Dallas Senator would in effect abolish all school districts with curriculum of less than 12 years. This effects more than a half-dozen school districts in the "Top Ten" district. So far no hearing has been set on this bill. From the calls that I have had, however, when it is heard by the Senate Education Committee it should draw a large crowd.

DAY CARE. We have a number of child day care centers across the 64th legislative district and they will be dealt a lethal blow under the present federal pro-

Big Sale At Texhoma On Friday

Last Friday's sale saw a total of 6,620 cattle and calves sold through the Texhoma Livestock Auction which opened at 11 a.m. and closed sales at 11:40 p.m. that evening.

The market was active throughout the entire sale with all light cattle very active. Feeder steers sold fully steady and feeder heifers sold for \$1 to \$2 per cwt higher than a week ago. Representative sales included a few small groups of light steer calves which sold above the \$80 per cwt mark; 8 WF steer calves averaging 318 pounds sold for \$74.25 per cwt; 55 WF heifer calves averaging 323 pounds sold for \$66 per cwt; 328 mixed steers averaging 646 pounds sold for \$58.65 per cwt; 100 mixed steers averaging 723 pounds sold for \$56.30 per cwt; 252 WF & Black WF Springer Heifers sold for \$430 per head; and 29 Black WF Springer Heifers sold for \$430 per head; and 29 Black WF Springer Heifers sold for \$405 per head.

The bulk of the cows selling on packer accounts were for \$28 to \$38 per cwt with Bologna Bulls selling \$41.50 to \$37.50 per cwt.

A total of between 5,000 and 6,000 head are expected this Friday at Texhoma with several outstanding consignments already on the way. These include 700 choice to fancy yearlings steers weighing 600 to 700 pounds and another group of 500 choice feeder heifers, all one brand, weighing approximately 650 pounds average plus more. Sale will begin next Friday at 10 a.m. and until further notice.

Your State Representative Reports

Soil Conservation News by bill sladek

The Sherman County SWCD were hosts last week to the spring meeting of the Panhandle Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Following the meal the group had an opportunity to hear the current status of irrigation water on the high plains by Orval Allen, Field Representative of the North Plains Water District.

Following this James Dillard, Biologist with the State Parks and Wildlife Service presented a very informative slide talk on the Wildlife of the Panhandle. Bill Sladek, District Conservationist of the SCS then presented a slide talk on their work on pollution abatement systems with the local feedyards. Odell Pugh, master of ceremonies then turned the program over to Curtis Schaffer, President of the Association.

Schaffer, then introduced Frank Gray, member of the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board and Charles Wood, Director of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Districts. Both men spoke briefly on pending legislation in the State as well as Federal that would affect agriculture in general and especially on those facets that would affect agriculture in our immediate area.

Following the meeting an election of new officers was held with Charles Brillhart of Spearman being elected the new president. James McCasland of Happy as vice president and Frank Buzzard of Gruver as Secretary-Treasurer. The group enjoyed an excellent steak complements of Brown's Meat Locker. Entertainment was provided by the "Sweet Teens" of Texhoma. This group consisted of Vicki Blackmore, leader and Lisa Winchester, Cindy Stork, Brenda Wadsworth, Pamela Pugh, Robin Simpson, and Cainea Hawkins. The group was well received by those in attendance.

feedyards had increased. The company's floricultural division reported an increase in sales over 1971 of 24%. Gow also noted that 1972 sales of 27 million broilers was 15% higher than broilers sold in 1971. This represents a doubling of the broilers produced by Stratford in the last four years.

Net Income Reported By Stratford Inc.

Stratford of Texas, Inc. a Houston based company engaged in selected areas of agriculture, announced today that its net income after taxes for the year ended November 30, 1972 was \$3,425,000 or 90¢ per common and common equivalent share. For the year ended November 30, 1971, the company reported a loss of \$3,927,000 equivalent to \$1.28 per share, due to a writedown in the carrying value of its oil and gas properties. Sales for fiscal 1972 were \$80 million, an increase of 33% over 1971 sales of \$60 million. Earnings per share on a fully diluted basis were 87¢ per share for fiscal 1972 and \$1.28 per share loss for fiscal 1971. 1972 sales, earnings and earnings per share all represent new records for Stratford. All agricultural divisions of the company operated profitably during 1972. According to Robert H. Gow, Stratford's chairman, these operating results were achieved with favorable, but not unusually favorable, industry conditions.

