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Stratford's Finest Honored


Billy Bell and future farmer, Christopher There was a good crowd the evening and did have the the Chamber of Commerce hand most of the time. banquet. The big winners were Ken Metzger, Citizen of The Year; Billy Bell,
received Farmer of The Year; Gayland and Debbi Vandiver, Elk Pharmacy for Business Persons of The Year. Sherri Butler, Manager of Chamber of Comaward "Citizen Extraordinaire" for the excellent work she has done as chamber manager."
"Snine" "theme" as definitely the "theme" as everyone
seemed to have a good time. Harold Oquin was the Master of Ceremonies for Farmington, New Mexico

## Election Information

 Schoolboard Two Places OpenIncumbent, Doug McBryde
Rick Decker Jimmy Chesher
Ronald Brooks
Billy Bell
Robert Randall
John Lavake

## Steve Dettle

## City Council

Three Places Open
Incumbent, Wanda Riffe
Roger Jeffries Robert McGinnis
Doyle Kirkwood Justin Coaly
Rex Sladek
Eddie Haggard Don Williams
Hospital Board Two Places Open
Incumbent Scott Buckles Incumbent V.0. Lasłey
Wayne Merrill
Frank Sutton
Wayland Brown
Remember To Vote April 4,1987

Later graduating from high school there. He continued College in Abilene, Texas and Perkins Seminary at S.M.U., Dallas; and has put excel as an EMT
Ken and his wife Sue have 2 children. Mark who has graduated from Angelo State University and plans to attend Asbury Theological daughter, Marci who is a student at McMurry College. Before moving to Stratford in 1980, Ken ministered to
people in Dalhart, Post, Veoga and other places in Texas.
Ken
Ken is on the board of directors of SCOT. Member
of Lions Club and the of Lions Clab
Ministerial Alliance.
Farmer of The Year Billy Bell was raised on a farm
with 4 brothers. he has been with 4 brothers. he has been South Plains and then in Colorado where he was PCA Farmer of the Year. He moved to Stratford in the
early 70 's. He is a member of The Baptist Church and is the past president of the St. Joseph's Catholic Men Association. He is currently the president of the Gas
Users Association and a director of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Billy headed up the 1986 Chamber of Commerce Pheasant Hunt Committee
Geneva Bell to mother to Stratford in 1983 and make her home here. He has sons and 1 daughter. farming with enthusiasm When he was a high school senior the school canceled
Senior Day but this enter Senior Day but this enter-
prising young man took the prising young man took the
day off anyway-but he ended up plowing all day, was expelled for "playing hooky" and still graduated The 1987 Business Person of the year is again 2 people instead of one.
Gayland and Debbi Vandiver, Owners of Elk Pharmacy
have shown an agressive and enthusiastic attitude in their service to this community and surrounding area. There is always a cordial greeting
and sincere desire to help and sincere desire to help
you with your needs. This past year they have completely refurbished their store and have added new the Stratford area
They have been active in serving their community in activities outside their busi-

ness such as City Council, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Stratford Little Leaque, Miss Stratford Pageant, Cub Scouts and more.
Channing graduated from he was an outstanding athlete, and Debbi graduated from Dalhart Hiah School where she was dedicated to cheerleading. West mex while attending West Texas State University and were married August 22,
1970. A change of study caused a move to Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma where Gayland graduated. They have one son, Greg a
student in Stratford Middle School.
These business persons have come out many time during the night to fill etc. for customers and never complain, whatever the time may have been. If you have a question about a prescription
Gayland is ready with Gayland is ready
courtious answer.

Time Change
Daylight savings time will arrive early this year. DST on Sunday, April 5. This is the time that clocks are set forward one hour. The actual
time change is at $2: 00$ a m . time change is at $2: 00$ a.m. convenient to reset clocks before going to bed Saturday
night. night.

## Notice

There will be CPR Classes
given Thursday, April 9th given Thursday, Aprit 9 $6-10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. If anyone is interested please call 396-2157 or $396-2844$ to sign up.
Judge Frizzell will be in $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Texhoma at City } & \text { Hall on } \\ \text { Monday, April } 6 \text { from } & 10\end{array}$ a.m. until 12 noon to deliver commodities.

NOTICE
Lautz 4-H Club will meet Wednesday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lautz Elevator.
Guest speaker will be Korky Kiser from Dumas speaking on Photography. Everyone is tion you may call the Extension Office.

Past Masters Night, Stratford Masonic
cordially invites all Mason and Eastern Star with samilies to a meal and entertainment honoring all
Past Masters, Saturday, Past Masters, Saturday,
April -, at Stratford Masonic Hall at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
To the qualified voters
residing within the boundaries of Texhoma Memorial Hospital District:
Eald District at the held in house in Texhoma, Texas on the 4th day of Aprill, 1987 for the purpose of electing two
directors.

Charles Roach, Secretary

## Sladek

## Announces

Candidacy
Rex Sladek has recently announced his candidacy for the office of City Council. He
is currently self employed as an Independent grass seed salesman and custom farmer. Rex moved to Stratford
in 1967. He graduated from Stratford High School. Rex
married Gina Hunter from Dumas in 1983. They have two children Shane and

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For their progressive nity Gayland Debbi Vandiver of EIk Pharmacy were
chosen Business Persons the chosen Business Persons the
year. year.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is initiating an
"EMPLOYE OF THE MONTH" recognition with the "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH"" recognition with the first award to be presented April 13. Nominations will retall, service, clerical, etc. Individuals submitting a nomination should give reason [s] for their nominee being considered. The "Employee of the Month" will be featured in a news article and receive a certificate of
recognition. Nomination forms will be published recognition. Nomination forms will be published
monthly in The Stratifrd Star or may be picked up from the Chamber Office.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
Name
Employer
Reason[s] for nomination

|  |
| :--- |
|  |
| Nomination submitted by |
| [Only signed nominations will be considered] |
| Please return this [or simillar form] to the Chamber of |
| Commerce office by noon, Wednesday, April 8, 1987. |

## Dear Readers

## This weikend, the time

 tive. Be sure and moveclocks forward Saturday night refore retiring. fill out The Employee of The Month form and mail or take it to the Chamber
Commerce office. Commerce office.

