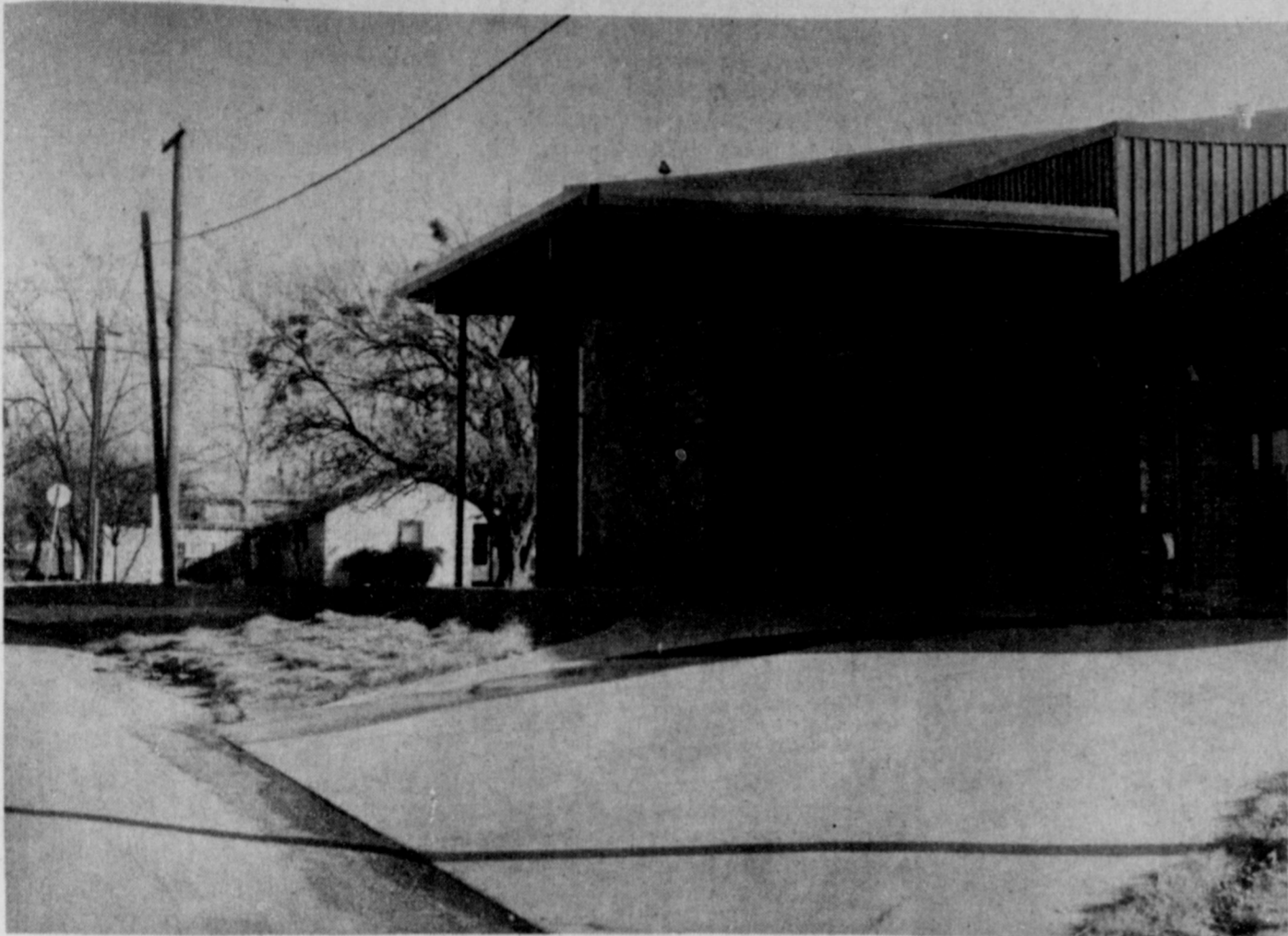


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CANOPY OF NEW FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY ENCROACHES ON CITY LAND
... given choice to lease right of way or take it down.

Church has to lease land for new canopy

The city council approved leasing part of its right of way to Faith Baptist Church, as an alternative to requiring the church to tear down a drive-in canopy that extends too near Ruby Street.

Representatives of the church appealed to the council after it had determined the canopy on the newly-completed sanctuary extended onto city right of way. And, as required by the building code, the structure could not be approved for occupancy while the violation existed.

The motion which was approved calls for the church to pay a fee of \$1 per month as well as all legal fees to draft the contract.

Added to the contract is a six-month study by the police department to determine if use of the area creates a traffic hazard, and if in the future the city needs the space, the lease will be terminated.

Mayor Tim Hunter explained to the council the events leading up to Monday's meeting.

He said that after the violation was discovered, church representatives had appealed to the Board of Adjustments. But that group could take no action on the appeal, because it has no such power.

He listed four options for the council to consider in reaching a solution: deny a variance; abandon the right of way; approve use of the property, or lease the right of way.

He said Ruby Street was too narrow to abandon, and that permitting use of the land without a lease would likely violate law.

The church's pastor, Rev. Jerry Miller, assured the council his group would follow whatever course aldermen set, including tearing down the canopy.

Rev. Miller explained the viola-

tion of right of way was a situation that "just fell through the crack" in coordinating construction with the architect.

