

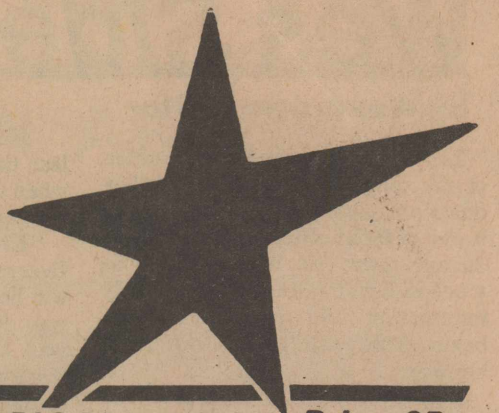
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Shirt Tale

Museum board members show the red and black T-shirts and polo shirts that will be on sale during the upcoming Depot Doings June 1. The child-size T-shirts are \$5, the adult-sized are \$10 and the polo shirts are \$15.

Gennell York Elected T.A.H.A. President

Mr. Billy R. Johnston, board member of the Texas Association of Homes for the Aged (T.A.H.A.), has notified Mrs. Gennell York, administrator of Coldwater Manor, of her election as president of the Panhandle Region of T.A.H.A. Beside presiding at periodic meetings of the Panhandle Region of T.A.H.A., Mrs. York will assist in keeping members of the State Legislature of this area aware of the legal needs of the nursing homes. T.A.H.A. is composed of representatives of the non-proprietary nursing facilities of Texas.

Depot Doings Set For June 1

Saturday, June 1 is the date for the second annual fund raiser for the Sherman County Depot Museum. The museum will be open to visitors from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. and the "Depot doings" Street Fair will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Local clubs and organizations are manning a variety of booths which will offer such foods as hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, nachos, desserts, ice cream, soft drinks and coffee. Game booths will include a pie toss, face painting, dunking board and others. Proceeds from these booths will be given to the Museum. A fiddlers contest is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and from 8:30 to midnight, everyone is invited to join, as a spectator or participant, in a family style parking lot dance.

Boulter To Conduct Town Meeting

U.S. Congressman Beau Boulter will conduct a town meeting in Stratford on June 1 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Sherman County Farm Bureau building. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, come and ask them.

Summer Reading Coming Soon

School is out again and the time for the Summer Reading Club held each year for our youngsters is drawing near. "Awesome Adventures" begins June 12 and is each Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., through July 17 at Sherman County Library. The two librarians, Beverly Grimes and Gail Presley, will be assisted by some Junior High students. It sounds like a very pleasant time has been planned. For more information, call during library hours at 396-2200.

For older readers, if Barbara Bradford is one of your favorite authors, the library has a new one of her books entitled "Hold the Dream".

Of interest to history buffs, the library is trying to build up the section concerning Texas. Some of the books already in the collection are "The Presidents of the Republic of Texas", edited by George Lankevich, "Legendary Texans" by Joe Tom Davis, and "First Ladies of Texas" by Mary D. Farrell and Elizabeth Silverthorne. If during spring cleaning, you come across books on Texas that you are tired of dusting, the library would like to have them.

Pleyer in Honor Society

Alpha Chi held its Spring induction ceremony Sunday, April 29. At that time, 41 WTSU juniors and seniors in the top ten percent of their class with GPA's of 3.5 and higher on a 4.0 scale, were inducted into the society.

Alpha Chi, a national college honor society was founded to promote academic excellence and exemplary character in 1922. It has more than 240 chapters in 42 states. West Texas State University became a member of the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi in 1923.

Janet Pleyer, a junior business education major from Stratford, was inducted into the society. She is a member of the Fi Futuer Secretaries Association and the Sound of West Texas marching band.

Commissioners Approve Bids

During the regular session of the Sherman County Commissioner's Court, the court received bid on Police Special car for Sheriff's Department. The bid was from Jack Roach - Ford, Houston for \$9,500.00. The Court did not consider the quote as a valid bid and refused it. No other bids were received.

The court also received bid on 3rd floor window repairs from Ramon Painting, City, for \$4,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Mike O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Boyd Spurlock that the bid of Ramon Painting be accepted. All ayes. Motion carried.

The court also received bids on grid roller for Precinct 3 from West Texas Equipment, Amarillo, for \$10,600.00.

Motion by Commissioner Dale Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Cummings that the bid of West Texas Equipment in the amount of \$10,600.00 for a used Hyster Model D Grid Roller, Serial No. 7408C, F.O.B. 18 miles north of Dalhart paid out of Road & Bridge and charged to Precincts 1,2,&3 be accepted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting with the Court to discuss the Stratford Airport were V.O. Lasley, Chairman of the Board and representing Chamber of Commerce President W.L. Pendleton and Sherri Butler, manager. Passed to June agenda.

M.L. Albert, County & District Clerk, met with the Court requesting extra help while personell attended State Seminar. Motion by Commissioner Wayne Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Mike O'Brien that Clerk & Deputy be authorized to attend State Seminar and extra help be authorized for time when gone. Commissioners Wayne Cummings, Mike O'Brien and Judge W.S. Frizzell, aye. Commissioners Dale Hamilton & Boyd Spurlock, no. Motion carried.

Odell Pugh met with the Court to clarify law pertaining to prairie dog control within Sherman County. After discussion, need for control was recognized and plans were urged to continue control.

Discussion was had on Trac index situation and no solutions were reached.

County Treasurer presented the need and possibilities of an in-house

computer for Sherman County. Court requested more information on capabilities for county business. Treasurer agreed to secure more detailed information. A meeting was set for Monday, May 20, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. to pursue further.

Zelda Pickens met with the Court reporting on 1984 Tax Disbursement for Sherman County.

Motion by Commissioner Mike O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Boyd Spurlock that two folding tables be purchased for the County Barn, at a cost of \$450.00 per table. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mike O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Cummings that on Project #8004-1-61, partial payment of \$31,207.38 be made to Transwestern Pipeline Co. with reimbursement of \$28,086.64 from the State of Texas. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mike O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Dale Hamilton that credit cards be applied for on County Barn telephone number for all Commissioners. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Have Special Meeting

Commissioner's Court convened in special session at 10:00 a.m. with the following Court members present: W.S. Frizzell, Jr., County Judge; Wayne Cummings, Commissioner Precinct 1; Boyd Spurlock, Commissioner Precinct 2; Dale Hamilton, Commissioner Precinct 3; Mike O'Brien, Commissioner Precinct 4; Tom Wade, Sheriff; and M.L. Albert, County Clerk.

Consisting of a quorum and the following proceedings were had to wit:

Mr. Henry Davis and Don Collins representing Doshier Pickens & Francis gave a demonstration of Computer hardware for the use of Sherman County. After demonstration and discussion motion was made

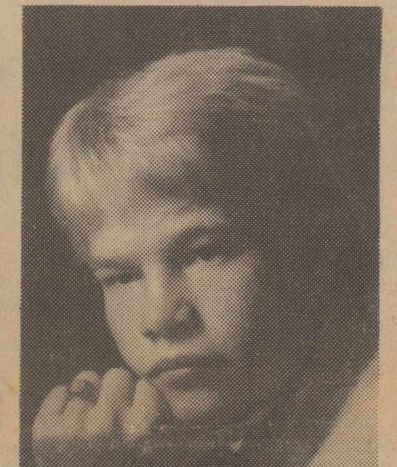
by Commissioner Mike O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Wayne Cummings that Sherman County advertise for bids on computer hardware to be opened on June 10, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Wayne Cummings, Boyd Spurlock, Mike O'Brien and Judge Frizzell, ayes. Commissioner Dale Hamilton, abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion on police special car for Sheriff's Department was had. Suggestions were made that some of the equipment be advertised as optional.

