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# Farwell, Texas . . .

## left to the History books

BY: MELYN JOHNSON

On July 17, 1888 Ansel R. Clark of Rice County, Kansas had a dream for Hansford County, Texas. That dream still rests in the records at the County Court House. According to the town plat for Farwell, Mr. Clark had 112 blocks planned, each block had 24 lots. Lots were 140 feet deep and 25 feet wide, excepting 25 blocks along Central Ave., which were but 23 1/2 feet wide. All streets were 60 feet wide excepting Main Street and Central Avenue which were each 100 feet wide. All alleys were 20 feet wide.

The plat has blocks 18 and 90 set aside for schools, and block 58, on Central Ave., set aside for the Court House. There were 15 numbered streets and Central Ave. running east and west. The streets running north and south were named Texas Ave., Hudson Ave., Hill Ave., McGee Ave., Main Street, DeLong Ave., Clark Ave., Carters Ave., and Illinois Ave.

The town of Farwell sat above Farwell Creek where the W.L. (Pete) Maupin place is today, approximately a mile east of Gruver. Wes Maupin says that their place was built on the rock founda-

tion of the old Farwell hotel. He said his father has found some of the old type from the printing press.

Farwell was settled by persons from Illinois and Indiana and had at one time three dozen buildings including a stage stop and post office, dugout residences, and the newspaper the Farwell Graphic by 1889. The Farwell Graphic was owned and operated by R.M. Kelly, an attorney. Several of the town's businesses included a livery stable, store, hotel, saloon, and butcher shop. The post office was established in September, 1887 with Robert Rosenthal appointed as postmaster. Lizzie Pierson, Arron Canott, and Nellie Croxton were later appointed as postmaster and postmistresses. The post office was disbanded in August, 1894.

The Hansford County History Book says Clate McCrea was the first teacher in the Farwell school and his first two pupils were Arron Canott and Sadie Guest.

On October 6, 1888 several citizens petitioned for the county voting place to be changed from Hansford to Farwell. The court's

decision was "laid over to first meeting of 1889" and on February 11, 1889 other citizens requested the voting site remain at Hansford. This request was granted and from that time the town of Farwell, a mere 6 miles from Hansford, began to die.

After Hansford became the county seat, business in Farwell slowed and most of the building were moved to other locations. The store building was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Jones in 1891 and moved to their home ranch on the Palo Duro. This was the home on the Joel Lee Lackey ranch. Sometime in 1892 a wind storm hit the townsite and virtually destroyed the remaining buildings.

The days of the early Panhandle of Texas and Hansford County were hard and many people and towns died. Farwell was one of those that didn't make it and is but history in Hansford County. I have been unable to locate any copies of the newspaper, the Farwell Graphic. If anyone knows where some are, please contact me at 806-339-7109



The Spearman High School 1988 Football and Basketball Mascots are [l] Sunshine Smith, football and Christi Simms, Basketball.

## Community Celebration August 30 at park

On August 30 at the Swimming Pool Park in Spearman, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Existing Business Committee will host Community Fest. Community Fest is a community fellowship and good will festival for all the Spearman Community. The Chamber of Commerce ambassadors will be serving watermelon and lemonade to all in attendance free of charge.

At the Fest, Larry Butler, Spearman superintendent of schools will introduce new faculty members for the 1988 school year. Community Fest will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until dark.

The Existing Business Com-

mittee of the Chamber of Commerce will be contacting clubs and organizations to host recreational games at the event.

Also the committee will be asking for sponsors to alleviate the expense of the watermelon and lemonade. Each Business sponsor will receive a flyer, advertising the event, for their business. Sponsors will also receive name tags identifying them as Community Fest Sponsors and an introduction at the festival.

The Existing Business Committee is made up of Vance McGee; chairperson; George Young, Dick Gillispie and Dr. Stan Cobb.

## Athletic Boosters organize for new school year

The Spearman Athletic Booster Club is getting things underway for the 1988-89 school year. First of all there will be an Ice Cream Social for all Lynx Fans and parents to kick things off. This will be held at the football stadium at 8:30 p.m. on August 18, following the scrimmage.

The Booster Club is once again going to make the Picture Buttons of all the athletes this year. Football buttons will be made as soon as the coaches issue the equipment. Cost will still be \$2.50 for each button and they will need

to be paid for upon ordering. These are really fun for everyone and really do help support the kids at all activities. The money is used for the scholarship fund.

