

Symbolizing hispanic tradition . . .

Esperanza, a seamstress that loves her work

by JEAN ANN BEHNEY

Halfway through a very lengthy and fascinating interview with Esperanza Puentes, seamstress par excellence, I am compelled to reach out and examine her hands with my own. These hands have been sewing everything from wedding gowns to infant baptismal dresses for twenty-plus years, but in place of callouses, I find only strength, warmth, and great capability—the very characteristics of this gentle person herself.

Esperanza Puentes has become well-known, especially in Spearman's Hispanic community, for her skill in designing and sewing clothing, particularly the elaborate formal gowns worn by young girls at their "Quinceañera."

"Quinceañera" refers to the traditional ceremony celebrated by fifteen-year-old girls and their families. I had planned to make this festival the interview's main subject, but soon realized that Esperanza herself symbolizes the greater theme of Hispanic tradition, with its incomparable melange of religion, pageantry and merriment.

Historically, Mexico's pre-Indian ceremonies were incorporated into the Spanish Catholic Church in Mexico because the missionary

friars adapted them to Christian purposes. Today, according to Life World Library's Mexico, the Church not only promises life after death for millions of Mexicans, "but through its rituals and feasts, adorns their life as well." Esperanza is the perfect blend of Indian and Spanish cultures, with the addition of her new roots in the United States. Her way of adhering to her mother country's traditions is through her sewing.

With her children eagerly doing rapid-fire translations, I learned from Esperanza (who does not give herself enough credit for her English-speaking abilities!) that she began sewing at age ten in Mexico. She learned by simply watching and imitating her mother, and to this day believes that her gift for sewing was inherited. (Her sisters, particularly Lupe, are also seamstresses.) As we speak, her hands lovingly touch the midnight blue satin of the Quinceañera gown she is currently making.

She and her family came to this country in 1968 to join their father, who was already working here as a ranch hand. Two years after marrying Benito Puentes in 1970, her father made a Mother's Day gift to her of her first sewing

machine. Esperanza has been using this same machine ever since to create all kinds of clothing, but her favorite sewing project has to be dresses for the Quinceañera.

This ceremony is primarily a mass service combined with a procession made up of the "Quinceañera" (the 15-year-old girl), and fourteen of her female friends and family members (the "damas"), each with her own male escort (the "chambelanes"). Father Patrick Walsh, who presides at the Sacred Heart service, describes it as a "teachable moment, with celebration of life, a young girl's maturity, and prayers of dedication." During his homily, or sermon, he speaks on a theme the girl herself has chosen which emphasizes the spirit of faith. He points out that the Quinceañera celebrant is making a commitment to the community and to the Church.

"Quinceañera has been a Christian ceremony for centuries," he says, "and it also represents a binding force to the Hispanic tradition as a family and as a community."

For the ceremony, the girl wears a medal or cross as her religious expression of faith and carries

flowers to symbolize the newness of life and her new commitment. She wears a crown, or "la corona," which represents the victory she has won to live a Christian life, and a ring as a token of her tie of responsibility to the community. After the mass, there is a reception, and in the evening, a dance, featuring the traditional waltz.

This is an important day in a Hispanic girl's life, and Esperanza, remembering her own Quinceañera, wants to make it even more special by providing a handmade gown for the girls. She sews these, amazingly enough, without using a pattern. In place of patterns, she uses the Mexican system of a "conjunto de plantillas," which looks like two pieces of cardboard covered with numbers and little holes.

Esperanza demonstrates her use of this cardboard with a speed that is almost blinding, first measuring her daughter, then poking dots through the cardboard's holes with a marker. This leaves marks on the fabric underneath, which she connects to form a shape which, cut

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Esperanza Puentes and daughter, Patricia

Booster club selling flags

The Spearman Lynx & Lynette Booster Club held its first meeting Monday night in the Home Ec Room of Spearman High School.

There were about 30 people attending the business meeting. Johnny Crawford presided over the meeting and explained the purpose of the club. He reported that the major portion of the money raised by the club was used for scholarships, the rest used for various activities held for the athletes, including the athletic banquet.