Sheriff Wade's request for a Reserve Deputy Sheriff was discussed and no favorable comments were given.



Texoma High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian were announced. Valedictorian for 1985 is Chelle Hale daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb hale. She has been a cheerleader for four years, a four year starter in basketball, a four year member of band and quoir plus other honors. Mark Farabee. He is the son of Loretta and Richard Farabee. He has lettered in football, four years, All-district guard in 1984, a member of the National Honor Society for three years plus other honors.



Watch Out For Children

Schools Out! The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to remind motorists to be especially watchful all day long for children playing in or around the public streets and highways.

"Schools out, warm weather is here and longer hours of day light all signal the start of summer fun for our kids," warned Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock. He said, "Kids will be out from early morning to late at night and drivers must be especially watchful in areas around parks and playgrounds for a child to dart into the street after a ball or frisbee".

Bicyclists need to be aware of laws regulating their using the public streets or highways. As more bicycles than ever will be on our streets or highways now that school is out. Bicyclists are required to obey all the laws that drivers of cars have to obey. They must stop for stop signs, and red lights, yield at yield signs, make legal turns, and ride in the same direction as vehicular traffic.

Major Cawthon cautioned, "Motorists should be on the lookout for the kids on bicycles and be prepared to give the bicyclist the right of way to save a life."

Now that school is out pedestrian and bicycle traffic will automatically increase. Drivers must be more watchful and alert for these dangers. Be prepared to stop all the time to avoid an accident with our children.

SPS Survey: 5 Million Cattle In Area

In 1984 almost 5.3 million cattle moved through the feedlots, and 4.9 million were slaughtered in the packing plants located in Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) service territory, reports the electric utility's most recent annual Fed Cattle Survey.

SPS serves a 52,000-square-mile area in parts of the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas, eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, and southwestern Kansas. The feedlots in the territory fed 5,259,779 head last year, almost 15% more than they fed in 1983.

Total capacity of the feedlots surveyed was 2,557,000 head in

1984, up from the total capacity of 2,494,000 head in 1983.

A reported 4,904,292 cattle were slaughtered at packing plants in the SPS service area last year, 182,593 more than were slaughtered in 1983, said Seth Thomason, SPS manager, agricultural and industrial power. There are 15 beef packing plants in the SPS service area, he said, with an annual slaughter capability of 5,104,953 head.

"Requests for Southwestern's Fed Cattle Survey come from all across the nation," Thomason said. "The survey is an excellent way for us to tell others about our area's capabilities in the beef industry. It

helps stimulate the area economy and create new jobs."

The survey lists each feedlot in the SPS area, and the lot capacities and number of cattle fed, by counties. There are feedlots in thirty of the counties in the SPS service area.

Charts of the number of feedlots surveyed, number of feedlots with 1,000-head capacity or above, growth of the feedlot industry, and one-time feedlot capacity are included in the report.

Copies of the report and survey are available at Southwestern Public Service Company offices and from Thomason, at SPS headquarters, Tyler at Sixth Street, Amarillo, Texas 79170.



These Coldwater Manor residents and staff members prepare to take their trek to Red River, N.M. for a brief vacation.

This Week ...

Moms- Hurry only three more months till school starts.

Inside the Star

Student honors see page seven

Grain Prices

Moderate to heavy rains fell throughout the county last week with some areas receiving as much as an inch. On Tuesday May 21, two tornadoes were sighted near Kerrick. No damage was reported however.

Milo - \$4.65
Corn - \$3.00
Wheat - \$3.10
As of May 22, 1985

Wes Side Story

by Wes Brown, Editor

Last week I stopped by the office of my long-time friend and fellow quasi-philosopher J.P. Maloney. J.P. is one of those obscure businessmen in any town. He is listened to as much as E.F. Hutton but rarely is his information 100 percent on the beam. This visit proved different, however.

I walked into J.P.'s (he denies J.P. stands for 'Just Plain') office. As I walked in, he gave a start as though he had been prodded with something hot and raked a stack of letters and papers into the center drawer of his desk.

"How's everything going," I asked. "Fine, just fine, everything is going okay."

I chuckled at his eagerness to assure me everything is "fine." I sat down and reached for the most recent copy of the outdoors magazine on his desk. Before I could pick it up he slapped his hand down on top of the magazine. "What do you want with that?"

"I always come by here to shoot the breeze and read your outdoor magazines. I've been doing that for almost seven years."

"Magazine?" He looked under his hand and laughed nervously. This was strange even for J.P.

"You're as nervous as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs. What's wrong?"

"Wrong? Nothing is wrong. Everything is just fine. Couldn't be better."

He started to get excited. The last time I saw him this way was when AT&T broke up and he knew two weeks before anyone else.

"Everything will work out. Everyone will accept the way things will be and perhaps learn to like the way things are going. by now he was almost shouting. "And...and those stories you hear about changing the name of the County to Hazard County are not true. "I haven't heard that."

"You will, but it is not true. "You act as though Big Brother is watching or coming for a visit. What is going on?"

I left him in his office muttering "Fine, just fine."

By the way, I got so distracted by his strange behavior, I forgot what I was going to tell him. I had been to the Scholastic Achievement banquet. Of 173 high school students enrolled in Stratford High School, 67 of them received scholastic honors. The irony of this is many of those receiving scholastic honors, were the same ones receiving sports honors, band honors, FFA honors and perhaps other honors I don't even know about. I have noticed this same trend in other school systems over the years.

All I have to say to Gov. White, H. Ross Perot and any of those other bureaucrats who were shortsighted enough to believe they could improve education by cutting extracurricular activities is: "Eat your heart out."

Hamilton Stratford Receives Grain Degree Wins Bowling Second

Kerry Todd Hamilton of Stratford graduated from McMurry College in the 62nd annual Commencement ceremonies held Sunday, May 12 in Radford Auditorium.

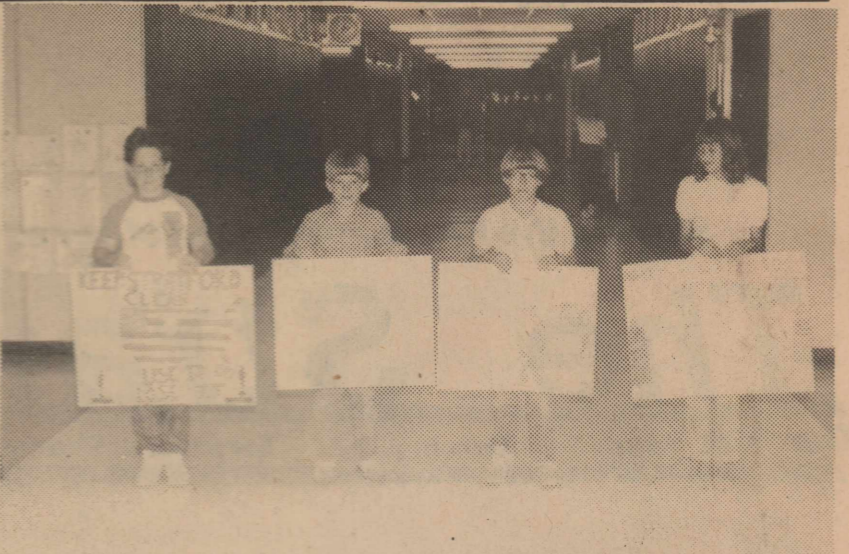
Kerry received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education.

Kerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Hamilton of Stratford. He is a 1981 graduate of Stratford High School.

McMurry College is a fully accredited four-year liberal arts college. Established in 1923, it is owned and operated by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Stratford Grain bowling team came in second on Monday night Bowling Belles League for 1984-85 season. They met first place team, Western Skies, on the last night and were only nine points behind at the finish!

Peggy Byrd held high scratch seats for the year, 595. The team took High Team handicap, 3069. Team members are Betty Henry, Ann Woolley of Dalhart, team captain Marylou McDaniel, Minnie Reder, Peggy Byrd and Roberta Gegory, Dalhart.



Clint Parsons received first place in the Keep Stratford beautiful poster contest. Other winners include Tyler Donelson and Kristie Presley.



In old China, a registry was kept listing all the local gods in a name.

Tops 897 met Thursday, May 16 with 10 members weighing-in. Maurine Wilson received the fruit basket for most weight lost.

Myrtle Ellison, leader, led the group in saying the Club's pledge. Mildred Ingham called the roll and Elsie Lasley read the minutes, which were approved. Carrollee Waters

made a copy of the revised by-laws for each member. Myrtle ordered a quilt for the club to make for the quilt show in November.

Maurine gave a report on her trip to retreat in Sacramento, New Mexico. It was very interesting and inspiring.

Happy Hour HD Has Savings & Loan Program

Happy Hour Home Demonstration Club met in the County Agents office with Virginia Wells as hostess with 4 members present.

Program was turned over to Sandy Williams. She gave a very interesting program on how a Savings and Loan is run. We all enjoyed it.

Dorothy Allen called the meeting to order. Virginia Wells gave the opening exercise out of Texas Extension Homemakers magazine. Elsie Pickens call the roll. Roll call was "What I see on Main Street". Elsie read the minutes and the council report.

Delicious refreshments were served to Sandy Williams, guest, Dorothy Allen, Elsie Pickens, Virginia Wells and Ruby Garoutte. Next meeting will be June 6 in the home of Dorothy Allen.

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Wes Brown - Editor & Publisher

DPS Cautions Motorist To Be Careful

Memorial Day holiday is the first holiday of the year where traffic using the highways of Texas will increase considerably.

Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety cautions motorists of the increased dangers of holiday traffic. "Memorial Day holiday signals the beginning of summer fun and outdoor activities. It also signals the beginning of more traffic on our highways. Along with increased traffic, the danger of more accidents and more deaths always follows," he said.

He noted that heavy holiday traffic will bring out the best and the worst driving habits. Some drivers recognize the hazards and compensate for them, while others become

kill over half of the people killed in traffic each year. As a precaution, slow down, wear your seat belt, and don't drink and drive to insure your safe Memorial Day holiday.

frustrated or angry. The frustrated or angry driver then becomes a hazard that can kill or maim others.

Major Cawthon advised, "Traffic and activities around our recreational areas will be heavy. It seems when people are enjoying themselves in these areas, alcoholic beverages play a big part in their enjoyment, so drivers need to be especially observant for the drunk driver."

The Department of Public Safety Troopers will especially be on the look out for the speeder and the drunk driver as these two violations

Helpful Hints

by Naomi

If you place a small piece of cotton in the fingers of rubber gloves, it will help prevent holes from long pointed fingernails.

Do not discard those handy bottles that spray things, save 'em. They fit on other bottles sometimes, then can be used. Example: starch, ammonia, and even liquid hand cream.

Save that last cup or two of good coffee by pouring it into a clean vacuum bottle; coffee will keep hot all day; no waste.

Keep a paper bag handy when kneading dough; if door bell rings or a knock on door, dip your hand into clean sack and open door without getting dough on door.

Every house should have a child's broom. It's easier to get into corners than a big broom, easy to clean bath tub; wet it, sprinkle scouring powder. Saves on backs too, not scrubbing so much.

Never throw away a detergent box without first rinsing out the box with warm water. You will be surprised how many suds are left in the box. Enough to do a sink of dishes.

If you are always looking for a sewing needle, push a wad of cotton into the little hole in a spool, stick the mending needle there. Next time you need a needle, you won't have to look in the haystack.

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- Do not trim trees near power lines.
- Do not set ladders or scaffolds near power lines.
- Do not shoot at insulators on poles, towers or structures.
- Never climb on or go inside a substation fence. Call SPS to help you retrieve anything thrown into the substation or caught in its fence.
- Avoid using electrical tools like lawn mowers or hedge clippers when grass and leaves are wet.
- Be careful when digging. Call SPS to find out if there are any buried electrical lines in the area.
- Electrical cords should not be spliced or taped. Repair by shortening them or replace them entirely.
- Beware of exposed wires.
- Don't touch portable appliances (coffee makers, radios, hair dryers, etc.) with wet hands or while standing or sitting in water.
- Don't post signs on utility poles. A lineman hitting a nail with his cleat could slip and fall. Also, nails can snag protective gloves and destroy their insulation value.

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Star Dates

Thursday, May 23
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!
 8:00 a.m. TOPS 897
 Noon S.C.O.T.
 12:30 p.m. Mary Allen Awards/Klengergraden Graduation
 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922
 8:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon
 8:00 p.m. Shutterbugs, Ltd.

Friday, May 24
 2-4 p.m. Blood Pressure Clinic at First Christian Church
 8:00 p.m. Stratford High School Graduation

Monday, May 27
MEMORIAL DAY
 Splash Day at Country Club
 6:00 p.m. Gold Sox vs. Kings
 7:30 p.m. Indians vs. Pirates

Tuesday, May 28
 Noon Women's Division Chamber Luncheon
 6:00 p.m. Giants vs. Braves
 8:00 p.m. Dodgers vs. Cubs

Wednesday, May 29
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Club Clinic

Thursday, May 30
 8:00 a.m. TOPS 897
 5:30 p.m. TOPS 922
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Club Clinic
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon
 6:00 p.m. Indians vs. Kings
 7:30 p.m. Gold Sox vs. Pirates

Friday, May 31
 Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show
 2-4 p.m. Blood Pressure Clinic at First Christian Church
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Club Clinic
 6:00 p.m. Dodgers vs. Braves
 8:00 p.m. Giants vs. Cubs

Saturday, June 1
 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. KIXZ Live Remote Depot Museum Parking Lot
 2:30 p.m. Congressman Beau Boulter at Farm Bureau Building
 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Museum Open
 5:30 p.m. Depot Doings Street Fair
 7:30 p.m. Fiddler's Contest - Depot Museum
 7:30 p.m. Couples Bridge - Country Club
 8:30 - Midnite Family Style Parking Lot Dance - Depot Museum

Sunday, June 2
 5:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Club

Monday, June 3
 7:30 p.m. EMT Association
 6:00 p.m. Gold Sox vs. Indians
 7:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Kings

Tuesday, June 4
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Partnership Tournament - Country Club
 Noon Chamber Board
 1:00 p.m. Star Extension Homemakers
 7:30 p.m. Order of Eastern Star
 6:00 p.m. Cubs vs. Braves
 8:00 p.m. Giants vs. Dodgers

Wednesday, June 5
 10:00 a.m. Appraisal Review Board Hearings
 3:30 p.m. Sherman County Child Welfare Board
 7:00 p.m. Metallic Silhouette Shoot
 7:00 p.m. UMW Guild
 8:00 p.m. 4-H Younger Texans

Brownie Troop 147 Becomes Girl Scouts

Brownie Troop #147 became Girl Scouts in a Flying Up ceremony May 17 at the County Barn. Those girls becoming Girl Scouts were Stephanie Neeley, Stacy Randall, Kaci Wight, Ely Rhoades, Stacy Reese, Courtney Dettle, Sarah Graham, Kimberly Bouldin, Tiffany Reinart, Jamie Allen and Amy Zak. Amy Zak was awarded a special recognition for perfect attendance all year at scout meetings. Leaders for this troop are Connie Reinart and Judy Bouldin.