The membership committee is ready to start taking your dues. If you would like to join the Booster Club call Jackie Pearson.

Well it looks like its going to be another fun year so everyone get ready to JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB AND SUPPORT THE LYNX AND LYNXETTES another year.

## Land Bank announces rate on Landscaping

The board of directors of the High Plains Federal Land Bank Association of Pampa announced today a reduction in variable interest rates effective August 1. The variable rate will be 9.95 percent on agricultural loans and 10.20 percent on rural residence loans.

According to Board Chairman, Wayne Maddox of Miami, the lower interest rates were made possible by all 44 Federal Land Bank Associations in Texas agreeing to use their collective financial resources for the benefit of all borrowers. As a result of such action, the bank was able to lower the borrowers' interest rates.

Maddox added that the action was part of the bank's strategic business plan objective of providing competitive interest rates to Texas farmers and ranchers.

"With the ever increasing capi-

tal needs of agriculture, we are always looking for ways to give bank borrowers some financial relief," Maddox said. "We feel that each time we bring interest rates down, we are helping stabilize the overall farm economy and Texas land prices, in particular."

Other members of the local Land Bank Association board are Roland Wheat of Higgins, Delbert Timmons of Farnsworth, Mike Garnett of Spearman, Lynn Davis of Morse, and Dean Burger of Groom.

The Federal Land Bank Associations in Texas service more than 32,000 agricultural loans totaling approximately \$2.3 billion for the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (formerly the Federal Land Bank of Texas). The High Plains Federal Land Bank Association of Pampa has \$59 million in loans outstanding to 700 member-borrowers in Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hansford



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registration last 2 weeks of August

# Schools begin Sept. 1

Spearman Schools will begin the new year on September 1 with the first day of class.

Registration for new students will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Elementary and Junior High buildings on August 18 and 19. Also on the 18th and 19th, new High School students may register at the High School from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In-service for High School teachers will begin on August 24. In-service for Elementary and Junior High teachers will begin on August 25.

Spearman's first football scrim-

mage will be against Memphis. The scrimmage will be played at Pampa with the Junior Varsity starting at 7 p.m.

There will be a back to school dance and annual signing party on August 27 starting at 8 p.m.

On August 30 all students will register. Morning kindergarten will register from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for bus students and students with birth dates after March 1, 1983.

Afternoon kindergarten (those students with birth dates before March 1, 1983) will register from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All new kinder-

garten students are asked to bring their birth certificates and shot records.

Grades 1 - 4 will register at the Elementary school from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grades 5 - 8 will register at the Junior High School from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Elementary and Junior High cafeteria will be open to sell lunch tickets.

Grades 9 - 12 will register at the High School at the following times:

- Seniors - 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- Juniors - 11 - 12:30 p.m.
- Sophomores - 1:30 - 3 p.m.
- Freshman - 3 - 4:30 p.m.

The Lynx football season will kick off on September 1 with the Junior Varsity playing at home against Stratford. The following day, September 2, the Varsity will be playing Shamrock at 8 p.m. in Shamrock. Also on September 8 the Lynx will be in Boys Ranch playing at 8 p.m. This game was not on the original schedule.

There will be a Bus Driver Training Course August 22 - 24 for anyone who wishes to become certified or to re-certify. Individuals certifying for the first time will have to pay \$35 fee.

For more information call Ken Friemmel at 659-2584.

## Bus driver certification to be held on August 22

Texas School Bus Driver Training Course of the Hansford County Unit will meet at Spearman High School in room 110 starting Monday, August 22nd and ending on Wednesday, August 24th.

The three day sessions will begin on Monday at 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday's classes will start at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes on Wednesday will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Make-up classes will be Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Drivers Certification by the Texas Education Agency is contingent upon one hundred percent attendance in the course.

For Recertification, The Texas Education Agency requires drivers to attend the refresher courses.

Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson and Gray counties. The association has a branch office in Perryton.

FLBAs specialize in long-term rural real estate loans to farmers, ranchers and ag-related businesses.



A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was Held August 12 for a new business in downtown Spearman. The business is called Inch By Inch. It is owned by Nancy Shaner. [l to r] Robert Elliott, Monty Blackman, Bill

Pittman, Judy Nelson, Don Townsen, Robert Queener, Nancy Shaner, and children, Lynanne Maize, Pat Dear, J.L. Brock, John R. Collard, Jr., Mae Wofford, and Kim Brock.