The Booster Club will be selling caps again this year. The public is encouraged to buy a new cap and

help the Booster Club get going.

The Booster Club with the help of Harry Stumpf has made flags which fly on the top of the Home Stands. "They really are neat," says publicity chairman Sharon Cook.

The Club is also selling smaller flags for your business or home. Check with Cindy Blackman for your own personal flag.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, Sept. 6, 8 p.m. in the Home Ec Room of Spearman High School.

Everyone is invited to come join the club and share in the excitement for the 1988-89 school year.

PDRA board meets to approve rate

In the meeting of the board of the Palo Duro River Authority on Tuesday afternoon, the board passed the order to approve the .1255 tax rate.

The tax rate includes a .1100 rate needed for the bond of indebtedness and .0155 needed for maintenance of the project bringing the total to the .1255 tax rate.

with his phone lines being down the first two days of school, due to the construction work. In some ways, that may have been a blessing, though.

Along with doubling his regular duties as principal, he probably receives new complaints of not enough playground space along with other student or parent or teacher problems that come his way.

Mr. Gage is probably one of the busiest men in Spearman right now.

Gage has new job; added responsibilities

The new school year has just begun and there have been many changes since the 1987-88 school year. First of all, there is the construction work that is going on that makes major changes to the school grounds and campus. Then there are the new staff members, and staff changes that have come

about this school year.

Among the staff changes, the biggest change is that of Eddie Gage's position. Last year he was the principal of the junior high but this year his responsibilities include that of being the elementary principal as well.

Mr. Gage has already had to deal



JJ's Restaurant celebrated its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, Sept. 2. Shown here participating in it are: [back row] Clay Schnell, Monty Blackmon, Randall Sauer, Jim Shirley, Jackie Pearson, Larry Butler, Gloria Goodson, Mae Wofford, Robert Elliot, Robert Queener, Kim Brock,

Bill Pittman and J.L. Brock. Front row are John R. Collard, Jr., Lynanne Maize; then partners of the restaurant, Jackie Reed and Jo Lynn Griffin and her children, Audra Burke, Jo Ann Reed, Pat Dear and Mike Cudd.



This is the scene at the high school cafeteria last Friday as the students give this "send off" to the football team. The Spearman Lynx were going to

Shamrock to battle the Irish. Results will be in the next issue of the Spearman Reporter.

THE HANSFORD REPORT

By Karen Goodman

Well, we've done it again, or I've done it again! Unfortunately, I have no one to blame this mistake on but myself. Although it's too late now to do much good to correct it, at least we will acknowledge that we know of the error made.

In the story of the pregame activities going on for the Lynx football game Friday, Sept. 2, we said that game was in Shamrock which was correct and the pregame supper was in Stratford, which was obviously incorrect. I don't know why my typewriter did that.

We, especially I, apologize for the mistake. I hope the supper was a success in SHAMROCK.

As somewhat of a feeble excuse, I will mention the strange noise in our office that has plagued us for the last few days. Last Monday, I

opened the office door and heard a high pitched buzzing noise. After turning off and unplugging everything I could think of, to no avail, we decided we would just have to put up with it.

So, for two days we put up with the buzzing sound making speculations as to what it could be. I was beginning to believe someone had planted a slow-timed bomb somewhere by my desk. I thought maybe I had taken a picture of somebody that they really didn't like or something.

Anyway, we did get a mysterious break from the noise on Wednesday, but Thursday when I opened the door, there it was again!

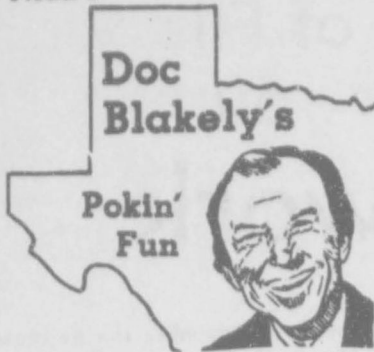
By Thursday afternoon the noise was louder and getting more annoying by the minute. We were

again trying to track it down. Our bookkeeper had it narrowed down. It was under the floor, she said.

