



Merry Christmas



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-by dave

May we take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday!

This issue of The Star is being printed early in order that we may get it to you prior to Christmas Day.

We all have many things to be grateful for during the year just past, and we are especially thankful to be able to live and work in a place like Stratford and Sherman County.

We just want to say again, Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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Once again the malfunction of the Texas Legislature has come to the surface, and this latest act of that group will cost us all a lot of money and a lot of anguish.

In the last few days of the Legislative session this year, the members of that august body changed the Texas Voting Law. Well, nobody found out about it for a long time, then the Civil Liberties groups got hold of it, challenged it in court and won.

The net results is that all voters have to register again before they will be eligible to vote during 1976.

Now 1976 will be an important election year. We would urge each of you to get up to the court house and get all signed up, you may cast your ballots the coming year.

We won't belabor the blame for this fracas, the tax assessor's office has a lot of extra work put on them with this extra requirement and to help them do their job, go by when you can and get the forms filled out so you can vote.

We would point out many of the provisions in the new law will probably be alright, but there are some provisions that will be a mess, so the net result is the Federal government said "throw it out" so here we are, like it or not.

We have had many things to say about the Texas Legislature in the past, and from their record, we will probably have much to say about them in the future.

It is too bad that each time the Legislature meets we all end up wondering how much work it will take to undo what they do to the citizens of Texas every time they meet.

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We got a note from Bob Burgess this week which was taken from a story in the St. Louis Post Dispatch recently.

Seems that the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle has been blamed for some red mud which got onto autos in St. Louis recently.

The article reads in part... "the red mud that splashed on cars and homes in the St. Louis area during Friday's storm came from dust blown into the area from Texas and Oklahoma, according to the National Weather Service.

The strong surface winds over Texas and Oklahoma picked up a lot of red dirt and when it rained in St. Louis the dust came down with the rain, the weather service spokesman said.

The red tint to the mud came from the color of the soil in northern Oklahoma and Texas, the weather service added.

We would only say that this is not an unusual happening in the Panhandle areas, but didn't know we got blamed for unusual weather happenings all over the rest of the U.S.

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Our congratulations to all the participating merchants in Stratford who worked together

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CONVALESCENT HOME

Memorials Accepted By Hospital District

Memorials are being accepted for benefit of furnishing the convalescent home to be constructed by the Stratford Hospital District, announced Walter Lasley, president of the board of directors.

"We have had several inquiries concerning memorial gifts and we have already received a few," he added.

Estimated costs for furnishing a semi private room will be about \$2,500 which includes two beds, two chairs, and two night tables. All other furnishings in the room will be built-in. Costs for private room will be about

\$1,800. Other furnishings will be needed for the living room, dining room, television for the recreation room and many other items.

In addition, a Memorial Book will be kept in which all donations and memorials will be kept permanently. All sizeable donations will be recognized with a special plaque. If a family wishes to completely furnish a room, or a large portion of it, names will be placed on the doors with no more than four names per room.

"All these estimated costs are estimates, but we feel that many will be interested and may like to donate memorials to their loved ones," Lasley emphasized.

An official groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the site of the new home on Beaver Road at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30. All residents are urged to be on hand. Members of the board, the architects and others concerned with the new facility will be on hand for the event.

The general public is invited to attend the brief ceremony.

Christmas Card Project Total \$1,005

A total of \$1,005.50 was raised this year by members of the Prospectus Study Club through Project Christmas Card, announced Mrs. Martha Mitts, First State Bank, Stratford.

The annual Project Christmas Card is for benefit of the Sherman County Library Fund. All residents are urged to donate that portion of the monies they would use to send Christmas Cards locally and their names are carried in a full page "Christmas Card" in this issue of The Star.

Names of all donors who have contributed to the fund can be found in this issue.

Through the years this project has raised over \$13,000 for benefit of the library.

Last year a total of \$1,109 was raised in this manner.

Stratford Tournament January 8-9-10

Stratford Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held in the high school gymnasium January 8-10, announced David Bornstein, athletic director.

A field of 16 boys and girls teams will be competing in this year's tournament with representatives from Dalhart, Sunray, Hartley, Texhoma, Gruver, Follett, Texline and Stratford.

Games will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday with finals to be held on Saturday with Girls Championship at 7:30 p.m. and Boys Championship at 9 p.m.



SANTA VISITS BANK--The First State Bank of Stratford had an over abundance of youngsters all day Friday as Santa Claus paid his annual visit there. This is just a representative group which were on hand that afternoon.

DISTRICT CONTESTS

Varsity Teams Win Over Gruver Thursday

The Elks and Elkettes both won District 1A games Thursday night in their last outing before the Christmas Holidays.

The Elks put up their first district win of the season with their narrow 74-68 victory over the Gruver Greyhounds while the Elkettes got their third district win of the season downing Gruver 55-48.

Earlier in the week the Elkettes downed Sunray Tues-

day night by a score of 83-56. Thursday night the Elkettes downed the Gruver girls in a closely fought first quarter battle leading 10-9 at the end of the first stanza, then pulled away in the second as outside shooting of Vicki Bell and Brenda Hawkins took some of the pressure off D'Lynn Brown under the bucket as the Stratford group went into the half with a 34-17 bulge.

The Elkettes guards, Janice Messer, Barrie Donelson and Dalene Prescott continued pressure from their end of the court in the second stanza to force their opponents into turnovers which the forwards converted on.

The Gruver girls came back tough in the third outscoring Stratford 13-10 on the boards and cut the gap to 44-30 at the end of three then the Elkettes used most of their bench in the fourth and went on to win 44-48.

Miss Brown led the scorers pouring in 36 points while Miss Bell hit for 10 and Miss Hawkins got 8. LaRhonda Stacy got one point in the contest. S. Ross was high for Gruver with 20 points.

The Boys game was a thriller for the fans as it turned into a nip and tuck affair marked by a total of 43 fouls called in the game.

The Elks led 17-13 at the end

of the opener then 36-28 at the half, 52-46 at the end of the third and got out with 74-68 victory.

Wayne Garoutte hit for 24 points for the Elks with Joel Hart hitting 22 in the game. Will Allen hit for 10 while Leon Payne hit 6, Darrell Doshier got 5, Leonard Duncan hit 4 and Joe Pete Albert got 3. David Bergin was high scorer for Gruver and in the game with 32 points the big red head hit jump shot after shot from the side at the top of the key.

The Elks had led by 12 late in the game but Garoutte, then Hart left the game via fouls and Gruver pulled to within one point with only seconds left. However, the Elks managed to control the ball and hit desperate one and one foul shots to put the game out of reach with seconds left on the clock.

