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AROUND
THE
COUNTY



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Plans for the Sterling County Livestock Show have been completed. All that remains is cooperation from the weather. Show date is Monday, January 10; with the cold weather we have had thus in the so-called fall season, there's no telling what winter which officially started December 21, will bring.

Judge for the 1977 show will be Thomas Everett, County Extension Agent of Reagan County. He will judge all divisions of the show.

Frank Price is superintendent of the show with David Drennan as assistant superintendent. Sale clerk is Worth Durham with Charles Probandt and James Thompson as assistants.

Judging is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. with the lightweight finewool lambs followed by the heavyweight finewools, light and heavy crossbred lambs, breeding sheep, cattle and pigs. The sale will start at 3:00 P.M. with Riley King and Chesley McDonald as auctioneers.

More information regarding the show will be supplied 4-H Club members and FFA members in the near future.

When things are going wrong, or to the bad side, there always seem to be room for one more thing to go wrong. And another monster seems ready to raise its ugly head in this area of the state; this added to low prices, high feed costs, predators, and the other problems facing the livestock industry makes life more complicated.

The latest possible problem involves the dry grass on much of the rangeland and a very low protein level. In several areas of the state analyses of forage samples have been made on a continuing basis. The protein content of the forage has dropped to the lowest point in a number of years. Since the early killing frost in mid-October effectively stopped all growth, this has been a concern to some people.

There are two possible dangers involved here with the low protein content of the forage. First, livestock will begin to drop off in condition if not supplied with adequate levels of nutrition through supplemental feed. This one will show up but usually too late to effectively halt with supplemental feed if the producer is not on his toes.

The second problem may be of longer duration. Livestock may take some of the poisonous plants which are green on the range. While these plants may not produce symptoms now, the effects may be of longer duration. One of the guilty plants found in greater abundance on some of our ranges this year is threadleaf groundsel. Groundsel will cause liver damage and weaken the animal's natural resistance. In turn, often months later this will cause losses through the animal's inability to resist an infectious disease such as pneumonia. High levels of nitrates and urea in the feed may also contribute to the losses following liver damage.

What we are trying to say is watch your stock closely this year. The dry grass we have may not be as good as we have been having and supplemental feed may be needed sooner than planned. It's easier to keep livestock in good condition than it is to get them back up to the

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include:

Lee Reed
Mrs. Calvin Poindexter and infant son born Dec. 21
Herbert Simpson
Mrs. Walsie Gibbs
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week were;
Louis Bernal
Mrs. Manuel Lujan Jr. ant infant son born Dec. 22
Residents in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were;
George Case
Mrs. Lucy Chaney
Mrs. Blanche Copeland
Mrs. Luther Hallmark
Mrs. Lura McClellan
Mrs. Edith Hudson
Mrs. Ida Brown
Mrs. Jim Duke
Jim Duke
Mrs. Lucy Norman
Mrs. J. E. Bynum
Noble Read
Mrs. Minnie Pinson
Mrs. Noble Read
Mrs. O. M. Cole
Mrs. Mabel Martin
Mrs. Clifford Carpenter
Mrs. Iver P. Mercer
Mrs. Lena Key
Mrs. Tiny Longshore
Mrs. Nora Dunn
Mrs. Mandy Abernathy
Roy Foster

Social Security

Social Security benefits were being paid to residents of Sterling County at a rate of \$30,913 a month at the start of 1976, Frank Upp, social security manager in San Angelo, said.

Of the 194 social security beneficiaries living in Sterling County, 104 are retired workers and 7 are disabled workers. Another 83 are receiving benefits as the dependents of workers who are retired, disabled, or deceased.

In Sterling County, 47 people under age 65 and 147 people age 65 and over are receiving monthly social security benefits. Of total beneficiaries 74 are men, 93 are women, and 27 are children. The children receive payments because a working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirement benefits.

Pecan production is off this year over the nation. Sorry crops are being reported in about every area except ours. Pecans are selling from \$1.00 to more than a dollar and a half in stores and are bringing up to a dollar from the growers. Natives are bringing better than 75c a pound and all are being sought by buyers.