The sound was louder when you put your ear to the floor. She opened the bottom file cabinet, and there the culprit was, an old camera that hasn't been used in ages. Boy, those energizer batteries are good.

When she took the camera out of the file cabinet, it was louder than ever. I was frantically searching for the battery pack. "Throw it out," she shrieked. Finally I had found the battery. One small three volt energizer battery, making all that noise. On the label it said, "Warning, may explode or leak if recharged." But there was no warning about any high pitched buzzing noise.

Anyway, things are back to normal around here. As normal as the newspaper office can be anyway. There are no noises that we are not accustomed to. So my typewriter has no more excuses to do anything dumb like type Stratford when it should be typing Shamrock.



Speakers are a funny lot. Meeting planners pay them good money to inspire, entertain, or even insult an audience. "There is no way this story could have happened," said one speaker. "That's why it ain't true."

Honesty is something everybody admires in a speech but is not always appreciated. Aristotle went all over ancient Greece teaching people truth. They poisoned him.

My old friend Og Mandino wrote a book about a statue covered with gold leaves, diamonds for eyes, rubies on a sword, etc. A little bird removed valuable bits, in this fable, and took them to poor people. My friend Bob Murphey, after hearing the speech, said, "We have statues in Nacogdoches like that but the birds do different things to them."

Later that night, we gathered around a table for twelve for dinner, including the famous writer Og Mandino. Above the noisy conversation, someone yelled, "Og!" He innocently asked, "You mean me?" Another wag in the party asked, "How many people do you know named 'Og'?"

I remember seeing this well-

Speak Easy

known author of a book about success principles do this thing on stage by working the crowd into a frenzy, then squatting on the edge of the platform to gaze into the eyes of his hypnotized listeners. I've always thought he should have named his book "Squatting to Success."

Of course, there would be a sequel called "Doodley Squat."

That's an old southern term that means just what you think it does.

But the one that really gets me is the "dress for success" consultant. One recently addressed our National Speakers Association and insulted everybody who wasn't wearing a black or blue suit and a \$25 tie. One fellow in a \$1,200 pair of boots remarked, "Don't pay him any mind. He's what we call in Montana 'All hat and no cattle.'"

I suppose that's because all my friends in the speaking business follow one of three dress codes. They either look like Roy Rogers, Pee Wee Herman, or Mr. T.

Except for the women, of course. They either dress like Kathy Lee Crosby or they don't.

Our meeting ended with an address from Art Linkletter who warned against the dangers of drugs. Those of us in the public eye are well aware of those evil pharmaceuticals. But I speak for the profession when I say we would never take drugs. Why should we when we can dress up silly, get high on laughter, and overdose on our own egos.

Arbor Day Foundation to sell more trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's efforts to encourage tree planting throughout America.

The ten trees are the Colorado Blue Spruce, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Sugar Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30.

Enter exhibits in Hansford Co. Fair

The Hansford County Fair is just around the corner. It will be held Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1. The fair committee invites everyone to share their special interests or hobbies by entering an exhibit in the fair. Start getting your exhibits ready now. Join the fun & be a part of the fair. Let's all pitch in & make the fair a success!

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It is difficult to look at this scrap of material and mentally come up with the billowing, frothy lavender creation which is her daughter Patricia's Quinceañera gown! (This dress looks and feels like something straight out of "Gone with the Wind" at the very least, and when my small daughter caught sight of Patricia posing in it during our photo session, she excitedly tugged at my sleeve and whispered, "Who is that queen, Mommy?")

"I prefer to make the dresses instead of buying them because I love to sew and because this way, I can use the sleeve of a certain style, the bodice or skirt of another. This makes a different, more special dress," Esperanza says. Her daughters, Patricia and Alecia, who each chose the fabric and style of their Quinceañera dresses, are nodding vigorously as they hear this. "It makes me feel good when people tell me how much they like the clothes I sew for them," she continues with a smile. Her husband Benito has urged her many times to start her own business.