SUNRAY

The Elkettes got off to a big first stanza leading 22-16 then

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Christmas Eve Programs Set At Churches

Several local churches have slated special programs on Christmas Eve this year.

The First Baptist Church will hold their program beginning at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary with a visit from Santa Claus following the program.

No gifts will be passed out by Santa at the tree.

The Christmas Eve program presented by the youth at the Methodist Church is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Santa Claus will be in the Fellowship Hall following the program at 7 p.m.

An old-fashioned program will be presented at the Christian Church on Christmas Eve beginning at 6 p.m.

The theme of the program is "The Gift of God" with Santa Claus visiting the program with treats for the children.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN, BAPTIST AND METHODIST CHURCHES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 9 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance at the Country Club

STRATFORD, SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, 79084

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AT FRIDAY DRAWING

Marcella McBryde Wins Holiday Trip

Marcella McBryde was the lucky winner of an all expense paid trip for two persons to Disney World paid for by 42 Stratford merchants.

Mrs. McBryde's name was the second pulled from the big barrel of registration tickets at Friday afternoon's drawing. The drawing was one where the winner had to be present to win and the downtown of Stratford had one of the largest crowds of the year on hand to see who would be the winner.

In the preliminaries, Dara Sutterfield was the winner of the big Christmas Stocking full of gifts which was given away by the Western Auto Store. Mrs. Sutterfield's two small children had the biggest eyes in town as they viewed the stocking of gifts which their mother won in the drawing.

In three other drawings, Beverly Grimes won \$125 worth of Tip Top Bucks while Jean Childs won \$15 and Mildred Aduddell won \$10 in Tip Top Bucks.

This year's Disney World Drawing climaxed a 19 week promotion by 42 Stratford merchants. Each week drawings have been made for prize money then Friday the Grand Prize winner was drawn for the all expense paid trip to Florida's Disney World.

The winnings include an air flight from Stratford to Amarillo where they will fly by Braniff Airlines to Orlando, Florida and Disney World. The winner will be staying at the Contemporary Resort Hotel in Disney World and while there will have an opportunity to visit the NASA Space Center and participate in a Polynesian Luau. Transportation will be provided through Hertz Rent-A-Car.

Friday afternoon's crowd was also treated by a visit from Santa Claus as he roared into downtown Stratford via the big fire truck by members of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department.

Everybody was treated to bags of apples, oranges, nuts and candy while Santa visited with all the kiddoes at the intersection of 3rd & Main.

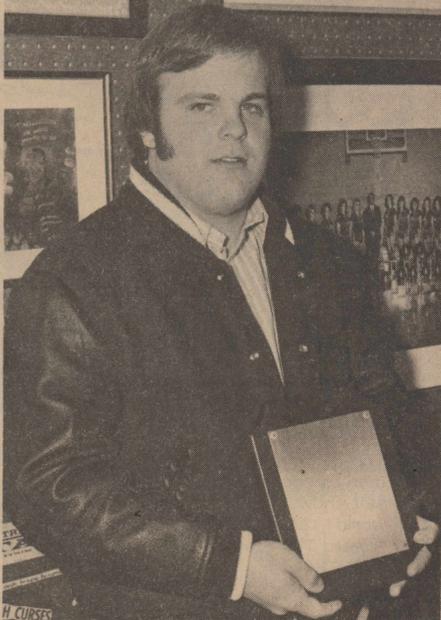
Chamber President Greg Pye said "We are all really happy for the drawing and for the merchant participation."

Pye added that probably the Grand Prize Drawing would be an annual event by merchants to encourage local shopping each fall in the future.

"Everybody seemed to enjoy the drawings all during the weeks we have had it and especially the big crowd of folks Friday," Pye added.



DISNEY WORLD TRIP WINNER--Marcella McBryde, right, is shown with her grandchildren, Jared & Brad McBryde, and Leonda Fedric of The Bumble Bee after her name was drawn and she won a trip for two to Florida's Disney World. The 19-week event was sponsored by 42 Stratford merchants.



SPIRIT AWARD WINNER--Jim Bob Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown, was presented with the WTSU Buffalo Football Team's Spirit Award at the Touchdown Club's annual banquet held in Amarillo last week. Jim Bob is a 1973 graduate of SHS and plays defensive tackle at WTSU. He will be a senior next fall at WTSU and is majoring in Physical Education and minoring in history. He was selected for the honor by his teammates who chose him on the basis of the one who has contributed most to team spirit during the year.



BIG STOCKING WINNER--Mrs. Larry Sutterfield was the winner of the big Christmas Stocking full of gifts given away at Friday afternoon's drawing by Leland Lewis of Western Auto Store. The big stocking just barely fit in the back seat of Mrs. Sutterfield's auto.

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for the recent Disney World Trip Drawing.

We have heard many good remarks about this effort and feel that something like this should be done each year.

We cannot recall so many people being in downtown Stratford since the big fire last February, and we sure don't

want another one like that.

We feel the citizens enjoyed it, and we know that a lot of people got to talking about it and this helps out a small town.

We would just like to see it done on an annual basis and then people will be looking forward to it each year.

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The Stratford Hospital District is asking for our help in furnishing the convalescent



FOURTH GRADE PROGRAM--The Mary Allen Elementary School was a place of much enthusiasm Thursday night as members of Mrs. Judd's and Mrs. Waldrop's Fourth Grade presented their Christmas Program. The event was directed by Mrs. Lorraine Mehner and all had a fine visit with Charlie Brown, Snoopy and all the cartoon characters of the popular comic strip.

home which they will be building this year.

They have already had a couple of large donations for this purpose and we believe that if the people are informed they will come along and help out in this cause.

The actual bid price on contracting the home ran over the original estimate, but the board didn't want to cut anything out so they accepted the bid and are working toward getting the home built as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in making any type of memorial to the convalescent home you may do so by contacting Martha Mitts at The First State Bank of

Stratford, or by seeing any member of the board of the hospital district. These include Walter Lasley, Joe Flores, Phillip Bain, Carroll Wisdom, Shirley McReynolds. See any of them for details on the memorials.

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Weather has been on again, off again so far as temperatures are concerned, if you want a White Christmas, you better get to work, for as this issue goes to press all is clear.

Commodity prices Monday morning showed wheat selling for from \$3.34 to \$3.37 per bushel, milo priced at from \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt and corn at from \$2.55 to \$2.57 per bushel on local markets.