Chambuer of Commerce
Banque. Vote-Saturday, April 4. List of candidates on fron page. Star's sympathys are with Sherri Butler and her family on the loss of her mother.
Congratulations Eddie
Williams, on being a DAR
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Letters To Editor

## Dear Marty (and all)

 Have read with interestyour and the Amarillo Globe your and (Gee, Stratford has
News
sure made the Amarillo sure made the Amarillo papers recently) account of the School Zone situation in
Stratford. article is the big mystery as
to WHY the then City to WHY the then City Council took no action on the
State Hwy office in 1974. State Hwy office in 1974. I
believe I can solve that mystery.
Stratford has always been a pretty independent little community and we have
tried to stand on our own tried to stand on our own
feet. At that time the council consisted of businessmen and a mayor who felt that way and who wanted to "Do It Ourselves Mom' without
outside 'intervention. Now the present council sees it a different way and that is heir privilege-so its up to our citizens to abide by their er rules the State wants to set for School Zones in our communities city limits. Change is constant. So Be It! Hope this solves the
mystery.
Annell Wall
X "Old Gray Mayor,"
To the editor:
There come times in our
live that are especially
significant: that time when
you know you have a saving
relationship with Jesus
Christ; that moment of
finding that the speciat
person you love loves you
too;; the birth of your first
child; along with memorable
experiences from school
days.
Then there comes a
moment, a once-in-a-lifetime
occurence, unexpected and
for which you are completely
unprepared. Such happened
to me last Friday evening as
I was awarded "Citizen of
the Year.",
Someone really ought to
tell you these things so that
you can have something
significant to say at the time.
But since that is not the case,
I want to express my sincere
appreciation for such a
tremendous honor.

When Ithink of citizens of Stratford, the exceptional quality of our population, it adds to the honor. Stratford is a unique place in which to
live, boasting some of the best people around. It is an very special thing to be so honored by such, and I am Thank you.

## Ken Metzger

Letter to Editor
I would like to take this
opportunity to opportunity to express my
sinzere appreciation to the sinzere appreciation to the
folks of Stratford for their kindnesses during the recent days of inclimate weather. During the first "seige"' of snow that isolated Stratford,
several hundred several hundred motorist
were stranded here. However the pastors of local churches opened of loir docal
to these weary to these weary people and allowed them to find refuge inside the churches during
the time the roads were closed.
Many
Many different stories are
told of local citizens who told of local citizens who
offered food, blankets, homes and other comforts to help make an otherwise
difficult situation into an almost pleasant situation. Without this help, I am
convinced that the cold weather would have taken its toll on these motorist. Sincere cooperation was
the key to the entire the key to the entire
affair-cooperation on the part of citizens, churches, pastors, businesses and "emergency personnel. Also, I was very impressed
with the efficiency demonwith the efficiency demon-
strated by both the City of Stratford street crews and the State Highway Department crews in their efforts of removing snow from streets and highways. earlier praises for Stratford and Sherman County Residents. You truly are a special closely the admonition of the Bible--"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that
men should do to you, do ye men should do to you,
even so to them:

Sign me, a proud resident of

## It's A Small World

During road closure of place to wait out the storm
U.S. 287 because of high She had been to U.S. 287 because of high She had been to Ft. Worth to
winds and snow in Colorado visit her daughter. Bill took this happened to the Bill them to his house and when Deutschendorf's last Sunday. 8 a.m. Vicki Erickson
and her neighbor's Trace, stopped by the S.D.H. office and asked for a place to stay and wait out the storm. Bill invited them to their house and put her car in the garage because of the
wind and cold. Vicki had been to Austin to attend the basketball tournament, Trace to visit his Dad. ell and Amber her two year old grandaughter stopped by
the roadb

## Opportunity For

## Community Service

## Kindergarten swimming helpers needed. Beginning Apri: 27, Monday, Wednes-

 day, Fridays, until May 15thEight persons willing to get their face wet and be patient and smile a lot plusfour persons as substitutes will be needed to have
successful program successful program. If you
would be willing to help please contact Steve Haynes, principal Mary Allen Elementary, Gaynelle Riffè or
LeRayne Donelson

## Scholarship Winners

The North Plains Ground-
water Conservation District water Conservation District has completed the judging
for the 1987 essay contest on "Why The Importance Of Water Conservation'
The winners The winners are as 1. $\$ 500.00$ Scholaship-Kristi

Blake.
2. $\$ 300.00$ Scholarship Christie Chumley. 3. $\$ 200.00$ Scholarship-Lori Wiley. $\$ 100.00$ Scholarship-Thad Parsons. All of these young people are from Stratford. Mrs. Mitchell was half way
through the door she through the door she
stopped with a stunned stopped with a stunned look
on her face and pointing to on her face and pointing to Two families, who were neighbors in a suburb of Denver, found the same
home in Stratford, Texas to wait out the storm. Trace had lost his billfold, he he thought around Headquarters Cafe. A call to Odell Arnold produced the billfold
found out in the street, found out in the stros.
money and all intact.

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## Ihe Stratford Star

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M. Robertso

Editor \& Publisher

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## Legal Notice

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that Stratford City Council will meet in regular session Thursday, April 2,1987 , at
7:30 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Room of Stratford City Hall.
AGENDA:
AGENDA:

1. Read and approve the 1. Read and approve the
minutes of the last meeting. 2. GTE representative to
give update of current activities and what will be happening in 198
2. Discuss the sa 3. Discuss
 Chestnut Park
3. Discuss seal coat Under Artive SEssiontion 2 g concerning evalua-
ticle tion of City employees. 7. Discussion of policies,
complaints, and matters of complaints, and matters o
urgent
necessity arising urgent necessity arising
subsequent to the posting of this notice.
4. Review b 8. Review bills for payment. Wayland E. Brown,
City Manager. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING NO
PARKING ZONE
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Stratford,
Texas, has determined that a portion of U.S. Highway 54 be designated as a school Zone; Whereas, to insure that the motorists are able to see the flashing school zone signals, it is necessary to
create a no parking zone to create a no parking zone to
allow visual access to the allow vis
signals; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF STRATFORD CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS, that parking of
motor vehicles shall be prohibited on that northeast right of way of U.S. Highway
 (9) feet northeast of the intersection of the center line
of Pearl Street and the northeast right of way of
U.S. Highway 54 to U.S. Highway 54 to a point
eleven (11) feet southwest of the intersection of the center line of Pearl Street and the
northeast right of way line of northeast right of way line of
U.S. Highway 54 U.S. Highway 54 .
SIGNED this 19 day of