At this point in our interview, her children begin to bring out various things she has sewn, and Alecia models the Mickey Mouse shirt which is one of 28 their mother recently made for her friends. I can't keep myself from touching an ivory baptismal gown covered with tier after tier of fine lace, and there is a giggle from Ernesto and Mario, the younger kids, as Esperanza reveals that it was son Benito's gown, because he is now a tall handsome 17-year-old.

Sitting in the Puentes' comfortable home, surrounded by their lively, bright-eyed children, I ask her if there is anything she would change about her life if she could. She thinks for so long that I anticipate an entire list of "wants", but finally she says simply, "It is good that we are here in the United States. There are better job opportunities, and we in the Hispanic community try to help each other get adjusted and find work. I have a good family and we are in good health. So, I can't think of anything I would change." Then she hesitates. "I would like to sew even better," she adds modestly. "And if I had the money, I would send all of my children to college."

Esperanza means "hope" in Spanish, and the woman Esperanza inspires hope and love in all who know her.

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CARD OF THANKS

Once again, the annual baseball program has been a tremendous success. The Hansford County Activity Center offered T-Ball for girls and boys ages 5-7, Coach Pitch Baseball for boys ages 8 and 9, Coach Pitch Softball for girls ages 8-12, Boys Baseball for ages 10-12 and Babe Ruth League for boys ages 13-16. Over 250 kids participated in this year's program, with a total of 16 teams competing.

We would like to thank all the coaches and assistants for all their time and effort in making this year such a success. We also want to thank all the Team Moms who kept

the concession stand and the Sun Cones flowing so smoothly.

We want to say a great big thanks to the umpires who devoted their time, to those who spent time on keeping the field in good shape and to the mothers who worked in the concession stand. Thanks also go out to the newspaper for printing team pictures. Most of all, we want to thank the kids and their parents. With everyone's participation, we have had a wonderful year full of fun, fellowship and fair play.

Allen and Peggy Varnon
Hansford County Activity Center
Baseball Commissioner

LEGAL NOTICE

REAL ESTATE SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 6th day of Sept., 1988, at 1:00 p.m., I will sell said real estate at the front door of the County Courthouse in Hansford County, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash subject to any and all taxes. Said real estate is described as follows:

All of Lot 11, Block 9 of the original townsite of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, as shown by plat thereof, located in Volume 25, Page 1 of the Deed Records of Hansford County, Texas.

All of Lot #7 in the north one-third (N. 1/3) of Lot #8, and

block #2, McLain subdivision of out Lot 37, line adjacent to the town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas as shown by the recorded plat of said subdivision in Volume 30, Page 84, deed records of Hansford County, Texas.

This property is owned by MARTHA D. BOYD and ROY GENE BOYD, and is being sold by the U.S. Small Business Administration in foreclosure proceedings. Please contact Williams & Webb, Inc. at (806) 374-9387 or 2208 Canyon Drive Amarillo, Texas 79109 for additional information concerning the Auction.

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Whereas, Hansford County Hospital District has determined that it has met its obligation to provide uncompensated services at Hansford Hospital under the Hill-Burton Act, the District hereby announces the discontinuation of its Uncompensated Services Program, effective October 1, 1988.

Albert La Rochelle
Administrator

EQUITY

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

THURSDAY - 6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1988
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All Equity stockholders are invited and encouraged to attend the 69th annual business meeting of the Perryton Equity Exchange. Registration and a barbecue dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Perryton High School Rangerville Center. This will be followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 719 Wilbanks, 3 Br., 2 baths, Sun room, fireplace, built in sprinkler system. Call 659-2631. S42-4tp

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HELP WANTED: Licensed journeyman and helper needed at Millers Electric in Gruver. Call 733-5124 to set up appointment. S rtn

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Garage Sales

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: LABOR DAY, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 706 Walter Wilmeth. 6 x 9 rug, some furnishings, children and adults clothes and lots of goodies! S44s 1tp

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 1988 on one, new 1988 or 1989 half-ton pickup with trade-in of one 1980 half-ton Ford pickup. Bids will be opened on Monday, September 12, 1988 at the regular Commissioner's Court meeting. Specifications are available at the County Judge's office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Roy L. McClellan
Hansford County Judge
S44 & S45

Labor Day continues to be celebrated

by Congressman Martin Frost

During a speech before a group of citizens celebrating Labor Day in 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt said, "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." It is in the spirit of President Roosevelt's address some eighty-five years ago that we continue to celebrate Labor Day.

