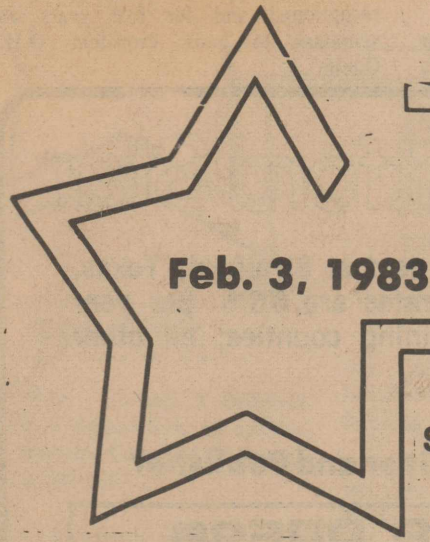


Elks lead district, Elkettes fight to regain lead (See page 4)



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Activity here near standstill

The worst winter storm of the season swept across the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Monday and Tuesday, virtually "snowing in" the Stratford area, dropping temperatures into the mid-20's, dumping up to eight inches of snow on the area, with near blizzard winds piling up drifts four or five feet high.

Drifts across the highways, the reduced visibility caused by the blowing snow, and icy-slippery roads caused Texas Highway Department officials to close all highways in the Stratford area, Tuesday, leaving the community cut off from the outside world except for telephone communications.

Continental Trailways bus runs through Stratford, along with all other traffic was halted, although one bus which had got through, only to be stranded in town for several hours. In fact, a large number of travellers were halted by the storm and road closings in Stratford and had to spend over a day here. The motels were soon filled and a number of residents took stranded travelers into their homes. At least 20 18-wheelers lined the highways in town, forced to stay here more than 24 hours by the storm and road closings.

Stratford public schools were closed Monday and Tuesday because of the

storm, and most of the businesses along Main Street and in many other areas in town never opened on Tuesday. By contrast, the motels and other highway businesses such as Allsup's Convenience Store and Dairy Queen did a thriving business with a large percentage of it coming from the stranded truckers.

Many of the citizens stayed home, but quite a few felt it necessary to get out and could be seen shovelling drifts off and from under their cars so they could get about. And a number of people's cars got stuck in the snow-clogged streets-sometimes more than once-and in case after case neighbors came to their rescue, helping push or pull them free.

The Texas Highway Department remained open for more than 36 hours straight, and crews worked around the clock trying to clear and keep ice of area roads.

City and county crews were out, doing their best to clear the streets and they got lots of volunteer help from employees of the city's implement who had big machines out clearing the snow. Coldwater Manor personnel were taken to their jobs at nursing home by members of Sherman County Sheriff's Department and Sherman Implement

employees. Gennell York, Coldwater Manor administrator, said she was grateful to the Sheriff's Department and Sherman Implement personnel for seeing 'Manor' employees get through the snow to work. She said when she went to work she took a suitcase and was prepared to stay at the nursing home where she would be needed.

Sheriff's Department officers and city police were out around the clock.

Several towns, who had to battle drifts just to get out their doors at home, showed up in town with tractors to help clear the snow.

As one resident put it, "I think it's just wonderful the way people pitched in to help each other out--the townspeople, the law enforcement officers, the implement dealers, the farmers--just everybody."

"Most of our streets and a lot of our driveways were cleared by people just wanting to be neighborly. Our driveways, every drive in our block, was cleared--I don't know by whom. I have a sister living in Amarillo and she told me on the phone that they can't even get out of their driveway."

"It just goes to show you the kind of community and people we have here in Stratford." □



Before the snow storm came, County youngsters got in some practice with their animals (above) and 'spruced up' their entries (below) for the Livestock Show and Sale.

Gracias, for haven

She spoke English very well with just a trace of Spanish accent, and there was warmth and emotion in her voice.

"We're really grateful to the people for helping us out," Teresa Navarro said. Things were looking much better to Mrs. Navarro and the four others with her as they enjoyed the comfort of the Bill Sladek home here Tuesday.

But things had looked very bleak for awhile late Monday night as Jose and Teresa Navarro, their 11 month old son Fredrick, and Ramon Jose's 11-year-old sister Luzelva Navarro, and a cousin Ramon Satillanes were forced to stop here because of the snow storm.

The five enroute from Juarez, Mexico to Liberal, Kansas where the Navarros and Satillanes live and work. They had been visiting Navarros parents in Juarez, with them was Luzelva, who lives with the Navarros and attends school in Liberal.

Arriving about 11 p.m. they tried without success to find a motel room here. Making matters worse, their truck got stuck and would not budge. Then a police officer or Sheriff's Deputy, Mrs. Navarro's not sure which, drove by, stopped. They told him they needed a place to stay. He said he would find them one. A few minutes later, two men in a four-wheel drive vehicle came up, and took them to the Sladek house where they spent the night.

Mrs. Sladek explained her family had heard on television broadcast that people were stranded throughout the Panhandle and needed places to stay, so they called the Ranger Motel to see if anyone was being turned away and in need of lodging. At the time, the Sladek's are told the was filled up, but that there was no one there at the time needing to be put up for the night.

Then at about 11:30, they got a call from Sheriff's Department, asking if they would like to put up a family of five for the night. They said they would and as a result the Navarros had a place to spend the night out of the cold.

Concerned about his job with a American Beef, a Liberal firm, as he was overdue to work, Navarro called to inform the firm he was stranded in Stratford and would be back to work as soon as he could get there. He then learned the company had closed down for the storm.

The five plan to get on the road as soon as the roads are opened, but said they will long remember their "good neighbors" in Stratford who helped them when they needed it. □

STREETS of STRATFORD By the Coombes'

OUR hat's off to the youngsters in 4-H and FFA who refused to let the weather snow under their big show, and worked long hard gruelling hours to get the annual show back into shape to open on Monday. It takes a lot of work, for example, to get the animals in peak condition and the right weight to show in the first place, then when it becomes necessary, in such a delay, to maintain those animals in that condition, that's work, brother.

THE Star Homemaker Extension Club meeting that had been scheduled for Feb. 1 has been reset for Feb. 15. The club will convene at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish lunch in the home of Laura Smith.

MOTHERS of children who will enter kindergarten next school year, don't forget the important pre-school DIAL (Development Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) screening which will be held at Mary Allen Elementary School on Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The screening is designed to identify children who need extra help at home before they enter kindergarten. Printed instructions will be available for parents, giving suggestions for help in the skills surveyed. Each child's vision, hearing and speech will also be tested.

...but show must go on

It took two days of cold, hard, grimy work, but apparently 4-H'ers and FFA members--with a big assist from County Ag Agent Jim Allison and other responsible adults--have managed to salvage the 38th Annual Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA Livestock Show despite the severe snow storm that left the community virtually snowbound.

The show, originally scheduled for today, tomorrow and Saturday, has been reset for Monday and Tuesday (Feb. 7-8) but Allison cautions that it all depends on the weather.