The major concern about a traffic hazard developing, according to the discussion, was that when several cars were attempting to unload passengers during bad weather, a bottleneck of traffic could develop on the narrow street.

Alderman Bud Burch stated, "If we leave it and it creates a problem down the line, we will have made a wrong decision."

Another alderman, Bud Mercer, told the church representatives, "We nearly have to go the lease route to protect you from future councils. We want to work with you any way we can."

The mayor pointed out that the lease could be dissolved should use of the canopy develop in the future to be a traffic hazard.

Rumors had circulated prior to Monday's meeting of hard feelings being caused when final approval of the new facility was not issued.

Mercer stated, following the vote by the council, that "James (Barrington, city administrator) and Mike (Price, public works director and acting building code inspector) were not at any fault. They had only enforced the council's ordinance and were doing their jobs."

Norman Hodges, one of the delegates of Faith Baptist, emphasized the church members held no animosity and understood the city's position.

In other business undertaken by the council at the meeting, aldermen heard a proposal that the formula for taxing the telephone company be changed, approved application for a public works grant, and okayed requirement of a penalty for late pay-

ment of utility bills, as well as authorizing purchase of pagers for the fire department.

Dan Adams, representing Southwestern Bell Telephone, asked that the city approve dropping a tax on certain services, and in return the company's gross receipts tax be increased from two to three percent.

Aldermen said they had no problem with the proposal.

And though Barrington said the city's likelihood of being approved for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program was about five percent, aldermen still voted for the application.

Barrington admitted the city is less likely to be approved because it has fewer low-income and minority residents than most municipalities that make such applications.

If granted, the money would be used to rework the city's water storage facilities, Barrington said.

The ordinance concerning late payment of city utility bills now provides for a \$5 contact fee if bills are not paid with 21 days of billing and "If an account is delinquent three times with any six month period, a new meter deposit shall be required equal to the highest three months bills during the six month period in which they were delinquent."

Purchase of 10 new pagers for the volunteer fire department, at a cost of approximately \$4,000, was approved.

Advertising for bids to the area around Lake Buffalo for grazing was approved. Charlie Helms had held that lease and requested it be renewed at \$100 per year.

Aldermen met behind closed doors 21 minutes in executive session, but took no action when the meeting was reopened.

Classroom construction tops trustees' agenda

Iowa Park school trustees will consider a construction plan and time frame to build additional classrooms at Bradford Elementary, when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school administration building.

In order to meet state-mandated classroom space at the campus next year, trustees have considered several different plans, including additional temporary buildings and even reopening the Valley View campus.

However, both the latter alternatives were rejected and construction of additional rooms will now be undertaken.

Trustees will also hear the recently-completed audit of the 1986-87 books and take actions on proposals to use school facilities for "Project Graduation," recommendations on grades the gifted and talented program will include next year, and also hear a

report on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) given eleventh graders.

The audit report will include all revenue and expenditures of the 1986-87 school year.

"Project Graduation" has been proposed as an alternative activity for seniors following graduation ceremonies in May.

The proposal includes allowing class members, with one guest, to be locked into the high school, free from any intrusion of outside people and influences.

During the balance of the evening, games and various planned activities would be held.

Trustees heard from both students and advisors on the proposal at the last meeting, but could take no official action because none was called for on the meeting agenda.

City files petition to take landfill site

The city is apparently going to exercise its power of eminent domain to acquire a tract of land for its sanitary landfill.

The owners, Mabel Karstetter, Bobby N. Knecht and Karla J. Panter, were notified last week by registered mail of an offer to purchase the site, and given until Friday afternoon to respond.

When there was no response, City Attorney Jay Cantrell filed in 89th District Court a petition for condemnation, and still, as of Monday evening, no reaction was received.

The owners had their attorney to file a petition for "forcible detainer action" Nov. 23 in Justice of the Peace Arthur Bea Williams' court in Wichita Falls.

For several months, the owners have been trying to force the city to abandon its lease agreement on the property, and alleging violations of state standards to operate a landfill, as well as causing the death of some cattle and theft of topsoil.

But at a hearing Thursday afternoon before Judge Williams, the city successfully argued the petition was filed in the wrong court, and should have been in Judge Virgil Hill's court, the precinct in which the land is located.

So the petition was withdrawn, but not filed in the Iowa Park court.

The city asked that its offer of \$576.50 per acre for the 53.07-acre tract receive a response by Friday, and if no response was received, it

would then file the condemnation petition.

The land, southwest of the city, is currently being used for a sanitary landfill. Total amount of the offer was \$30,594.86.

"The City is authorized to exercise a right of eminent domain for real property required for its governmental functions," states the petition.

Asked in the petition is that the court appoint three individuals, described as "disinterested freeholders of Wichita County," to set a value on the property.

The value is what the city would be required to pay the owners in order to take over title to the land.

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Police issue warning of Medicare scam

Iowa Park Police Department has issued a warning to persons with Medicare insurance to be on the lookout for a scam that could cost victims both money and coverage.

One local woman has already been approached, though unsuccessfully. That is the only report police have yet received, however.

Investigator Jo Ann Pettit said she received information that the scam has apparently moved to this area from around Austin where five reports were filed on the same name, but only one of them matches the same description as the local suspect.