The number of cattle on feed in the company's feedyards at year end was up almost 50% from a year ago. The increase represented the fifth consecutive year in which the number of cattle on feed in Stratford's

Sherman County farmers interest in the Great Plains Conservation Program continues to grow. However, the Soil Conservation Service is only taking high priority applications at this time due to shortage of funds. Monies should become available for new contracts sometime around July 1, 1973.

At present time there are 36 active contracts in the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District. All of these have applied or will apply, some conservation practices before the close of 1973. These practices vary from good crop rotations and stubble management

to the construction of cross fences for better management of available grazing resources on native grassland or irrigated pastureland.

Some farmers who have more recently made applications to participate in the Great Plains Conservation Program are: Baskin Brown, Mrs. D.A. Borth, V.L. Morris, H.C. Weiss and Arthur Stokes.

Shaping waterways and establishing them in tall fescuegrass and native grasses is one of several items planned by the above producers.

If you are interested in the GPCP, or have any questions concerning the program the local Soil Conservation Service personnel will be glad to talk with you.

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Turnrow Topics

by Charley Lamb

As we mentioned last week, corn planting time is rapidly approaching. The additional moisture we have received on our already wet soils has really put a "kink" in our soil preparation. We have visited with a few farmers who are lucky enough this year to be planting corn on clean ground. Some of these have entertained the idea of planting flat and water-furrowing later. This just might be the only way to get our corn in as early as most would like to plant. In most cases we have enough residual nitrate nitrogen carried over from last year to nourish the plant until it is large enough to water-furrow and side-dress. This practice in some instances might create a short termed phosphorous deficiency. This is true because as a "rule of thumb" the plant uses two-thirds of its phosphorous during the first one third of its growth.

I don't know of a business that presents as many crucial problems and decisions as does farming. Consider for a moment

Consider for a moment the bushels of milo left per acre in many of our fields. A few who were able to get this ground listed up the past few days are considering the possibility of planting corn on this ground. Following the planter they will apply a chemical to control the weeds and volunteer milo and if need be, water the corn in

Either Bladex or Lasso could be used for this. A note on Sutan, if it is used, you would have to apply it ahead of your planting, because it must be incorporated immediately.

Was visiting with a farmer the other day on these decisions. He said he wished there was only one chemical for each crop. That sure would simplify things.

We briefly discussed Bladex and Sutan in last week's article. This week we will take a look at Lasso.

In some instances, Lasso has given better broad leaf control than Sutan.

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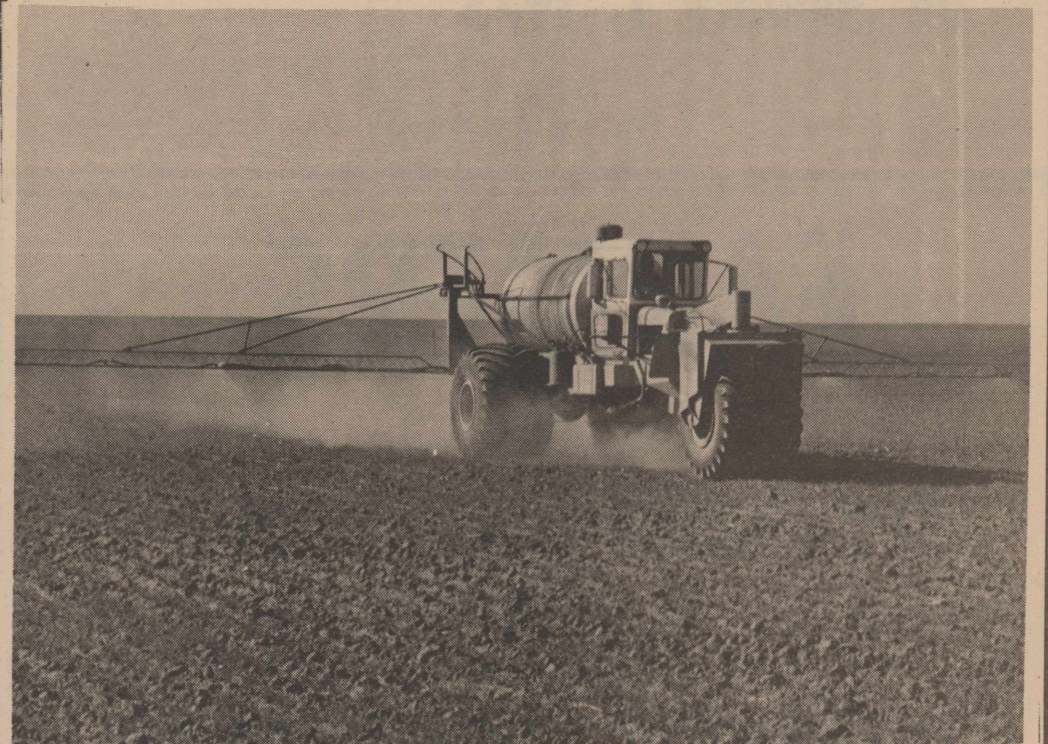
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County Agent's Report