So, if you have a good crop this year, enjoy them. They are better tasting when they are priced so high.

level once they have started downhill—livestock dropping off in condition are like the proverbial rolling downhill—hard to stop.

This is the last column for the year since the newspaper will take its usual holiday next week. So with this, A Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season to all.

BASKETBALL NOTES

Sterling Boys Second in Robert Lee Tournament; Girls Lose Third Place Game

At the Robert Lee Tournament the Sterling girls lost the third place game to Eola by a score of 43 to 34. Scoring for the Eagles were Kilpatrick with 18 and Gaston with 16.

The boys lost to Wall in the championship game by a score of 71 to 51. The boys advanced to the finals by beating Christoval 47 to 39 and then beating Robert Lee 59 to 48.

In the Wall game, Bowen scored 12 points Fleming 7, Jones 13, Medina 9, Dodds 2, Rich 1 and Watson 1.

The Eagles are now 10-7 for the year.

Sterling and Eden Split Games

The Sterling girls beat Eden by a score of 28 to 25 Tuesday night of last week at Eden.

Scoring for the Eagles were Kilpatrick 15, Terry 10, Gaston 5 points.

The guards did another fine job of keeping the opponents from scoring as the forwards had another cold night at the basket. The guards are made up of Patti Bynum, Kim Rich, Debra Watson Lisa Rich and Janice Greenfield.

The girls record is now 8-8 for the season.

The boys lost to Eden by a score of 59 to 50. They could only manage 4 points the first quarter as they were plagued with floor errors and cold shooting from both the field and the free throw line.

Scoring for the boys were Bowen 2 points, Fleming 2, Jones 8, Medina 16, Hoover 3, Curington 4, Dodds 6, Ferguson 2, Demere 5 and Watson 2.

The boys are now 8-6 for the season.

Eagles Win Two from Eden

The Sterling girls beat the Eden Bulldogs here Tuesday night to even their record at 10-10 before going into the holidays. They won by a score of

Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

Following our usual custom, we will not put out a paper on next Friday. We will take the week to get out our expiration notices and catch up on some printing and the like.

We always skip the last issue of the year for our Christmas holidays. Some papers skip the Christmas day issue, but having a weekly paper, we take off on the day that suits us best.

8-BALL

One hundred and fifty kids along with their parents were in attendance at the annual Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party at the fire house here Monday night. Old Santa Claus handed out the gift packages—and a good time was had by all.

8-BALL

The Lions Club met at the City Cafe Wednesday of this week with 21 present. Guests were Bob Steger of Mertzon

39 to 30.

Scoring for Sterling were Kay Kilpatrick with 21 points, Lynese Gaston with 9, and Melinda Terry with 9.

The guards did a fine job allowing Eden just 11 field goals in the game. The guards are Patti Bynum, Kim Rich and Debra Watson.

The boys evened up their record against Eden at 1-1, losing to Eden at Eden a week ago, but winning big here Tuesday and this brings their season record to 11-7.

Scoring for the Eagles were Mike Bowen 2, Lee Fleming 7, Dean Jonts 19, Roger Medina 10, Louie Hoover 10, Mickey Dodds 2, and Boots Demere 2.

The Eagles won by a score of 52 to 51.

Wimodausis Club

Members of the Wimodausis Club met December 15 in the community center for the program.

Mrs. Roy Foster was the director of the Christmas program.

Mrs. Marjorie Milligan was guest reviewer of the book—CHRISTMAS STORY by Mrs. Billy Graham.

Mrs. Roy Morgan read the poem TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, and Mrs. David Glass gave THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Refreshments of cake, nuts, candy, tea and coffee were served to 16 members. The two new members were Mrs. Fred Phillips of Water Valley and Mrs. C. W. Smith of Sterling. Two guests were Mrs. Peb Cope of Grape Creek and Mrs. Milligan. Refreshments were served by Mrs. A.S. Bowers and Mrs. Billy F. Palmer.

and Mrs. Ross Foster and Skeete Foster.

The prize went to Traugott Vogel.

8-BALL

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lively of San Antonio are here visiting his parents, the A.C. Livelys this week. Robert is a law student in a San Antonio College.