Pettit said the man apparently buys information on potential victims from an unknown source, and knows the name of the insurance

company the victim has a policy with, as well as other information.

With the information, the scam that he is authentic, and can offer a coverage he claims.

Some victims have been told by the solicitor that he represents an "umbrella company," should the victim have policies from more than one company.

The victim is asked to turn over the existing policy, and in return a new policy is issued which will save

hundreds of dollars annually in premiums.

And when it's done, the victim out the premiums that have been already paid.

Pettit says anyone being contacted should ask for the salesman's card, and then call your own insurance people to determine if the salesman is legitimate.

If a salesman is legitimate, he should not object to having his credentials checked, Pettit said.

Burglar takes \$1,553

Burglary of the Woodbriar Apartment office Friday, in which \$1,553 was reportedly stolen, is under inves-

tigation by the Iowa Park Police Department.

Police were informed at 1 p.m. by Al Holt that the office had been broken into. Evidence of a forced entry was found.

A complaint of indecent exposure Saturday evening concluded with a 33-year-old man being arrested on two charges other than was reported.

Police received a telephoned complaint at 7:43 p.m. from a woman in the 100 block of East Emerald. A few minutes later, according to entries on the police blotter, a man in the same block called and gave police a description of the suspect.

Fifteen minutes after the original call, police stopped Eric Wayne Perkins, because both he and his car matched the description of early 30s, short brown curly hair and mustache driving a blue two-door Chevette.

Perkins' car was impounded and he was arrested after it was determined he had neither proof of liability vehicle insurance nor drivers license.

He was released at 2:10 p.m., as entered in the blotter, after signing a promise to appear with documents for an unregistered motor vehicle, drivers license and insurance.

Tour of homes set Saturday

A Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by the Iowa Park Recreational Activity Club, will be from 10 a.m. until 12-noon and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Homes to be toured include Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marlar, Mr. and Mrs. John Warnock, Mr. and Mrs. Roger York and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hacker. Door prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be available at the Hacker home.

Tickets for the event will be \$3 each and may be purchased at the RAC in the afternoon or from any RAC board member.