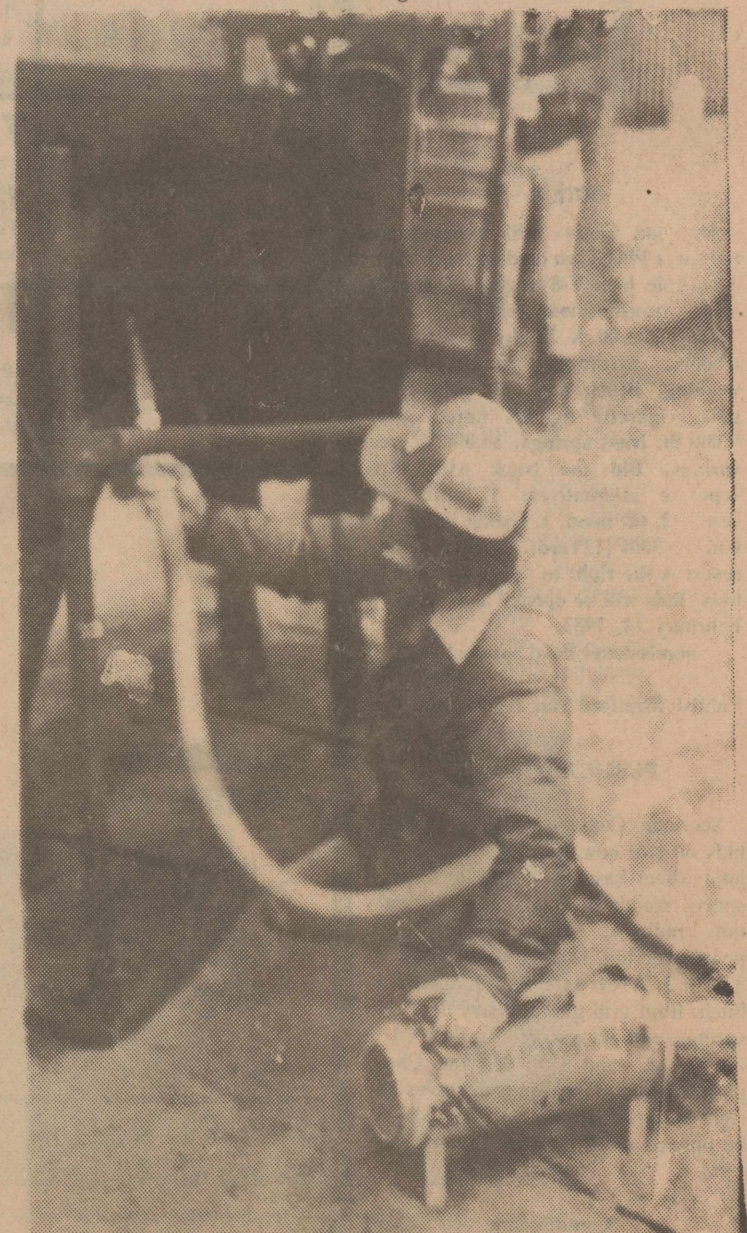
"This has become a day-at-a-time thing," Allison said. "If the weather changes we may have change our plans again."

Allison said tentative plans call for the weighing and sifting of livestock to begin at the County Barn at 1 p.m. Saturday for all animals already in the barn. He said the animals not already in the barn will be weighed as their young owners are able to bring them in, on Saturday and Sunday.

The show has been reset to get under way at 9 a.m. Monday with the judging of pigs. Lamb judging will be next, as soon as the pig judging is completed, with steer judging to follow, he said.

The annual sale of the livestock will begin at 10 a.m.--according to Allison. Despite the difficulty in travelling in

the snow, the youngsters came and went from the County Barn, as they struggled to get their livestock to the barn from nearby pens and other more distant points, moved animal into the warmer areas of the barn, and toted extra feed, and spent a lot of time feeding the animals in an effort to maintain show weight. □



PIK participants insurance eligible

COLLEGE STATION, Texas--Farmers who participate in the Payment-in-kind (PIK) program are eligible for increased insurance guarantees on insured wheat, corn, grain sorghum, rice, and upland cotton at no extra cost, says F.W. "Ted" Crouch, Jr., Director for the College Station Field Operations Office of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), here today.

To encourage the widest participation possible in the PIK program, FCIC will accept downward revisions of previously reported reported acres and increase the

Oil-gas lease program set

Sherman County Agricultural Extension Service and Stratford Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring an oil and gas leasing program to be held at Sherman County barn on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist and attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will present the program entitled "Hints on Negotiating An Oil and Gas Lease."

Value of property to oil companies, comparisons of mineral estates versus surface estates, damage clauses, "producers standard 88" contracts, and land pooling are a few of the topics to be discussed by Dr. Hayenga.

This program should be of benefit and interest to area landowners and is open to the public, a Chamber spokesman said. □

per acre guarantee on the remaining acreage. Downward revisions of acreage reports may be made until March 11, 1983.

For the 1983 crop year only, insurance guarantees on the eligible crops will be increased by the following proportions: a 6 percent increase for acreage reductions of 10 to 19 percent; an 8 percent increase for reductions of 20-29 percent; and a 10 percent increase in acreage reduced by 30 percent. "Percentage reductions are calculated for acreage reductions above the regular farm program set aside," Crouch says.

Farmers may participate in the PIK acreage reduction on one farm and not another. "Any increase in coverage," says Crouch, "will be in effect for the farm selected for PIK participation, without affecting the guarantee or premium on the other insured farm(s)."

"Upon acceptance of the revised acreage report, the premium will be recomputed on the reduced acreage and the per acre guarantee will be increased for the remaining acreage," Crouch states.

Under a bid arrangement, farmers may reduce the entire acreage to zero. In that case, a zero acreage report may be made to the agent by March 11. Farmers should verify acceptance of the bid with their agent by March 18. If the bid is not accepted, the farmer remains insured for the acreage intended for harvest.

"Insured farmers should contact the local agent authorized to service their FCIC policy before March 11 to report any downward revisions on insured acreage and to gain the advantage of the increased protection," Crouch says. □

First Christian Church to host 'Sharing' group

First Christian Church will host the Christian music group "Sharing" Sunday, (Feb. 6). "Sharing" will present a concert in place of the sermon during Morning Worship. Morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Included among the members of "Sharing" are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gurley of Amarillo. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gurley of Stratford. Other members of "Sharing" are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Williams, Miss Leslie Cunningham and Miss Connie Cunningham, all of Amarillo. Musical instruments featured include guitars,

banjo, bass, mandolin and tamborine. "Their music has a clean, clear, "oldtimey" sound, very enjoyable, and a great witness of faith in Jesus Christ," said the Rev. David Harker, minister of First Christian Church.

An all Church Sandwich Supper will be served at 6 p.m., and an evening concert by "Sharing" will follow at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Claude N. Fedric, chairman of the church's Evangelism Committee, is in charge of events of the day.

The public is cordially invited to share in these activities according to the Rev. Harker. □



Tamara Bell of Stratford is among the Southwest Texas State University students who are members of the Bobcat Marching Band, under the direction of Thomas H. Waggoner. The Bobcat Band provides music, precision formations and spirit support for SWT athletic events. Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell of Stratford, is a clarinet player in the Bobcat Band.

Bank promotes Mrs. Phelps

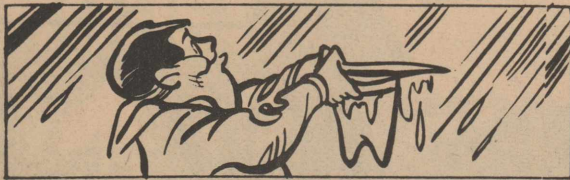
Mrs. Sherry Phelps has recently been advanced to the position of Assistant Cashier with the First State Bank of Stratford.

Mrs. Phelps has been an employee of the First State Bank of Stratford for 10 years.

Currently Sherry is in charge of our CD and New Accounts Department, In

this capacity, Sherry works with CD's, new accounts, money market accounts, "Now" and "Super Now" accounts as well as regular checking accounts.

Previously Mrs. Phelps has worked in our bookkeeping department, also as a receptionist and for five years as secretary to bank President O.H. Oquin. □



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Good luck to all FFA and 4-H members



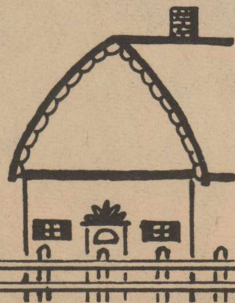
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O K I H I offers final shot at Branding Board

The O K I H I Study Club will make record of their family heritage. A club available the Brand Boards for a final time at the Stock Show Saturday, Feb. 5 during the final day of the Stock Show.

The third board will be available from 10 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. in the afternoon for branding.

The two completed boards will be hung permanently before the Stock Show for their initial display. They will be displayed in the new section of the County Barn.

Community families who have not participated will want this permanent record of their family heritage. A club spokesman said. "Please keep this in mind and bring your branding irons with you when attend the Stock Show."

After the Stock Show, the third board will be permanently finished and hung for display with the two other brands.

"Remember, this is the final opportunity you will have," the spokesman said. "Squares on the board are \$25 each. The Money taken in by the project has been and will continue to be used in local projects of the Study Club." □

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Gennell York

LEGAL NOTICES

To give notice of the intention to produce a bill in the 68th Legislature, regular session, relating to taxation, powers, and duties of a Board in Sherman County.