8-BALL

Mary Lee Douthit, daughter of the Jack Douthits, is here for the holidays. She is working on a dissertation in anthropology in the University of Texas at Austin. Meanwhile she is teaching that subject in Valdosta State College in Valdosta, Georgia.

8-BALL

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all my friends for the kind cards sent me during my illness and for the Christmas messages. A special thanks to Dr. Swann, Mildred and the hospital staff for their consideration and care.

BERTHA McCABE

News Items—if you have a worthy news item, call it in to the paper. 378-3251.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Augustine to Observe 60th Wedding Anniversary Monday, December 27

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Augustine will be honored Monday night with a sixtieth wedding anniversary open house in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Foster.

Hosts will include the J. Q. Foster family, the honoree's grandchildren Dr. and Mrs. Frank George, Stephanie and Trey, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Foster, Bill Foster Mr. and Mrs. John Augustine, Carol and Michael, and Scott Augustine.

The Augustines were married

in Sterling City on December 27, 1916, by the late Dr. W. B. Everett. Mrs. Augustine is the former Dessu Murtishaw.

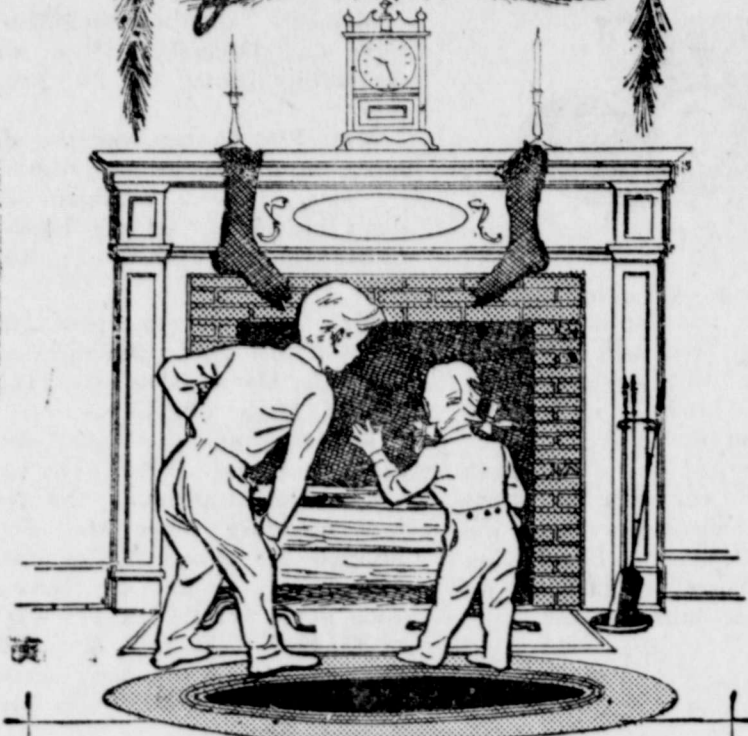
The Augustines are well known ranchers in Sterling County and are members of the Methodist Church.

Members of the houseparty will include Mrs. Lester Foster, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Swann, Judge and Mrs. Roland Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jones, Mrs. N. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster,

Mr. and Mrs. John Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reed, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McClure, Miss Joy Sauer, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Ainsworth and Mrs. W. D. Augustine, all of Sterling City.

And Mr. and Mrs. Preston Davis of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worthy of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mayfield of Sonora, Mrs. J. W. Murtishaw of Lake Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Smith of Nogales, Arizona.