## Get thee from me

A vacationing preacher found himself far away from home one Sunday. The kids were grown, his wife had passed on the year before. "Maybe I can get in 9 holes before the 11 o'clock service," he thought. Out on the golf course, he found himself totally alone except for two shadowy figures that lurked in the dark recesses of the underbrush lining the fairways.

"How would you like a hole-in-one?" asked the sinister voice.

Recognizing the voice of Satan, the preacher ignored the voice until he had finished the nine with a score of 78. "Skip church," said the second voice, "and I'll see to it that you get more than just one hole-in-one."

"What's the catch?" asked the reverend.

"No catch. No conditions. We just want to help. Let by-gones be by-gones."

The clergyman yielded to the temptation. Sure enough, on the 10th hole, he made a hole-in-one ... as well as all the others. Nine straight holes-in-one. The preacher was turning cartwheels, wild with excitement, unbridled enthusiasm, bubbling over just as church let out and other golfers appeared on the scene. "Why did you let him do that?" asked one of Satan's helpers to the other.

"To give him a taste of Hell," replied the other.

"How is that punishment?" asked helper number one.

With an evil grin, experienced helper number one replied, "Who



can he tell?"

Then there was the case of the really small town out west that was having economic problems. The town council met in the local saloon and over a round of drinks at the bar, the mayor explained to the bartender-owner, "The north side of town has been taken over by the Baptists, the south by the Methodists, the east by the Lutherans, the west by the Presbyterians. They are all exempt; so that leaves you as the sole taxpayer to the city."

The barkeep says, "Brethren, I'll pass the collection plate as soon as all of you are through with communion."

Things haven't changed much in the last few thousand years. People still find a way to laugh about serious things even when it comes to the hereafter. I close this epistle, upon which I rest my case, with the following inscription from a tombstone in Boot Hill from the same little town:

Here Lies Lester Moore  
Shot 6 Times With A .44  
No Les  
No Moore

## Tips to reduce water use.

Keeping landscape plants "alive and well" during hot Texas summers without watering constantly may seem like an impossible task. But with a water conservation plan, the task can be much easier.

Conserving moisture in the home landscape can have a number of redeeming values, said Doug Welsh, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Mainly, it helps plants survive hot, dry weather, and it keeps the lid on the water bill while conserving our most precious natural resource, water.

According to Welsh, here are a number of practices that will help homeowners reduce watering of landscape plants:

--Use a mulch whenever possible. This reduces surface evaporation and keeps the root zone cooler for plants. Good mulch materials include pine bark, wood shavings, straw, hay, gravel, permeable plastic film and mulching paper.

--Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses or flood irrigation if possible. Sprinkler irrigation during the

daytime and on windy days will result in high moisture losses due to evaporation.

--If sprinkler irrigation is the only practical method available, use sprinkler heads that will allow the soil to take up moisture as fast as it falls. Sprinklers which apply water faster than the soil can absorb are wasteful, resulting in huge water losses to runoff.

--The evaporation rate is usually lowest from late evening to early morning. Sprinkler irrigation is most efficient during these hours. True, there is a greater chance of plant disease problems, but proper use of fungicides can keep these to a minimum.

--Water thoroughly when irrigating. Frequent light applications of irrigation water are more exposed to evaporation and encourage shallow root growth. Water as infrequently as possible by letting plants indicate when to irrigate. Use enough water to soak the soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches before moving to a new location. Deep soaking encourages deep root penetration and allows plants to better use available water.

## Wild animals carriers of rabies

Summer in Texas usually includes increased outdoor activities. Fishing, camping and hiking, whether on public land or on private retreats, are popular both for native Texans and for vacationers from other states.

And besides the benefits of the fresh air and exercise, the outdoors offers an opportunity to watch abundant wildlife, including some species which are unique to this state.

Except in remote areas where one may glimpse a rare mountain lion, bobcat, or wolf, there are a few warm-blooded animals which are naturally threatening to humans.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH) cautions that even a squirrel or raccoon can be dangerous, if handled. A bite or scratch from any animal can become seriously infected, but it is wild animals which are the primary carriers of rabies. When people or domestic animals contract the disease, it is usually through contact with an infected wild animal, according to Dr. Foy V. McCasland, Chief of the TDH Bureau of Veterinary Public Health.