Senator Bill Sarpalius
P.O. Box 12086
Austin, Texas 78711

Representative
J.W. "Buck" Buchanan
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769

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NOTICE

Sherman County will accept sealed bids for a 1983 3 ton tandem truck with a 300 cubic inch V-8 engine, 5 speed-2 speed transmission; rear axle ration 7.25:1; 7, 9.00 X 20 tires; cast spoke wheels; hydraulic brakes, power steering, bench seat, 50 gallon step tank, cigarette lighter, tinted glass, 9,000 lb. front springs, 30,000 lb. rear springs. Bid the truck with three separate alternatives: 1. with twin tires 2. tilt hood. 3. Gallon dump bed bid to \$500F (12Yard). Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. on February 14, 1983.

Commissioner Boyd Spurlock (signature)
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PUBLIC BID NOTICE

Sherman County will accept sealed bids on two new 1982 or 1983 1/2 ton, long wheel base, wide box pickups; 4 speed standard transmission, heavy duty radiator, equipped with radio, power steering, heavy duty V-8 engine, 3.42 or 3.73 rear axle, rear bumper with hitch, front grill guard, heavy duty rear springs, and gauges. Will trade 1974 1/2 ton G.M.C. and 1970 3/4 ton Chevy pickups. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. on February 14, 1983.

Commissioner Joe Everett
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Community Calendar for the month of FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				20 2 p.m. Ladies Bridge-Country Club 7 p.m. City Council 8 p.m. Masonic Lodge 874	21 All Region Band Clinic	4 p.m. All Region Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 7:30 p.m. Country Club Annual Meeting
23	24	25 Noon Women's C of C Luncheon 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922	26	27 Noon SCOT	28	29
30	31 7 p.m. 4-H Parent-Leaders	1 Noon C of C Board 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922 7:30 p.m. OES	2 3 p.m. Sherman County Child Welfare Board	3 Livestock Show 7 p.m. City Council	4 Livestock Show	5 Livestock Show and Auction
6 Boy Scout Sunday	7 1:30 p.m. Gardening and Food Economics	8 2 p.m. Coldwater Manor Birthday Party 2:30 p.m. Sherman County Historical Committee 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922 7:30 p.m. Farm Bureau Board	9	10 7 p.m. School Board 7:30 p.m. Appraisal Board 7:30 p.m. Hospital Board	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 10 a.m. Commissioner's Court St. Valentine's Day	15 8 a.m. Women's C of C Board 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922 7:30 p.m. OES 7:30 p.m. Fire Department Auxiliary	16	17 7 p.m. City Council 8 p.m. Masonic Lodge 874	18	19

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Miss Saloga weds French

Betty Saloga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Saloga of Odessa, and Mike French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee French of Odessa, were united in marriage on Dec. 31 in her mother's home. The bride wore her sister's wedding dress and carried a bouquet of white daisies. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.D. Jones of Spearman. Musical selections were "Chariots of Fire," played by Amy, sister of the bride and "Could I Have this Dance," sang by the grandfather of the bride. A two-tier cake, topped with fresh daisies, was decorated by the grandmother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. French will reside at their new home in Odessa. □



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O K I H I'ers meet at library

The O K I H I Study Club met in the library for its January meeting. The meeting was called to order by President D'Lynn Reed. The program was presented by contest winners of the O K I H I sponsored essay contest, "What American Means to Me!" Winners in the seventh grade were: 1st--Kristi Harrison; 2nd--Lori Wiley; 3rd--Kristi Blake. Eighth grade winners were: 1st--Holly McKinney; 2nd--J'n Phelps; and 3rd--Rosa Jo Engelbrecht. Overall winner was Gary Clements, a seventh grader. Certificates and cash prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5 were presented to the students respectively, with a grand prize of \$20 being presented to the overall winner. Refreshments were served by hostesses Peggy Roberts and Jill Needham to the guests and members. Following the program, the business meeting continued with D'Lynn reading thank you notes from Ricky Reed and Susan Wheeler. She also presented a gift to Valarie McAlister for her work in getting reports in. The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$710.39. All members present participated in the pledge of Allegiance to the

flags. Mother's March has been moved to Sunday, February 6, at 2 p.m. at North Plains Building. A Style Show has been set for Thursday, March 3. The fashion Corner in Dumas will present the show. It was decided to have it in the County Barn. The price of tickets will be set at \$5. O K I H I Study Club will again be responsible for the birthday party at Water Manor one month this summer. Members decided to give the party in June. The Health Fair will be March 22. It will need to be set up the 21st. Eighteen organizations have signed up. Under Old Business, Valarie said Brand Boards would be set up in the new section of the County Barn before the Stock Show on Feb. 4-5. The third board will be available one more time for anyone interested in getting their brand on it. Branding will be done from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5. Before the next meeting, the by-law concerning "payment of dues" will need to be rewritten and presented to the club for a vote, it was announced. The club's meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 22. The meeting was adjourned.

Scholarship applications available

Junior and Senior class high school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by March 15, 1983 from the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinney Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. To receive an application, students should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code and approximate grad point average. Fifty award winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and need for financial aid.

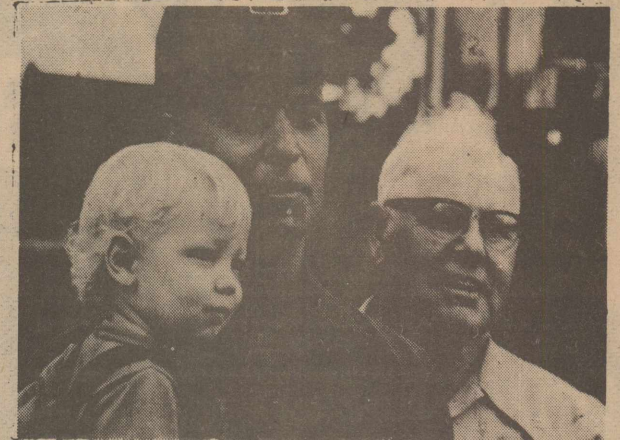
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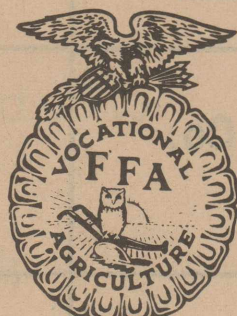
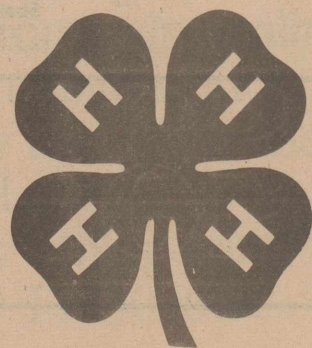
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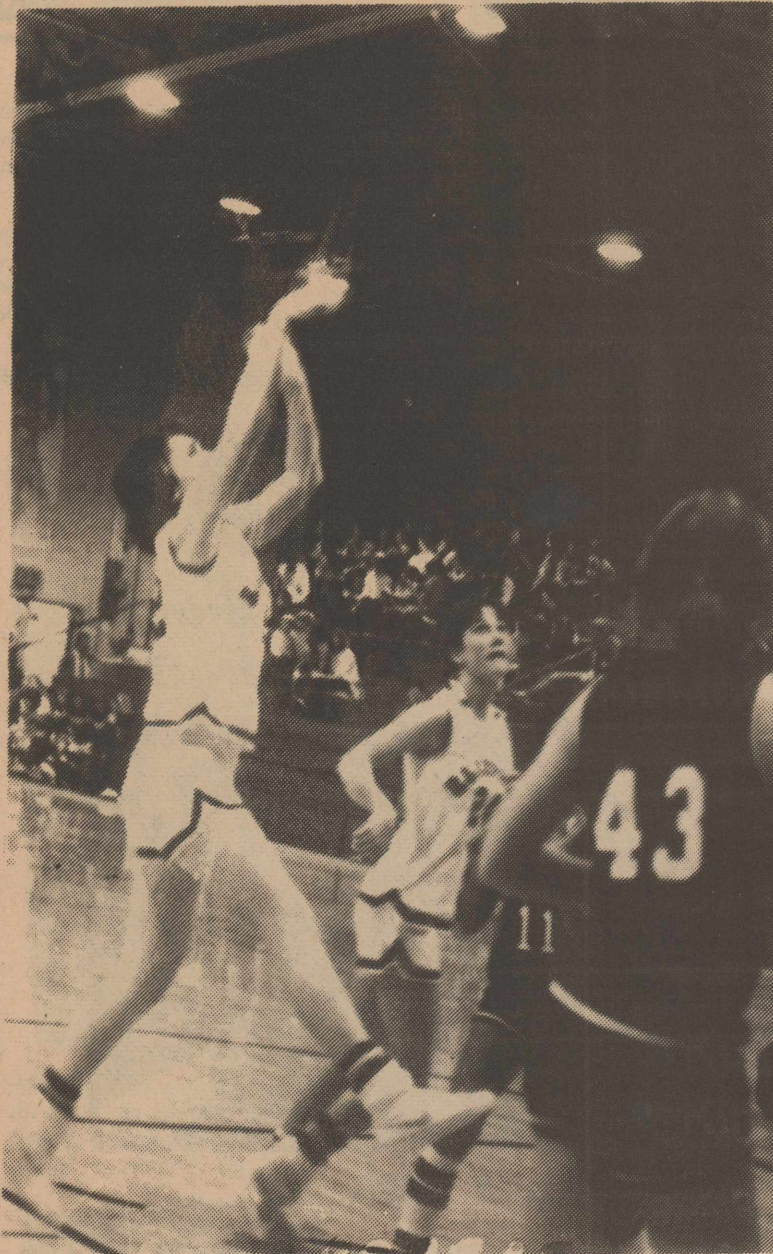
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Corraling not easy for 1-AA foes