Merry Christmas

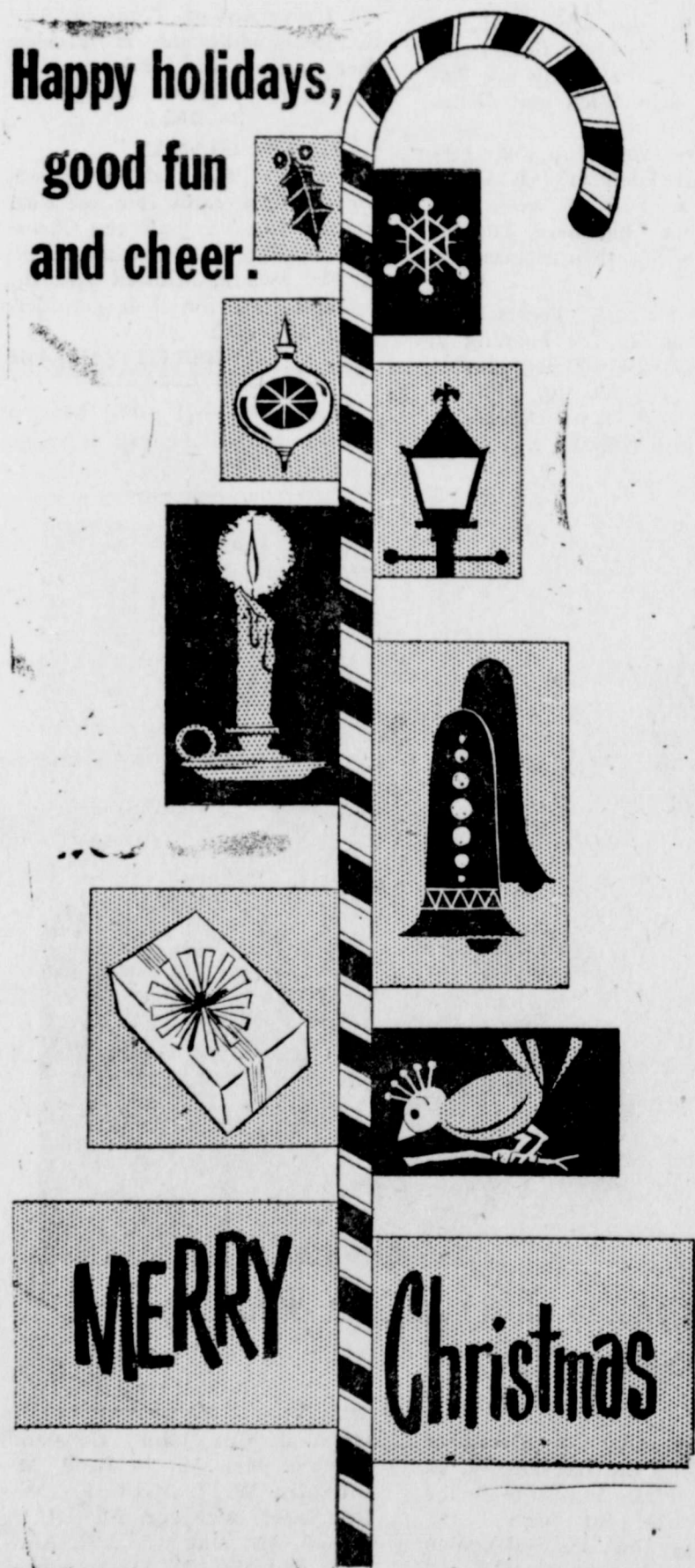


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History Book Information

The Sterling County Historical Commission has been notified that the Sterling County History book, MILLING AROUND STERLING COUNTY, will not arrive from the publisher in November as had been announced. The books will arrive in March.

MILLING AROUND STERLING COUNTY has 400 pages and 424 pictures. Photos of Sterling County, and many other interesting photographs, maps, and drawings are included.

Gift certificates for \$15.75 plus \$1.00 for mailing) can be purchased from Mrs. L.C. McDonald, Mrs. Danny Stewart or Dan Glass. Checks should be made payable to STERLING COUNTY BI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security will be sending its representative to Sterling City on the second Wednesday of the month, starting in October—same time, same place. Only the day has been changed.

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payments because a working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirement benefits.



As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holidays, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universal of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the proper language on the right:

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|--------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Buon Natale! | | Hawaiian |
| 2. Glad Julen! | | Japanese |
| 3. Tin Hao Nian! | | Italian |
| 4. Chrystovjna! | | Chinese |
| 5. Feliz Natal! | | Greek |
| 6. Joyeux Noel! | | Portuguese |
| 7. Kinge Shinnen! | | Swedish |
| 8. Mele Kalkimaka! | | French |

ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portuguese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.

