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'Strawberry Shortcake' sends DPMC family to 'Big Apple'



Twitty family lands in New York. Flanked by "Strawberry Shortcake" and members of the Eastern crew are Eddie and Lissa Twitty and their children: Hal, held by Eddie, and, from left, Edwin, Jessica and Erin.



The Manhattan skyline serves as a backdrop for Jessica and "Strawberry Shortcake."



Jessica and "Strawberry Shortcake" pose with "Miss Liberty."



Jessica and Lissa Twitty share a horse-drawn hansom cab with "Strawberry Shortcake" in New York.

"I used to hate my freckles until I saw Strawberry Shortcake's. They were so cute on her, now I like mine."

Those 21 words brought startling changes to the life of the Twitty family of Pasadena, Texas.

Jessica Twitty, age eight, along with more than 70,000 other children nationwide, entered an essay contest involving the best-selling Strawberry Shortcake doll. Unlike all those other kids, however, Jessica won first prize!

She is the eldest of four children of Lissa and Eddie Twitty. Eddie, a second-generation DPMC Employee, recently transferred from Aromatics operations to an Instrument Repair training program. His father R.Q. Twitty is a Utilities shift foreman.

The contest, featured in the August issue of *Good Housekeeping* magazine, called for a response, in 25 words or less, to "Why my mommy and I like Strawberry Shortcake." In addition to *Good Housekeeping*, contest sponsors included Those Characters from Cleveland (manufacturers of the doll), American Greetings, and General Mills.

First prize was the stuff that dreams are made of. It included a truckload of toys, and children's clothing, furniture and room decorations, as well as a five-day super-deluxe trip to New York.

The New York trip was set for Thanksgiving Week, and, on very short notice, the folks at Aromatics were kind enough to juggle their vacation plans to turn Eddie loose for the extravaganza. A Houston tv station sent a camera crew to the Twitty home to tape the family packing for the trip.

On Tuesday, November 23, at 8:30 a.m., Lissa, Eddie and the four children boarded a New York-bound Eastern Airlines jet. It was the first flight for every member of the family.

The "red-carpet" treatment that was to prevail throughout the trip began on the plane. The crew took the whole family into the cockpit for a look-around before takeoff. Much fuss was made over them during the flight, including announcement over the

loudspeaker that the winning family was on board.

When the plane landed at LaGuardia, a request came over the loudspeaker: "Will the Twitty family remain on board." After the other passengers deplaned, the family was joined by two people they would see a great deal of during the next five days — Pat Story from the public relations firm John Springer and Associates, and an actress dressed up like Strawberry Shortcake.

After posing for photos with the crew, they were whisked out of the airport by the chauffeur-driven limo ("nine yards long," says Eddie) that would take them just about everywhere they went while in New York. First stop: the Plaza Hotel, where they occupied a 15th-floor suite.

Next morning, after breakfast in their suite, Eddie and the kids visited the famous toy store F.A.O. Schwartz and the Empire State Building while Lissa was treated to a "beauty makeover" at *Good Housekeeping*. ("I almost didn't recognize her," Eddie recalls).

They met for lunch at *Good Housekeeping's* experimental kitchen. Two-year-old Hal Twitty was the youngest ever to eat there. Lissa recognized the rolls from a recipe she had read in *Good Housekeeping*. On hearing this, the magazine's editor John Mack Carter exclaimed, "You really do read us from cover to cover!"

Following a tour of the *Good Housekeeping* offices, the group popped over to Radio City Music Hall for a special Christmas program, the first live performance ever viewed by Eddie and the kids. Naturally, they were taken backstage afterwards.

Thursday was Thanksgiving, highlighted by Macy's renowned parade, which included a Strawberry Shortcake float. No, the Twitty family did not ride on the float, but they had great seats, right in front of the store, and wore "Parade Official" badges.

The day was overcast, with temperatures in the mid-40s, but

the Texans took it in stride. "Our feet were cold, but otherwise we were comfortable," Eddie relates. During part of the parade, the kids went off with the president of Those Characters from Cleveland to watch some performers.

That night, they all warmed their feet, and innards, during dinner at the posh Tavern-on-the-Green in Central Park.

Friday started with a private breakfast for the kids with Santa Claus in his little log cabin in Macy's toy department. Jessica says she was too excited to eat very much.