Elks stampede toward title

If anybody in 1-AA is going to corral the Stratford Elks, it'd better be in a hurry--the Elks are stampeding toward a district championship with a perfect 6-0 record going into the final two weeks of play.

Forced to play three games last week because an earlier showdown game with Sanford-Fritch had been postponed due to icy, hazardous road conditions, the Elks won all three games, wiping out White Deer 54-46, winning the shootout with S-F, 45-42, and gouging Gruver, 56-40.

The key victory of the Elks, and an

especially sweet one for Stratford, was the dramatic come-from-behind victory over Sanford-Fritch.

Going into the game, the Elks were undefeated in district play while the Eagles had lost two district games on late scores by opponents in the closing seconds. But the year before the Elks and Eagles had tied for first place in district play, and the Eagles won the playoff, 60-56. And Stratford had never beaten the Eagles on their home court in the four years Coach Phil Warren had coached the Stratford team--not until the game last week.

The Elks went into the game with a special strategy designed to stop the Eagles high scoring sophomore post, 6-7 Ed Cunningham--get him into foul trouble. Instead, the strategy got the Elks into a big hole. While Cunningham steered clear of fouls, the Elks fell behind by the end of the first quarter, 17-6.

At this point, Coach Warren decided to shuck the special strategy and told the Elks to go out and play the style of ball that had won consistently for them this year.

By halftime the Elks, pressing and

fast breaking, had narrowed the gap to 25-20. They gained another point in the third quarter, and at the end of three periods of play it was Sanford-Fritch 32, Stratford 28.

The Elks outscored the Eagles 17-10 in the final quarter to rally for the win. Brent Spurlock with 14 points led the Elks, with Kevin Stanley adding 12, Danny Barrett 10, Joe Olivas 5 and Jere Keener 4.

In the victory over Gruver Friday, Spurlock again took top scoring honors with 14 points, with Keener and Barrett contributing 11 apiece. □

Go Elks, Elkettes win District!



Elkettes--uphill racers as 'sledding' nears end

Sledding down a snow covered hill can be lots of fun, but if the sledders want to keep on sledding once they reach the bottom, they have to pull that sled back up the hill.

That's sort of the position the Elkettes girls find themselves in as they go into the last four games of the 1-AA basketball season--pulling uphill in the snow--in their effort to "sled" their way to the district championship.

In fact, snow could be quite an obstacle to the Elkettes hopes of success. Last week, the Stratford girls were forced to play three games instead of the usual two because of a snowed out contest with Sanford-Fritch the previous week.

In last week's action, the Elkettes won two out of three games by a decisive margin, whacking White Deer 57-35 and grounding Gruver 68-45. But the loss was an equally decisive one to Sanford-Fritch, a make up of the game snowed out earlier.

And that loss to S-F put the Elkettes

two back of the undefeated Eaglettes in the 1-AA district "sledding" although the Stratford girls have only lost that one game in actual action on the court.

Their other loss was a forfeit to Sunray. The Elkettes had blistered the Sunray girls, 63-46 in a 1-AA game on Jan. 14.

But one of the Elkettes mainstay post players, sophomore Christi Lancaster, had suffered a minor back injury before the game with Sunray, so Coach Eric Boettcher brought up Stacy Rolan from the freshman team as "insurance" for the Elkettes inside game. As it turned out, Stacy played only 30 seconds against the Bobkittens, but that was enough.

Unknown to coach Boettcher, Miss Rolan had attended a summer basketball camp and that made her ineligible to play varsity basketball this season. A local fan, aware that this was against UIL rules, alerted Coach Boettcher, who in turn promptly notified the proper authorities. Thus the win became a forfeit loss, although none of the

Elkettes of coaching staff knowingly broke the UIL rules.

The Elkettes are 4-2 in district play and still have a shot at the district title. Tuesday night's game with Sunray in Sunray was also snowed out and will have to be made up at a date to be announced. And this is a crucial game--all the rest of the 1-AA games are crucial. On Friday, if the snow and icy roads are passable, the Elkettes travel to Stinnett and on Tuesday, Feb. 8 play Sanford-Fritch here in what could be the showdown game in the district race.

But if they are to be 1-AA champs the Elkettes must win, win, win, and they must not only beat Sanford-Fritch in the key game, and White Deer in the regular season finale on Feb. 11--they must also have some help from other district teams. Sanford-Fritch is 6-0 in district play and even if Stratford beats them, if no one else does, the Eaglettes will wind up with a district leading 9-1 record.

Under the new two-teams advance UIL rule however, both Stratford and Sanford-Fritch can advance to bi-district

round of the state playoffs, if they finish the race as the top two teams, regardless of first or second.

In the lopsided win against White Deer, Tania Wilson led the Elkettes with 12 points and Marcie Metzger turned in a fine off the bench 10 points and nine rebounds performance.

In the loss to Sanford-Fritch, Diann Riffe was hobbling with a sprained ankle, Christi Lancaster ran into foul trouble and as Coach Boettcher said, "We just didn't play a good game. They're a good team and they shutdown our fast break."

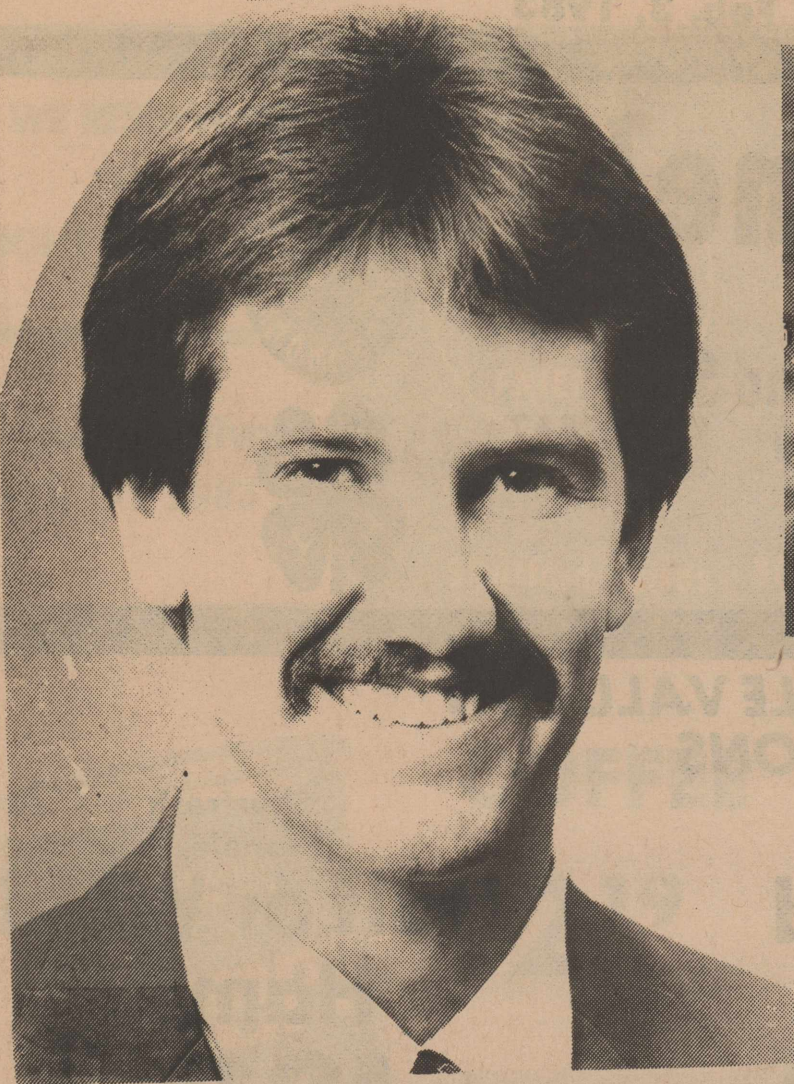
Nannette Boardman paced the Elkettes with 11 points.