Four Girl Scout leaders received service pins: Gaynelle Riffe - 15 years, Janice Sladek - 15 years, Connie Reinart - 15 years and Gail Presley - 5 years.

All other troops gave out awards, badges and patches for troop activities and participation throughout the year.

Stratford Girl Scout leaders are Leonda Fedric - Neighborhood Chairman, Gayle Rhoades, Barbie Wight, Ann Wells, Doris Parsons, Connie Reinart, Judy Bouldin, Gail Presley, Nina Ellison, Cathy Switzer, Gaynelle Riffe and Janice Sladek.



These newly-promoted Girl Scouts were promoted in Flying Up ceremonies Friday.



Some people believed they could make it rain by shooting arrows into the air.

Nu Beta Discusses Scholarship

Nu Beta Sorority met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Judy Stoy. Co-hostess for the afternoon was Cindy Miller, who served eight members.

The members discussed the twelve applications for the Senior Scholarship. This was the most Seniors to apply since Nu Beta offered their scholarship.

Nu Beta will have their family end of year party Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Park, 4th and South Chestnut.

Officers for Nu Beta this coming year will be: Susie Spurlock, President; Judy Stoy, Vice-President; Judy Bouldin, Recording Secretary; Dana Buckles, Corresponding Secretary; Cindy Miller, Treasurer; Charlene Harris, Extension Officer; Andrea Norris, Scrapbook/Reporter; Barbara Kaul, Parliamentarian; Gina Sladek, Pictures; Dana Buckles, Sweetheart; and Betty Lou O'Brien, Member Advisor.

Stratford's annual Memorial Day Services will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday May 27 at the cemetery.

The Keyes annual Alumni Celebration will be May 24 and 25. For more information, Alumni and former students are urged to contact the Keyes Alumni Association, Fred Burrow, president.

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Town Talk

Terry Flores will be presenting a program on her trip to Hong Kong to the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 12:00 noon at the United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy this program.

Robbie Yates and Evelyn Cooper spent the week end in Amarillo with their sister, Dorothy Kendall. Robbie was honored Sunday with a birthday luncheon at the Royal Inn. Thirty-nine Lamp-lighters and Lampwicks helped Robbie celebrate.

Country Club Plans

Day Activities

There has been a fun and busy day planned for members of the Country Club on Memorial Day.

The kids can get out for a 9 hole mixed golf scramble at 10:00 a.m. After the scramble there will be hot dogs and drinks for them on the patio. The adults will have a covered dish luncheon in the clubhouse.

All members who wish to play golf in the 18 hole mixed golf scramble need to sign up by 1:00 p.m. Ronnie Brooks will start play at 1:30 p.m.

The pool will open at 1:00 p.m. for people who wish to swim or sun bathe. There will be water games for those interested in the afternoon.

For those who don't enjoy golf or swimming, there will be bridge and trivial pursuit in the clubhouse.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., Gary Laramore, an experienced hamburger chef, assisted by Jim Bob Brown and Steve Haynes, will start cooking hamburgers on the grill. They'll keep the coals hot for any of those delayed by the Pee Wee Baseball games. After hamburgers the ladies will dish up some homemade ice cream. Charge for the meal will be \$4.00.

After the evening meal there will be Bingo for the entire family. We ask all members coming to bring a "white elephant" prize.

Come out for a fun filled day with your family and friends.

10:00 a.m. Jr. Golf Scramble; 12:00 p.m. Lunch; 1:00 p.m. Pool Opens; 1:30 p.m. 18 hole Mixed Scramble; 2:00 p.m. Bridge or Trivial Pursuit; 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers and Homemade Ice Cream; 8:00 p.m. Family Bingo

Host couples are Mr. and Mrs.: Steve Haynes, Jim Bob Brown, Ronnie Brooks, Eddie Haggard, Gary Laramore, Dick Chumley, Derryle Perrin, Rick Reinart, and Charles Harbour.



The world record for hamburger consumption was set back in 1979 by Alan Peterson of Longview, Washington. In half an hour, he managed to wolf down 20 3/4 hamburgers, (weighing 3-1/2 ounces each, for a total of 4-1/2 pounds of meat) plus buns.

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May: Mental Health Month

In recognition of Mental Health Month, Stratford Family Services celebrates its receptivity in the Stratford region for some seventeen months now. Beginning in January of 1984, Stratford Family Services, an outreach service of the Amarillo Mental Health Retardation Regional Center, began bringing a full range of mental health services to Sherman County. The headquarters for the Stratford Outreach Center is located in Dumas at 408 E. 1st. The mandate for the Dumas staff is to reach out with mental health services to the northwest section of the Panhandle, targeting Sherman, Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties.

Supported by an advisory board composed of Reverend David Harker, Gennell York and Chris McAdams, the Center has been providing services which include marriage, family and parenting counseling, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, educational workshops and individual therapy.

The Center's primary goal, however, is to assist local county officials in keeping crisis individuals OUT of the state hospital system. Michael Lind, the Center Director,

points out that the current push is to utilize community based mental health clinics which are more effective and cost-efficient than state hospital intervention. Further, providing alternate care will save local counties thousands of dollars which otherwise would have to be provided for indigent care. A casemanager will be appointed by the Center to work more closely in the homes of the more chronically ill members of the community.

Despite the need to work more closely with the mentally ill, the director points out that most individuals seeking help from the Center are merely normal people with "life problems".

Stratford Family Services operates on a sliding fee scale based upon a client's 'ability to pay'. Over 50 percent of their caseload is comprised of 0 percent pay clients. Located in the meeting room of Coldwater Manor (where both comfort and privacy are available), Stratford Family Services provides services on a semi-monthly basis (every first and third Monday). If you desire more information, please call 935-5691.



A shower honoring Mary Beth Johnson, bride-elect of Lance Willard was given in the Dorothy halle residence. Honored guests were Mrs. A.M. Johnson, mother of the bride and Mrs. Jess Willard, grooms mother.

SPS Offers Safety Checklist

As part of National Electrical Safety Awareness Month, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) during May is offering a home electrical safety checklist to its customers.

The checklist, prepared by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, can be picked up at any SPS office. It is a room-by-room safety audit the customer conducts himself at home.

"The checklist can be especially helpful for persons in older homes, or those who have recently moved into a new home," said Hermilo Martinez, SPS safety manager.

The 49 questions in the checklist lead customers through their homes to assure there are no shock or fire hazards.

Customers who discover potential problems in their homes that they can't fix themselves should contact a qualified electrician, Martinez said. Wiring inside the home belongs to the homeowner, he noted. SPS does not install, maintain or service electric wiring in the home.

Examples of questions in the checklist are:

--Do electrical plugs fit snugly into all outlets? Loose fitting plugs can

cause overheating.

--Are all electrical appliances located away from the sink? Electrical appliances are hazardous if they come in contact with water.

--Does each outside electrical outlet have its own weatherproof cover? Moisture can get into outside receptacles, resulting in possible shock hazard.

SPS offers many programs and publications about electric safety to the general public, employers, schools, civic clubs and other groups. Contact your SPS office for more information.