DON ROPER EARNS INSURANCE HONORS

Amarillo insurance executive Don Lynn Roper was named to national sales leadership honors in November by the Franklin Life Insurance Company, Springfield, Illinois--his performance among the best in the company's nationwide network of more than 4,000 field associates.

Designated a member of the Franklin's President's Club, Roper will receive special recognition from Company President George E. Hatmaker for his exceptional sales performance.

Roper is a graduate of Stratford High School, the son of formerly residents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Roper.



Fuel-saving tip: Be sure a fireplace damper is kept closed except when there is a fire in the hearth.

One Thousand Dollars -Cash- REWARD

for information leading to the lawful apprehension and final conviction of the party or parties who recently vandalized our quonset barn in Dallam County. by gun fire.

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The Latimer Murfee's

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ALL OF THE PERSONNEL HERE WENT TO CONVEY THEIR BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Bells and baubles — carols, too. It's our wish for this season to all of you. Thanks for everything.

Bain Oil Co.
Phillip Bain

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... a thousand "Thank You's" for your trust and patronage
... a thousand "Best Wishes" to you during every Christmas moment

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Van, Olive, Jack & Gisela



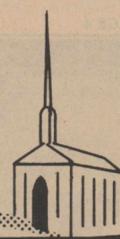
Today, the brilliance of The Star shines in the hearts of men as once it lit the sky above the shepherds. Its light still shows the way toward hope and peace for all the world. May we again lift our eyes, our hearts, our lives toward The Star. May our Faith be renewed by its Holy light.

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in thy presence is fulness of Joy..."

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the Star

CHRISTMAS tree ornaments are made to resemble snow, unusual patterns of ice, and frost; however, the most beautiful ornament and symbol is the star for the top of the tree. This is to remind us of that wonderful day when the child Jesus was born in a manger and the star shown the way... "for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Let the star on the tree remind you to attend church and worship him too.

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



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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 8:00 p.m.
Rev. J.M. Ashley

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third at Chestnut Street
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
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Ladies Bible Class (Tuesday) 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes 8:00 p.m.
Minister Bob Beaty

FIRST BAPTIST

Third at Fulton Streets
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Bruce Mitchell

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

FIRST CHRISTIAN

North Main at Fifth Streets
Church School 9:50 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
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Father Lynch

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MR. AND MRS. BOB BURGESS

Bob Burgesses To Be Feted On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess will be honored on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, December 28 from 2-5 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Christian.

Co-hosting the occasion will be their children, Mrs. Leo Ledbetter of Amarillo; Mrs. Phil M. Smith, Jr. of Williamsburg, Missouri; Rex Burgess of Stratford; Mrs. James C. Johnson, Jr. of Papillion, Neb. and Mrs. Jerrell Corbitt of Canyon.

Bob and Minnie have lived in Stratford the past 34 years and are involved in farming. They are members of the First United Methodist Church.

You are cordially invited to come and share their joy, faith and love.

Home Demo Club News

Star Home Demonstration Club met December 16 in the home of Irene Wakefield for their annual Christmas Party. A delicious luncheon was served at noon with a short business meeting following at 1 p.m.

Roll call was answered by eight members and one visitor. Several games were led by Janice Sladek and were enjoyed by all.

A gift exchange was the highlight of the party with members bringing gifts for Becky Canales, formerly of Girl's Town, Borger.

Club will meet again on January 6 at noon in the home of Jan Harris.

TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Henderson and grandson, Heath, left this past weekend for Angel Fire where Wayne and Heath enjoyed skiing.

Society News

Kerrick News

by Mrs. Fred McDaniel

Santa came to Kerrick Dec. 19 after a Christmas program by several young people of the community. Mrs. Terry Schoonover was in charge of the program.

An original skit, "Christmas with Dennis, the Menace" was given with Brent Schoonover as Dennis, Holly Stanley as Dennis' mother and Melvin Irlbeck as father.

Joe Bill Boren played a cornet solo, "Up on the Housetop." Kerry Boren and four friends, Dawn Roberts, Serena Heiskell, Kris Ann Reese and Amy Wisdom, sang "Silent Night."

A history of Christmas Carols was given by Randy Irlbeck, Jennifer Wells, Joe Bill Boren, Kelly Schoonover, Kerry Boren, Kim Gruver, Rayma Stanley, Kelley Irlbeck and Annette Hampton.

A group of youth sang "Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer", then followed it by "Randolph, the bow-legged cowboy." Representing Randolph was Terry Schoonover with Hank Rogers as the sheriff.

Sacks of treats were given to the nearly 100 present after Santa delivered packages. Soft drinks were provided by Kerrick Farm Supply.

Franny Taylor entertained members of Stratford Grain Bowling Team and their sponsor Saturday night with a Holiday Party. Franny had accompanied the team to Indianapolis last spring as they bowled in the National WIBC Tourney. Team members unable to be present were Minnie Reeder, Mille Gore and Tommie Garoutte.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe, sponsors. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boren, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Helen Crawford, Marvin Wills, Ken Salisbury, Brenda Taylor.

Arriving late Saturday night on their way to Colorado City, Co., from Stillwater, Ok. were Cindy Graham and her brother, John Graham. They are niece and nephew of Mrs. Franny Taylor.

Kerrick Community is certainly thankful to an anonymous donor who gave \$180.50 to the Community through Kerrick Elevator last week.

Kerry Boren Feted On Birthday

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Sometimes when your birthday comes Dec. 25, a birthday party gets forgotten about, but not this year for Kerry Boren. Kerry, who will be nine years old Thursday, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boren of Kerrick.

Friday night overnight guests were the Misses Dawn Roberts, Serena Heiskell, Kris Ann Reese and Amy Wisdom. They rode home with Kerry on the bus, had supper topped with cake and ice cream. A Raggedy Ann motif was used with the cake also decorated as a doll. They all attended Kerrick Christmas Party.

TOWN TALK

Visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell, last week was Mf. and Mrs. Gary Hooker of Myrtle Beach, S.C.



BRIDAL SHOWER HONOREE--Mrs. Ronnie Adcock was honored last Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Edd Garoutte with a post-nuptial shower. Shown with the honoree is, left to right, Mrs. Marie Stipe, the honoree's grandmother; Mrs. Jesse Stipe of Gruver, the honoree's mother; the honoree; and Mrs. Clifford Adcock, the bridegroom's mother.

Mrs. Adcock Feted With Shower Here

A post-nuptial bridal shower honoring Mrs. Ronnie Adcock, nee Rene Stipe, was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Edd Garoutte.

The serving table hosted a red Christmas cloth enhanced with sequin motif and was centered with a Christmas candle surrounded by holly.