The elkettes were back in stride against Gruver, pressing well, fast breaking and shooting well. Miss Riffe with 17, Miss Boardman with 14 and Miss Wilson with 14 fueled the Stratford attack.

The standings show Fritch leading the loop with a 6-0 mark. Stratford and Sunray tied at 4-2. White Deer is 2-4, and Stinnett and Gruver 1-5 each. □

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Will Allen

Allen involved in outreach

FORI COLLINS, Colo.--Will Allen, a 29-year-old former Stratford resident, is among 286 persons recently joining the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ International, an interdenominational Christian organization.

Allen completed the organization's summer new-staff training held at the Colorado State University campus.

Founded in 1951, Campus Crusade for Christ has approximately 16,000 full-time and associate staff of many nationalities involved in Christian outreach in 150 countries and protectorates around the world.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Allen of Stratford, will work in discipleship and evangelism with college students at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., as part of the organization's Campus Ministry.

He was graduated from Stratford High School, then earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford.

He is available to speak with church and civic groups about his work and can be reached by calling 396-7285. □



Marcie Metzger



Brent Spurlock

Brent, Marcie win honors

Brent Spurlock and Marcie Metzger have been named Elk and Elket Player of the Week for their fine performances in last week's games against White Deer, Sanford-Fritch and Gruver.

Spurlock led the Elks in scoring against Sanford-Fritch with 14 points, and against Gruver, also with a 14-point effort. In the three games last week he

was also the team's leading rebounder, and remains the Elk's season leader in rebounds.

Miss Metzger came off the bench to score 10 points and pull down nine rebounds against White Deer, and according to Ellette Coach Eric Boettcher, she played "fine all around games" against both Sanford-Fritch and Gruver. □



David Limer, Pete White, Collin McKinney, and Stacy Rolan competed in the Regional band tryouts.

96 blood pints donated

A total of 96 pints of blood was donated during the blood drive sponsored by the Stratford Lions Club who was assisted by the Nu Beta Sorority and the Stratford High School Student Council.

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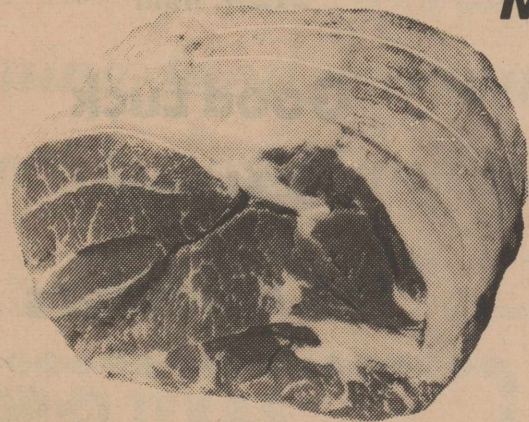
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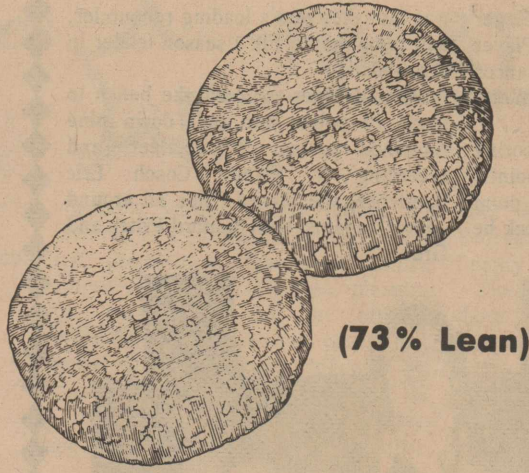


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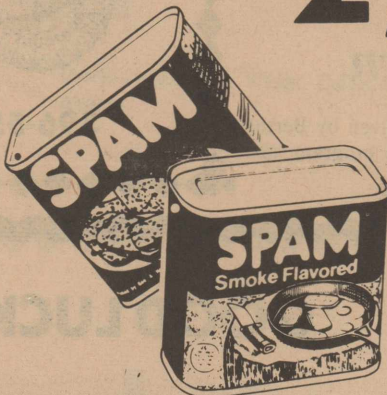
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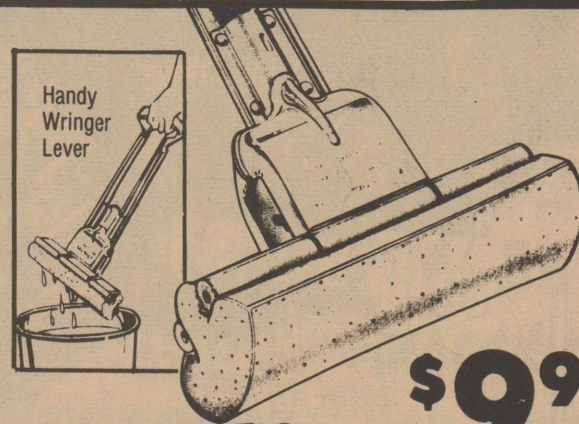
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A&M expert says agriculture at crossroads

COLLEGE STATION--Agriculture is at a crossroads due to large supplies and low prices, and farmers have few options to improve their situations in 1983.

"Just how long farmers can hang on financially is the big question," says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Right now many are scraping the bottom of the barrel as far as their financial resources are concerned--thanks to three consecutive years of poor prices. And they can't last much longer. Only those who are virtually debt-free will be able to make it."

Returns to assets of debt-free farmers

will average in the range of minus 3 to minus 7 percent in 1982, says Anderson, while returns to farmers with a heavy debt load will be a negative 14 to 18 percent. "With that kind of figures, it's easy to see that farmers must depend less on debt financing," he adds.

Farmers generally are victims of overproduction in recent years coupled with a major slowdown in farm exports and domestic demand. This has led to growing stockpiles of most crops. Present farm programs designed to reduce these stockpiles have been a flop, points out Anderson. So farmers and farm policymakers must soon decide whether or not to do something about

the increasingly critical farm dilemma. "Among options are mandatory production control and possible marketing quotas to bring supplies in line with effective demand," notes the economist. "Strong supply management likely will improve current low farm income in a couple of years. With voluntary programs, it will take much longer."

Regarding the dilemma of farmers, Anderson offers a number of observations:

1. For 1982 net U.S. farm income is projected at \$19 billion, down from \$25 billion in 1981. Cash receipts will be about equal to farm expenditures this

year, so virtually all net income will come from government payments and non-money income. Income could improve some in 1983 depending on what direction farm program take.

2. Farmland markets are expected to remain sluggish. In some areas of the U.S. and Texas, land prices likely will decline.

3. Farm exports are facing major setbacks. No noticeable progress has been made in trade negotiations with major U.S. foreign market countries such as the European Common Market, Japan, Mainland China or Russia. When economic conditions are bad, countries want to export more and import less. A

big setback to Texas cotton growers is that China intends to grow more cotton and import less from the U.S.

4. Although credit is available, farmers have difficulty in qualifying unless they still have adequate collateral. Debt restructuring will continue. Loan delinquencies, foreclosures and bankruptcies will be up although lenders seldom benefit from liquidating a borrower.

Summerour places in Odessa show

Berry Summerour recently attended Sand Hills Hereford Show in Odessa. He placed 4th and 6th with his heifers and 13th and 18th with his steers.

Berry is a member of the Texas junior Hereford Assn., and has served as reporter the past year. He was elected 1st vice-president at the TOHA banquet held in Odessa for the 1983-84 year.

Berry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Summerour and is a sophomore at Stratford High School.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FEBRUARY 7-11

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WEDNESDAY- Chili with brown beans, cole slaw, crackers, doughnuts, chocolate or plain milk.

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Pfc. Blain in Italy

Army and Air Force Hometown News--Pfc. Robert D. Blain, son of Mary K. Blain of Texhoma, Okla., has arrived for duty in Vicenza, Italy.