One publication available is "What You Should Know About Safety Around Electrical Facilities". It discusses some of the cautions that should be taken when working or playing outdoors near overhead lines and substations or other electrical facilities.

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County Agent

by Jim Allison, Sherman County Extension Agent

Lorsban, Counter and Thimet are the insecticides that do a good job of controlling greenbugs in sorghum. This is according to 1984 research by Dr. Jerry Michels, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Entomologist at the USDA Research Laboratory at Bushland, Texas. The scientist says his investigations show that Lorsban would be a good choice of insecticide for controlling these aphid pests in sorghum because it is less toxic to beneficial insects than other insecticides. This makes it possible for both chemical and natural enemies to help control the insects.

Michels conducted experiments at Bushland and Dalhart. At each location, Lorsban 4E was sprayed at 0.125, .25 and .5 pounds active ingredient per acre in 11 gallons of carrier per acre. Thimet 20G and Counter 15G, each at 1.0 pound active ingredient per acre, were broadcast by hand as granular foliar treatments. He evaluated his results 5, 7 and 14 days after treatment by counting surviving greenbugs on each leaf of five sorghum plants.

At both locations all applications except Lorsban at 0.125 pounds per acre eliminated 98 percent or more of the greenbugs in five days. Control remained above 88 percent from these sprays for the 14 days period. Control with the low rate of Lorsban dropped to 74 percent in 14 days at

Dalhart, but remained at 98 percent at Bushland. There were not enough greenbugs on untreated areas at either location to lower sorghum yield.

The researcher also counted the number of dead parasitized greenbugs, called mummies, to determine the effect of sprays on a parasitic wasp. If the wasp survived the insecticide treatments, they would be able to continue parasitizing greenbugs. The parasitic wasp along with ladybird beetles, green lacewings, and syrphid flies reduced the pests on untreated sorghum leaves from 924 to 408 int he 14 day study at Dalhart. The number of mummies per leaf on untreated leaves was about 150 during the entire study period. Where high rates of sprays were applied there were only six mummies per leaf at the end of the study, indicating that most of the parasites had been killed. Where 0.125 pound per acre of Lorsban had been used there were 30 mummies per leaf indicating that some of the parasitid had survived and were killing greenbugs.

This research shows that Lorsban is less toxic to parasites than to greenbugs. "This makes it possible to use both naturally occurring parasites and an insecticide to economically control greenbugs in sorghum" Michels said.

Cluck Takes State Wrestling Championship

Eric Wayne Cluck, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Freeman of Texhoma and Mrs. Homer Cluck of Guymon entered the Michigan State Wrestling Association AAU/USA State Championship Tournament May 4, 1985, at Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Competing in the Advanced Division at 160.5 pounds, Eric emerged the new State Champion. Eric's closest competitor (who won their match for the 1983 State Championship in Anchor Bay, Michigan) was not ready for the rematch. Eric displayed the style and technique that won the Warren

Cousino Sophomore a District Championship, a silver medal in the Regional Tournament, and 7th place in the High School State Tournament. Eric's High School efforts resulted in his being named to the first teams for both the All-Macomb County and Macomb Athletic Conference Wrestling Teams.

After cruising through his other opposition, Eric expressed a fierce pride in his accomplishment. Stating that he has been working towards accomplishment of this interim goal for six years, Eric feels the time and effort involved make the victory sweeter and the blood, sweat, and tears worthwhile.

SCOT Notes

by Timmie Brown

Blue Monday? Not always - This Monday, May 20, has been a fine busy day down at SCOT Hall. Today was the time chosen for some of us to help Director Ethel Hampton locate items in the storeroom, label boxes for easy ready and clean the floor because of the incident of water in the kitchen. So things are shipshape for SCOT meeting Thursday, May 23.

Then in the afternoon Jaunita Donelson and Ethel arranged the room off the kitchen for china painters. The first meeting will be Monday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and meetings will be each succeeding Monday at the same time. Joyce Ann Lasley is involved in this activity, too.

Max Stephenson spent a great deal of time today sweeping and arranging chairs and tables. Emma Naylor, Georgia Cook, Elsie Lasley and Maud Jones finished quilting today so the quilt went home and the frames are put away until after SCOT meeting Thursday.

Late Saturday evening, May 11, R.W. Baskett of Amarillo, who is Anna Mullican's brother, was stricken with a heart attack and did not survive. The friends in general did not know of this incident over the week end. But Anna is so understanding and knows that we were not well informed until Monday. Our love and concern for all the family is very great although delayed.

We are told that Myrtle Ellison and her son, Fred Sanders of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were in a car wreck as they were returning from visiting in Arkansas. They are both hospitalized but we do not know the extent of their injuries. Remember them in prayer. SCOT members will send cards Thursday.

Susie Young announces per SCOT Notes that exercise classes will begin at SCOT Hall Tuesday, May 28 at 8:00 a.m. Mark your calendar and come! The exercises are fitted for Old Timers and can be taken in our chairs. The schedule is as follows: Tues and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. each week beginning May 28.

We experienced an interesting family incident last Thursday p.m. Hazel Martin is in Stratford to be near her son, Bill Martin, until he is recovered. Thursday p.m. Hazel began her walking routine and planned to walk to Maurine Plunk's,

who is her niece. On arriving at Maurine's door a stranger met her. So she inquired about where Maurine lived. The stranger answered, "This is her house. Won't you come in? I am Maurine's sister, Eula Berkstresser." So Hazel met her niece, whom she had not seen for a good many years. Eula has been here visiting. Later, since we are an in-law, we dropped by to pass the time of day and enjoyed a short talkfast. Remember Bill and Pauline and Hazel in your prayers. They are having a bad time health-wise.

Among folks at SCOT Hall today, was Mrs. Maud Jones of Ft. Collins, Colorado. She is Elsie Lasley's sister and lived near and in Texhoma from 1906 until ten years ago. This dear lady will be 94 in July. Over a period of 60 years she says she has pieced about 500 quilts. She mentioned it with the aplomb that we might say 2 or 3. She is lamenting that due to bursitis she is unable to do any more quilting and hasn't decided what to do to fill her time. Elsie says Mrs. Jones pieced and quilted 6 quilts for her church to sell, probably involved several hundred dollars!

We find SCOT Hall has a few needs: a hammer, a step-stool, carpet squares 3' X 3' or larger for exercise pads for those who would like to get on the floor, and Jaunita learned that the kiln she planned for SCOT Hall cannot be repaired. We would appreciate good usable items that are in your way.

Are you listening about "Depot Doin's" June 1. We think it only fitting to mention this affair and to urge every one in Sherman County and near by to support the Depot Museum. They are selling T-shirts and polo shirts, red with black train design. One can buy them now anytime the Chamber of Commerce Office is open. The little children's T-shirts are \$5.00; the large T-shirts are \$10.00 and the Polo shirts are \$15.00. Bargains and beautiful. The Museum needs 2 1/2 size Whiskey Barrells for plants and some wooden settes for the decks. If you have noticed the landscaping down there you can understand how these items can be so nicely used. Mark your calendar, Saturday, June 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. - join in the fun at the Depot Museum.

This will be read after the regular SCOT dinner on Thursday, May 23 most likely. Trust all will have been present and had fellowship and fun.

LET'S JOIN IN PRAYER



"PENTECOST SUNDAY"
MAY 26, 1985

Birthdays have special significance because they mean that on a certain day someone came into being that was never before, and that because of this, the world will never be the same. Birth signifies new life, and this is cause for celebration.