## March, 1987.

THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS
By: Leland Lewis, Mayor
Attest:
Wayland Brown
(Published in The Stratford Star Thursday, April 2,

## First State

## Bank To

 Host
## Art Show

April 10 ing April 6th thru
Bank will be displaying tate
Sladek
Cont. from Pg.
Jennifer. Rex is an active member of the First United ford and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Rex has also been an active member of the Stratford
EMT Association for the past ive years.
in 1983 Rex was elected to In 1983 Rex was elected to
the City Council but had to the City Council but had to
resign his post due to a resign his post due to a
change of employment in change of employment in
which he had to move from Stratford.
Stratford will "On April 4, theople of Stratford will have an opportunity to elect three
people to the office of City people to the office of City
Council. I feel that my previous experience on the Council will be a geat asset if I am elected to the council
and the operations of and the operations of the
City of Stratford."

## VOTE FOR

Robert Randall
Trustee for Stratford Independent School District Your vote will be appreciated
Paid Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Robert Randall

## Vote For

Doyle Kirkwood
Your vote will be appreciated for
Stratford City Council
d. Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Doyle Klrkwood, Treas. P.O.
Box 323, stratiord,
Toxas
79084

vote for
Rex Sladek
Candidate for City Council
April 4, 1987
Yout Vote Will Be Appreciated
Pd Pol Adv, Pd for by Rex Sladek, Stratford, TX

## Star Dates



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Friday 3 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. -10 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.- 6 p.m.

## JOIN US!

Sponsored by the Guymon Chamber of Commerce and Kathy Bryant.

SCOT Notes
S.C.O.T. Who were not
able to attend scot Hall dinner March 26 th missed one of the best mee The hall was decorated
with Scot quilted letters (S.C.O.T.) and posters used
at.Sherman health Fair. The at. Sherman health Fair. The
tables were decorated with Jonquils and cut-out shamrocks making such a fitting background for the
meal we enioyed
meal we enjoyed. er, Ruby McNeal, Dicy and Max Stephenson, Sue and Ken Metzgers, $\quad$ Dolores
Bunch, Bub Parvin,
Georgia Bunch, Bub Parvin, Georgia Cook, Chris and Howard
Ethridge. All 88 people attending thank them for taking care of us so nicely. Special guests were the
KVII-Channel 7 crew composed of Yvette Perez, posed of Yvette Perez,
Promotion Director, Jackie Smith, Production Mgr. ; Gary Mariott, Sales Service; Buddy Aquires, Seven Who
Care Program Consultant: and Vicki Brooks, Volunteer Action Center (United Way). They were here filming our own LeRayne Donelson
(1987 Recipient of Seven (1987 Recipient of Seven surroundings for the TV production to be aired on
KVII April 22. Watch for the Program. LeRayne is one of work helps keep things running so effectively for Sherman County Older Texans. We thank her and lover her. We hereby
express Scots and personal appreciation of love for her husband, B.A., who supports LeRayne wholehearted in her many civic activities.
The days activity was concluded by Hal Crawford who sang for us. Hal is a
nephew of Bill Durham and has lived in Stratford about 7 years. He and wife Cathy
have two children Hally and Cody. The songs Hal sang were "He's Still Working on
Me"' and "He Touched Me" Both are the kind of songs Sherman County Older so Hal landed squarely into our hearts and lives on the
strains of his Christian

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after a bout in the hospital. If
by Timmie Brown Testimony, which we know is
true. Thank you, Hal, We expect you to visit again. Weather the 28th Satur
day night, was hard on the dayeduled Scot Dance. The musician, Dennis Hawley, was snowbound so some tapes were produced for
music. Folks who could "make it" to Scot Hall had a good time and left a free-will offering.
On
On March 20 th the 'Quilters' met for the usual
all-day quilt-meet and had an enjoyable day On April 9th-Thursday, Scot folks plan to attend the
Dinner Theater in Amarillo. Dinner Theater in Amarillo. attend. The cost is $\$ 16.95$ each plus tip; be at Scot Hall seated in the bus ready to roll at 4:00 o'clock p.m. April
9th Reservations have to be 9th Reservations have to be
confirmed-so be sure Ethel is informed by the 8th of April. HELP-Where are Scot's cameras? Whoever knows get in touch with President
Bernice Christian, Phone 396-5300-Now! This is ur-gent-because of the following announcement. S.C.O.T. "Easter hat (Bonnet) Parade" Time: April 23,
1987 noon at Scot Hall. Theme: Hat or Cap,
Catagories are 1. Prettiest Catagories are 1. Prettiest
hat 2. Most appropriately decorated for the Easter
occasion. 3. Most typical Cowboy Hat. 4. Oldest Hat and 5. Most Outlandish. Under direction of Oline Caraway. The camera is essential. A volunteer
operate it is needed, too. Leona Woods has volu teered to take care of the Scrap-book and earnestly request aid in this project. who have been out of pocket for a few days are found. We are speaking of Bill and Selma Pendleton. They have been visting to see Christian
Rob Pendleton-as Chriall church folks call him-and all their children. Bill said all. Father Rob Pendleton celebrated his 95 birthdy in
March. He is faring quiet well. Maybe his steps falter a bit but his awareness doenn't skip a beat. Bill alss
reports that his aunt-Olive reports that his aunt-Olive
Finch of Dalhart is recuperating in Coon Memorial Home
read our "notes", we send our love and best wishes from Sherman County Older
Texans and personally to
Joyce Brooks and Bessie Palmer enjoyed a wonderful
trip to Hawaii March 12-24. trip to Hawaii March
Joyce said they took Joyce said they took
advantage of all entertainment offered. That is the way to have a good time, Isn't it?
Mary Peach Smith and Betty Lou O'Brien leave
Thursday to visit South Texas from Austin to San Antonio.
We met
We met Margaret Mcintyre of Cactus at the
Sherman Co. Health Fair. Margaret's parents are the Wilbur Wilson's of Cactus. She reports that the Wilsons are doing fine. Country Club Bridge Tournament Thursday March 26-were Alma Lee McMahan, Reba Pittman and Margurite Terrill.
visiting their daughter Cheryl in St. Louis.
Neighbor
Neighbor Naomi Sanders experienced a disagreeable
time last week for a senior citizen. Naomi was in Bowie visiting her brother, John Sanders, when she contraced a severe cold. Naturally she decided she must get
home to see her doctor. The bus she was on was marooned by snow south of Amarillo, Monday, March 23. The bus-driver left the vehicle and passengers to
get help. After six hours on a geld bus, Naomi got a ride into Amarillo in a pickup with a man who offered help. Later a bus brought other passengers and Naomi to gave us this account during the week. We are informed that Naomi was hospitalized Memorial Hospital. Her Mrother John is living alone since his wife's death. He is
not too well. ot too well.
Dovie Fedri
making Fedric is home and mas as we are informed ou other sick folks are making
progress health-wise progress health-wise.
Doris and Roscoe Dyess are in Mississippi. Penny and Harold Bennett are in
Stratford-home again. Juanita Bolster is now a guest at Coldwater manor.