As Texans, we appreciate the satisfaction that comes from an honest days work, whether it be on the cattle trails of our early history or on the oil rig, in the trucks comprising our vast network of trade, or at a local cafe or grocery market. Texans have supported the concept of Labor Day since it was established as a national holiday in 1884.

On that first Labor Day, the United States was in the midst of a great Industrial Revolution. Throughout the State of Texas, people were beginning to move to the cities from the farms...to find jobs and steady incomes. The machines in the tool companies and the desk jobs with insurance firms were offering employment that rivaled traditional life on the farm. Our state was actively taking part in the Nation's transformation from an agricultural-based to an industrial-based economy.

However, not all the news during those times was good. Workers labored for long hours and at low wages. There was no Social Security or pension benefits. No unemployment benefits were available for workers laid off due to a bad economy. Workers hurt on the job did not collect disability compensation. Many workers were forced to endure hazardous working conditions as well.

Proper health and safety conditions of our plants and factories, which we take for granted today, were unheard of when Labor Day was first commemorated. But today business and government leaders work hand-in-hand to ensure that this nation's most valuable labor asset, its labor force, is preserved and protected.

Texans have played an important role in the prosperity of this nation, and we have shared in its progress. Our state has developed a more balanced economy because of industrial growth. Today, more than four million Texans are employed in factories, mills, offices, stores, and other establishments.

I am proud to represent Texas' working people in the United States Congress. I salute our labor force and thank them for their contributions to productivity and the manufacturing of quality products.

Members of File family gather for reunion

A total of 51 members of the Files family gathered recently for a special "Cousins Reunion" at the Home Demonstration Club Room.

The reunion was for those sharing common ancestry with Daniel and Minty Files who were married in 1890 at Jack County, Tex. The couple moved to Spearman in the early 1930's.

The Hansford couple had seven children including Etta Haralson Alice Zell Herr, Dillie Dixon, Elza Files, Myrtle Fullbright, Gertrude Jeffreys and Faye Reed.

Those children are now deceased, but their children, 51 in all, ranging in ages from 16 months to 77 years, gathered in Spearman for the reunion. Relatives come from Washington State, Massachusetts, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Texas for the special get together.

In addition to the gathering in the Home Demonstration Room; the 46 family members met in the home of the Louis Meisner's on Saturday night, for a supper in their backyard.

Two cousins, J.D. Haralson, Spokane, Wash. and Wilbur Fullbright, Boston, Mass., had not seen each other since boyhood 46 years ago. Plans are now underway for the next reunion in 1990 in Oklahoma.

Hosting this reunion was Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisner and Mr. and Mrs. John Pipkin of Spearman along with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scroggs of Waka and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Banks of Hardesty, Okla.

Those in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Haralson, Spokane, Wash. and their granddaughter, Tamara Hochsteler, Mr. and Mrs. Carver Haralson, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fullbright, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fullbright, Amarillo and their grandson, Heath Shotts, Big Spring, Tex.;

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Zell, Bethany, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Hull, Amarillo, Tx.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Banks and granddaughter, Donyala Banks, Hardesty, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scroggs, Waka, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. John Pipkin, Spearman;

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisner, Spearman; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Greene and daughter, Carla Greene, Spearman and little granddaughter Emily, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stokes, Chris and Krystal, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pipkin, Candice, Kara and David, Spearman;

Millie McCarthy, Amarillo; Margaret Land, Amarillo; Barbara Reed, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter and Mandi and Beckey, Spearman; Mr. and Mrs. Jed Meisner and Lacey, Marty and Kaylee, Spearman;

And special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Springer, Waco, interm pastors at Union Church.