Report

By Fred Cross



There was a pretty good crowd that came out Monday night to the grain storage meeting held at the Court House in Stratford. Mike Reithmayer spoke on the economic advantage and disadvantages of on-the-farm storage. Mike is an agricultural economist. He presented cost figures that showed that farm storage could compete with grain elevators. But, he cautioned that the biggest cost could be that invisible one, shrink. For each one per cent moisture loss in storage, there is an actual one and two tenths per cent weight loss. Add another one half per cent handling loss and you begin to see the invisible losses.

Bill Allen, Agricultural Engineer from Texas A&M University, spoke on grain storage building and equipment. He stressed the moisture in the grain as the biggest thing to be concerned about. So he spoke mostly on grain drying equipment. The continuous flow type he recommended as the best. Loans available from the ASCS were covered by Gary Lundberg, Executive Director of Sherman County ASCS. Loan rates and rules have recently changed, but loans are still available. Loans up to \$10,000 require on local approval. But if you plan to apply for a loan do it well ahead of harvest time so there will be time to get the building up.

The best reason for on-the-farm storage came out during the discussion period. Lorel Haile said the big reason for having your own storage is to have a place to go with your grain when you are ready to harvest. By having to wait this past year until the grain was dry enough to go to the elevator, the snows hit which greatly delayed harvest and caused considerable grain loss.

The District 4-H Livestock and Soil Judging contests have

been changed to April 7. The Horse Judging Contest will still be on April 14 at Amarillo. The other contests will be at West Texas State University on May 5. There will be a meeting of all interested 4-H members and 4-H Adult Leaders Friday afternoon, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Court House to discuss these contests.

The Sherman County 4-H Horse Club held their judging contest last Sunday. The Senior team members selected were: April Vincent, Mike Flores, Jeff Flores and Pat Flores. The top Junior team members were: Toni Vincent, Taylor Johnson, Kurt Harris, Karr Ingham and Leslie Flores. Kurt, Karr and Leslie all had identical scores. Dr. Jack Swain served as official judge and will be helping the teams get ready for the district contest.

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The Sherman House

by Oline Caraway

Spring is a time of revival, when crocus pop their gray heads through the brown grass. Last week I saw a cheerful daffodil blooming by Mary Hill's door, so I felt the time had come to open The Sherman House Museum and Art Gallery for viewing and to report to you again.

Mary Hill has changed the exhibits in the Art Gallery so drop by and enjoy or buy a lonely painting. There is an exhibit of Mr. Haneys High School Art students on one wall, these students have talent and potential.

We are trying a new day to be open, on Sunday afternoon from 2-5 pm. It is hoped that we can get enough clubs interested to be responsible as host or hostess duties for one month of the year. Prospectus Study Club voted to keep The Sherman House open each Sunday after noon in March. Hostesses are: Mar. 4, Mary Peach Smith; Mar. 11, Glenell Dettie and Helen Taylor; Mar. 18, Bobbie Cummings, Mar. 25, Mary Hill. Our thanks to this civic minded club.

Thursday night your reporter conducted The Contemporary Study Club Members on a tour of the Sherman House. Our material stresses that whenever possible you conduct a demonstration on some phase of your displays. I thought and looked, then decided I couldn't embroider, paint or quilt, but I had churned butter, so our demonstration was mostly talk on "Butter Making" (I don't even know anyone who milks a cow now and cream doesn't rise to the top of homogenized milk) I did buy a pound of butter, let it get soft enough to work, and mold it in my Grandmother Stone's 100 yr. old Round butter mold. The Sheaf of wheat was identifiable on top of butter, but I've certainly lost my touch these last 25 years I've bought butter. At any rate it was a pleasure to present the program to: Dallas Donelson, President of Contemporary Study Club.

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porary Study Club; Martha Mitts, Junior Club Director for the Top of Texas Federated Womens Clubs, Linda Clements, LaVon Weiss, Glenda Dyess, Linda Adams, Lela Hager, Dyane Hayes and Pam Brannan.

Have you visited The Sherman House? Drop by and chat!