Crystal and silver appointments were used in serving the cake, spiced cider and coffee.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Duane Ferguson and Mrs. Cecil Stublefield, both of Boise City and Mrs. Jim Leatherman of Dalhart.

Hostesses for the event included Mesdames: Bill Gaschler, Alvin Spurlock and Dick Woolsey.

NOTICE

Stratford Clinic
Will Be Closed

Dec. 24-Dec. 28

We will be open
on Monday

Dec. 29

*Fifty years is something to talk about
so the children and friends of
Bob and Minnie Burgess
cordially invite you not to give,
but come and visit with us and
share with joy, faith and love
on Sunday, December 28, 1975
from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.
in the home of
the Rex Christians
106 Beaver Road
Stratford, Texas*

Merry Christmas

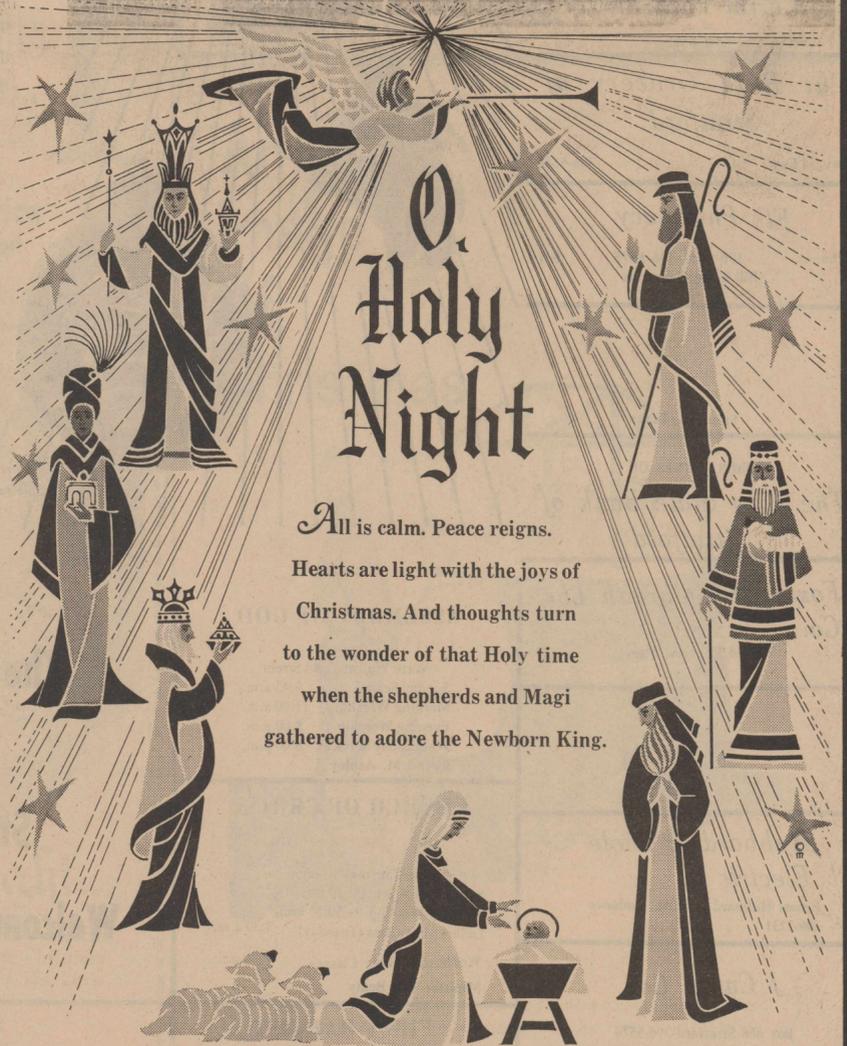


from your Allsup's employees

May the season abound in many joyful moments for everyone.



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All is calm. Peace reigns.
Hearts are light with the joys of
Christmas. And thoughts turn
to the wonder of that Holy time
when the shepherds and Magi
gathered to adore the Newborn King.



4th & Main in Stratford

Stratford
Dumas
Dalhart

Ph 396-5534

Project Christmas Card

The following residents have donated to Project Christmas Card and use this means of expressing their Holiday Greetings to you and yours. Proceeds of this project go for the continued improvement of the Sherman County Library.



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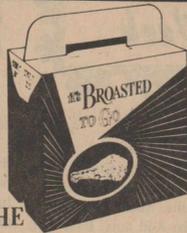
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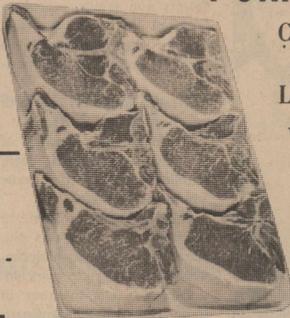
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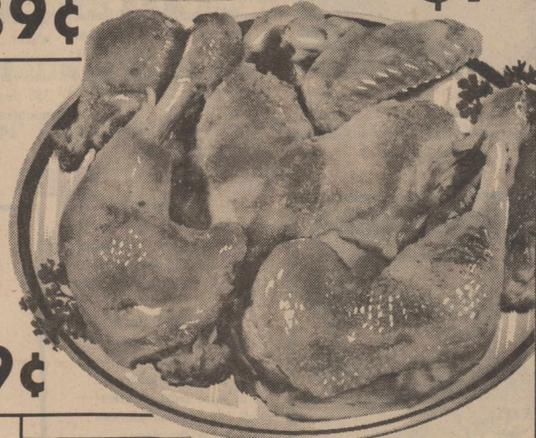
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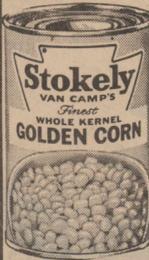


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COOK OF THE WEEK--Mrs. Keith [Carolle] Waters and youngest son, Chris, are shown in front of the Christmas tree in the living room of their home. The Waters have lived in Stratford for the past 10 years and are members of the First Baptist Church.

Cook of Week

Our cook for this week has lived in Stratford for the past 10 years and is the mother of five children. Mrs. Keith (Carolle) Waters and family moved to Stratford ten years ago from Dalhart when Keith and his partner bought Stratford Welding.

Carolle and Keith were both raised in Happy, Texas. The Waters are members of the First Baptist Church where Carolle teaches the first grade Sunday School class.

Their children are Sheri, 15 years old; Tim, 13 years old; Karen, 10 years old; Malcolm, who is 6; and Chris, 5 years old.