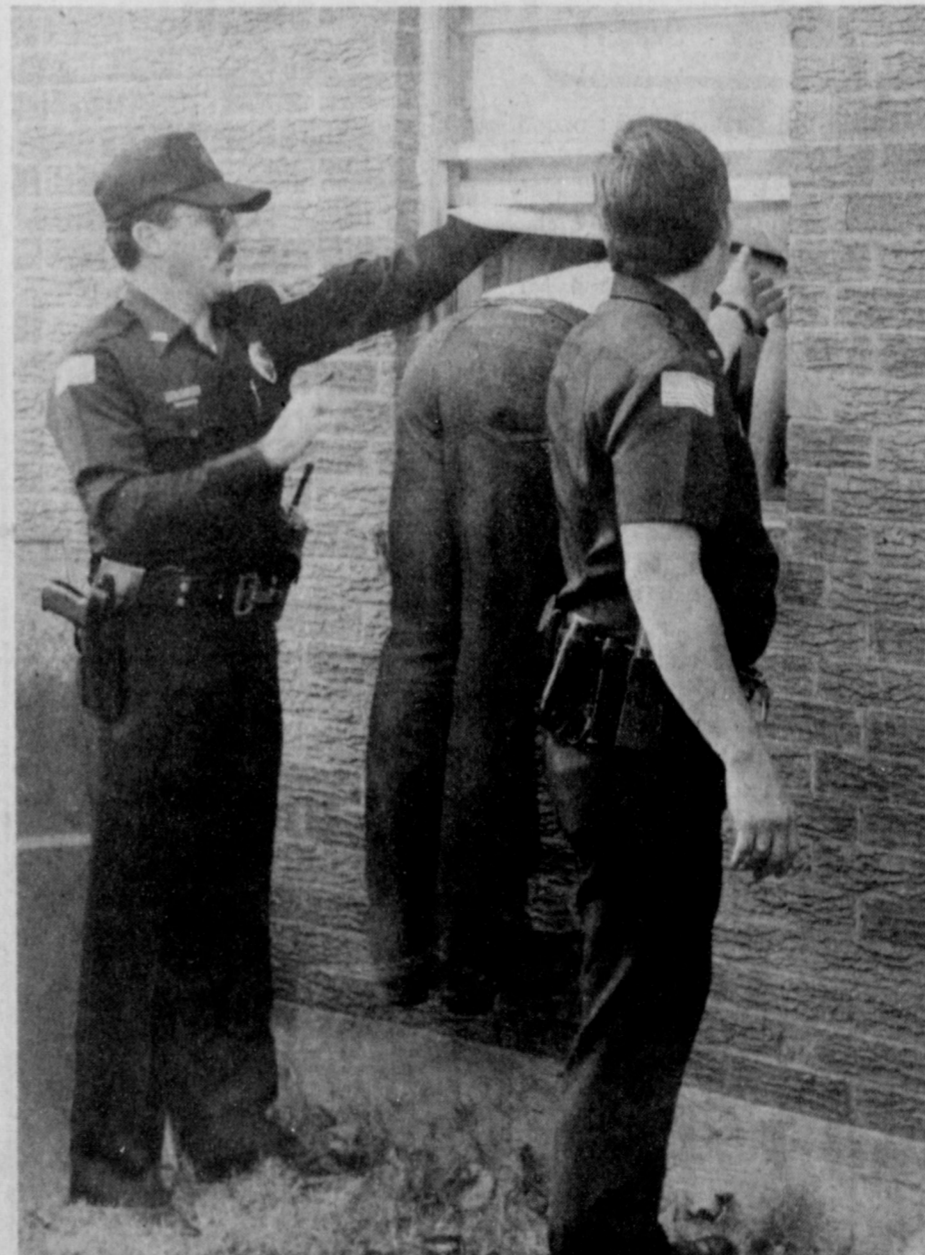
Food drive is Saturday

The Iowa Park Ministerial Alliance's annual Christmas food drive will be from 9 a.m. to 12-noon Saturday with members of youth groups from 10 Iowa Park churches to go door to door collecting canned food and/or money to assist the 180 area families that have requested help for Christmas dinner.

The Ministerial Alliance also reported that good toys are needed for over 100 children who reside in the Iowa Park School District.

Two receptacles will be located at city hall through Dec. 18 in which toys can be deposited.

Churches participating in the toy and food drive are Assembly of God, Christ the King Catholic Church, Church of God, Cornerstone Pentecostal Church of God, Faith Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church and Lakeview Church of God.



AUTHORIZED BREAK-IN -- Police assist firemen to climb through a window of Mrs. Floyd Dickerson's locked home at 1107 Lincoln Saturday afternoon, after it was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. Richard Holderman, the elderly woman was disabled. The resident had fallen some 10 hours earlier and was unable to get up by herself. She lives alone. She was taken to a hospital for observation and later released to her daughter's care.

Local women entertain State Hospital patients

The 23 Study Club made the 29th annual visit to the Wichita Falls State Hospital Thursday afternoon and followed the custom of providing the program and refreshments of homemade cupcakes and coffee, then presenting a monetary gift to Volunteer Services.

Mrs. Dave Davis, a guest, dressed and made up as "Blossom" the clown, was a special treat to several hundred patients who assembled in the recreation room as she passed among them distributing Christmas novelties that she had made and pieces of candy.

The patients were further entertained as they sang a medley of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Don Stribling and Mrs. John Rentschler.

Prior to leaving for the hospital, club members met at TU Reddy Room for a business meeting directed by Mrs. Joe Singer. It was voted to make Miss Ethyle Kidwell a life member of the club in appreciation of her service as an active member.

Mrs. D.O. James, federation counselor, gave a devotion on "A Recipe for a Beautiful Year."

Missions are topic

Fifteen members of the night BW of First Baptist Church attended a meeting held Monday at the church. Mrs. Roy Smith and Helen Reed were hostesses.

Mrs. J.T. Parker coordinated the program taken from the Royal Service magazine. In keeping with the emphasis placed on foreign missions by Southern Baptists during the month of December, the setting for the program was Brazil.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Union in the country was discussed by Mrs. Homer Blalock, speaking for Sophia Nichols, a missionary and teacher in the Baptist Institute of Religious Education, and Mrs. O.S. McLemore, representing Lucia de Brito, a native of Brazil, now serving as national WMU executive secretary.

Mrs. V.I. Woodfin conducted the business and Mrs. E.T. Patterson was in charge of the missionary birthday calendar of prayer.

During the social hour, the table decorations were highlighted by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. He was featured on is snow skis waving a "Have a Dear Christmas" on the head table, and in different poses amid miniature Christmas trees banked with gaily-wrapped packages on the long table. The place favors were miniature "spool" Rudolphs.

Members see play

Eight members of the Philia Study Club attended the Backdoor Theatre Friday to see the play "Key for Two." They enjoyed a meal before the play.

The group decided to spend funds this season to help M.D. Anderson Ministerial Alliance.



MITSI MCKEE

Contest winner gives program

Mitsi McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKee, the zone speaker contest, gave the speech that she prepared herself, "Zero Tolerance in Drugs," Tuesday for the Evening Lions.

She will compete in the district contest at Graham Jan. 9 where 12 contestants, one from each zone in the district, will be competing. The winner there will advance to the state contest at Tyler in May.

McKee is a senior at Iowa Park High School where she is a Double A honor roll student, member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Quill and scroll, vice-president of the fellowship of Christian Athletes, reporter of the speech and drama club.

Visitors were Lawrence Williams of Abilene and Tom McKee.

UMW fellowships in joint meeting

Mrs. Don Owens, outgoing president of the United Methodist Women, entertained members of the Bertha and Jessie Mae Fellowships at her home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Vernon Gilbert, leader of the Bertha group, opened the meeting with a special poem, "Good Morning God."

Mrs. Roy Childers, leader of the Jessie Mae group, introduced Hazel Kilpatrick of the Floral Heights Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, who presented a program entitled "Uncle Tigh Wad's Christmas Gift."

Following the meeting, the group met at the church to decorate the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Twenty-five members, and two guests, Mrs. John Mollett and Mrs. Kilpatrick, were present.



TAMMY PETRICH AND LESTER KASPAREK

Announce engagement

Mrs. Wanda Donaldson of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Petrich of Garland are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Petrich, and Lester Kasperek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kasperek of Seymour.

The wedding will take place May 6 in Iowa Park.