Blain, an infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, was previously assigned at Fort Benning, Ga.

He is a 1976 graduate of Texhoma High School.

Gardening-food economics seminar due on Monday

While the snow falls outside, the window, many of us are thinking about the warmer months ahead, and many of

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vegetable garden. Many factors are involved in a successful garden..proper soil preparation, the most suitable variety of seed for this area, planning the garden plot for the efficient utilization of resources, and proper food preservation techniques to enjoy the garden's bounty all year long.

These topics will be discussed at a special "Gardening and Food Econo-

mics" seminar to be presented Monday February 7, 1983 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

The program is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

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To help protect skin during winter, place a humidifier, vaporizer, or even large pans of water in the rooms of the house where most time will be spent.

10 Tops meet at County Barn

Tops #897 met Thursday Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. in the County Barn with 10 members weighing in.

Gladys Kirkwood was elected for assistant weight recorder and Brenda was chosen as exercise chairman.

A new contest was begun for six weeks.

Myrtle Ellison was queen for Nov. and Dec.

Mildred Ingham won the fruit basket.

Financial report was given by Bertha Blake. She will also give program next week.

Good Luck to all

4-H and FFA members

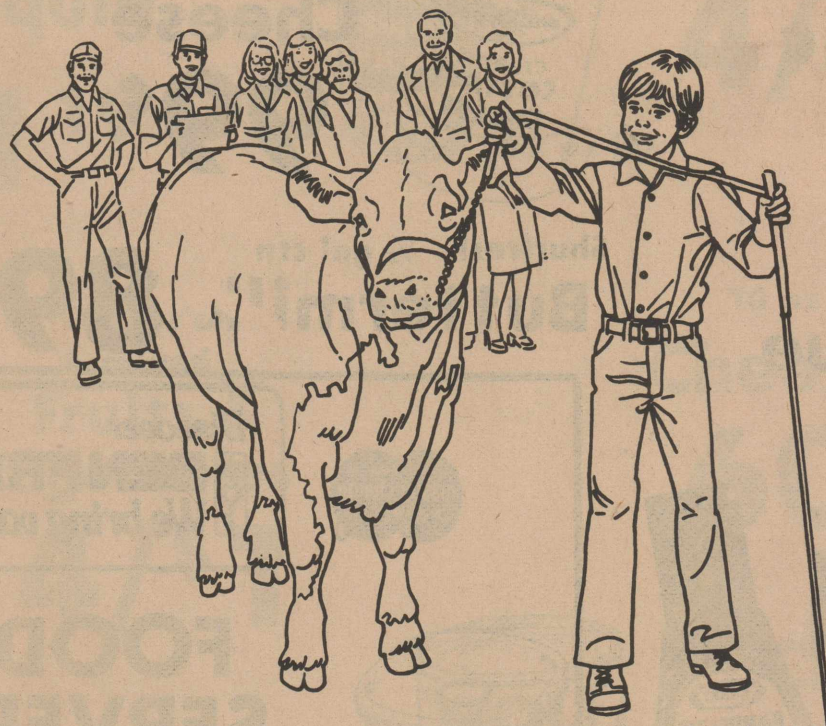
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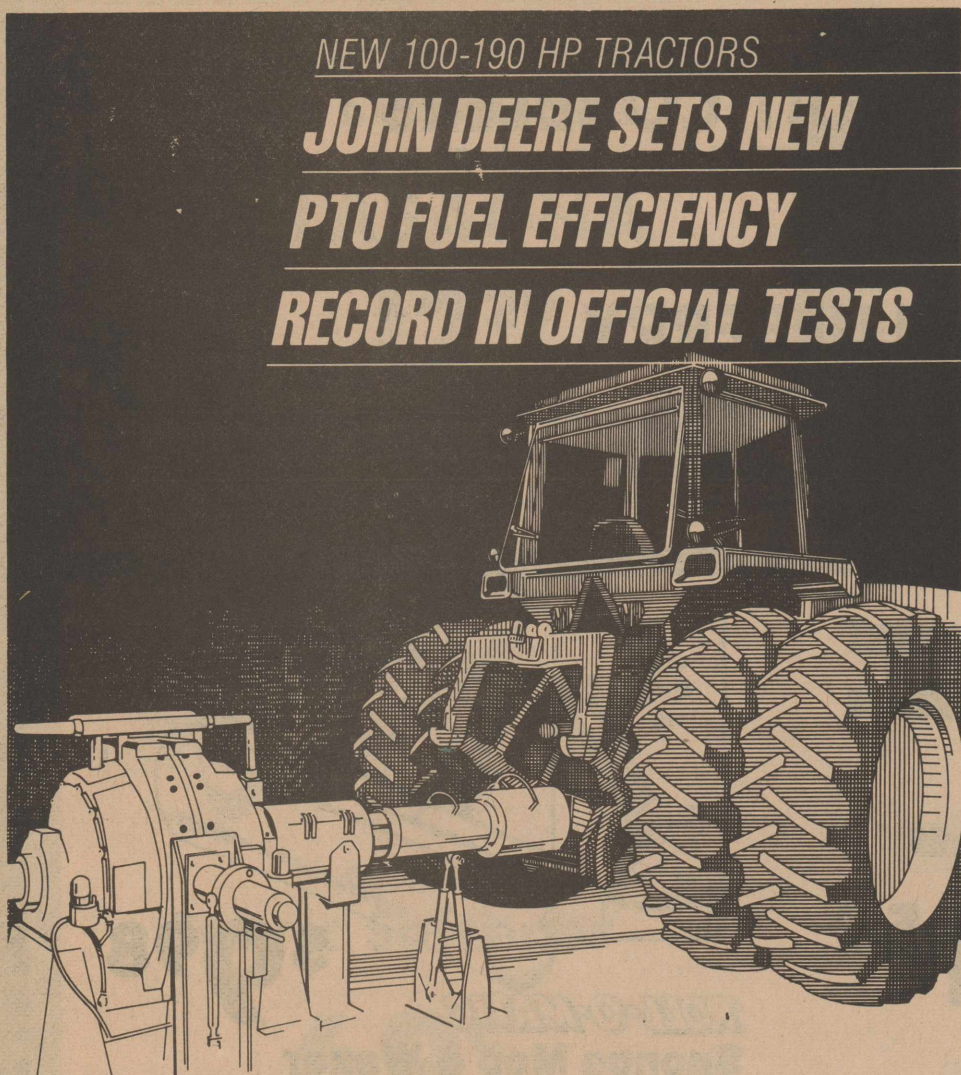
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**Club for Moms
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Tri-State twosome, a club for mothers of twins, held its first meeting Jan. 13 in Guymon.

Seventeen mothers of twins and one grandmother were present. Among those attending were from Elkhart, Hugoton, Eules and Liberal, Kans., Stratford, Gruver, Spearman and Sunray, and Goodwell, Guymon, Texhoma and Hooker in Oklahoma.

One of those present, Mercy DeAnda of Texhoma, has two sets of twins—a set of boys and a set of girls.

Next month's meeting of Tri-State Twosome will be held on Feb. 24 in the Reddy Room, 501 N. Ellison, Guymon, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The February meeting will feature a panel of twins, and any twins are especially invited to the meeting, and be on the panel, according to Ann Wells. Mrs. Wells said anyone desiring more information about Tri-State Twosome or the February meeting may contact her at 396-2527. □



Clarinet players Michelle Sewell, Donita Gibson, Christy Lancaster, Mari K. Engelbrecht and Lisa Sak are among were among the band players trying out for all-Regional band tryouts.