About 2000 years ago, fifty days after Passover, on the feast of Pentecost, some 120 followers of Jesus Christ were gathered for a prayer meeting. Suddenly the house where they were meeting was filled with smoke, and there was the sound like a rushing wind, and all that were present were filled with the Holy Spirit - and the Church was born.

The power for witness that Jesus promised came through the Holy Spirit. Without this power there is only routine and form, but with the Spirit there is a power that nothing "in all creation" can conquer. That Pentecost so long ago was the birth day of the Church; and when we celebrate Pentecost we celebrate that which came into being that never was before, and when it came into the world, the world has never been the same, nor will it ever be the same.

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Juniors receiving scholastic honors were Eric Artho, Shawna Dettle, Kathy Durham, Brend Ewers, Kristi Fesler, Shelley Harrington, Carrie Harris, Melanie Hembree, Craig Kendrick, Ann Pendleton, John Riffe, Stacy Rolan, Mary Beth Spurlock, Roxan Tillery, Paul White, Pete White.



SOPHOMORES receiving scholastic honors were Jennifer Brite, Ronna Jo Engelbrecht, Stephanie Harrison, Mayle Helskell, Scott Lasley, Holly McKinney, Jan Phelps, Jaime Saenz Tammi Sell, Jackie Shellev



FRESHMEN receiving scholastic honors are Kristy Altman, Rex Artho, Kristi Blake, Cristle Chumley, Susan Cloyd, Carla Crabtree, Martin Dettle, Martin Dettle, Mark Durham, Michelle Durham, Sherri Goad, Kristi Harrison, Mike Kirkwood, Gared McBryde, Kim Morris, Sami Oakley, Lisa O'briwn, Doug Pittman, Richard Ragsdalle, and Becky Young



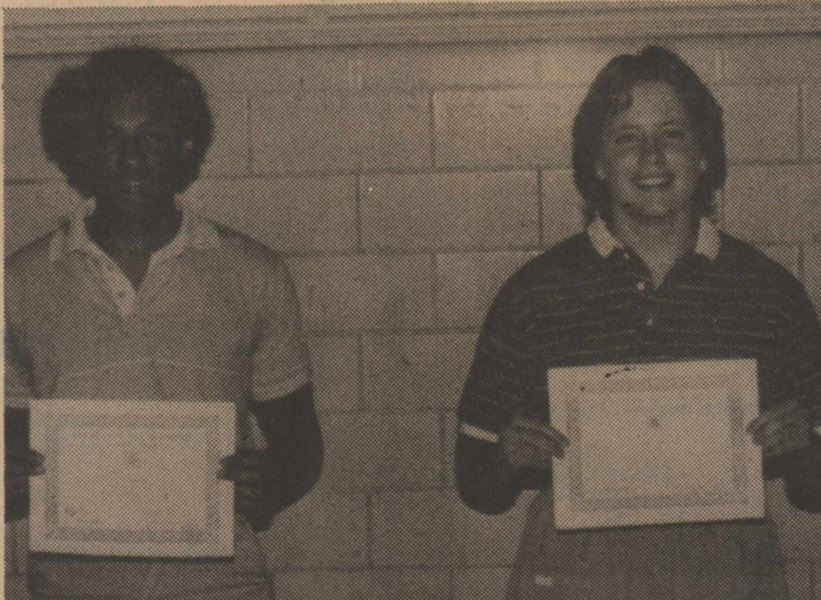
Joyce Ann and V.O. Lasley were selected as Fans of the Year for the 1984-85 school year for their overall support of the Stratford Athletic program.



Cathy Durham and Eric Artho received the Girl and Boy Athletic Scholars award during the annual All-Sports banquet. This award is for maintaining the highest grade average while participating in sports. Craig Kendrick [left] and Shelley Harrington were selected as Outstanding Boy and Girl golfer.



Parker Johnson [left] and Doug Pittman were chosen as Outstanding Boy tennis players. Deana Lane, Monica Dettle and Christy Pittman were chosen as Outstanding Girl tennis players.



Paul Camacho [right] was chosen as Outstanding Boy in track. Leah Brown was chosen as Outstanding Girl in Track. Justin Bailey [not pictured] was also chosen as outstanding in Track.



[L-R] Doug Mires was chosen as Boys Most Valuable Player in Basketball. Shella Cummings was chosen as Girls Most Valuable Player. Kerry Boren received the girls basketball Fighting Heart and Richard Cloyd received the boys basketball fighting heart.



[L-R] McKinney and Lundberg was chosen as most valuable back in football. Collin McKinney was most valuable lineman and Travis Williams received the football fighting heart.



Best All Around Athletes were Doug Mires [L] and Christy Lancaster [R]



Seth Palmer [left] received the Star agriculture award. Andy Alexander received the Star farm Mechanics award and Gry Clements received the Star Greenhand award during the annual FFA Banquet.

Congratulations Achievers

Ferber - Farris Married

Pamela Sue Ferber and Brett Allen Farris were united in marriage on April 20 in the First Christian Church of Stratford with Rev. David Harker officiating in the double ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hafeldt of Colome, S.D. She was given in marriage by her father. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harbour of Stratford.

The bride wore a white floor-length gown with daisies on the top and around the bottom. She wore a white hat with a veil and beads on top. She carried a cascade of burgandy and white daisies. The brideswear was by Allen's of Amarillo. The flowers and decorations were by Ellison's Floral.

She wore a set of pearls belonging to her grandmother as something old; for something new, she wore a pair of pearl earrings given to her by the groom. For something borrowed she wore an ankle bracelet with a heart on it. For something blue she wore a blue sapphire ring.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with burgandy ruffles. The groomsmen and ushers wore burgandy tuxedos. The best man was Billy Powers of Dallas.

The bridesmaid of honor was Beth Bench of Stratford. The bridesmaids were Donna Hofeldt of Colome, S.D., sister-in-law of the bride; and Kris Plunk of Dallas.

The bridesmaids and maid of honor wore 3/4-length dresses with white lace top and grey bottom, accented with peach belts and beads. They carried peach bouquets.

The music was provided by Jay Willard on the guitar and Martha Willard as soloist. The candle-lighters were Chuck Harbour, Stratford, brother of the groom; and Wayne Hofeldt, from Colome, S.D., brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Joshua Powers of Dallas. Ushers were Mark Hawkins of Stratford, Tommy Bench of Stratford, Bill Kelp and Edwin Gress of Stratford. Groomsmen were Leonard Hawkins



and Kevin Plunk of Dallas. Carpet roller was John Hofeldt, brother of the bride.

Decorations at the church included candles down the aisles, an archway of flowers and greenery with a candelabra at the front.

The mother of the groom wore a long pleated burgandy dress with a burgandy jacket and a white corsage. The mother of the bride wore a long burgandy dress with a white corsage.

The reception was at the Charles Harbour residence. A three-tier, heart-shaped cake with a bride and groom kissing was served. A

chocolate heart cake was served on the groom's table. The decor included candles with orchids and a champagne fountain. The band was led by Gregory Kenner. The couple will be residing at 605 S. Popular. The bride's traveling outfit consisted of a white overall jumpsuit.

Honored guests included the grandparents of the groom: Mr. and Mrs. Hollin Kennedy and Lucille Russell all of Portales, N.M.; Florence Harbour of Lometa, Texas and the bride's grandparents: Mrs. Murrell Hofeldt of Colome, S.D. and Mr. and Mrs. George Wolthoff also of Colome, S.D.