Miss Petrich was graduated from Iowa Park High School and from Midwestern State Univ. with a BS degree. She is employed at Picadilly

in Wichita Falls. Her fiance was graduated from Seymour High School. He is employed by the City of Seymour where he also assists with the ambulance service.

CARD OF THANKS

We gratefully acknowledge and deeply appreciate the love and support given our family in remembrance of our loved one, Howard E. Eddins.

Mrs. Howard E. Eddins

VRJC program assists students

Vernon Regional Junior College is initiating an assessment program designed to help students plan their curriculum and future.

Students entering the VRJC main campus for the first time are provided Asset Orientation and Advisory sessions prior to registration.

During the sessions, the students will be provided with an assessment of their academic strengths and weaknesses and information on programs and courses at the school which are most suited to their needs.

The goal is to bring the "assets" of the students and the college together in order to better equip students through sound advising and appropriate course placement to attain greater learning success, said Gene Wilcox, director of marketing and public information.

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Mendez, McCann vows read

The Eleventh Avenue Church in Mineral Wells was the scene for a Saturday noon wedding for the exchange of vows by Michele Mendez, formerly of Iowa Park, and Owen B. McCann. Rev. Robert Shiflet, pastor, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Ray Mendez Sr. of Abilene, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard McCann, also of Abilene. The bride's godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amaro Gonzales of Mineral Wells, and her grandparents are Mary Geibe of Iowa Park and Gonsalo San Miguel Sr. of Sanderson.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a Victorian splendor full length gown of white lace featuring a ruffled yoke and delicate sleeves. The full satin-lined skirt was detailed with frothy tiers and a sweep-chapel train. Her triple-tiered lace veil and tiara were designed and created by her mother to accent the Victorian style of her gown.

The bride was attended by Samantha Bartlett of Iowa Park, her cousin, and Debbie Clark of Breckenridge, as maids of honor. The honorary maid of honor was Melissa Horton of Iowa Park, her cousin, and the bridesmaid was Eileen McCann of Abilene, sister of the groom. The flower girl was Jennifer Marie Valley of Mineral Wells, cousin of the bride.

The groom was attended by Jack Landers as best man and Damian McCann, his brother.

A reception followed the noon ceremony and a celebration party



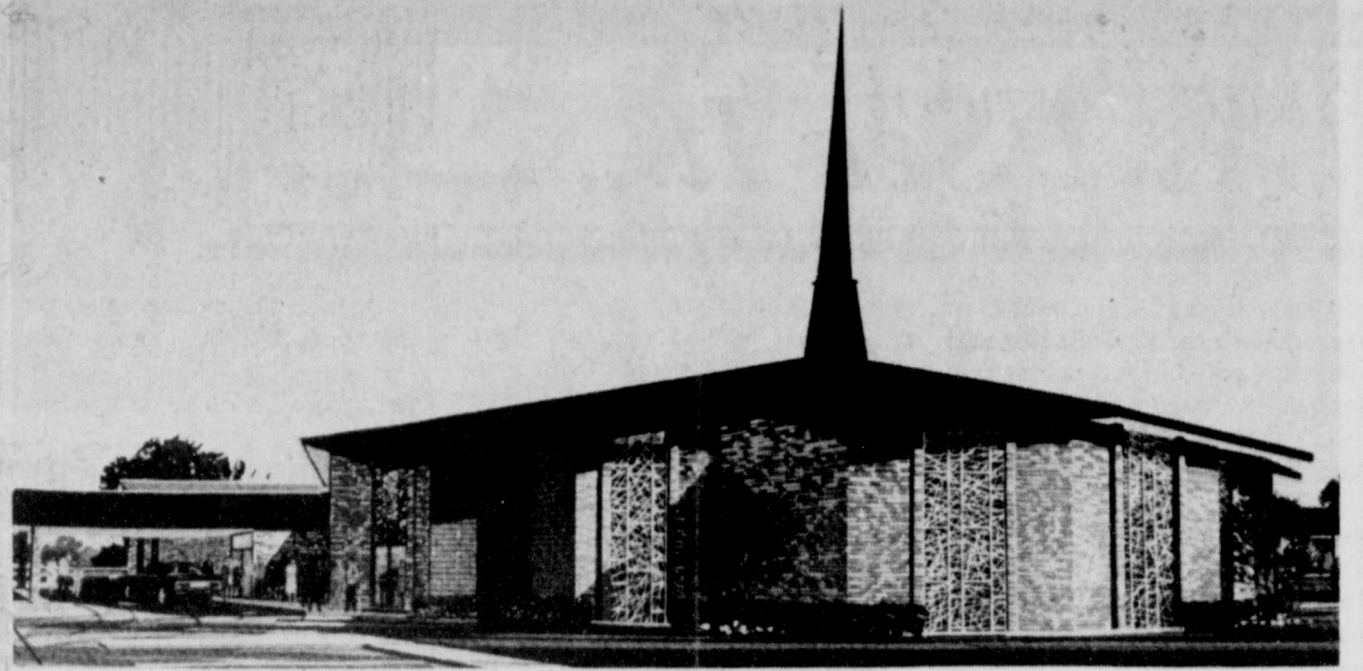
MRS. OWEN B. MCCAN

took place that evening.

The bride attends Harvest Time Christian Academy and plans to continue her education. The groom was graduated from Abilene Cooper

High School, and he is employed by Big Country Auto Auction and K-Mart Stores in Abilene.