Art Show
Cont. from Pg. 2
oils, she is also accomplished
in pastels and acrylics. Her in pastels and acrylics. Her
favorite subject is children. favorite subject is children.
Paintings by Mary Jane are Paintings by Mary Jane ar
often characterized as "gen often characterized as "gen
tle" and "straight from the heart."
Don
Don Hickmott is an Amarillo artist who has been painting professionally for 2
years. He has had many ribbons, merit, purchase and people's choice awards in the 5-state region. Don has also had three magazine
covers in $86-87$ for Muzzlecovers in 86-87 for Muzzle-
loader magazine and has loader magazine and has West, as well as, Arts and Entertainment in Amarillo. What began as boyhood
adventures in the Canadian River breaks of the Texa Panhandle led artist Richard Hogue into latterday adven tures--through volumes o
research books, trips research books, trips to
historic sites, and visits to art museums. His oil paintings, rich in detail and style gained from years of study and experience, cap
ture moments of times past, moments of solitude, or fleeting moments of action. His works portray the heritage of a historically significant
Southwest.
Arvis L. Stewart's basic
interest interest lie in nature and history and he trys to use these elements in any
painting. Some of his fondest memories are those of roaming through the canyons of his grandparents farm near Turkey, Texas,
where he was born. As a where he was born. As a
young boy they seemed deep and mysterious. Many of Arvis Stewart's paintings feature the danger, shelter,
solitude, mysterious, and solitude, mysterious, and
ever changing scenery of ever changing
This wide variety of art styles and subjects should have something for every
one. Make plans to attend one. Make plans to attend
this showing, April 6 thru 10 in the lobby of the First State Bank.

Kerrick News by Marylou McDaniel

A St. Patrick's covered dish supper was held a day late, March 18, when the
storm delayed it. Hosts were the Kayo McDaniels and Ben Tom Jameses. Shamrocks and other appropiate decorations were used. Attending
were the R.J. Hills, Don were the R.J. Hills, Don
Ellisons, Newt Crabtree Bethany Craig, Warren Millers, Nita Taylor, Franny Taylor, Ted Ir!becks, Ralph Hamptons, Annette HampFred McDaniels, Hank Rogerses, Joshua Rogers. Joshua Rogers, Amarillo spent his spring break with grandparents, Hank and Mabel Rogers, then lan Weems came from Okl
ma City the next week
After
After being home for two
weeks, John McDaniel has weeks, John McDaniel has
returned to Tennessee where he has been working.
Spring has sprung with a giant leap backwards! Sprclocks jump forward Saturday night!
Minnie and Annette Hampton visited No-Man's
Land Historical Museum a Goodwell where they saw a quilt display by Mary Olson, it were quilts she had made over the years. A special one was a State quilt. She was co-artist with Bill Schallert of Guymon who had charcoal
drawings on display. Sorry to drawings on display. Sorry to
say, the display is now over.

Gayla and Ben Tom James attended the recent Dalhart Chamber of Commerce
banquet where Bob Lilly was the speaker. Lilly and Gayla are second cousins and they caught up on some family news. Gayla said they were
without electricity for a without electricity for a day
and a half during the recent storm. They were glad they had a fireplace.
Dr. Gary Mathews, Aus-
tin, and Mariorie Mund tin, and Marjorie Munden,
Claude, visited Thursday Claude, visited Thursday
and Friday with their and Friday with their
mother, Virgie Mathews. Franny Taylor has a new grand-nephew, William Patrick Baker, born March 17 in
Denver. His parents are Eric and Melody Baker. Grandmother Donna Baker lives in
Rose and Cap Williams were honored with a
wedding reception Friday night in Boise City. Hosts were her daughters, Darla Cummings, Stratford and Peggy Hart, Boise City and his daughters, Caroline
Vaverka, Dewey, Ok., and Sue Topper, Christy Quimby, both of Boise City.
Among those attending
were Nita Taylor, Franny Taylor, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjorie Munden, Mary and Poe Keener, Mark Keener, Shelia Hawkins, Brett Cummings, Wayne Cummings, Shawna and Carlton Baugas and Taylor, Buck Christy and
Debbie Hart.

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Stratford Hospital District April 4, 1987 Vol. Adv. Pd.
V. O. Lasley
Please note carefully the
call for the cameras!


# Star A SOCIETY 

Engagement Announced


Mr. and Mrs. Gary Steinberger, Follett are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage
of their daughter, Karlynda Gayle to Ron Shrader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnle Shrader, of Electra, Texas.
Karla is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lester Plunk and Karla is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lester Plunk an

TOPS 897 Tops 897 met March 24th weighing in, then we went to Headquarters for our business meeting, election of officers are: Leader-Maurine Wilson, Co-Leader-Rose Wells, Treasurer-Geneieve Wilson and Secretary-Elsie Gasley. Weight recorder is Geneva Bell.
dinner at K-Bobs to honor our ten year Tops member, Elsie Lasley-she received her 10 year sapphire necklace.
Then we adjourned to Myrtle Ellison's home to install our new officers. They were installed by our out going leader Myrtle Ellison. We
also completed plans to go to the State meeting in Dallas.