Tips & Topics

by Susie E. Spurlock County Extension Agent Home Economist

As we live longer we are more likely to experience physical, social, financial or mental changes that make us less self-reliant. Yet, major research studies show that the fear of "dependence" is the primary cause of low morale among older people.

The opposite of "dependence" is "independence", yet few of us are totally independent of others at any age. As children and young adults we struggle to become independent from our families. Perhaps that's why we may cling to the illusion of independence through old age.

But the simple fact is that "independence" doesn't mean the same thing at every stage of life.

Consider the case of "Mary", a lady in her mid-eighties. Even though Mary's arthritis is now so debilitating that she needs help with everyday tasks like laundry and cooking, she won't ask her children for help. For Mary, the fear of "being a burden" is ingrained and she would think less of herself for seeking assistance.

Sometimes families sustain the fiction that their elderly relative remains strong and independent by ignoring physical and other changes. Or sometimes they try to help, are turned down and then have guilt feelings. As a result, the family may "back-off" from providing minimal assistance when it's needed until

their relative requires medical or even institutional care.

Neighborhood, church and community groups may also assume that unless an elder seeks help he or she is self-sufficient.

Complete independence is rare for a person of any age. We all need other people--our families, friends, neighbors and those who provide us with the things we buy and the services we use. So it's probably more accurate to say we're "interdependent". This is the idea that we need to get across to our elders--and ourselves.

They need us and we need them. The elder can be pleased that family and friends care enough to help rather than feel ashamed when help is needed.

Throughout the month of May, residents of the state are celebrating "Older Texans Month". Take a few minutes to visit or do something special for these special folks.

May Set As SPS Electrical Month

May is National Electrical Safety Awareness Month and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) is reminding the public about the dangers of carelessness around electricity.

"With folks starting to work outside more in the warmer weather, it's especially important for them to remember to stay clear of power lines and electrical facilities," said Hermilo Martinez, SPS safety manager.

Nationwide, most electrical accidents involving the public occur because of carelessness, Martinez said.

"Because people are so used to overhead lines, sometimes they don't notice them or they forget how much power is in them," he said.

People working around the house -- painting, trimming trees or doing other jobs -- must remember to keep themselves and their tools and equipment away from power lines, Martinez said.

Electricity always seeks the shortest path to the ground. It travels easily through "conductors". Metal, water, trees and the human body are excellent conductors of electricity, Martinez explained.

In rural areas, irrigation pipe should be handled with care, he said.

"Lightweight irrigation pipe is an excellent conductor of electricity," Martinez said. "Many sections are tall enough when lifted to hit overhead lines. Farmers need to be extremely careful when moving pipe."

SPS linemen who work with power lines are well trained and have a

variety of special clothing and equipment to protect themselves, Martinez said.

"And still they always respect the power in those lines," he said.

Children, especially, need to be taught to respect the power of electricity.

"They need to know the dangers

of playing near a substation, climbing trees that have power lines through them, and flying kites near overhead lines," Martinez said.

"If you see a line from a utility pole hanging down or on the ground, stay away from it," Martinez said.

"Assume it's a live wire. Call SPS or the police or fire department immediately."

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Texas CAP To Meet In Dalhart

The Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol, Group 1 Officers will be in Dalhart May 23, 1985, 7:30 p.m. at Ingram Flying Service, Instructors Meeting Room.

Several interested local residents requested this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to familiarize attendees with the Civil Air Patrol Organization and to form a CAP Flight.

On December 1, 1941, Civil Air Patrol became an Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, CAP is headed by Brig. General William B. Cass, National Commander, and Col. John T. Massingale, Jr. USAF, CAP Executive Director, with over 67,000 members.

Major West will present a summary of the CAP organization activities throughout the nation, Texas and especially the Panhandle.

Dalhart is in a strategic position for a Civil Air Patrol Mission Base should we have a search and rescue mission near the area. All Search & Rescue missions are activated from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois and assigned to that state where an overdue aircraft, missing child, activated ELT or any other search or rescue purpose is needed. If the search is assigned to Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma or New Mexico and Texas is requested to assist, we would have personnel stationed for ready action from the Dalhart Flight. Dalhart is in a vital spot for CAP communications and ES/SAR, since

flights originating from nearby cities and quadrants use the connecting Victor Airways of the Dalhart VOR for reference.


Pre-requisite for CAP membership does not include being a pilot. Community, humanitarian and personal awareness is of great benefit not only to the organization but to the individual. Members choose their field of endeavor and choices are varied because we work closely with and for the United States Air Force, American Red Cross.

Departments of Public Safety, Civil Defense and many Federal, State and area agencies.

Training programs in each category of the functions of this vast organization are offered to all members throughout the year at various military and other locations. Members can take advantage of the programs and seminars as and if they so desire.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Note: Dr. McCormick will not be in the Stratford office on May 16 and 23.



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Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick EH Club met May 14 at Terri McDaniel's for a busy business session and an entertaining and delicious program. Susie Spurlock used a Wok to present a program on Food & Nutrition "Oriental Cuisine". She prepared Beef with Celery and Egg Rolls with sweet and sour sauce. She had previously baked almond cookies. Some had never eaten Chinese food and found that they really liked it.

Barbara Schoonover was officially welcomed back into club. There were two prospective members as guests, Corinna Morris and Nena Bell.

Roll call was answered with "What I see from my kitchen window", by Pat Boren, Joyce Irbeck, Jo June McDaniel, Mabel Rogers, Franny Taylor, Vicki Thompson, Sue James, Lynn Wells and Marylou McDaniel.

Sue gave a good report on the District TEHA held in Canyon. State meeting is set for September 24-26 at Longview. National meet will be September 8-12 at Estes Park, Colorado. One needs to make reservations for the Colorado meeting by June 15.

Kerrick Club members will each take two pies or one cake to sell at the June 1 Depot Museum Day.

Members or others of the community may have their canning pressure cooker gages checked at the next meeting on June 11.

Work at the Community Center is going full blast. Lynn Wells, Franny Taylor and Marylou McDaniel found out when they went to clean for a Methodist Crusader Sunday School class supper & party Tuesday morning May 14. Phone calls were quickly made to class members and the covered dish supper with homemade ice cream was held at Fellowship Hall in Stratford. There were 26 attending. They divided into four teams and played Trivial Pursuit. It was a first for several and all seemed to have a good time. Franny and Marylou made it to town to host the event.

Mabel Rogers and Franny Taylor took Ethel Murdock to Eads, Colorado for a visit with her sister, Mary Crockett. While there they also saw Tom James and his daughter, Debbie Burton and son Andrew James. Andrew had just returned home from college at Gunnison.

Kerrick's college "kids" are home and scattering in all directions. Jennifer Wells left last week for New Zealand and Australia! Randy Irbeck will be farming for a few

weeks, then to to Knoxville, Tennessee for ten weeks of physics research. Melvin Irlbeck plans to work in Amarillo during the summer. Joe Bill Boren will be working with his Dad, while Brent Schoonover works in Guymon.

Kerry Boren is Kerrick's only Senior. There are two graduating from the Eighth grade, Jay Harris and Brady Schoonover. Congratulations!

Oliver and Jan Harris, parents of Alvin Harris, are here from Hot Springs, South Dakota on a working visit. Mr. Harris is working with Alvin at the Community Center. Things have really changed in the last week there!

The Alvin Harris, Oliver Harris, Gary Thompson and Harper families attended the Museum activities at Canyon Sunday. They took a picnic lunch along. This must have been quite an interesting event.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Eugene Young of Novato, California visited a few days with their cousin, Jo June and Kayo McDaniel, following Texhoma Alumni Banquet Saturday. It was Young's 50th anniversary of graduation.