The couple will make their home in Breckenridge.



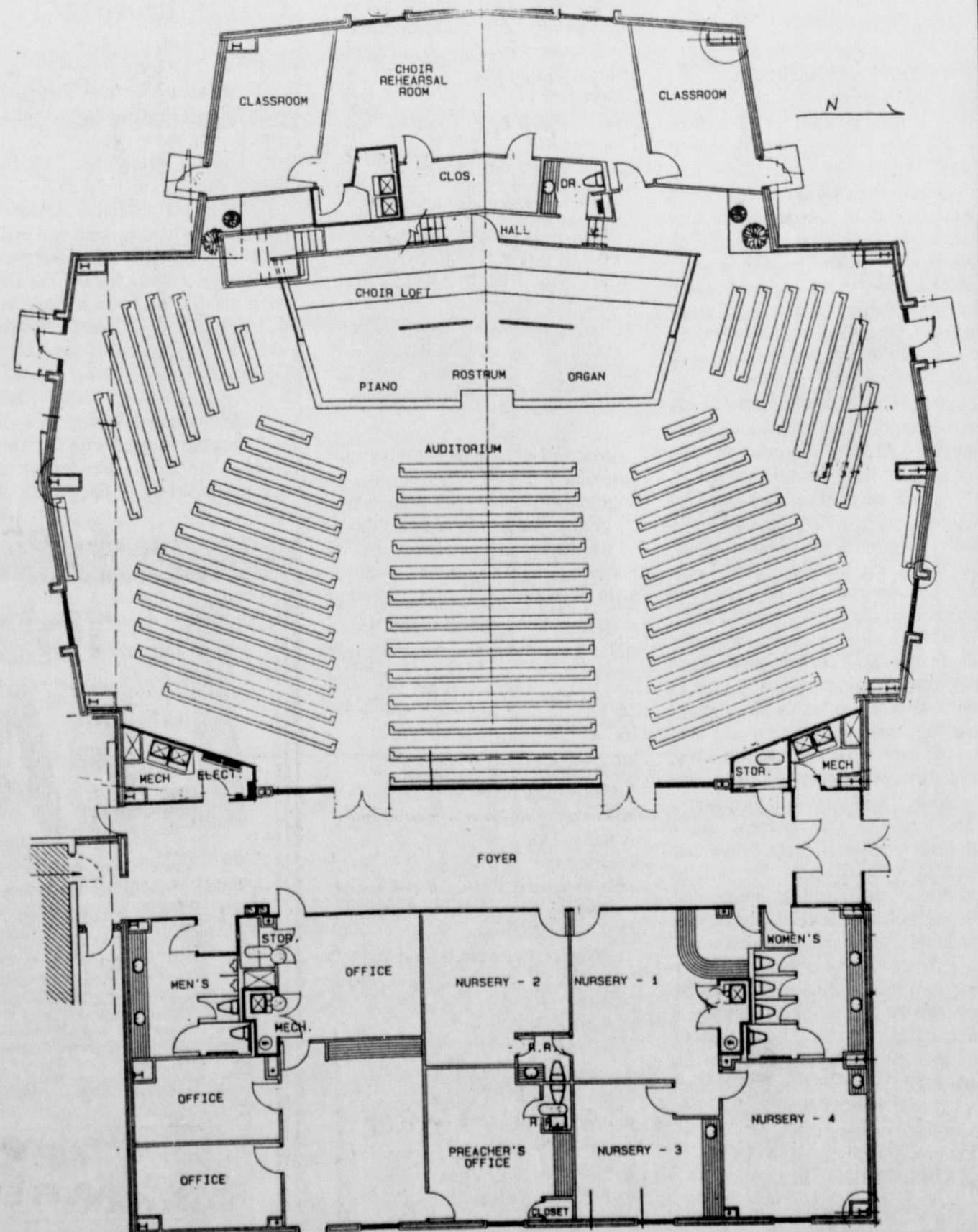
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Library News

By TONI LUTZ

Lions hold Yule party

The glowing spirit of Christmas permeated the Lions Club building Thursday evening for the Evening Lions Club annual Christmas party.

The bright sparkle of the season was seen in the artistic arrangements of pine sprays, holly, red velvet bows centered with red voive beautiful Christmas music filled the hearts of the members and their guests.

The brilliantly-lighted and decorated tree wrapped in gold filled the room with abounding good cheer. Mmrs. Joe Kennedy, Dave Davis and Riley Thompson, the hostesses, were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sam Hunter introduced the program which was highlighted with a devotion, "Allison's Message" by Gerry Thurlo, and favorite Christmas selections presented by Mrs. Delbert Todd, Mrs. Jimmie Spears, Cindy Green and Dee Ann Todd.

The quartet sang "Let It Snow," "Winter Wonderland," "Silver Bells," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays." They then led the group in singing Yule carols.

Mrs. C.L. Thompson, president, directed the exchange of gifts. During that time, Mrs. Davis presented each one with a novel pair of snow skis crocheted in purple, the club's colors.

The party was climaxed with the serving of a variety of favorite Christmas delicacies furnished by club members.

MEMORIALS
In memory of Charles Laey Munty from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Key and family.
In memory of Gerald Deatherage from City Cleaners.
In memory of Harrell T. Riggins from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Key and family.
In memory of Alton Hunter from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Key and family.

Completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael S. Brooks, son of Walt E. Brooks of Iowa Park, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill.

During Brooks' eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Brooks' studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete the course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in January 1985.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
A Christmas party will be held for preschool children, ages 2-6 yrs., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 2 until 3:30 p.m. The party will involve games, a gift exchange, refreshments, and possibly a visit from Santa Claus. Each child must bring a gift (\$2 limit) for the gift exchange. Boys should bring a boy's gift, and girls should bring a girl's gift.

The regular storytime schedule will be cancelled for the 15th, 17th, and 18th. Storytime will be held on the 22nd, 29th, and 31st for the following weeks of Dec., but will not be held on the 24th, 25th, or Jan. 1, 1988 due to the fact that the library will be closed on these holidays.

SPECIAL MOVIE

One of last years most popular movies, "An American Tail," by Steven Spielberg will be the featured film for Children's Hour on Dec. 19. This heart-warming, animated, 81-minute film will begin at 10:00 a.m. The age limit is preschool through 6th grade. Refreshments will be available.

The library will be closed on:
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
Christmas Day, Dec. 25
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As I See It... By BOB HAMILTON



Since the story was reported last week that Cong. Beau Boulter had been encouraged to run against Sen. Bentsen, I've been asked by several what I thought the Amarillo politician's chances would be.

That's easy. Absolutely none. No chance.

First and foremost, Boulter has little name recognition outside this district. Without it, the Republican would have a hard time becoming known.

Bentsen, on the other hand, is known. And even if another landslide for Republicans were to develop, as it did when Pres. Reagan was elected, and also was the year Boulter won his seat, Bentsen would be almost

impossible to unseat.

Why? Well, voters just don't have a very good record of voting an incumbent out of office, even some who get some really bad publicity. And Bentsen hasn't had any of that.

Another reason I don't think Boulter could win is the fact that he's from a non-metropolitan area. And it's just plain fact that the majority of voters are in the Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston areas.

For any Republican to have any chance to unseat Bentsen, he or she would have to come from a larger city than Amarillo.

And also, most people who don't live in this part of the country seem

to think Panhandle people are out in the sticks and they relate more to Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado more than they do mainstream Texans.

That's a lot of bull, of course, but it's still a majority's thinking.

Should Boulter have aspirations for some higher office in the future, the situation could well change. He can earn a lot more recognition over the years, and become better known to voters outside his district.

But unless he wants to go back to his law practice full time, he'd better not listen to those who were encouraging him to go up against Sen. Bentsen.

Building permit report issued

An addition to the police station, a couple of new garages and a major alteration bolstered November's building permits to \$96,390.

For the 12-month period, permits have reached \$1,209,056.

Permits issued during November included:

- Larry Payton, 107 E. Texas, repair, \$1,400;
- Joe Harry Bower, 325 E. Bank, removal, no charge;
- Clara Cordell, 504 W. Texas, alteration, \$850;
- George F. Roy, 410 W. Bank, alteration, \$300;
- Russell Clopton, 312 E. Garden, addition, \$100;
- O.M. Bell, 407 N. Victoria, repair, \$2,500;
- L.J. Taylor (contractor for police station expansion), \$50,000;
- Recreational Activities Center, alteration, \$200;
- Church of Christ, 708 W. Coleman, repair, \$4,300;
- James Underwood, Rt. 2, Box 238-B, Delton Waits, 330 E. Park, new garage, \$8,640;
- Mike Hicks, 300 W. Washington, addition, \$4,000;
- Vern Mikkleson, 908 Dosia, alteration, \$600;
- E.E. Wiggins, 612 W. Coleman, alteration, \$12,000;
- D&D Doors, 122 W. Cash, repair, \$700.

Choir concert next Thursday

The Iowa Park Junior High and High School choirs will present their annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Iowa Park High School Auditorium.

Choirs performing at the concert include the sixth, seventh and eighth grade choirs from the junior high, as well as the ladies chorale, the show choir and the A Cappella choir from the high school. All choral groups will be accompanied by Donna Gibson and Caia McCullar.

The program will feature Christmas music from a variety of styles, including the Irving Berlin Christmas medley, the Alfred Burt carols and Christmas Day by Gustav Holst.



Police are supportive

Dear Editor,

On Monday, December 7, my mother was contacted by someone she believed to be a representative of her health insurance company. This proved to be a contact by a man who tried a bogus insurance scham against my mother. After contacting her agent we were convinced of the attempted fraud and called the police.

The police responded within minutes and made two additional visits to piece together information to hopefully prevent other contact with older citizens. Their supportive attitude to future contacts have left her feeling their protection.

We'd urge other older citizens to refuse entry to anyone they don't know on sight or have not personally arranged a visit. If contacted by others or note suspicious things in their neighborhood to call the police. I'm sure their contact with the Iowa Park Police will be as supportive as our's was.

Sincerely yours,
Nell D. Jones
Watsonville, California

Fire permits needed

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

As Fire Marshall for the City of Iowa Park, I have noticed several places inside the City, where Citizens have been burning leaves, dried grass, etc. Bob, it states in the City Ordinance that no person will be allowed to do any burning without getting proper authorization. I am the one that they need to talk to about doing any burning within the City of Iowa Park. I will be glad to issue a permit for this, but I will need to be notified before I can do so. If I cannot make that decision after I look at the location, then I will contact the Fire Chief about how it can be handled.