JR. HIGH -ELEMENTARY MENU

SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 8

MONDAY, SEPT. 5
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6
CHICKEN PATTIE
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
BUTTERED CORN
BISCUIT/BUTTER
JELLY
MILK

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7
STUFFED BAKED POTATO/
CHILI
BROCCOLI
CHEESE
SLICED PEACHES
CINNAMON ROLL
MILK

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8
HAMBURGERS
SHOESTRING FRIES
LETTUCE/TOMATO
PICKLE/ONION
BIRTHDAY CAKE
MILK

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9
SPAGHETTI/MEAT SAUCE
MIXED VEGETABLES
RASPBERRY JELLO/TOPPING
MILK

HIGH SCHOOL MENU

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BISCUIT/BUTTER
JELLY
MILK

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STUFFED BAKED POTATO/
CHILI
BROCCOLI
CHEESE
SALAD BAR
CINNAMON ROLL
MILK

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8
HAMBURGERS
SHOESTRING FRIES
SALAD BAR
BIRTHDAY CAKE
MILK

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9
SPAGHETTI/MEAT SAUCE
SALAD BAR
RASPBERRY JELLO
BREAD STICK
MILK

Club News

THE GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met at the home of Dorothy Buzzard, Sept. 1. Roll call was answered with Home Tour suggestion.

The County Fair will be Sept 29 and 30 and Oct. 1, so everyone was asked to sign a time to work.

Jo Larson won Home Grow arrangement with asters. Dorothy Buzzard won potted plant with a Place Lily plant that was blooming.

Rose Cumming gave a report on Eleanor Roosevelt. Kathleen Sutton gave an interesting program on her trip to Mexico City, showing pictures of interest and telling about floating gardens.

Hostess Dorothy Buzzard served refreshments to: Charlie Baker, Myra Berner, Jo Larson, Rose Cummings, Lorene Kunselman;

Gwen Smith, Nan McCloy, Mike Hergert, June Jackson, Kathleen Sutton, Wanda Brown and Betty Davis.

The Vernon Production Company introduces the 1988 Vernon Baby Boy, Ryan Thomas Model Number Two. Jimmie Vernon, Designer and Chief Engineer, Kelly Vernon, Production Manager, Kristin Vernon, Model Number One. Dr. Meggs, Technical Advisor. Model released August 19, 1988 at 8:02 a.m. Weight - 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces Height - 18 3/4 inches Proud Grandparents - Jim & Kay Vernon, Spearman. Ruth Shaver, Garland

Call your order in for peaches, nectarines & pinto beans, before Sept. 9. Call 659-3301

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ALANON
TUESDAY
8:00 P.M.

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Among the Neighbors

B Helen Fisher

The neighbors feel that they have stumbled on the secret of the continued youthfulness of Lois and Jimmy Shieldknight. Their secret is physically and mentally keeping up with their grandchildren!

They took eight of them to their lodge at Creed, Col. last week returning home on Wednesday where they are recovering.

Grandchildren making a contribution to the grandparent's agility were Macy and Ashley Shieldknight; Laura, Mindee and Caleb Gillaspie; Kelly, Quentin and Clara Shieldknight.

Before going to Creed, they all took the railroad from Durango to the mountain top.

However it has to be admitted that some assistance was provided by Marsha Shieldknight, Lee Ann Gillaspie and Nancy Ivy.

Weekend guests of Carrie Marie Berry were Marilyn Berry and her daughter, Karen, of Odessa, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor and Jimmy Boykin returned Wednesday from a vacation in the cool mountain area at South Fork, Colo.

They went by Oklahoma City where they participated in the wedding of Scott's brother. His mother, Kathy Taylor, of Abilene, joined them for the stay at South Fork.

Fishing and scenic drives made the vacation additionally pleasant.

Jan and Larry Holt returned on Saturday from Ft. Worth. They had

gone to check on her sister, Connie Steger, who is in the Harris Hospital there. Her condition is unchanged.