Women's Division Board Meets

Annual Spring
Board Meeting

> The Annual Spring Board
meeting of the First District meeting of the First District Clubs was held Thursday in the Women's Federated Club Rooms in Amarillo. Mrs. John R. Yows of
Borger, recording secretary of the District, presided at the meeting.
> The purpose of the meeting was an overall
review of the work of the review of the work of the
District Federation, including that of the fifty
Chairmanships, as outlined in the Directory of the Texas After much discussion the members present voted on a tentative plan (on a trial basis) the following plan: Have one District Conventwo year administration (formerly one was held each year.)
Each club will plan one activity the First year with
another club called "Special Guest Day", the purpose to exchange information about the Federation and have
ajoint program. ajoint program.
Change the ships down to 18 by combining related ones, and eliminating those not related to the interest of First
District. Three Chairmanships assigned to each of the six clubs: Amarillo, Borger,
Gruver. Dawn, Hereford, Gruver, Daw
and Stratford

The District Con
will be streamlined: The District Board meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. ing at 10:30. Opening ceremonies will be eliminapresented before the noon uncheon. the performing
Art's program will immediately follow the luncheon, ending with adjournment. The Juniors who will perform on the program will
be guests at the noon be guests
luncheon.

Requirements for the Mae
Von Darden Gold Cup Von Darden Gold Cup
attendance Trophy were attendance
updated.
Delay any revision of the District By-Laws until the trial period is over. Distric called by the District President as she deems necessary.
Officers who will serve for 1987-89 are: President-Mrs Jewel Keith, Borger; Vice president-Fay Gillespie, Mandy Derrington, Gruver; Treasurer-Mrs. Helen Caraway, Dawn; Historian-Daisy Allison, Amarillo; Parila-
mentarian-Marihoward Engelbrecht, Stratford; Auditor Marlene Morris, Borger. <br> \section*{} <br> \section*{} Commerce Women's Divi-
sion Board met on March 17, 1987 at the Sherman County Museum. Members present Crabtree, Sherri Butler, Terry Kennedy, Vicki Gore, Judy Griffith, Andrea NorEllen Tillery Reinart, and Ellen Tillery he meeting meering which included scussion of the following upcoming events: the basketball tournament on April
$6-11$; the Chamber of $6-11$; the Chamber
Commerce banquet March 27; the ribbon cutting for Ronnie Pickens "General Store'" on April 11; and the
Depot Doin's on June 6 . Recognition goes to Co
ie Reinart for the very attractive bulletin board in the King Equipment windfeature in the windows comes from the high school art classes. Students contributing art this month were Oscar Cano and Jamie young people involved in the beautification of our town

## Texas

Tech News Students on the Presi-
dent's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade-poin average while enrolled in 1 or more semester hours of ing 12 or more hours with grade-point average of
3.5-3.9 qualified for the
Dean's Honor List. Dean's Honor List. Students from Strat Students from Stratford
were: Brian K. Kendrick on the President's List and Brent Lee Holman on the

## Good job, guys!

Beginning in April the
Retail Merchants will pill mote an "Employee of the Month Award'" for Stratford businesses. Seldom do these fine employees receive recognition for their contributions to the trade and please participate in this award by voting for the employee of your choice using the newspaper form or by coming by the
Chamber of Commerce i person.
Also
Al
Also coming up in April is
the "Yard of the Month", the "Yard of the Month" Connie Reinart will be searching for an outstanding yard for this award. The next meeting for th Women's Division Board o April 21 at the museum. Al members are urged to attend

## Happy Hour

Happy Hour Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Virginia Wells Meeting was called to order by Elsie Pickens, with ${ }^{4}$
members present. Virginia Wells read the roll call. Roll call was on How Long Have been In Club. Elsie Picken read the council report.
The meeting was journed with delicious re freshments served to members.
The next meeting will be 1987. Present were Dorotha Allen, Myrtle Ellison, Virgi gina, Wells and Elsie


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## Births

Jerry and Brenda Ewers are proud to announce the
arrival of their baby son March 18th at 2:33 a.m. and weighed $8 \mathrm{lbs} 121 / 2 \mathrm{ozs}$. and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents
are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith great grandparents are Mr and Mrs. J.W. Smith all of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Livingston and Lorraine Livin
Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ewers of Stratford. Great grandparYoder, Colo.; and Jose Yoder, Colo.; and Jose

Joshua Kautz would like to announce the birth of his sister, April Amelia born
March 5. She weighed 6 lbs 6 ozs. and was 18 inches long Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie
Artho, ents are Mrernal GrandparKautz, all of Stratford. Maternal great grandparents
are Mr. are Mr. and Mrs. Arnie
Huseman of nal great gratrord, PaterMr. and Mrs. Al Varents are of Liberal and Joe Fuentes of Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Kautz would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Whitney Dawn born March
27th. She weighs $7 \mathrm{lbs} .141 / 4$ $0 z$ and is 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley of Texhoma and
Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kautz of Stratford. Maternal greatgrandparents are Mr. and
Mrs. L.W. Castler and Mrs. L.W. Castler and
Paternal great grandparents Paternal great grandparents
are Mr. and Mrs. AI Velasques of Liberal, Kansas and Joe Fuentes of Stratford.

## Menu

Monday-Frito pies, $w / \mathrm{k}$
corn, slaw, peach cobbler. Tuesday-Steak finger, mash-Tuesday-Steak finger, mash-
ed potatoes, green beans, ed potatoes, green, Wednesday-Taco pizza, lettuce, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, iello fruit. Thursday-Bake Weiners, macaroni and cheese, eng-
lish peas, rolls and rolled oat cake. lettuce and tomatoes, ta tots and cinnamon rolls
Aschool of fish is
shoal or draught.

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## Cards of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank ou to our friends and neighbors who supported us in our Garden Clity Sale. We really appreclate your beling Bobby \& Karla Edmond
We sincerely appreclate the honor of being chosen Businesspersons of the Year. We fully reallze tha family, and friends this recognition would not have been possible. Thank you again.