CHRISTMAS (noun) "The yearly celebration of the birth of Christ",
SUPERINTENDENT (noun) "A person who supervises or directs some undertaking, institution, building, or the like; manager."



This Christmas season we express our gratitude to Owners, Architects, Engineers, Sub Contractors, Superintendents, and Craftsmen. But we are especially grateful for our Superintendents. We want you to meet **JOHNNY MERRELL, HERB HEARON, LYN BRANNON, BOB ALLEN and BOB ECCLES.**



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Merry Christmas



Warm and friendly wishes that never grow cold, each year they seem new, for they never grow old.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinas of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metalurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the Csar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

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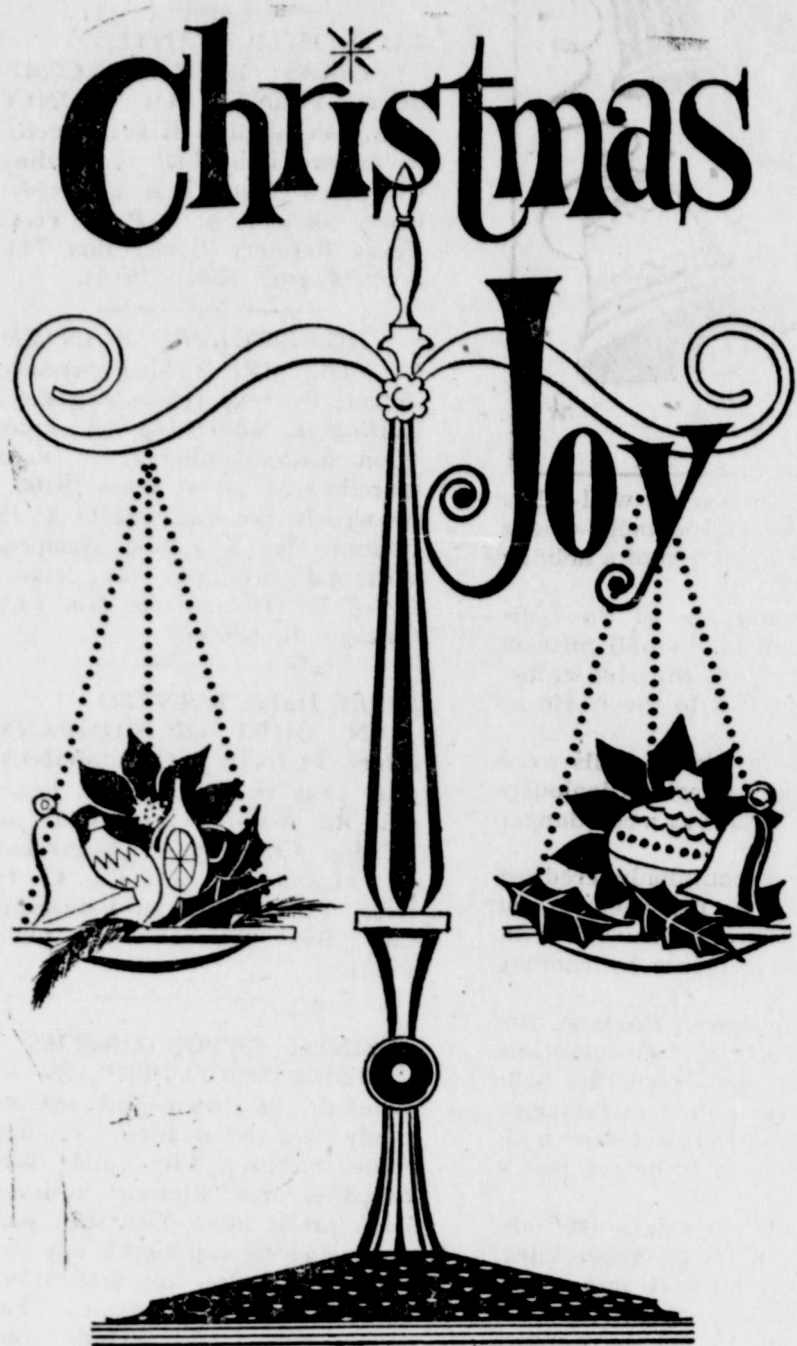
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**Social Services
Schedule**

Beginning October 13 a variety of social service agencies will implement a common service schedule in Sterling County.