From there they embarked on a voyage to the Statue of Liberty. "Explaining its meaning to my four-year-old son brought tears to my eyes," Eddie says.

Lunch took place 107 floors high, atop the World Trade Center, at Windows on the World. Reservations there normally have to be made many weeks in advance. The family celebrated Hal's second birthday in the stratosphere.

On Saturday morning, they had breakfast at their hotel's popular Palm Court, followed by a visit to the Central Park zoo. Then it was back to the hotel to pack and return to Houston.

That was far from the end of the experience, however. Tv channels 2 and 13 both sent camera crews to cover the arrival of the truckload of toys and furniture. In addition, Ch 13 sent a reporter to interview Jessica. And, the January *Good Housekeeping* included a photo of Jessica and a report on her winning the contest.

Eddie points out that he and his wife are very proud of how Jessica has taken all of this attention in stride. "We were concerned about its affect on her," he admits, "but it turns out she's no prima donna. Certainly she has enjoyed it, but has been very level-headed and grown-up about it for an eight-year-old."

"I'll tell you one person who was as excited about this thing as anyone — that's my father. I don't believe I've ever seen him get so excited about anything before."

Credit Union annual meeting attended by 750 members

One of the largest crowds in Shell Federal Credit Union history — some 750 members — gathered for its annual meeting Friday evening, March 4, at Deer Park High School.

Reelected to the Credit Union's board for three-year terms were C.H. Welch, Refinery Laboratory; J.H. Connolly, Purchasing; and L.G. Stansel, Intermediates and Solvents.

Credit Committee members reelected for three-year terms were W.L. White, OP II and III;

A.R. Livanec, Engineering Field; and G.D. Stepp, Aromatics and Gas Recovery.

A total of \$2,000 in cash prizes was distributed among 19 lucky winners. The top prize of \$200 went to Jimmy Lee, a DPMC retiree and former Credit Union board member. Eighteen others won \$100 each.

There was a special drawing for retirees. Winners of \$100 each were C.W. Eddleman, G.L. Dudley and W.L. McCarely.

The Credit Union also encourages young people to at-

tend its annual meeting, offering silver dollars as a reward. This year 150 youngsters (age 16 and under) qualified for a silver dollar prize. Their attendance was up from 82 last year.

Each member in attendance received a gift, either a jar opener or key chain. Banks were given to the youngsters.

Treasurer-Manager Jesse Campbell said that the entire board of directors was highly pleased at the fine turnout for this year's meeting.



Naomi Davis of Mail Services is the happy winner of \$100 at the Credit Union's annual meeting. Making the presentation are board members John Kindla (c), Engineering Field, and John Connolly, Purchasing.

SCORA stages Country & Western dance

Photos by Doyle Hale



Much credit for the success of the dance goes to Berta Hokanson, Purchasing-Stores, and "Chicken" Williams, Maintenance-North.



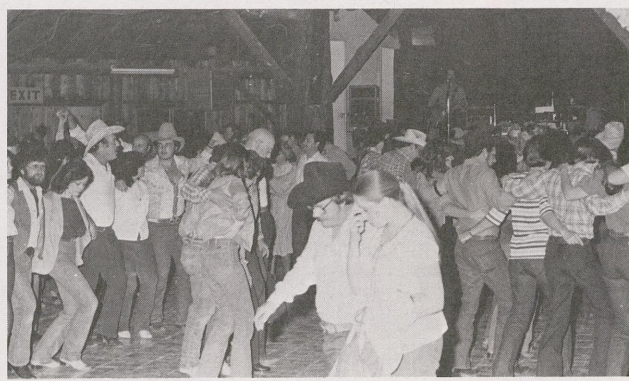
Billy Martin, Utilities, relaxes with his wife Marilyn (at his left) and (from left) Mary Martin, wife of Chuck Martin, OP III, and Rita Kolb, wife of Mike Kolb, Maintenance-South.



Doris Kleiber accepts an invitation to dance from Jim Hoke, Maintenance-North.