Gayland and Debbl Vandiver

Thank you to the person who nominated me, to the people who voted for me and to the community for al thelr nice words of congratulations. Being "Farmer of

Billy Bell
I wish to thank the person who nominated me and the committee who voted for me and to everyone in the appreclate the honor of being selected "Citizen of The Year"

## Ken Metzger

The family of Fannie Brown wish to express our appreclation for the telephone calls, cards, flowers concern and thoughtfulness is deeply appreclated.

Wayland Brown Family
Marton Brown Family
Lewis Balley Family

## Parent-Child

Cooking Class Offered
"Partners in the Kitchen'. a parent-child cooking class will be offered each Tuesday
evening during the month of April. cooking class deThe cooking class de-
signed for youth ages $6-9$ signed for youth ages 6-9 and their parents will offer
hands-on food preparation hands-on tood preparation
skills and teach food and equipment safety and nutrition knowledge. The class will be promoting cooking as a fun activity.
Participants in the four
part cooking class will learn the following:

How To Make Bread in A Bag-April 7 Microwave Foods-April 14 Easy Snacks-April 21 The class will be held from $6: 30-7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the old all persons regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin. Class size is limited and interested persons are encouraged to pre-register for the class by calling the County Ex
396-2122.

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## UIL Contest

- Stratford High tallied 199 points to clinch second place at District UIL Literary Meet all, 16 students qualified for regional UIL at Big Springs April 25. Students competed in speech, journalism, sci-
ence, math, English and business events. Rounding up first places were Stefanie Harrison-poetry,Kristi Blake-L.D. debate and headline writing, Chris
Riffe-informative, Wes Alli-son-persuasive, Mary Rodri-quez- spelling, Dirk Davistypewriting, Jan Phelps-literary critisism. were Kay Lynne Spurlock


Prospectus Study Club
persuasive, Leigh Bass-poe-
try, Becky Young-feature writing and Jon Engelbrecht number sense. Those receiving third places were Leigh Bass-rea-
dy writing, Katrina Plunk-L dy writing, Katrina Plunk-L
D. Debate, Sami Oakley-pro De, Debate, Sami Oakley-pro-
sichelle Durham-se, and
spelling.
Alterna Alternates were Sheri
Bullock, Becky Young Bullock, Becky Young,
Chase Griffin, Chris Riffe, Chase Griffin, Chris Riffe,
Bobby Chesher, Stefanie Harrison, Michael Lunt, Patti Sizemore. Lather participants include Mark Durham, Doug Pittman, Scott Riffe, Renne Allen, Ronna Jo Engelbrecht
Candy Kirkpatrick and Thad Parsons.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club walked away with the most awards at the March 21 Top of Texas District Convention in Borger! They were awarded and eight seconds. Attending the event were Margaret Reed, Oline Caraway and Marylou McDaniel. This was the first year the organiza-
tion had a one day only tion had a one day only
convention and it proved to be a success.
About 140
About 140 registered for the annual event. Jean
Burchett, author of "Daze of Burchett, author was the entertaining lúncheon speaker. Borger Barbershop Belles
numbers. Karen Lewis, Dumas, was
elected President-Elect to replace Mrs. Tom Serrett who has been seriously ill. The club's yearbook was
awarded Judge's Choice for awarded Judge's Choice for
a score of 100 . Lorraine a score of 100. Lorraine
Mehner is Program \& Yearbook Chairman. By three points they were second in the Club Scorecard
to 1924 Wellington Study Club.
Firsts were for Outstanding Club Program and ing); Outstanding Federaing); Outstanding Federa-
tion Day Program \& Project; Girlstown, U.S.A., also a certificate for Girlstown End GFWC Centennial Celebration.
Education Department Literacy Program Emphasis report received first as did
Leadership, Programs \& Projects and School Issues. Continuing Education Pro jects received a second.
The Arts Department The Arts Department
reports were first in projects


Seated I to r-Lea Shuping, Kelly Canada, Chris Haynes, Tracy Roberts, Josh Marshall, second
row-Jennifer Haynes, Jeremy Brooks, Heath Starnes row-Jennifer Haynes, Jeremy Brooks, Heath Starnes, Montoya, Melinda Rendon and Shane Sawyer.


Shown above Is Shannon Norris, Greg Vandiver and
Gary Laramore TimvM ann
 Anna Cano, back row, Courtney Dettle, Richa
Chumley, LaQuita Vaughn and Heather Husmann.

Students from Stratford
Middde School and Mary Ellen Elementary placed
second in the District 1-AA second in the District 1-AA
litierary contest held last literary contest held las
Friday and Saturday in Spearman. The students epresented our school and community very well. Shane Sawyer placed third
and Jennifer Haynes placed fifth in the Jr. High Ora Reading division. Mrs. Terri Teig was their coach and instructor. The Music Mem-
ory team placed fourth. The ory team placed fourth. The
students on the team were Tracy Roberts, Jeremy Brooks, Heath Starnes,
Kelly Canada, and Victoria Kelly Canada, and Victoria
Montoya. M.rs. Jerilyn Laramore was their coach and instructor. Melinda Rendon placed 3 rd in the Jr . High division of Ready Writing, and Lea Shuping division. Mrs. Daina Starnes coached Melinda and Mrs. LaNell Waldrop coached Lea. Chris Haynes placed
6 th in the elementary story telling division. His coach was Mrs. Kathy Switser. We were especially proud of our elementary and middle school number sense
students. Six students went to contest in the number sense division and all six students placed. Toby Dia Mond placed 2 nd, Sarah Graham placed 6th in the elementary division. The middle school division of number sense provided the
only clean sweep of the only clean sweep of the
contest as Gary Laramore placed 1st, Greg Vandiver second, and Shannon Norris third. Gary's score on the 80 question test was 337 . Greg 256. Larry Norris coaches
and works with the number and works with the number middle school and elementa y divisions.
Spelling Bee
Students from Stratford Middle School also participa ted in the School Spelling Cano won the $5-6$ grad school championship. Other spellers in the Jr. division of the spelling bee were Cherise Davis, Kyle McAdams, Enedit Baeza, Richard Dettle. Mrs. Susan Wheeler coached the Jr. Bee spellers. Heather Husmann won the school championship in the
Sr. division. LaQuita Vaughn also participated in the Sr . Bee. Mrs. Luella Johnson coached the girls in the Sr
division of the spelling bee