Carolle is a member of Better Homes Home Demonstration Club and is a 4-H leader. The Waters take an active part in supporting the Stratford Elks and Elkettes, attending most of the football and basketball games.

Carolle does lots of craft work including Tole Painting, macrame, etc. and also enjoys sewing.

Her recipes include a jello salad that is great for the holiday season; Pineapple Cookies and Chicken and Rice. Hope our readers will enjoy them.

HEAVENLY HASH

- 1 pkg. black cherry jello
 - 1 c. boiling water
 - 1/2 c. pineapple juice
 - 1/2 c. juice from cherries
 - small pkg. marshmallows
 - 1 can black cherries
 - 3 bananas
 - 1 large can crushed pineapple
 - 1 c. whipping cream
- Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add fruit juices and marshmallows and allow to jell firmly. Beat until foamy. Add chilled fruit and chopped nuts. Whip cream and flavor with vanilla and sugar. Fold into jello and let set overnight.

PINEAPPLE COOKIES

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 flat can drained pineapple
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 t. soda

- 4 c. flour
 - 1 c. chopped pecans
- Cream shortening and sugars. Add eggs, pineapple and vanilla. Add soda and flour gradually. Add nuts. Bake 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees. GLAZE WITH: Juice of 1 orange, enough powdered sugar to thicken.

CHICKEN AND RICE

- 1 fryer, skinned and cut up
 - salt and pepper
 - 1 stick oleo
 - 1 c. uncooked regular rice
 - 1 envelope onion soup mix
 - 3 c. water
- In a square pan melt oleo. Sprinkle rice over oleo. Lay chicken pieces over rice and sprinkle on onion soup mix. Add water and cover with foil, sealing around edges. Do not uncover while cooking. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 40 minutes.

UMW Group Enjoys Annual Holiday Event

United Methodist Women enjoyed a Christmas Buffet Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. Bill Riffe, UMW President. Donations were given toward an Indian Scholarship, a project of the group.

Christmas stories were read by Mrs. Riffe and the Bible Christmas reading was by Mrs. Von Ann Mercer.

Entertainment of Christmas music was provided by "The Jubilations," Karen Blake, Cheryl Reese, Nell Ingham and MariHoward Engelbrecht.

Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Hardaway. A Christmas gift was presented to

Mrs. Hardaway from UMW. Carols were sung by Miss Hazel Harris, and Mesdames Audrey Gamble, Selma Pendleton, Pearle Mullins, Peggy Alsop, Marijo Cox, Lela Moon, Kathleen King, Donna Gilley, Janice Sladek, Millie Hacker, Marylou McDaniel, Maurine Warren, Glenda Dyess, Sonja Ragsdale, Jimmie Pronger, Shirley Foreman, Irene Hughes, Sherry Butler, Ruth Gates.

TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Moore returned this past week from a trip to England with other Massey-Ferguson dealers over the nation. The Moores visited in Stratford on Avon, Bristol, Coventry and Bath while in England and were among 249 from Mississippi to Montana in this group. They left December 6 and returned on December 13.

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JA's

Silent Night Holy Night

Sing His praises joyfully for it is Christmastime! Reverently, we reflect upon the wonder of that first Holy night as we share the hope of the season with our many friends and neighbors. Good will to all men is in our hearts, with special good wishes and warm gratitude to our valued patrons.

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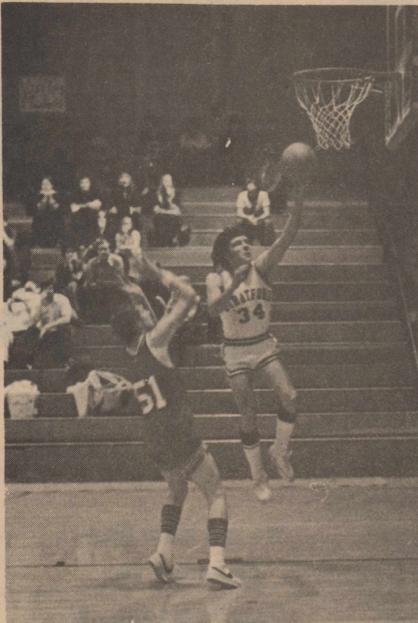
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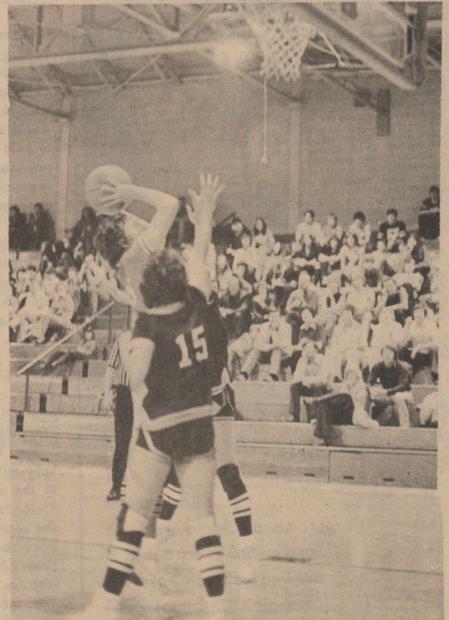


BACK COURT PRESSURE--Elks Joe Pete Albert, Wayne Garoutte and Darrell Doshier put the pressure on Greyhound ball handlers in the last game prior to the holidays last Thursday night.

Come to the games and help us Boost Our Teams This Year



LAYUP ON THE WAY--Leon Payne goes in for layup against Gruver Thursday night as the Elks hit the holidays on a winning note.



PLAYING IT COOL--Elkette Guard Dalene Prescott along with an unidentified teammate put the hustle on a Gruver scoring effort in the girl's game Thursday night.