Effective that date, representatives of the following agencies will begin a schedule of being in Sterling County the 2nd Wednesday of every month:

- Social Security
- Department of Public Welfare
- Food Stamps
- Department of Public Welfare
- Adult Social Services
- Department of Public Welfare
- Child Social Services
- Department of Public Welfare
- Financial Services
- Department of Public Welfare
- Medical Services
- Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

The Social Security representative will be located at the County Courthouse Library.

The Department of Public Welfare Food Stamps represen-

LEGAL NOTICE

The Texas Department of Health Resources has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for Sterling County Hospital and Nursing Home, Sterling City, Texas to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 A. M. to 4:30 P.M. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guidelines of the Federal regulation.

Call in your news items to the News-Record. 378-3251.

They will be located in the County Commissioner Courtroom.

1976-1977 S.H.S. Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov. 2	Loraine	T Girls	6:30
Nov. 9	Loraine	H Girls	6:30
Nov. 16.	Mertzson	T Boys, A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 19	Paint Rock	T Boys A, Girls	6:00
Nov. 23	Mertzson	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 29	Miles	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 30	Paint Rock	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 2, 3, 4	Forsan Tour.	Boys and Girls	
Dec. 7	Christoval	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 9, 10, 11	Sterling Tour.	H Boys and Girls	
Dec. 13	Miles	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 14	Eden	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 16, 17, 18	Robert Lee Tour.	Boys and Girls	
Dec. 21	Eden	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 4	Christoval	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 7	Forsan	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 11	Water Valley	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 14	Grady	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 18	Greenwood	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 21	Garden City	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 25	Forsan	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 28	Water Valley	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 1	Grady	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 4	Greenwood	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 8	Garden City	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00

(District Games Start on January 7 with Forsan Here at 5:00)

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NOTICE—

COST OF ENGRAVINGS

—Due to the high cost of cuts or engravings of pictures, we are now forced to charge for all society type pictures run in the paper. The costs have always been an item to be considered, but now the cost makes a charge necessary. Cuts or engravings run from \$2.75 for a one column cut to around \$6 for a two column cut. This is actual cost and will be charged for from now on.

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Pasture Management Pays

PUT LOW COST POUNDS ON STEERS

The deflated cattle market situation these days is forcing many ranchers in the Sterling County area to consider overwintering steers in hopes of a market recovery next spring. These additional livestock numbers will put considerable pressure on native forage despite the excellent growing season we've experienced this year.

Supplemental protein feed will take a big bite of the hoped-for profits unless a healthy reserve of high protein green forage is maintained on the ground.

Winter groceries such as Texas wintergrass, Canada wildrye, Rescuegrass, Filaree and Tallow weed are the primary plants that cattle will be looking for. These plants are green during the winter months and high in protein and Vitamin A. Dormant warm season plants that retain some protein through curing such as Vine mesquite and Sideoats are next in preference followed by less desirable plants like Threeawns and Bitterweed. Problems with poisonous plants often develop when livestock try to satisfy their need for Vitamin A and protein by grazing Bitterweed, Broom snakeweed, Thread leaf groundsel, and Sacahuista.

How do we reduce the losses to poisonous plants and increase winter feed reserves?

Winter forage plants have the same needs for growth as summer feed. They must have enough leaf surface area to convert sunlight, water, and nitrogen into stored food for reproduction and energy to start growth next year. If the leaves are continuously removed the plant gets weaker because it can't manufacture food to grow. It literally starves to death.

A periodic rest from grazing and some fair weather to regrow the lost leaves and store some food for the next grazing period will stretch the value of each one of the forage plants in a pasture for many years.

It is particularly nice to have a fresh ungrazed pasture to move into around the middle of January when cattle need some green feed the most.

The extra half a day it may take to shuffle some livestock around when you have them up to work anyway will pay off many times when those cattle go through the auction ring.