TDH laboratories in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, and El Paso diagnosed 432 cases of rabies in 10,748 animal specimens during 1987. Only 69 of those cases (29 dogs, 19 cats, 13 cows, 6 horses, and 2 goats) were domestic animals. The remaining cases included 278 skunks, 66 bats, 15 foxes, three raccoons, and one armadillo.

There were no cases of rabies in humans reported during the year.

Dr. McCasland said, "Since there is no approved rabies vaccine for wild animals, and since these animals are likely to bite or scratch sooner or later, they should not be adopted as pets." He especially advised against handling wild animals showing abnormal behavior,

such as those showing no fear for man and those observed in unusual places at unusual times. Such behavior is a clue that the animal may be rabid.

Pets should be vaccinated to protect them and their owners. State law requires that all dogs and cats four months old and older must be vaccinated annually against rabies.

"If you are bitten by a wild animal, it should be tested at TDH for rabies. If the animal is a dog or cat, it should be isolated and

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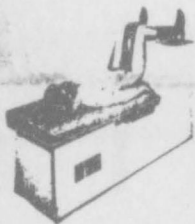
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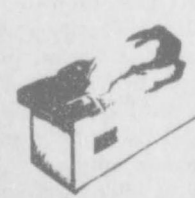
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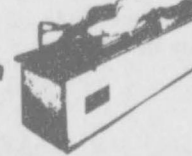
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The public hearing will be held on August 23, 1988 at 2:00 P.M. P.D.R.A. Board Room at 511 S.W. 11th St., Spearman, Texas.

FOR the proposal: T.J. Bergin, Howard Diedrichsen, Arthur Davidson, Orval Allen, Bruce Titus, Kenneth Evans, J.C. Harris

AGAINST the proposal: None

ABSENT: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1987 tax rate that the unit published on August 4, 1988. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$33609.66	\$33655.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	5000.00	5000.00
Average taxable value	28610.00	28655.00
Tax rate	.0451	.1255
Tax	12.90	35.96

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 23.06 or 64 percent compared with last year's taxes.

Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ .0804 per \$100 of taxable value or 64 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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If you're like most people, you probably think only its mother could love a bat—and maybe even she would have her doubts. But bats have their good points, and they deserve to be better known.

For instance, bats eat bugs—about 500 a night each. And since bats often nest in colonies of hundreds of thousands, the insect-control benefits from one night's work can be measured in thousands of pounds of night-flying insects like mosquitoes and crop pests like cutworm moths.

Fruit and nectar-eating bats also pollinate crops and spread their seeds. These bats have helped many tropical food products, plants and trees survive. Examples include bananas, dates, figs, avocados, mangoes, peaches and cloves.

Even bat wastes are valuable. Guano—or bat manure, is mined from several Texas caves during the winter when the bats have left on their migration flights to Latin America. Bat guano is an excellent fertilizer, high in nitrogen and insect parts that create good soil texture. Bat guano is available at some nursery and garden-supply stores, especially those that cater to organic gardeners.

Bats may look like mice with wings, but they're not related to rodent pests. Scientists put them in a category all by themselves. Nor are bats aggressive. Their incredibly sophisticated sonar systems keep them from drifting off course and getting tangled in anyone's hair.

Misguided fear about bats is encouraged by the threat of rabies. Bats

can carry rabies, but only about 1/2 of one percent of them are infected with the virus. Bat experts say that your chances of getting rabies from a dog or cat are greater than the remote possibility that you'll be bitten by a rabid bat.

Since bats are normally active only at night, most people's experience with them is infrequent and involves sick or injured animals. As with any wildlife, extreme care must be taken not to come in contact with that type of animal, especially if it could bite you. You should warn children never to handle bats, but they shouldn't be taught to fear all bats irrationally.

The one bat that gives all the others a bad name is the vampire bat. Vampire bats are a livestock pest south of the border, but they aren't found in Texas. The bat most often found in Texas is the harmless bat called the Mexican free-tail.

The only times bats in this country become pests is if they set up housekeeping in a building where they are unwelcome. Bat roosts in your attic or office complex are a nuisance. You can remedy the problem simply by preventing the bats from getting back in at dawn when they return from their night of feeding.