Monday, Jan 5

Varsity Boys & Girls JV Boys vs White Deer, Here, 5:30

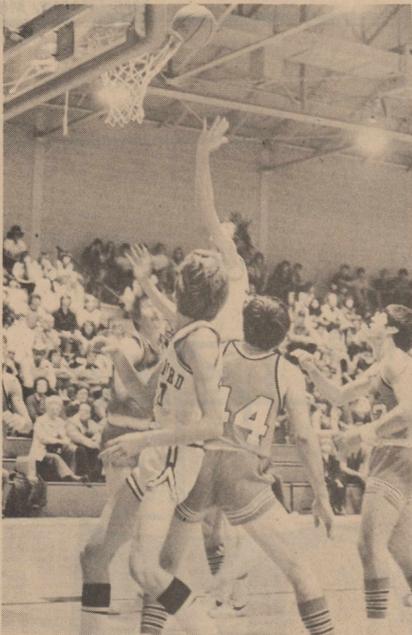
7-8 Boys & Girls vs Sunray, There, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

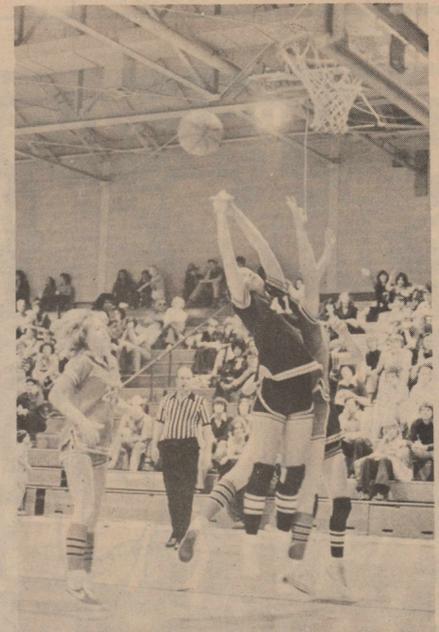
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January 8-9-10

STRATFORD TOURNEY



TWO FOR WAYNE--Wayne Garoutte gets up in the air to put in a bucket for the Elks in their game with Gruver Thursday night as Joel Hart is shown in foreground.



ELKETTE DEFENSE--Elkettes Janice Messer and Barrie Donelson put the squeeze on a Gruver player during action in the Elkette-Gruver game last Thursday night.

Come to all the games and join these local businesses in rooting for the Elks & Elkettes this season!

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Western Auto Store



CHRISTMAS CONCERT--The Elk Band's Christmas Concert was interrupted as members of the Elk Band presented Gary Laramore, director, with several Christmas gifts from members of the group. Laramore, assisted by Steve Ragsdale, presided over a musical program featuring all the groups of the high school and junior high music departments.

FRED CROSS RECEIVES DOCTORATE AT TEXAS A&M

Fred Cross, former County Agent in Stratford, has received his Doctorate Degree from Texas A&M University.

Cross earned his degree in adult extension. TAMU had a record 1,200 degrees awarded at fall commencement, including '869 undergraduates, 256 master's and 75 doctorates.

Fourth Grade Holds Annual Holiday Program

Members of the Fourth Grade at the Mary Allen Elementary School presented their annual Christmas Program Thursday evening in the Mary Allen Cafetorium.

Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, public school music teacher, was in charge of the program. The Fourth Grade Classes are taught by Mrs. Oleen Judd and Mrs. Lanelle Waldrop.

15-14 but went behind in the third 25-20 and lost 34-32.

Donovan Ferguson led the losing effort with 10 points followed by Terry Bilbrey with 9. Toby Wisdom and Thomas Sewell got 4 each while Rick Howard and Mike Trotter got 4 each and Chet Everett got a single. Breland was high scorer for Gruver with 11.

The Ellette JV team were colden' heck in their game and managed to pull up to within a single point in a losing cause. The Ellette JV trailed 9-6 and 21-16 at halftime then 26-21 at the end of three but finished out of the money by one, 35-34.

Len Garoutte led the Stratford Scorers with 14 while Jana Wiley hit for 9, Patty Pool got 7 and Honey Hart for 4. York was high for the winners with 22.

Tax Assessor Cites Program In Law

Members of the Texas Legislature ran through a hurried up, last second law which changed the method of voter registration and has resulted in much confusion and an order from the Federal

Government to "cease and desist" from the way in which the Legislature wished to change the law.

The net result is a lot of work being put upon all tax assessor collector offices all over the state with each voter being required to re-register before they may vote in 1976 elections.

The new law contains some good provisions, but the main effect has been that the Federal

Government has said that portions of the new law deter voting rights and was slapped down in the courts.

As it now stands, all those who wish to become bonafide registered voters and eligible to cast ballots during the 1976 elections are asked to go by the Tax Assessor's Office in the Court House and fill out a registration form.

Greetings

'Tis the season to be jolly...and to share with neighbors and friends the merriment of Christmas. To all, "Happy Holiday"!



We will close 2p.m. Christmas Eve Open Again Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

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Fern Gupton, Mgr.



Just a last minute check. Santa wants to make sure every detail is just right so you can have the merriest, happiest Christmas ever!

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BASKETBALL

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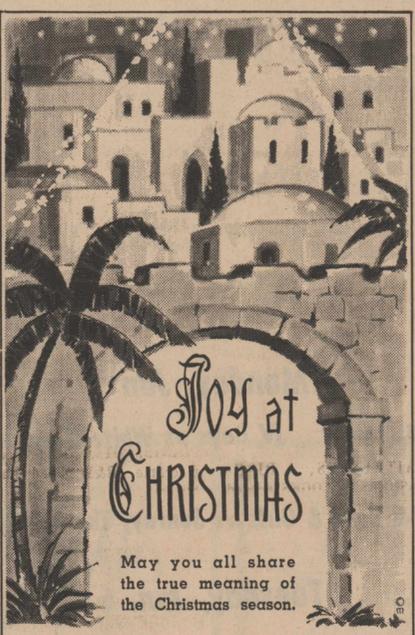
continued to hit in the second putting up 20 points to go in at the intermission owning a 42-29 lead. They came back in the third and hit for only 18 points but the guards managed to hold out Sunray to only 14 points to lead 60-43 and went on to put up a 23 final quarter effort and win big 83-56.

Miss Brown led the Elkettes with 40 points while Miss Hawkins hit for 14 field goals and 28 points. Miss Bell and Miss Dietrich both got 6 points each while LaRhonda Stacy hit for 3 points. Jan Osborn led the Sunray girls with 25 points.

The Ellette JV girls won their game over Sunray Tuesday night in a come from behind effort 28-26.

The JV trailed 5-0 in the opener, 12-10 at halftime, 19-18 at the end of three but won 28-26. Jana Wiley hit for 12 in the contest while Honey Hart got 8 and Patty Pool and Gyna Beaty got 4 each. Hutchison was high for Sunray with 16.

In the prelims of Thursday night, the Gruver JV teams took away a pair of citories winning the Boys JV game 34-32 and the Girls JV game 35-34. The Elk JV trailed 10-6 at the end of first, then led at the half



Lou's Fabrics In The Mini Mall



"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."

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May his spirit and wisdom be yours. May God's grace be upon you in all the days to come.