I will be glad to work with the Citizens of Iowa Park the best way I can. I do ask that the person that will be doing the burning, after it has been authorized, to be sure and contact the I.P.V.F.D. at 592-2181, to let the Radio Dispatcher know that there will be a control burn within the City. I personally will contact the Dispatcher to let her know that it has been approved.

If the Dispatcher does not know and they get a report of a fire at that location, then they will dispatch a fire truck to that address. As a fireman there is nothing worse than making a false alarm. We will be glad to go anywhere we are needed. We do not need to send a truck with its lights and siren on unnecessarily.

If someone is reported for burning and it has not been authorized, the person then will be asked to extinguish the fire. In failure to do so, a fire truck will be dispatched to that address.

I have quoted word for word on how the ordinance reads:
"501.1 - BONFIRES AND OUT-DOOR RUBBISH FIRES

"No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled

or maintained without a permit or other proper authorization. During construction or demolition of a building or structures no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity without having obtained a permit or other proper authorization.

"501.2 No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land unless (1) the location is not less than 50 ft. from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent any structure, or (2) the fire is contained in an approved waste burner located safely not less than 15 ft. from any structure.

"501.1.2 Bonfires and rubbish fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. Such person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply, or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

"501.1.4 The Fire Official may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous."

Thank you,
Gerald Frazier
Fire Marshall
City of Iowa Park, Tx.

- Dear Santa,
- I would like football Pads,
- GI joe
- Captain power
- Skateboard
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Telephone
- Base ball bat
- Alf pajamas
- Bed BUGS Game
- desk
- Bible
- Sonic Rangers
- Love Troy

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a good girl. I would like a Splashing Cabbage Patch Kid, a game don't Wake the dragon, & tape player.

I Love You.
Kim Long

- Dear Santa
- I want A new bike
- A Rocker
- A flappy Dog
- Popples
- love, Heather
- Parham

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy this year.

1. desk
2. new tv
3. scooter
4. computer games
5. big book of war planse
6. Intendo vidio game set
7. Inscilpeda case
8. keyboard
9. aninator

From: Stephen Morris
To: Santa

Worth Quoting

Texans should be expected to be proud when their state has the Speaker of the House and a Texan occupying the position that is third in line of presidential succession. Texans did hold former Speaker Sam Rayburn in fairly high esteem even though he was a fiercely partisan Democrat with little use for most Republicans. But Texans are not all that proud of the present Speaker, Jim Wright of Fort Worth, even though he is making plenty of national news these days. Not being proud of him might be an understatement. Most Texans are more apt to be embarrassed by Jim Wright and his actions.

Wright has demonstrated an uncanny gift for making people look better. Right now he is making Tip O'Neill look like Daniel Webster. While he was serving his time in Congress and picking up seniority most of us didn't have feelings one way or another about Jim Wright. He made the news from time to time for bringing in big military contracts for Fort Worth and worked hard to get his home district up close to the federal trough when it came time to pass out federal funds for good causes. He has made himself deeply entrenched in his congressional district this way and has gathered in plenty of campaign funds to defend his office every two years.

The problem with Jim Wright is not political ineptitude because he has mastered the art of party politics. His problem is one of arrogance and ambition, a combination that might get him in trouble in the future. A case in point is the recent venture into foreign affairs and the attempt to thrust himself into the presidency by making deals with foreign heads of state. Daniel Ortega, head of the Marxist regime in Nicaragua, came to Washington a while back to make a speech. President Reagan and Secretary of State George Schultz refused to see him, for various reasons. Jim Wright saw this as an opportunity to let America know that Jim Wright is not only the Speaker of the House but an expert in foreign affairs. He held a meeting with the Nicaraguan dictator and came out of the meeting proclaiming that he had worked out a peace plan in that country.

The reaction was not quite what he had expected. Jim Wright expected the Reagan administration, Congress and the nation to be thankful for his help in solving a tough problem in Nicaragua. He announced that he felt it was his duty to deal in foreign affairs because the legislative branch is co-equal with the executive branch and must have an equal role in foreign affairs. Not only that, Jim Wright announced that he didn't need any permission from the President or the State Department or anyone else to enter into negotiations with a foreign power. Jim Wright proclaimed himself king of all.

Speaker Wright also pulled a shenanigan in Congress designed to line his own pocket with another pay raise, too. Just before Halloween the speaker and his lieutenants wanted to shove through an \$11.9-billion tax increase by way of staking out a position on deficit reduction. Included was a sneaky pay raise for Congress. The Speaker couldn't keep the votes together and 41 Democrats bolted.

The measure lost, 206-205. Wright delayed announcing the vote until he could find a maverick he could persuade to switch his vote. Rep. Jim Chapman, a Texas Democrat, succumbed to arm twisting and the vote became 206-205 for the measure.

Jim Wright secured \$12-million for the Fort Worth stockyard improvement program and his wife is reported to be a paid consultant for the corporation that owns half of the stockyards. His financial dealings are being viewed by the news media but Jim isn't worried. His House seat is

as safe as Santa Claus and as Speaker he has more and more political power. How he uses it will be interesting to see. It is safe to say that not all Texans will like what they see from a native Texan, however.

HAROLD HUDSON
Perryton Herald



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