The best way to do that is to permanently block all holes, cracks and crevices in eaves, soffits, chimneys and roof vents. Bats do not chew or gnaw through caulk, cement, sheet metal, screens or bird netting—all of which are effective batproofing materials. Be sure you don't overlook very small openings. A determined bat can squeeze through a gap that's only a quarter of an inch wide and an inch and a half long. Your batproofing project may take several nights if you don't find and seal all those small holes.

If bats are currently roosting in a building, don't make the mistake of sealing the potential points of entry during the daylight hours. All you'll do is trap the colony inside, where they will die from lack of food and water and create a nasty clean-up problem for you.

If you have a bat problem, plan a bat watch at dusk to see exactly where the exit holes are. After the bats fly out, take a flashlight and a tall ladder and seal away.

For more information about bats, write Bat Conservation International, P. O. Box 162603, Austin, Texas 78716.

**Lighten Up**

Do your heart a favor and lighten up. Don't take everything so seriously. Stress is an important factor in a large percentage of heart attacks. And stress is a problem you can do something about.

Dr. James Hall, psychologist at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, reminds us that it's not the amount of stress in our lives that does us in. It's the way we handle it.

And Dr. Hall has some tips for doing that. When you feel overwhelmed by problems and begin blowing them out of proportion, that's your cue to stop. Whatever you're doing, stop long enough to look at the situation.

Prioritize the problems according to their importance -- and according to your ability to have an impact on them. Don't waste time on problems you can't do anything about.

Break down the problem into manageable pieces.

And remember to pat yourself on the back when you overcome that piece of the problem.

A few deep breaths and a little

reflection could save your heart.

**Cheers**

In these days of heightened awareness of alcohol abuse, the funny drunk is becoming less funny all the time. People who drink socially are becoming more aware of the limits of how much they can handle.

Gary Wimbish, toxicologist at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, has two tips for these drinkers: Don't drink on an empty stomach and be sure you pace yourself.

If you drink, you should eat to delay the absorption of alcohol into your system. High-carbohydrate foods like potatoes, spaghetti and bread do that best.

The average person can consume a drink an hour without becoming impaired. Dr. Wimbish warns that your judgement is the first thing affected by alcohol. You may not be able to drive a car safely even when you think you can.

Summer can bring its own drinking hazards, too. Dr. Wimbish reminds us not to drink beer to replace body fluids on a hot day. It won't work, and it will make you feel awful.

**Free Hearing Test**

HIGH PLAINS HEARING ASSOCIATION in conjunction with GOLDEN SPREAD CITIZEN CENTER located at 14 S. Haney will offer Free hearing tests this Tuesday, August 16, from 1:30 to 4p.m.

All walk-ins welcome or phone for appointment by calling 659-3521.  
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# Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

A most interesting as well as educational trip was that of the Lusby family the last two weeks.

Mrs. Dorothy Lusby with daughter, Becky, together with Ronnie and Donita Lusby and children, and Monte and Catherine Lusby and children of Canadian drove to Washington, D.C. returning Tuesday.

They went by way of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, then spent 6 days in D. C. They toured as many places of historical interest as possible, including the Smithsonian. They also spent a day at Gettysburg, and some time in Maryland.

The return trip was thru West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, crossing the Mississippi at St. Louis.

The families feel that history and geography will be more realistic and meaningful as a result of this trip.

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Kari Schneider, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Terry Schneider, is back at home reliving memories of a 26 day trip into Germany.

She was the guest of her sister, Sheila, who is stationed at the Hahn Air Force Base near Mainz.

Kari flew non-stop from Dallas to Frankfurt. While there she toured Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, trying to absorb all the sights and scenery. Making a most vivid impression were all the castles along the Rhine river and the Alps.

Kari is preparing to enroll in McMurry College in Abilene next month.

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Royjohn Benton Bulls joined his family on August 4th at Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo, weighing 7 lb. 9 oz.

He was greeted by proud parents, Sara and Ross Bulls.

Paternal grandparents are Charlene and Roy L. Bulls, Spearman; great grandmother Beatrice Benton, Amarillo; great great grandmother Minnie Cobb, Bokchita,

Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Avila, Spearman; great grandmother Marie Calderon, Asherton, Texas, and most importantly, a sister, Rossilyn.