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PUBLIC NOTICES BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAXPAYING VOTERS OF GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and for GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS, on the 17th day of January, 1976, at the polling places hereinafter set out, within said District in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said District, as follows, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River: I. That an election shall be held within and for said Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River (hereafter referred to as "The District") on the 17th day of January, 1976, in the election precincts hereinafter set forth and at the polling places hereinafter set forth, all within said District, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpaying voters of said District the election of one (1) Precinct Director for Precincts One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) of the District, and the election of two County Committeemen from each county composing the District, for a two year term. II. Upon each of the ballots used in said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for Precinct Director to be elected as follows:

Director's Precinct No. 1-423 Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: OCHILTREE and LIPSCOMB Roy Stollings.

Director's Precinct No. 2- Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties HANSFORD AND HUTCHINSON N.F. Renner.

Director's Precinct No. 3. Territory within the District which is situated in SHERMAN COUNTY: Luther Browder

III. Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for County Committeemen to be elected for each county composing the District as follows: OCHILTREE COUNTY Bill Pletcher Johnny Daniels

HANSFORD COUNTY Ned Turner Frank Pitman

HUTCHINSON COUNTY Milford Lambright Nolan Holt

SHERMAN COUNTY Horce Sneed Neal Spurlock

LIPSCOMB COUNTY Roland Wheat Dan Sell Garner Schoenhalz

IV. Blank spaces shall be left in order that the names of other persons may be written in Each person (voter) residing in Director's Precincts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, as set forth above, shall vote for only one Director, namely for Director for the Director's Precinct in which the voter resides. All voters may vote for the candidate for their choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of such Director on the ballot. All voters desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot may do so by writing the name of the person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other candidates appearing on the ballot for Precinct Director. Each person residing in the

counties composing the District, as set forth above, shall vote for two (2) County Committeemen for the county in which the voter resides. Each person may vote for the candidates of his choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of the County Committeemen on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all but two candidates appearing or written in on the ballot.

V. The area comprising the District is hereby divided into the following election precincts, to include all or that part of the county designated which lies within the district, such election to be held at the polling places indicated and conducted by the following election officers: ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1 OCHILTREE COUNTY Polling Place: Ochiltree County Courthouse, Perryton, Texas Presiding Judge: J.H. Kershaw Assistant Judge: Harry Reimer Clerk: Ann Ellis Cecil Leicht

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1-LIPSCOMB COUNTY Polling Place: Lipscomb County Courthouse, Lipscomb, Texas Presiding Judge: Bob Albin Assistant Judge: Earnest King Clerk: Mrs. Ruth Ella May Clerk: Mrs. Mark Rogers

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2-HANSFORD COUNTY Polling place: Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas Presiding Judge: Joe Day Assistant Judge: John P. Vernon Clerk: Mrs. B.J. Garnett Clerk: Merle Washington

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2-HUTCHINSON COUNTY Polling Place: Pringle School House Presiding Judge: Eugene Weeks Assistant Judge: Loy Hiller Clerk: Mrs. E.R. Robertson Clerk: Dean Lieb

ELECTION PRECINCT No. 3-SHERMAN COUNTY Polling Place: Sherman County Courthouse, Stratford, Texas Presiding Judge: Mrs. Joe Billington Assistant Judge: Mrs. W.J. Lowe Clerk: Mrs. Ernest Cummings Clerk: Mrs. Ira Devine

VI That such election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District, in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

VII. That the President and Secretary of the District shall give notice of this election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution or notice containing the same to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation published in the bounds of the District, the first publication to be not less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the election. PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st day December, 1975. /s/ Gaston Wells President, Board of Directors ATTENST: /s/ Robert Thompson Secretary (Published Dec. 18-25-Jan 1, 1976.)

MISCELLANEOUS

REBATE PROGRAM--place your firm order today and you can qualify for up to 5 percent rebate on purchases of P-A-G Hybrid Grain Sorghum, Hybrid Forage Sorghum and Hybrid Corn in any combination. The Cowboy Store, Conlen, Tex. Ph. 384-2124. 51-4tc

FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING--Litronic Electronic hand calculators, six to eight digit. \$19.95 and up at Van Boston's, Stratford. 50-3tc

LOST-REWARD offered for return of Red Irish Setter, female, 8 months old. Call 396-2383. 52-1tp

SIAMESE KITTEN to give away, call 396-2056 or come by 413 N. Grace. 52-1tc

FOR RENT

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

FOR RENT--Furnished apartment, married couple or small family only. Call 396-2105. 46-tfc

REAL ESTATE

WANTED--Land Listings--Irrigated, dry or grass. HAMBLY REAL ESTATE, Hwy 287, Dumas, Tx. Office 935-5651. Res. 935-3566. 48-tfc

FORMER EARL GAROUTTE HOME for sale, contact G.R. Garrison. 40-tfc

FOR SALE--Three bedroom house, nice. Roy Lusk Real Estate, Nell Wall, Stratford 396-5588. 40-tfc

FOR SALE--Three bedroom home w/living room and kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, large garage on 1.6 acres. 219 S. Spruce, 396-2357. 50-2tc

FOR SALE--Two bedroom house, 2 1/2 lots, 308 South Main. Priced to sell at \$3,750. Call 249-5177, Dalhart, Texas. 32-tfc

MIS. FOR SALE

FOR SALE--Go cart & four new tires, new paint job, recovered seat. Call 396-5647. 50-tfc

FOR SALE--1972 Panther Snowmobile w/ trailer. Call after 5 p.m. 396-2117. 50-tfc

FOR SALE--Two pool tables, basketball goal, 1974 Yamaha 100 motorcycle, low mileage. Ph. 396-2354 or 396-2229. 50-2tc

IF YOU WANT TO DRINK... THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!! IF YOU WANT TO QUIT... THAT'S OURS!! A.A. & AL-ANON meets each Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in Methodist Fellowship Hall

Stratford Lodge 874 Owen Hudson, W.M. W.S. Frizzell, Sec'y Stated Communication 3rd Thursday monthly 7 p.m.