Connie's mother, Virginia Trindle returned with them. She and John left again for Ft. Worth on Tuesday.

Sympathy is expressed to the Melvin Bradleys and Coyt Tigretts on recent deaths in their families.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Hattie Bradley, 86, the mother of Melvin Bradley, on Wednesday in Tula.

Mrs. Hazle Rae Ellard, 75, the mother of JoDell Tigrett, passed away in Guymon and the services were on Friday.

To all the arm chair travelers in Spearman, the tour made by Carol and Neil Pack in Australia was fascinating.

Following the Partnership Mission to Goombargana Baptist Church in the early part of August, Neil and Carol Pack enjoyed a 16 day holiday in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, Australia.

In Sydney they toured the famous Opera House, had dinner atop the Center Point Tower, visited the historic area named "The Rocks" and took a cruise of Sydney Harbor. As guests of Ann and Angus Carruthers, who live in Sydney, they toured the beach areas south of Sydney in the Wollongong area and spent one day in the Blue Mountains and

Katoomba area.

In Canberra they were guests of Capt. and Mrs. W.L. Coulter, Naval Attache' at the American Embassy. Mrs. Coulter is a former college roommate of Carol's. Among the places of interest they toured in Canberra were the American Embassy complex, the Ambassador's residence, the War Memorial, National Gallery, and the new Parliament House opened by Queen Elizabeth in April. This is very impressive and should be a great source of national pride for the Australian citizens.

The Packs explored Melbourne and its many points of historical interest. The beautiful city has a distinctly "Victorian" flavor in the architecture. An effort is being made to maintain the historical

integrity as the old building facades are preserved to serve as fronts for new buildings. The Victorian Arts Center is an impressive complex and the guide was quick to point up the rivalry between the Arts Center and the Sydney Opera House. On Phillip Island, during an excursion from Melbourne, the Packs were intrigued by the Fairy Penguins returning from the sea to their burrows as they did every evening just after sunset.

Flying from Melbourne to Hobart, Tasmania, the Packs were met by friends, Des and Dianne Brown, from Sheffield, Tasmania.

For two days they toured the Hobart area and the Derwent River Valley. From the top of Mt. Wellington they were able to view the huge Hobart Harbor area and the city. That afternoon was spent at Mt. Field National Park, the first national park established in Tasmania. In addition to the beautiful mountains, rain forest valleys, and

many spectacular waterfalls, it is the habitat of most of the native Australian animals, except the larger kangaroos and koalas.

In Port Arthur they spent one day viewing what was the major convict settlement in Tasmania, much of which is being restored.

In traversing the state, they explored many historic towns, including Richmond and Ross, both of which have beautiful old bridges built by convict labor in the 1820's, and other historically significant buildings including the oldest Catholic church in Australia.

The Packs spent the last five days in Sheffield with friends, renewing acquaintances and touring the local area. The site of the International Rowing Championships in 1990 at Lake Barrington is nearby. A new attraction that has made Sheffield a growing tourist spot is the numerous historical murals recently painted on buildings throughout the town.

Touring the Northwest Coast, they enjoyed climbing "The Nut", a unique rock formation jutting out into the Bass Strait at the seaport of Stanley.

Touring the Cradle Mountain they were impressed by the renewal of the wilderness area of spectacular mountains and beautiful lakes.

Since Sheffield is located in an agricultural area, their hosts made sure Neil had a thorough opportunity to investigate the local farming, livestock and dairy operations.

The Packs are impressed by the beauty and diversity of Australia. Touring there is facilitated by the common language spoken.

Carol and Neil were especially fortunate to be with friends who were local residents, thereby making it possible to see Australia and the people, not as tourists, but as friends.

Good
for
You

Spearman HIGH SCHOOL BAND



We at the First National Bank would like to acknowledge a group, who at this time of the year expend their time and energy to boost school and community spirit.

The High School Band, is made up of 38 members. The band rehearses songs that will boost the spirit of fans and players at the football games.