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Kay and Larry Oberle, now of Plainview, visited in the home of her childhood friend, Marilyn and David Wilson of Waka. The Oberles were enroute from Great Bend, Kansas to Plainview.

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Carrie Marie Berry joined her niece in Clovis and they drove to Ft. Worth to visit her sister. She returned after ten days.

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Martha and Walker Cochran were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Woodville Jarvis for a couple of days last week. The ladies are cousins, and they also visited another cousin, Norma and A. F. Holland. The Cochrans are from Cairo, Missouri and were returning home after a trip to Grand Canyon.

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As noteworthy as the date, being 8-8-88, was the arrival of the 23rd-that's right-the 23rd great grandchild of Mary and Hershel Ooley.

Rachel Lauren Grimes was born in Ft. Worth to Debbie and Gary Grimes. Grandparents are Edith and Joe Cage of Spearman. Her two sisters are Meredith and Selena Benton.

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Patti Sheppard with Mac and Temp spent several days at Robert Lee, Texas last week.

The Taylor family reunion was held on Sunday and other of the local Sheppards attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Smith and family; Debbie and Mike Cook of Coleman and Rory Sheppard of Amarillo.

A day or two later Patti returned to Robert Lee to visit with Juanice Sheppard Herr and Becky. They now live in Christianberg, Virginia, but formerly lived in Spearman

where Becky attended school.

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Selma Reneau, together with Jane and Gene Reneau of Amarillo spent two days in Savoy, Texas where they visited the Bellows family.

They went on to Magnolia, Arkansas to visit her sister, Doris and Sherman Schibler.

On Sunday all the Schibler family came for a reunion with the Reneaus.

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Avo Gray joined her daughter and family, Sharon and Bruce Bailey on a vacation at Dove Creek, Colo. They had a good reunion with her son, Jerry Tope, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pat Davis and children, Grace and Charles, and a little friend, Jerri Lynn Evans, are back from a mountain vacation at El Valle Escondido, Colo. Fishing, hiking, exploring and a little old-fashioned resting filled the days.

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A foursome of golf enthusiasts watched the experts at Edmond, Okla. during this weeks P.G.A. tournament there. Kevin Nelson, Carson Womble, Monte Beck and Matt Jones note a number of pointers for their own games.

Carson will be in high school this fall, but the other three are entering Texas Tech in a few weeks.

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A much faster pace and a different variety of activities marked the latest trip to Colo. Springs for Newell and Dickie Allen.

Maneuvering their motor home thru the mountains with their grandchildren aboard was an experience.

Actually, regardless of the comments, Sally Donahue of Spearman and John Riley of Perryton really made the trip a most enjoyable one for the grandparents!

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Sam and Mary Lou Wysong have returned to Cimarron Canyon near Eagle Nest for several more weeks. They had returned after spending 6 weeks there in order to attend the Higgins Will Rogers Day.

Sam retired from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline about six weeks ago has been soaking up the rest and relaxation that retirement

brings.

It has to be mentioned that he and Mary Lou are accompanied by their long-time companion and protector-Ketter-their huge Colliel

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Jo and Marcus Larson returned Monday from a several day stay in Denver. They visited his sister, Anna Louise Reed, and her family.

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A family member reports that the latest information regarding Connie Steger is that the prognosis is still indefinite. She underwent emergency brain surgery in the early hours Wednesday morning.

Her parents, John and Virginia Trindle flew down immediately. She is in Harris Hospital at Ft. Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. Steger live in Grandbury.

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## Club News

### DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB

The August 8th meeting of the Dahlia Flower Club was held at Ivey's Hungry Cowboy, highway 207, with Sammie Bishop acting as hostess.

Vice-President, Marjorie Curtis, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Club Collect in unison.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer gave her report. Roll call was answered with "An

Easy Lunch."

Karen Babitzke gave the program on T-shirts. We all enjoyed the miracles she performed with a T-shirt.

In the flower judging, Louise Archer placed first in the specimen division with a red hibiscus, and Cleo Denman placed first in arrangements with Peruvian daffodils.

After the meeting closed, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, to members: Ruth Mary Whitson, Wanda Smith, Louise Archer, Karen Babitzke, Marjorie Curtis, Cleo Denman, Mabel Edwards, and Jewel Turner.

Ora Sanders will host the Club in her home, 1015 Linn on August 22nd.

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