## Birdies

and

## Bogies

## By Eddie Haggard

Good day to everyone!! 1987 got off to a geason sta On March 21, our Saturda nite scrambles had a total o 19 golfers out for an evening of fun and fellowship. We out of those present. Team captains were Joe Valdez Dwight Brooks, Bill Riffe Jerry Dyess and Pancho Rojas. Remaining partici
pants are Raymond
Dyess Mary Brooks, Dario Garza Karen McMillion, James Young, Dennis Rojas, Eddie Haggard, Ted York, Meliss
Haggard, Gary McMillion Haggard, Gary McMillion
Ken Metzger, David Wil liams, Rod Kern, Sheldon Hoffman. After a 9 -hole
scramble, the results were scramble, the results were
Jerry Dyess's 3 -man team (one less man didn't bother them), 1st with a 34, Bill Riffe's team, 2nd with a 35 and Pancho Rojas's team 3rd
(after a pitch-off with (after a pitch-off with Joe
Valdez's team), 3rd with a 36. There were some exciting events during the scramble, one was Dario's downfall?. It seems Mary
Brooks outdrove Dario on the \#1 teebox. Did Mary spot Dario a "gotcha''? Then, during the pitch-off for 3rd between Pancho and Dario,
Pancho put the pressure on Pancho put the pressure on
Dario with a pitch to within 15 inch of the cup. Dario came up short (really about $3-4$ yards) and Pancho's
team were the winners. team were the winners.
Also, we understand there is another "long knocker" at SCC. James Young drove- off \#9 tee right up to the "frog
hair" of the green. What a hair" of the green. What a
shot!!!'Well, a good time was shot!!!Well, a good time was are only "funnin", Dario. He's a good sport. I'm
looking forward to looking forward to another
Saturday nite scramble Saturday nite scramble
coming up this weekend April 4. Let's all pray that the weather turns favorable.
We will start this Saturday's We will start this Saturday's
Scramble at 5 p.m. also Scramble at 5 p.m. also
instead of the time shown on your social calendar. Let's make this a covered dish affair and come out for good golf and fellow
on the links!
"Cheese is milk's leap toward im
mortality."
Clifton Fadiman
and programs of Literature \& Drama (OId Timers \& Student Reader's Theater); Music and Dance (Coldwate
manor Sing-a-Long, SCOT etc.) They were given a second for the Arts Dept. Emphasis. Oline Caraway won second for a poem
entitled "Small Town", entitled Small Town awards were first in programs, Crime Prevention Division, and second for the National
Drunk \& Drugged AwareDrunk \& Drugged Aware-
ness window display, Safety
Division.
International Affairs,
Trade \& Aid, received firsts
for Program \& Pro
Texas Heritage
for Program \& Project.
Texas Heritage, Texas
Teinting. Mary Hill won a
Wirst in Oils and a second for Women Divison, was giv second place, projects.
Conservation, Evironmental Education, program was awarded a second. For club's activities during Texas Sesquicentennial, they were awarded second.
Stop Elder Abuse, TFWC President's Speical Project, won a first for Prospectus. This was the Bunco program shown to SCO
groups. in the Arts and Crafts
Show, Joyce Ann. Lasley won Show, Joyce Ann Lasley won a first and Judge's choice
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first in inils and a second for
a watercolor. a watercolor Gilennell Dettle made a collar for the Country Store
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Eddie Williams The 1987 Good Citizens of Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dalhart, will be honored with
a reception in the auditorium a reception in the auditorium
of the Dallam-Hartley Hisof the Dallam-Hartley His-
torical Museum on Sunday, April 5, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Ruby Smith, Chairman of the
Good Citizens Committee Good Citizens Committee,
said that the chapter said that the chapter
cordially extends an invitation to everyone to come help honor these outstanding
high school seniors. high school seniors. in conjunction with the XIT in conjunction with the XIT
Museum's regular "First Sunday" activities. The museum, located at 108 East
5 th Street will be 5th Street, will be open from
2 until 5 p.m. for visitors who 2 until 5 p.m. for visitors who
wish to see the exhibits. The Good Citizens are seniors who were chosen by their schools in the Fall of 1986. The qualities that
make up a DAR Good Citizen are Dependability, service,
leadership and patriotism.
Mrs. Smith stated that these qualities have been well exemplified by these students.
The students chosen for The students chosen for
this honor are: Glenn A, this honor are: Glenn A,
(Corky) Kiser, Dumas High (Corky) Kiser, Dumas High
School; Bonnie Buckner
Dalhart High School; Brad Grear, Hartley High School; Brent Collier, Sunray High School; Julie Thompson
Channing High School Jamie Atha, Texline High School and Eddie William os Stratford High School. Eddie Williams, son of
Mr. \& Mrs. Eddie Williams, Mr. \& Mrs. Eddie Williams,
is the DAR Good Citizen is the DAR Good Citizen
from Stratford High School. Eddie was Captain of the which he has been a member all four years in High School of the track team, in FFA Regional qualifier in UIL Persuasive Speaking. He is
now serving as Senior Class Vice Presdent and was Class Favorite as a Sophomore, Class Treasurer as a Junior and a member of the Student Eddie plans to attend Eddie plans to attend
Texas Tech following graduation and major in Mechanical Engineering. Viola Kautz, school counselor, said, "Eddie is
student that makes teachin pleasant. He represents the forgotten student, the student who is too busy being responsible and staying ou
of trouble. He is dependable of trouble. He is dependable
honest and loyal to his scho honest his country. He represents the cream, of the crop in the nation." Citizen
Other DAR Good Other DAR Good Citizens have been Kathy Durham Berry Summerour, Brent tle Dribblers


The Stratford Girls team took the consolation trophy.
Shown above bottom row first left to right if Angie McGulness, Lisa Ford, Wendy Allison, JoAnna Robertson, Jennifer Artho. 2nd Row-Enedit Baeza,
Melissa Beattie, Michelle Haggard, Anna Cano, Brandi Melissa Beattie, Michelle Haggard, Anna Cann, Brandi
Brown, Cherise Davis. Third Row-Alicia Milier, Joy Powers, Sherry Rich, Shelby Harris, Teresa Zinck, Sonny Jo Lasley, Jalane Rhoades, Jolina Garroute,


Stratford Boys team took 4th place in the tournament. Botom row left to right is Matt Thompson, Tyler Donelson, Richard Chumley, Fred Powell, Neal Hauser,
Wade Plunk. 2nd row-Clint Parsons, Third Row-Larry Wade Plunk. 2nd row-Clint Parsons, Third Row-Larry
Simms, Toby Dlamond, Michael Brooks, Dennis Plunk, Daniel DeAnda, Alberto Aguilla, Matt Brotherton Coaches, Rich Brotherton and Thomas Reed

Chapman Completes Training
 Pvt. Alva B. Chapman,
son of Maurine Wilson of son of Maurine Wilson of
Stratford, Texas, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S
Army Infantry School, For Benning, Ga.