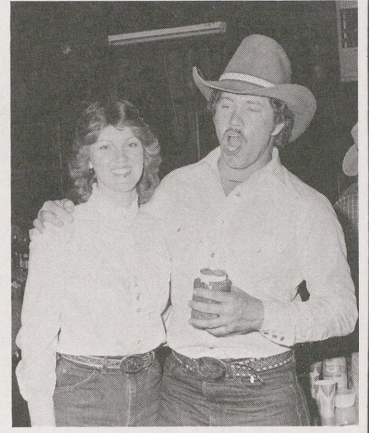
Jitterbugging to beat the band are Bobby Grappe of Aromatics-East and wife Peggy.



Everybody turned out for "Cotton-eyed Joe."



Jackie Holt of Medical entertains her Guest Barry Baker.



Wayne Morris of Safety-South serenades his wife Linda.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1982 Ford F-150 super cab. Automatic, air, power, AM/FM. Assume balance at Credit Union or refinance. Call 475-8313 or 479-2450.

1981 Grand Prix Brougham. Fully loaded, all power, six-cyl. Must sell. \$6,800. Call 479-4939.

1980 Grand Prix. Power steering and brakes, tilt wheel, sun roof, AM/FM/eight-track stereo, good condition, 41,000 miles. \$6,300. Call 480-5073.

1979 Bronco. Lock hubs, tilt, air, AM/FM/cassette. \$6,900. Call 476-1538.

1978 Ford LTD-II. Four-door, 302 cu. in., new tires, shocks and lifetime battery, 45,000 miles, in excellent condition. \$2,200. Call 487-0024.

1977 Mercury Cougar. Four-door, loaded with extras, one owner. \$2,150. Call 473-5811.

1976 Ford E-250 window van. V-8, automatic, dual air, power

steering and brakes, cruise, AM/FM/cassette, privacy glass, dual tanks, tiv. pkg., four captain's chairs, couch/bed. \$2,900. **1977 Starcraft Galaxy Six pop-up trailer.** Ice box, three bnr. stove, privacy curtain, potti, excellent condition. \$2,500. **Craftsman six-hp riding mower,** good condition \$200. Call 479-7130.

1976 Ford Gran Torino. Four-door, power steering and brakes, AM/FM/eight-track, automatic, busted in places, but good work car. \$950. Call 452-5171.

1976 Olds Cutlass S. Power steering and brakes, automatic, air, tilt steering, V-8, low mileage, excellent condition. \$1,900. **Queen-size bed.** Includes mattress, box spring and metal frame, hardly used. \$150. Call 531-4949.

1975 Olds Cutlass. Good work car. \$500. Call 996-1410 after 5 p.m.

1975 Prowler 19-ft. travel trailer. Loaded, heat, hot water heater, air, sleeps six. \$3,500. Call 487-0024.

1975 Harley Davidson 1200 cc

Super Glide. King and queen seat, Number one sissy bar, chrome U-ring pegs, kick and electric start, black. \$2,900. Call 442-2891.

1972 Dodge Challenger. New shocks, brakes and tires (two). \$700. Call 479-0655.

1954 Chevy pick-up. Good condition. \$950. Call 471-1085.

Wooded April Sound lot. On Lake Conroe, 78 x 138. Call 472-2092.

Craftsman metal lathe. \$1,000. Call 487-8538.

Grinell upright piano. Cherrywood finish, good condition, great sound. \$600. Call 479-3784.

Cabinet. Shelf unit to hold stereo, tv and vcr equipment, also storage at bottom, excellent condition. Will deliver. \$225.

Kenmore washer. Heavy duty, year-old, excellent condition. Will deliver. \$245. **Violin with case.** More than 25 years old, excellent condition. \$225. **Three hp outboard motor.** Excellent condition. \$185. Call 373-1060.

Three-gallon outboard motor gas tank. Mercury O.B. connection. \$15. Call 472-3018.

Faith and begorra!



SCORA softball deadline March 31

Spring is here, and that means s-o-f-t-b-a-l-l! It's time to sign your team up for SCORA's league. In fact, the deadline is just two weeks off — March 31.

There is a 22-team limit, so you'll want to get on the ball, pronto. Send your application,

team roster and \$75 entry fee to Theresa Sandles, Room 131, North Administration.

If you have any questions, get in touch with Doug Teschendorf, Boiler Shop-South. His extension is 7302.

The season opens April 13. Play ball, and play it safe!



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