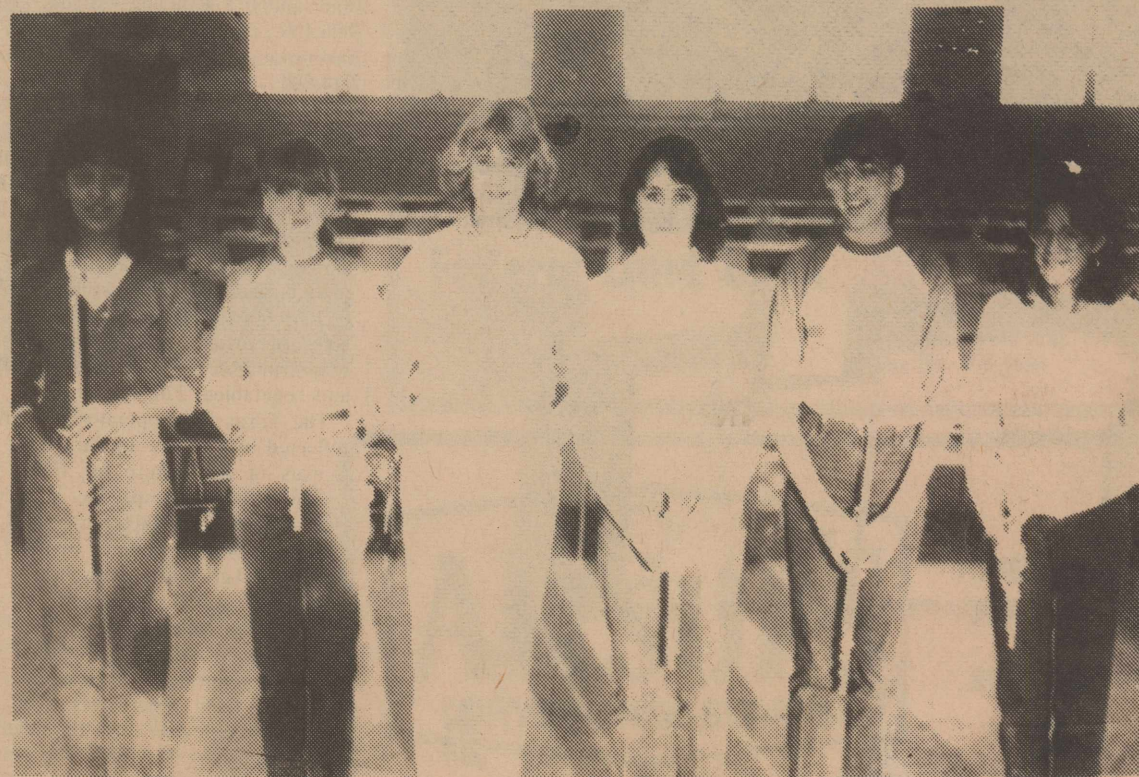
Cold Weather Tire Tips

Cold weather means loss of air pressure in tires. That can lead to increased wear and decreased handling ability. Every time the outside temperature drops ten degrees Fahrenheit, the air pressure in your tires decreases about one pound per square inch. If you have radial tires, tire pressure should be checked frequently with an accurate air gauge. Add the air necessary to keep your tires at recommended levels of inflation for maximum safety and wear.

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"How do you think that mix will work out?"

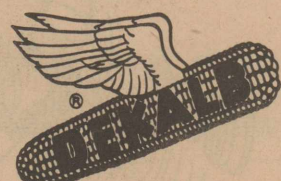
"Should work out great. First of all, it'll let me spread the risk. And then too, plantin' several different maturities will sure take some of the pressure off at harvest time. Anyway, each of these numbers comes with a darn good track record."

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**Music Club meets
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Stratford Federated Music Club met in the home of Mrs. Timmie Brown Tuesday, Jan. 25th.

Hostesses were Carolyn White and Genevieve Wilson.

Mrs. Kathryn Crabtree, program director, gave an "interesting program" on "Woman Composers and Singers of Religious Music." She chose familiar hymns and familiar women composers such as "Nearer My God to Thee" by Sarah Adams.

Another outstanding composer, Fannie J. Crosby who was blind and noted for her religious hymns, wrote 8,000 hymns in her life time. Mrs. Crabtree revealed.

Piano solos were given by Mrs. Jimmy Chesser. A piano and song solo was given by Miss Janet Pleyer accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Pleyer.

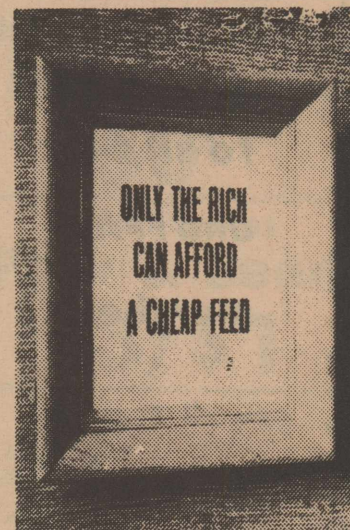
Sixteen members and one visitor was present. □

Historical group meets

Sherman County Historical Commission met Tuesday, January 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners courtroom.

Members present were Chairman Millie Hacker, Selma Pendleton, J.W. Flores, Kay Williams, Myrtle Ellison, Juanita Donelson, and the guest was Mrs. Kathleen Crabtree. The commission Pioneer Publication from the Panhandle Plains museum. Members discussed a report to be filled out and closed the business meeting.

The commission interviewed Mrs. Crabtree, and adjourned at 4:20 p.m. □



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Texas agricultural statistics outline an industry of 194,253 farms and ranches, mostly individual or family operated, producing \$8.3 billion in sales, second highest in the United States. The State's agriculture ranks first nationally in at least 10 major commodities, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

The most recent Census of Agriculture for Texas indicates: Eighty-nine percent of the agricultural establishments are operated as individual or family ranches or farms. This slightly exceeds the U.S. average of 88 percent.

Nine percent of the ranches and farms are partnerships and 1 percent are operated as corporations.

Fifty-seven percent or 109,808 operators own all the land they work.

Twenty-nine percent are part owners-operators who both own and rent land—and 14 percent are tenants.

Turning to ranking commodities, 1978 census data show first places for Texas in inventories of cattle and calves, 13 million; beef cows, 5.4 million; sheep and lambs, 2.4 million; Angora goats, 806,100 (88 percent of the U.S. inventories); and horses and ponies, 214,500.

In crops, the state leads in cotton, 6.5 million acres; sorghums, 4.7 million acres; pecans (both improved and wild), 144,100 acres; and watermelons, 49,800 acres.

Other crops included hay, 3.1 million acres; wheat, 2.7 million; corn, 1.4 million; rice, 597,700; peanuts, 261,700; orchard land, 250,200 (including 87,700 acres of citrus, with 52,900 acres of grapefruit, second largest in the U.S.); and vegetables, 220,300 acres.

The Texas farm operator's status is reflected in a review of data from the Census of Agriculture for 1978. The review offers a perspective in farmer characteristics, products, and sales.

Statistics will be updated by the 22nd Census of Agriculture, with forms sent to farm and ranch operators in late December to collect data for 1982.

Farmers in Texas and around the nation are requested to aid the census by returning their report forms at the earliest possible date, with the deadline set for February 15, 1983. The census is the only uniform set of agricultural data at the county, state and national level, publishing information ranging from acreage, crops and livestock, to interest payments and costs of fertilizer.

For statistical purposes, a farm is defined as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products are sold or normally would have been sold during a census year.

A comparison of data for the censuses of 1969 and 1978 indicates the farm and ranch count for Texas declined about 9 percent during the period. However, the figures are not directly comparable due to improved data collection methods in the latter census, and to change in the definition of a farm.

Census data show that on an average basis Texas had:

A total of 137.5 million acres of ranch and farm land, of which 20.8 million were harvested cropland.

Average size ranches or farms of 708 acres, well above the U.S. average of 415 acres.

An average of \$386 per acre value of land and buildings, below the U.S. average of \$628.

Seven million acres under irrigation, 5.1 percent of the total farm land.

Twelve percent of the places with 1,000 acres or more; and 21 percent below 50 acres. Thirty-eight percent ranged from 50 to 219 acres and 29 percent, 220 to 999 acres.

Turning to farm product sales, the average per farm or ranch was \$24,829, close to the U.S. average of \$43,618.

The state total divides between \$5.6 billion for livestock and poultry products and \$2.7 billion for crops, including greenhouse and nursery products.

Some 7 percent of the state's farms and ranches had sales exceeding \$100,000; but at the other end of the scale, 64 percent sold less than 10,000.

Twenty percent, 39,238 farms and ranches, had sales between \$10,000 and \$40,000 and an additional 9 percent, \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Along with land and production values, expenses also are high: livestock and poultry purchases, \$2.3 billion; feed for livestock and poultry, \$1.5 billion; hired labor, 434.1 million; gasoline and other petroleum fuels, \$409.5 million; and commercial fertilizer, \$334.7 million.

Census data users will look forward to the 1982 results, which will give some understanding of how farmers have weathered the economic situation over the past several years.