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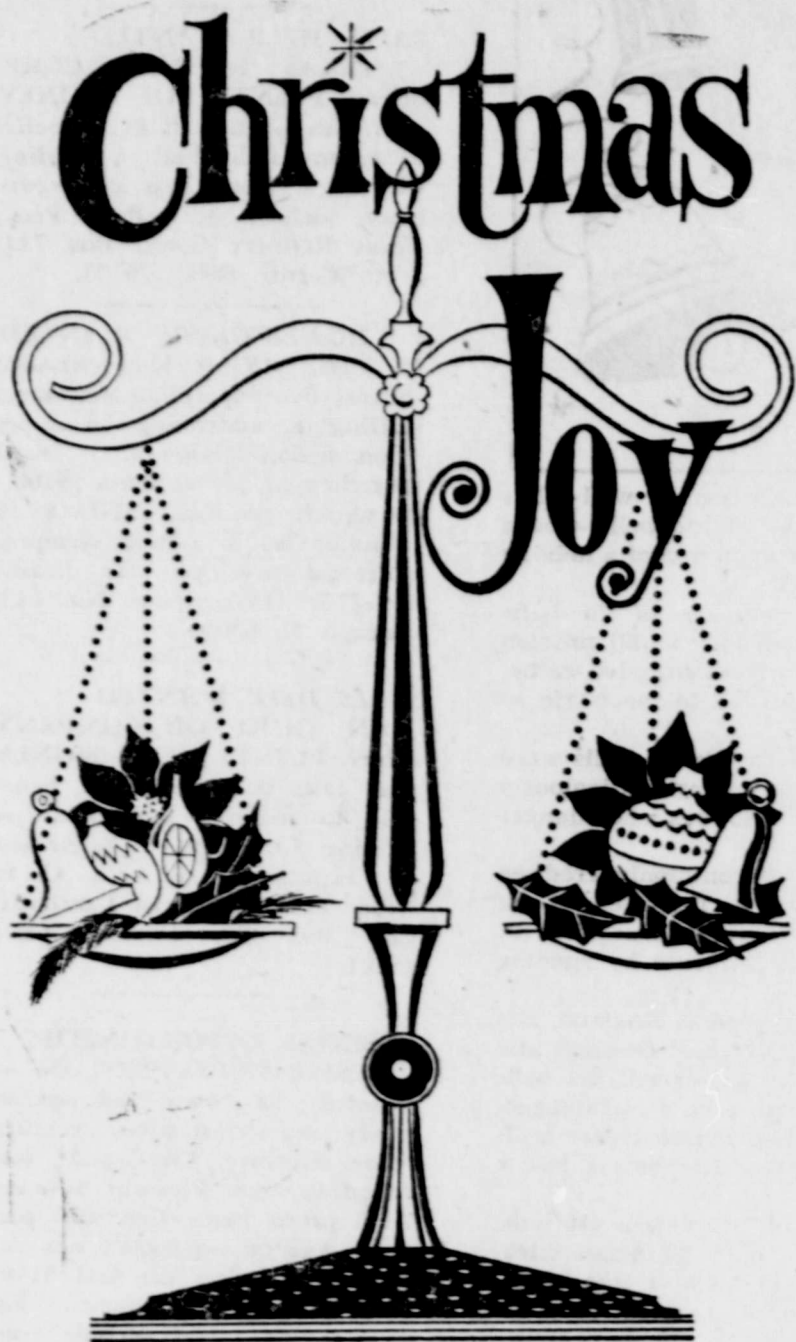
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- Department of Public Welfare
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- Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

The Social Security representative will be located at the County Courthouse Library.

The Department of Public Welfare Food Stamps representative will be located in the County Commissioner Courtroom.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Texas Department of Health Resources has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for Sterling County Hospital and Nursing Home, Sterling City, Texas to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 A. M. to 4:30 P.M. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guidelines of the Federal regulation.