## County_Agent

New Tax Laws Tell Farmers
To Get Big or Get Out
Changes in federal tax laws over favorable to a agricultural enterprises, but the Tax Reform Act of 1986 has given a new signal to commerc
farmers: Get big or get out. farmers: Get big or get out.
Farmers who normally $h$ Farmers who normally have tax-
able incomes over $\$ 40,000$ will have reduced taxes under the new bill, while those who earn less will have
greater tax liabilities greater tax liabilities, according to
Clair J. Nixon and James W. Richardson, agricultural economists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
The 1986 tax law is the mostradical The 1986 tax law is the most radical
change in federal income tax law in recent history, according to Nixon and recent history, according to Nixon and
Richardson, who recently studied how changes in the law will affect
agriculture. agriculture.
late different sizes of farms of different regions of the country, the economists analyzed
the new tax law the new tax law.
One of the most sweeping changes
under the bill results from passive loss results from the new paction of losses in excess of income for nonfarmer investors This income for nonfarmer investors. This
could lure investors, who play an important role in money-losing enter-
prises (such as beef production), away prises (such as beef production), away
from agriculture toward from agriculture toward more profit-
able investments, Nixon and Richardson say.
If that happens, consumers can ex pect to pay more for some agricultural
products. products
al enterprises havestors in agriculturfarm losses against other sources of income. The agriculture tax shelter activity has been especially attractive to high tax bracket individuals, who,
before 1987, were able to take advantage of the many favorable tax benefits available to agricultural investments," the researchers say. The passive law changes. in addi-
 deduction, will hit hardest in cattle
feeding and orchard development, the researchers say.
The repeal of The repeal of the long-tern capital
gains deduction also hurts individuals
who gains deduction also hurts individuals
who sold their farmland on an install-
ment basis, ment basis, hoping to receive capital gains treatment throughout the term of the contract, Nixon and Richardson
say. This provision greatly increases the
taxabe incomes of dairy and beef producers, two members of the agri-
cultural community who do cultural community who do no
any more financial adversity. The elimination of the investment
tax credit and changes in depreciation
methods provide methods provide for a genereally less
generous generous investment climate than
under previous law, the economists Say. Changes in depreciation or expensing methods will most directly affect
farm operators with large investments farm operators with large investments
in special purpose buildings, such as pouitry houses, silos, and again, dairy "With
OSUT is a 12-week period
which combines basic comwhich combines basic combat training and advanced
individual training. The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warffare, field
communications and combat communications and combat
operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.
Soldiers were taught to Soldiers were taught to
perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad. His wife, Dalene, is the
daughter of Darlene Hick daughter of Darlene Hickox

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Pierce City High School, Mo. likelihood that expensing (deprecia-
tion) will be te able farming operations "" Richardson say.
But expensing
farm operations purch not allowed for farm operations purchasing more than
$\$ 210,000$ of equipment annually. The amount of expensing is limited to farming.
ncome averaging also has been repealed under the new bill. which
will most directly affect those farm operators who have highly variable
incomes from year to searchers say.
The new tax law also does not bode The modificansirvation efforts. ter conservation tion will discourage some farm oper-
vation activities," "the researchers say
After 1986, expenditures for soil After 1986, expenditures for soil
and water conservation activities are and water conservation activities are
limited to expenses consistent with a conservation plan approved by the Soil Conservation Service or a com-
parable state agency. parabie state agency.
Expenses such as cleaning or filling wetlands, land preparation for the installation or operation of center pivot irrigation systems, or clearing
land are no longer deducted land are no longer deducted, and must
be added to the taxpayer's basis in the land, the economists say. Some of the provisions of the bill
are favorable for are favorable for at least some seg-
ments of agriculture. ments of agriculture.
Farmers whose
Farmers whose debts to non-
relatives are forgiven after April 9 1986 will not have to report that as income. This will greatly reduce the
income tax liabilities for solvenc income tax liabilities for solvent farm-
ers who receive debt forgiveness from a lender, the researchers say.
In addition, any gain dairy farmers realize from the sale of dairy cattle under the U.S. Department of Aggi
culture dairy herd buyout progran

## Southern Union Gas Payment Option

Southern Union Gas Com-
pany has announced an open enrollment period, beginning June 1, for customers to sign up
plan. efforteral years ago, in an effort to help customers deal with the unexpected highs and lows of seasonal gas bills, Southern Union Gas Company initiated the Equal sands Plan. Today, thousands of customers are bills.
Customers who sign up fo
the plan by July 15 will have the plan by July 15 will have their gas bill for the year
divided into equal monthly payments, beginning with
their August bill.

Total charges are calcula ted for the year based on the same residence $f$ at the previous residence for the previous year. The tota
yearly amount is yearly amount is then
divided into 11 monthly payments. After 12 months, if the customer's gas usage is more or less than anticipated, the bill is adjusted and
the difference spread out over the next year. If gas consumption changes radi cally, the equal paymen may be recalculated befor after notification of the
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til September 1, 1987 . While the average annual taxable
Wher 1987 . While the average annual taxable ied declined as a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the lower tax
rate set forth in the bill is often offset rate set forth in the bill is often offset
by its other provisions. Crop farmers with taxable incomes rreater than $\$ 40,000$ benefitted more from the reduction in the income cox rates than they lost from the elimina-
tion of the investment tax credit and depreciation rule changes. rs who earn less the for crop farmause small-scale crop farmers have a elatively greater investment in ma hinery and generate less profit, the makes the investment tax credit Editor's Note Any question regarding his column should be addressed to cience Writer, Department of Agri ultural Communications. Texas customer.

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