FOR SALE--1972 Oldsmobile, good condition. Contact after 5 p.m. 396-2545. 50-3tc

FOR SALE--1966 Four dr. Chrysler, good shape, have to see to appreciate; also 1972 El Camino, in good shape. Call 396-2131 8 to 5; after 6 call 396-5315. 50-4tp

FOR SALE--21 foot Trailblazer camping trailer. Sleeps 6. Air conditioned, large bath. Double axle. Ph. 727-4677. Bill Boren 51-3tp

FOR SALE--Country Club membership, phone 396-2188 after 5 p.m. 51-tfc

FOR SALE--Set of oak bunk beds, wagon wheel footboard, bookcase headboard, \$150. Call 2139 after 5 p.m. 52-1tc

HELP WANTED

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

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

WAITRESSES, DISH WASHERS & COOKS needed for Headquarters Restaurant. Apply in person on Dec. 18-19, after noon on Dec. 22; all day Dec. 23, or anytime after Dec. 29. Top notch working conditions. 51-3tc

WANTED--babysitter from Jan 18-25 who will come to my home. Contact Sue Bennett, Phone 396-2062. 50-tfc

SERVICES

Does Your Tail Water Pit Look Like A Mud Hole? Let Us Clean It Out Or Build A New One. Lee Roy Mitchell, Dirt Contractor, Ph. 806-733-2384. Gruver, Tex. 46-tfc

GOT PLUMBING PROBLEMS? Call Bob Garoutte Plumbing, 396-2490, for all your plumbing repairs and new installations. 26-tfc

ALL CABINET WORK--Custom built. Leo L. Scott, across alley from Stratford of Texas. Ph. 396-2219. 11-tfc

SADDLE SHOP at B&W Feed & Mineral. 34-tfc

TUXEDO RENTALS--available at Bill's Men & Boys Store. Tuxedos from Mr. Doyce, sizes 4-54. 43-tfc

REDUCE SAFE and fast with GoBese Tablets & E'Vap "water pills" at Brown's Pharmacy in Stratford. 45-12-tp

DRY OUT your tailwater pit, then call 396-2410 for expert pit cleaning. MAX BROWN, Stratford. 44-tfc

PRETTY PLEATS DRAPERY SHOP, 709 N. Main, Stratford, Custom made drapes, tablecloths, accent pillows, bed spreads, roll shades, roman shades, cornices and etc. Call 727-4855 or 396-5664. 36-tfc

HAND TOOLED LEATHER GIFTS for the Holidays. Need to be ordered now. B&W Feed & Mineral 44-tfc

SAND FREE GRAVEL PACKED domestic wells, plastic or steel casing. Have spudder for deepening existing wells. Also will drill irrigation wells if water furnished. Call nites 935-4088, W.V. BLOCK DRILLING, Dumas. 44-tfc

LAMPS, LAMP PARTS, ALL LIGHT BULBS--House of Shades & Lamp Repair, 2613 Wolflin Ave., Wolflin Village, Amarillo, Texas 79109. 8-52p

CESSPOOL PUMPING--Phone 384-2124 or see Bob Bradford in Conlen. 23-tfc

PLANTS, POTS, wrought iron, macrame. B&W Feed and Mineral. 42-tfc

AUTO REGISTRATIONS

12-10 Ran Dee Hudson 66 Ford Blake's Used Cars
12-10 Walter Lasley and Sons 76 Ford Corral Ford
12-10 I.G. Barrett 67 Ford Antinio Martinez
12-10 Charles F. Smith 44 Ford James Cameron
12-11 Beaver Cattle Co. 73 Ford JC O'Brien
12-12 Paul Chesmer Trustee, Buckles Trust-76 Chev. Duncan Chev.
12-12 Jerry Medina 66 Pontiac F.W. Poe
12-12 Wayne Schrandt 76 Olds Mac's Pontiac and Olds
12-15 Bryson Brothers 76 GMC Moore Imp.

12-15 Alfonso Gomez 74 Ford Brown Pont.
12-15 Joy Smith 76 Chev. Duncan Chev.
12-15 Jay Hacker 66 Ford Blake's Used Cars
12-15 Ronald Engelbrecht 76 Chev. Panhandle Chev.
12-15 Eloy Garza 76 Ford Corral Ford
12-15 Johnny and Elaine Mungia 72 Ford Corral Ford

Letter's To Santa

Dear Santa, Please bring me a police car, some books, some puzzles, and anything else you think I'd like. Please remember to bring some toys for my new cousin, Jennie, too. I've tried to be a good boy this year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love Todd French Age 2

Dear Santa Claus, I've been a good boy and would you please bring me a train, a truck that runs by itself, a firetruck, and an ambulance. Santa Claus since your nice and I love you so much I will leave some candy on the table for you on Christmas Eve. I am 4 years old. Love Jerry Don McLaughlin

Dear Santa, This is your Leigh sending a letter again. Will Rudolph be leading your sleigh again this year? Please bring a doll that really wets, and a baby high chair, and a snow-cone maker. Have a good drive with Rudolph. Please bring lots of toys for the other children. Would you please send me a letter if you can? Love Leigh Vann Bass

I want a John Deere Bicycle Please. I Love Santa Parker

Dear Santa Claus, I know that even it is Christmas you will bring presents to us. I wish that you get some more deer. Love Laura

Dear Santa Claws I want a good colored tv and a telephone and a mini bike too. and a baby that away and der devel derby, and mostly a horse and a blue zip camera and film for it. And mostly a trampling too but I rilly want a horse. Love Piper Bennett

Dear Santa, I hope you get a gift. You are a nice man. I love you Santa Claus. Love Patricia Oakley

12-15 Jim Ingham 74 Ford Corral Ford
12-16 Terry Brooks 73 Mercury Corral Ford
12-16 Danny Starnes 63 GMC Ira Marshall

Dear Santa, Please bring me a watch and a ring. I love you, Santa. Cindy Smith

Dear Santa, I would like a Evel Knivel stunt cycle. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love Floyd

Dear Santa Claus, May I have a electric football game how is Rudolph and the elves I hope you are doing fine too. I wish you a merry Christmas. Love Collin

Dear Santa, I want a baby alive that eats and drinks and also two books. Santa don't go to felt to bring me what I want, come to Kansas. Bring my sister Cindi, a Rub a dub doll and two books. Love Sheri and Cindi Murphey Felt, Okla.

Blanche's Blabs

The annual 4-H Food Show is starting to take shape in the Sherman County area. This is definitely the time for all young people to learn how through project club meetings to take over some of the many chores preparing meals bring. The girls are divided into different age groups with an adult leader. The projects they will be carrying will contain proper measuring of ingredients, following recipes, nutritional information and much much more.

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52-1tc

CARD of THANKS
I want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to the boys and girls in my class for the letters. Chris Bakér

Thurs. 11:30-5:00 pm
Fri. 10:30-5:00 pm
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R. L. Stone

Santa's holiday list...

It's sure to include each and every one of our wonderful friends and customers. We hope Santa's put you down for the very best of the Christmas season. And we hope that the holidays bring you not only presents under the tree but the gifts of life as well: happiness, peace, good health, and love.

**We will close at
noon Christmas Eve
and open for business
on Dec. 26**