Other facets of Texas agriculture as noted in the census:

The average age of farmers and ranchers was 52.3 years, a little older than the U.S. average of 50.1 years.

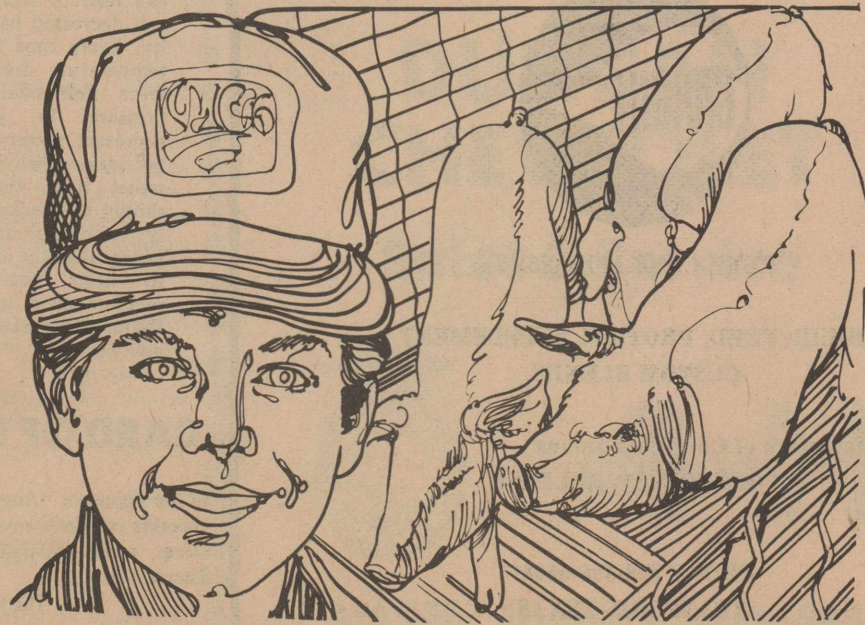
Six percent of the farms and ranches were operated by women; slightly more than the 5 percent nationally.

Forty-one percent gave farming and ranching as their principal occupation, compared with 54 percent nationally.

Fifty-five percent resided on their places, compared with 72 percent nationally.

The statistics are from the publication, Texas State and County Data, Volume 1, 1978 Census of Agriculture, available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or from County District offices in major U.S. cities.

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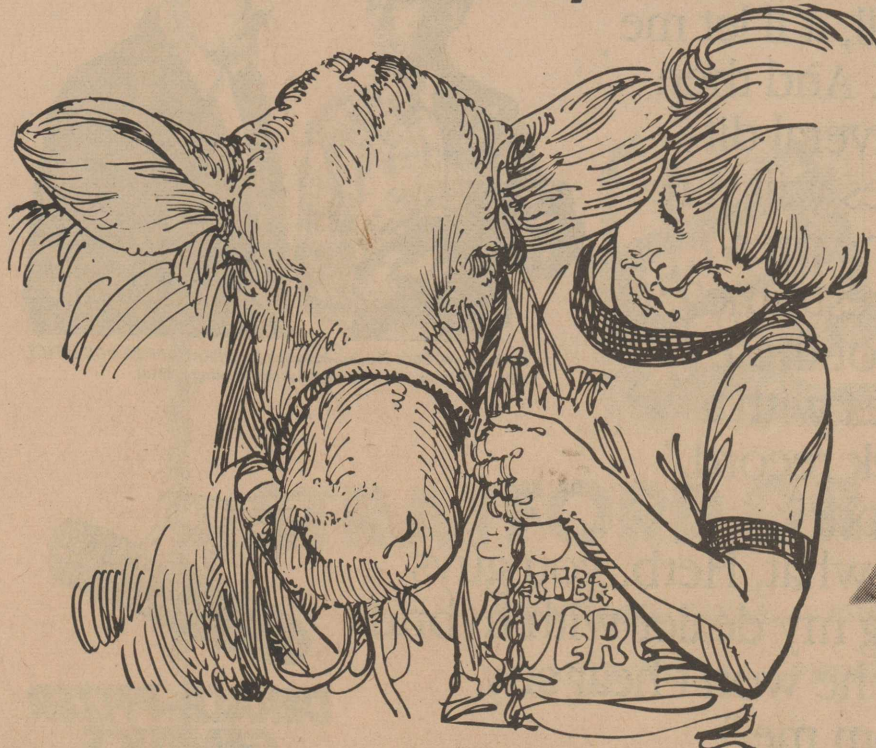


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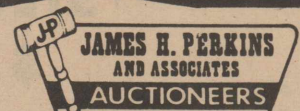
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BUSINESS

SPS announces executive changes, declares dividend

Amarillo-Three finance department executive changes have been announced by Southwestern Public Service Company's board of directors, who also declared a regular quarterly dividend of 40 1/2 cents per share on the Company's common stock, and authorized the issuance of 1,400,000 additional

common shares in an underwritten public offering at \$17 per share. The board, meeting Jan. 12, also declared regular quarterly dividends on all series of preferred stock.

Bill D. Helton, the company's director of financial services and assistant secretary since 1981, was appointed SPS financial vice president. Helton succeeds Roger K. Owen, who becomes vice president, special projects. Owen has served as financial vice president since 1979. Lorene Lacer, the company's supervisor of investor relations since 1981, was appointed an assistant secretary.

Helton, a native of Wheeler, and Owen, born near Vernon, both began their utility careers as linemen. Mrs. Lacer, the third woman in the history of the Company to be named an officer, joined SPS as a stenographer. She is a Wewoka, Okla., native.

The three-person finance department sets policies for day-to-day financial operations of Southwestern Public Service Company, and guides the Company's longrange financing.

The dividend on the common stock, \$1.62 per share on an annualized basis, is payable March 1, to holders of record at the close of business on Feb. 15. The dividends on the preferred stocks are payable May 2, to holders of record at the close of business on April 20.

Net proceeds from the stock sale will be used to defray the cost of the Company's construction program, including the repayment of outstanding short-term debt incurred primarily in connection with the program.

Dillon, Read and Co. Inc. is dealer-manager of the underwriting group. The company's common stock is listed on the New York, Midwest and Pacific Stock Exchanges.

Southwestern Public Service Company primarily provides electricity to a population of more than one million in a 70,000-square mile area in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, eastern and southeastern New Mexico, and southwestern Kansas.

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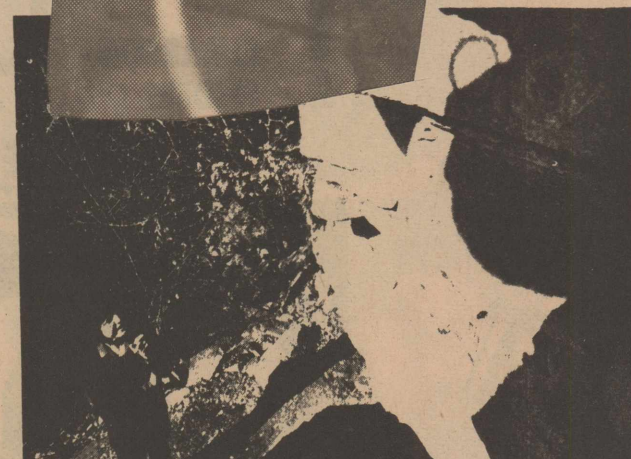
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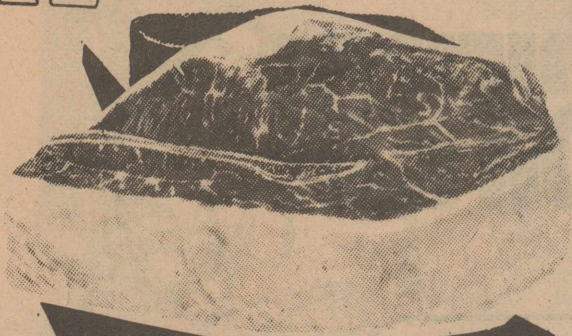
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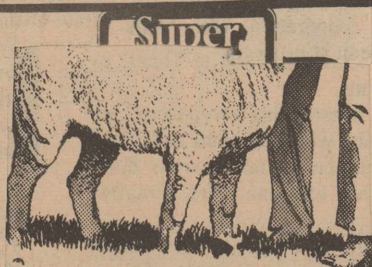
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