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1976-1977 S.H.S. Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov. 2	Loraine	T Girls	6:30
Nov. 9	Loraine	H Girls	6:30
Nov. 16	Mertzou	T Boys, A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 19	Paint Rock	T Boys A, Girls	6:00
Nov. 23	Mertzou	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 29	Miles	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Nov. 30	Paint Rock	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 2, 3, 4	Forsan Tour.	Boys and Girls	
Dec. 7	Christoval	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 9, 10, 11	Sterling Tour.	H Boys and Girls	
Dec. 13	Miles	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 14	Eden	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Dec. 16, 17, 18	Robert Lee Tour.	Boys and Girls	
Dec. 21	Eden	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 4	Christoval	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 7	Forsan	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 11	Water Valley	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 14	Grady	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 18	Greenwood	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 21	Garden City	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 25	Forsan	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Jan. 28	Water Valley	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 1	Grady	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 4	Greenwood	H Boys A&B, Girls	5:00
Feb. 8	Garden City	T Boys A&B, Girls	5:00

(District Games Start on January 7 with Forsan Here at 5:00)

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Supplemental protein feed will take a big bite of the hoped-for profits unless a healthy reserve of high protein green forage is maintained on the ground.

Winter groceries such as Texas wintergrass, Canada wildrye, Rescuegrass, Filaree and Tallow weed are the primary plants that cattle will be looking for. These plants are green during the winter months and high in protein and Vitamin A. Dormant warm season plants that retain some protein through curing such as Vine mesquite and Sideoats are next in preference followed by less desirable plants like Threeawns and Bitterweed. Problems with poisonous plants often develop when livestock try to satisfy their need for Vitamin A and protein by grazing Bitterweed, Broom snakeweed, Thread leaf groundsel, and Sacahuista.

How do we reduce the losses to poisonous plants and increase winter feed reserves?

Winter forage plants have the same needs for growth as summer feed. They must have enough leaf surface area to convert sunlight, water, and nitrogen into stored food for reproduction and energy to start growth next year. If the leaves are continuously removed the plant gets weaker because it can't manufacture food to grow. It literally starves to death.

A periodic rest from grazing and some fair weather to regrow the lost leaves and store some food for the next grazing period will stretch the value of each one of the forage plants in a pasture for many years.

It is particularly nice to have a fresh ungrazed pasture to move into around the middle of January when cattle need some green feed the most.

The extra half a day it may take to shuffle some livestock around when you have them up to work, anyway will pay off many times when those cattle go through the auction ring.

If we can help you in figuring out a deferrment program tailored to your operation; contact the local Soil Conservation Service.

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Historical Marker for Sterling County

An official Texas Historical Marker for Sterling County will be erected on January 12, 1977, it was announced by Dan Glass, chairman of the Sterling County Historical Commission.

The marker will be placed on the Courthouse Square in Sterling City. The plan now is to have the marker erected on the date (Jan. 12) at 11 a.m. that day.

Made of cast aluminum with Swedish steel effect, the marker measures 27 by 42 inches and is sponsored by Sterling County Commissioners Court. The inscription on the marker reads:

STERLING COUNTY

This prairie region split by the North Concho River is old Comanche, Kickapoo, Kiowa, Lipan, and Wichita hunting ground. Possibly it was crossed by six or so Spanish Explorations between 1540 and 1654. In the 1860s and 70s, Anglo-Americans hunted buffalo commercially in this area. An 1860s hunter, Capt. W.S. Sterling, had a dugout home on the creek that bears his name. In the 1870s bandits Frank and Jesse James kept horses on a tributary of Sterling Creek. In 1874 the United States Army occupied Camp Elizabeth, a Fort Concho outpost hospital, about ten miles west of here. Ranchers from other counties began to bring in large cattle herds in the 1870s, to capitalize on free grass. After keeping out small herds for a time, they permitted actual settlers to share the range. Family men staked land claims, grew crops in the valleys, and opened stores, schools and post offices. On March 4, 1891, on the petition of 150 citizens, the county was created out of part of Tom Green County, and named for its first regular resident. Sterling City became the county seat.

Petroleum production has been important to the economy since the 1950s; yet the land essentially remains range country, grazed by cattle and sheep.

The marking of local historic sites and landmarks is part of the Texas Historical Commissions program of preservation activities. These include archeological investigations, history museum consultation, and administering the National Historic Preservation Act in Texas. As of 1975 the Historical Commission had erected more than 7,200 official markers.

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