Pat Boren took her new horse, Spades Iron Cat, to Amarillo for two shows over the weekend. It was Spades third showing. They brought home one second, Amateur Hunt Seat and two thirds, Open Hunt Set and Amateur Equitation.

John and Terri McDaniel spent the weekend with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Peters, at Gruver.

Dr. Gary Mathews, Amarillo, visited with his mother Virgie this weekend.

The late Eighth and Jr.-Sr. Proms have played havoc with making the pictures available for ordering and picking up. Eighth pictures were at Junior High through Thursday and will be ordered next week. They may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office after June 17.

High School prom proofs will be at the Chamber Office May 30 through June 12 for viewing and ordering. Watch C of C sign for announcement late in June when pictures will come in.

Annette and Ralph James Hampton took their grandfather, Newt Crabtree, to Hood River, Oregon for fishing and visiting relatives. They were gone about 2 weeks. Annette was the champion fisherman, catching a 13½ pound steelhead.



Gennell York receives a book on the history of the REA movement. Presenting the book is Brent Wheeler from the REA. Along with Coldwater Manor a book was donated to the school library, the Sherman County library and the Depot museum.

The 'Plain-View' of Griggs

by Griggs H.D. Club

Terry and Lois Cayton took the CTUCO students to a skating party at Hugoton Saturday, May 11. They went to the sports banquet Friday night at Boise City while their children stayed with Donni and Jesse Hutchison. Guests in their home on Mother's Day for dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cayton from Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cayton and family from Balko.

Several in the community attended the Awards Banquet at Plainview School Thursday and the track meet at Keyes Friday.

Carla and David Pugh had a supper party in Texhoma Saturday night, May 11, to celebrate the anniversary of Marvin and Anita Elliot, which was May 5. There were about 28 guests to enjoy the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Mace Pugh had their annual farm tour for the kindergartners last Monday, May 6. About 50 children were present and seemed to have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Twombly went to Eads, Colorado to visit their grandson, Cole Twombly last Tuesday, May 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harbaugh of Oklahoma City visited in the home of Joe and Mildred Grabeal Saturday, May 11, as well as all the Joe Grabeal children.

Charlie Twombly visited his son Louis T. Twombly in Montrose, Colorado, also many other relatives for the last three weeks.

Mrs. Minnie Cox spent Mother's Day at Thompson Park in Amarillo with her family.

Friday afternoon, May 10, Willie and Anna Lee Shryer called on Ortah Cayton. Ortah attended PSU Commencement Sunday with Billie and Bethie Cayton whose daughter Francine was graduated with Magna Cum Laude.

May is such a beautiful month, there really should be two of them a year. There certainly is two month's worth of things to do it seems, with getting gardens started and wrapping up the school year.

Roxie Elliot had Anna Lee and Willie Swyer from Keyes as guests in her home Friday, May 3 for a nice visit.

Dan Caldwell's brother and wife, Devon and Sandy Caldwell from Walsh, Colorado, were guests at Dan and Linda's home for the weekend.

This past week visitors in the Joe Grabeal home were Roy and Bonnie Sanders of Maryville, Missouri and Harold and Zoye Bownen of Pueblo, Colorado. Others included the Howard Warrens, Jack Gilley, Steve DeAnda, Dick Lusk, Minnie Cox, Reba Goff, Alva Twombly, Terry and Ann Wells, and Lon Twombly and family. Over the weekend the Larry Grabeals, Tim Grabeal, Virgil

Trickle Irrigation Becoming More Popular

Trickle irrigation or drip irrigation is becoming more and more popular these days. It is being used in other areas of the state in vineyards, orchards, vegetable gardens and cotton is even being grown in West Texas using trickle irrigation. Its use in this area is primarily for the establishment of windbreak trees.

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REA Celebrates 50th

May 11th, marked the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the executive order by President Franklin D. Roosevelt establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). In observance of this Golden Anniversary, the Board of Directors will be donating a book that depicts the history of the REA movement in rural America to the museums and schools in the areas that Rita Blanca Electric services.

The first aim of the new Rural Electrification Administration, 50 years ago, was to provide low-interest, long term federal loans to the existing power industry, hopefully making it possible to provide service across the thinly-populated stretches of America. With a few exceptions, the industry's response was not to accept the low interest loans because it was felt that after the electric lines were built that the farmer and rancher would not use enough electricity to justify the cost to serve them.

This action by the established power companies causes the farmers and ranchers in the areas of Dalhart, Dumas, and Stratford to band together in an effort to bring electricity to the farm themselves. This was the reason for the creation of Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative. A non-profit organization designed to unite the efforts of the rural residents into one group.

In the beginning many of the rural residents volunteered their labor, their land for necessary right-of-ways, their equipment, and money--whatever was needed to make the service of electricity available to them. In spite of all the contributions of the group, there was still not enough members in the newly formed Cooperative to meet the minimum requirements set down from REA to be able to obtain a loan for construction of lines.

The next plan that the group decided upon was a membership drive to get their neighbors interested in joining them in their effort. Before long the membership drive was able to increase the members in the Cooperative and a loan from REA was obtained and the construction of the first lines that brought electricity to this area began in 1946.

Rita Blanca has grown from a few hundred meters in the early 1950's to over 4,900 meters now serving members in some eight counties in the Texas Panhandle. A long way from the early cries in the beginning that the farmer and rancher would not use enough electricity to justify being served.

Today many of the kids do not

realize the hardships that existed only 38 years ago on the farm. The service of electricity might not be in the remote areas today, if it was not for the determined people of Dalhart and the surrounding area in establishing Rita Blanca Electric.

In its original goal of non-profit, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative has returned to its members over a half a million dollars in capital credits and 38 years of life that changed the ways of the farmer and rancher. With this in mind, the Board of Directors will be donating the book "The Next Greatest Thing" to the schools and museums of its service area in remembrance of the men and women who gave of their time and energy to bringing electricity to this area.



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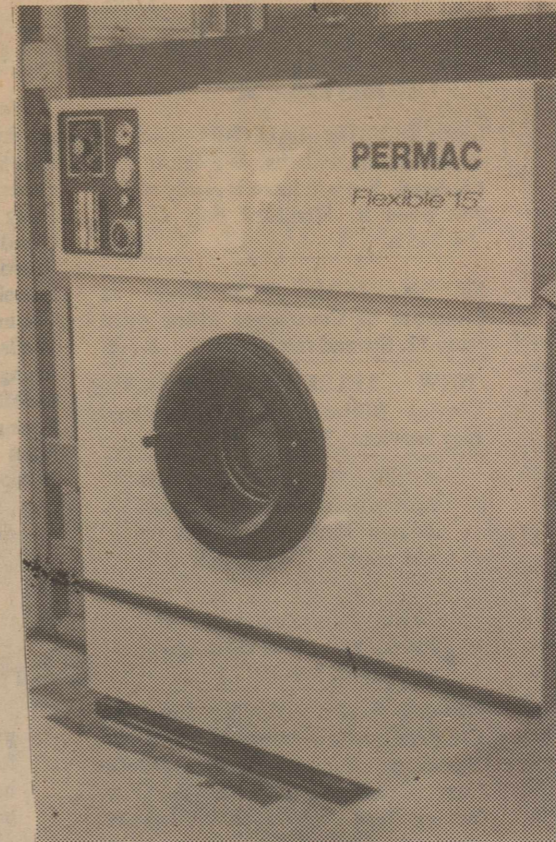
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