Dean Cobb Named On Welfare Group

State Representative Dean Cobb of Dumas has been named Vice-chairman of the seven-member Standing Subcommittee on Public Welfare for the Texas House of Representatives, 63rd Session.

According to House Rules, this Standing Subcommittee has jurisdiction over all legislation pertaining to welfare programs of the State of Texas and its political subdivisions and all matters pertaining to the State Department of Public Welfare. It is a permanent Standing Subcommittee of the Committee on Human Resources, chaired by State Representative Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi.

Truan, who made the appointment, said, "I am sure that Dean Cobb will contribute his outstanding ability in this capacity. I am very pleased that he has taken the duties and obligations of this important and vital subcommittee."

Cobb, who is serving his third term in the Texas House, said, "I am honored that I have this opportunity to work in the important field of public welfare." For many years, I have been concerned about this area, and I look forward to seeing this Legislature take firm steps to provide a modern and fair system of welfare."

Texas House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., called Cobb "a legislator with proven leadership talent and ability. I am convinced he will be instrumental in giving direction to this Legislature as we strive to settle the welfare problems that plague us."

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Social Security News

Most--but not all--aged widows and dependent widowers will get increased payments from social security starting next month, according to Travis C. Briggs, social security district manager in Amarillo.

Widows don't have to do anything to get these increases. The increases will begin with checks to be mailed early in February.

"Some of those who get increases may not get as much as they expected," Briggs said. "Questions w're getting indicate there's some confusion about widows benefits."

Under the new social security law, increases will go to 89 percent of the 3 1/2 million widows who get monthly payments based on their late husbands' social security records, according to Briggs. "About 2 out of 5 widows will get 21.2 percent more than they were getting," he said. "About half will get increases ranging from about 1 percent to 21 percent."

The 21.2 percent increase will be paid to women who started getting widows benefits at 65 or later. "They are women whose deceased husbands did not take retirement benefits until age 65 or over or had died before becoming entitled to retirement benefits," Briggs said. "Previously, a widow's benefit could be no more than 82 1/2 percent of the amount that would have been payable to her husband at age 65."

Smaller increases will be paid to widows who first got checks before 65. For example, a widow who started getting payments at 62 will now get 82.9 percent of her husband's benefit. Previously, she got 82.5 percent.

Widows who get no increase under the new law will be mostly sole survivors whose husbands would have qualified for minimum retirement benefits. The new law also applies to benefits paid to some 3,000 dependent widowers. Like widows, dependent widowers can now start getting reduced benefits at 60. Previously, widows had to wait until they were 62 to start getting retirement checks based on their wives' social security records.

Q. I have a friend whose only income is her monthly social security check. She has a son who was severely hurt in an accident when he was 19. He hasn't been able to work since the accident, and there's little chance he ever will. I thought I read that the recent changes in social security make her son eligible to get monthly checks too. Is this right?

A. Yes. Beginning January 1973 your friend's disabled son and other people who have become severely disabled after age 18 but before 22 may qualify for monthly social security payments if a parent is getting social security benefits or has died after having worked long enough under social security. Before payments could be made to disabled sons or daughters only if the disability started before age 18. Your friend and her son may visit any social security office to apply for benefits.

Q. My brother has been getting monthly disability payments from social security since 1968. I recently read in the paper that disabled people under 65 will soon be able to get Medicare. Is this true?

A. It is true that people under 65 getting social security disability payments will soon be eligible for Medicare coverage. Starting in July of next year, your brother and other disabled people who have been getting social security disability benefits for at least two years will be eligible for Medicare.

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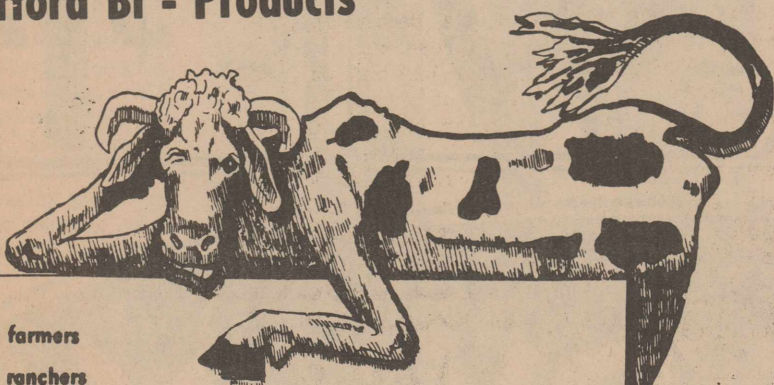
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