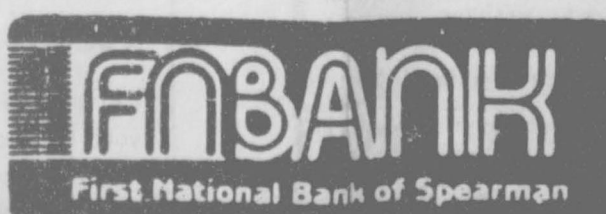
The band, directed by Dena Kidd, has extra rehearsals on Monday & Tuesday nights to become adept at marching and playing for school events, and for marching in the fall games, and the Christmas concert that the band performs for the community to attend.

After the Christmas concert, the band begins practicing for the UIL contest in April and spring concert.

The band gets little credit for their contribution to the games even though they suit up, travel and suffer through some of the colder evenings of play along with the fans and football players.

Most of us would agree, a football game without the music of the band would be less of a gala event.

Thanks for your efforts!!



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Monday, September 5

WILLIAMS & WEBB AUCTION

AN AGGRESSIVE SELLING TEAM

1:00 P.M. Tuesday - September 6

Two Properties Being Sold By The U.S. Small Business Administration in Foreclosure Proceedings

(A Downtown Business Building and a Residential Property - Both Located in Spearman, Texas)

The SBA Reserves the Right to Enter the Bidding Process

SALE LOCATION: Both Properties Are to be Sold on the North Steps (Front Door) of the Hansford County Courthouse - Spearman, Texas

Downtown Business Property - (Located at 209 Main Street - Spearman, Texas)

Legal Description: All of Lot 11, Block 9 of the Original Townsite of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, as shown by the plat thereof located in Volume 25, Page 1 of the Deed Records of Hansford County, Texas.

Common Description: A 25' x 80' (2,000 square feet) commercial business building located very conveniently relative to the major retail activity in Spearman. The building has a concrete slab floor, brick veneer exterior walls, and a flat built up roof. This property has common walls with the buildings on both the north and south sides and it has a plate glass store type front. The interior of the building has plastered walls covered with both panelling and paint, a drop ceiling with fluorescent strip lighting, and carpeted and tiled floors. The floor plan provides approximately the front 2/3 of the building as showroom area and the rear 1/3 of the building as stock area which also contains the rest room. Ceiling fans are in place in the front portion of the building. Heating is natural gas fired central forced air and central forced air refrigerated air conditioning provides the cooling. This building is situated on a city lot measuring 25' x 140' (3,750 square feet).

Residential Property - (Located at 604 South Evans - Spearman, Texas)

Legal Description: All of lot number 7 and the north one third (N. 1/3) of lot number 8, in block number 2, McLain Sub-division of out lot 37 lying adjacent to the town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, as shown by the recorded plat of said subdivision in Volume 30, Page 84, Deed Records of Hansford County, Texas.

Common Description: A home with stucco exterior walls, a gables roof with composition shingles, pier and beam floors, and containing approximately 1050 square feet. It is situated on a corner lot and both streets are paved with curb and guttering. The interior walls are sheet rock covered and the floors are wood with some carpeting. The floor plan provides one bath, two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and enclosed back porch. The dwelling also has a covered front porch. Exterior storm windows are in place and the back yard is fenced. A detached single car garage contains approximately 250 additional square feet. The home has natural gas heating and is serviced with all other utilities.

Terms for both properties: Both properties are being sold in foreclosure proceedings for the U.S. Small Business Administration and said agency reserves the right to enter the bidding process. This sale is being made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy an indebtedness due the United States Small Business Administration. Have your attorney or title company inspect title before sale. The property is being sold subject to any and all taxes due. The Seller requires all cash for the property (checks are acceptable). The Seller will provide a Substitute Trustee's Deed conveying all rights, title, and interest of the Small Business Administration to the Buyer. (The deed will be exchanged for full payment at the time of sale). The Seller will not provide a policy of title insurance or an abstract for examination. However, the Small Business Administration will guarantee ownership. Survey, if desired, to be at Buyer's expense. Possession to be subject to any rights of tenants. Please contact the auctioneers for additional information or for a pre-sale showing.

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