

Hansford County history: Paper reviews the second decade; the coming of technology

by Jean Ann Behney

Hansford County was herded into the Twentieth Century, along with its Texas Panhandle neighbors, by a changing world which tamed the Old Southwest with technology.

In its second decade as a county on the state map of Texas, Hansford began to adopt new, modern ways of farming, traveling and communicating. In agriculture, the forerunners of mechanized equipment appeared. The horse and buggy gave way increasingly to the automobile and trains. The first telephone lines went up, too, strung along the tops of ranchers' barbed wire fences. These advances, more than the mere passage of years, brought our small, sparsely-settled rural county into a progressive new era.

The Indians made only one final negative statement about the white man settling on their staked plains, and that was when they returned to Adobe Walls and burned it to the ground, not long after their defeat at the stockade. Thereafter, they simply "passed through" the county, frequently stopping at settlers' dugouts for a meal.

Eva Cator Pierce, daughter of pioneers Les and Bessie Cator, recalls that her mother had teasingly warned her to beware of Indians, "as they might want to steal me away." One day during her childhood, several Indians rode up to the Cator place and Eva and her brother, in a panic, fled to the barn. Later, they peeped out to see their mother calmly giving the group a pot of beans. "That's what she always fed them, and they were always hungry," she says with a smile. The Indians' long hair both frightened and fascinated her.

By early 1900, more and more farmers were being lured to the Panhandle. This was due in great part to the Texas Legislature's Homestead Act, which allowed an individual to file on four sections of land provided he improved and lived on one section for a period of three years. According to the book **Hansford County; 1876-1979**, a man paid \$16 per section as a down payment at the time he filed, with the balance to be paid out over a period of 40 years at 3% interest.

A section is made up of 640 acres, or one square mile. The sections first taken were those on the Palo Duro before the Homestead Law went into effect in

Hansford County, because this was the only source of water available until new homesteaders came after 1900 and put in windmills.

Homesteaders who came to take up this challenge arrived in the Panhandle with their families, livestock and implements, most traveling by train to established towns like Dodge City and Chaning and continuing to Hansford by wagon.

New homesteaders typically started their lives on the "home place" living in a dugout shelter. Margarette Wilbanks Evans' grandparents, Floyd and Susan Wilbanks, lived in such a structure after Susan joined her husband on his homestead in 1903. Their dugout home was described by Susan Wilbanks as a "crude home on the plains made comfortable enough," which the family improved by covering the dirt floor with ripped-open cotton sacks. Mrs. Wilbanks was said to have commented that her family "fared as well as anyone who settled on the land in that day." (For another dugout story, see the "Favorite Tales" article in this issue.)

As walking plows gave way to mule-pulled plows and the advancements of planting, cutting and stacking machines replaced much of the back-breaking labor involved in grain farming, wheat farming grew in popularity. The first main wheat harvest marking this trend is noted in the local history books as being in 1905.

Harvested grain had to be taken to market, however, and there was no railroad within a fifty-mile radius of Hansford County in this, the first decade of the Twentieth Century. The nearest markets were Texoma and Guyton, Okla., a several-day trip from Hansford with heavily-laden mule-pulled wagons.

Unfortunately, this freighting had to be done soon after the harvest in the late fall and early winter, when nights out on the open prairie could be very cold. One of the Cator brothers once stumbled upon a wagon out on the prairie after a bad blizzard which contained the bodies of an entire family. They had all frozen to death out on the open, shelterless plains.

Bert Cator and W.H. (Bum) Douglas later established the first grain office in the county. They

freighted other homesteaders' grain to Texhoma.

Many farmers and ranchers would not have lasted out on their prairie homesteads were it not for the advent of the water windmill. The first windmill in Hansford County was probably the one in the town of Farwell. J.B. Buchanan, our local windmill collector, pointed out this windmill in an old photograph of Farwell's main street.

He humorously calls Farwell "the town that blew away," as a tornado almost levelled the place a few years after it lost its bid to become the county seat. J.B. explains that people came from miles and miles away to fill their water barrels at windmills like the one in Farwell and, later, Old Hansford. Windmills became more readily available to individual farmers and ranchers as competition among manufacturers grew. A 12-foot Eclipse cost about \$200 at the turn of the century.

Just as the Homestead Act opened up the county to farmers, it soon became apparent that the railroad was needed here to help freight the harvest out and bring in all the supplies a growing population demanded. Stage

coaches and freight outfits did bring the mail and most supplies along the Dodge City-Tascosa Trail, but this 242-mile stretch made it difficult and time-consuming to acquire building materials, such as the brick for the Hansford County courthouse, as well as everything else.

With an eye to encouraging railroad companies to extend their lines into the Panhandle, the state of Texas granted certificates of 16-section parcels of land to the railroads for every mile of track they operated in the state. It was up to the railroad companies to "survey out" their land.

These railroad sections were alternated with "Public School Lands," sections that the state offered for sale to homesteaders and the revenues from which financed schools all across Texas. The diagonally alternating one-mile square tracts of railroad and Public School Lands created a "checkerboard" of acreages in Hansford County.

Despite these enticements, no railroad came through the county until the very end of the next decade, although one company's promoters calling their line the

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J.B. Buchanan in his barn full of antiques with one of several windmills he is restoring. It is his belief that "windmills had as much to do with settling this country as the Winchester rifle and barbed wire!"

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Interested citizens look on as the mayor, Bob Pearson, signs a proclamation announcing next week as Senior Citizens Week. Onlookers are [front row, l-r] Lola Newcomb, Emma Collins, Gertrude Archer, Myrtle DeArmond, [back row] Dora Womble and Rosa Lee Butt.

PDRA meets: meeting open to public

The Palo Duro River Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room of the Palo Duro River Authority, 511 S.W. 11th St. in Spearman. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the items on the agenda.

First the regular order of business, which included reading of the last minutes treasurer's report, and payment of claims. New business for the PDRA includes amending the budget for the archaeological testing phase; accepting bids on a backhoe; setting tax exemptions; passing an order to advertise for bids on a tractor mower; and entering into a contract with Hansford County concerning a highway project.

The meeting will conclude with a general discussion of the project. The meeting is open for the public to attend.

Seven SHS tennis players take top places in district meet

The District Tennis Meet held in Spearman last Wednesday and Thursday, seven Spearman High School tennis players received first and second place honors.

Shawn Cook placed first in boys singles. Brandi Schneider was first in girls singles. The team of Tamri Townsen and Cam Butts claimed first in

girls doubles. Ginger Pearson and Jan Crawford were second in girls doubles. Slaid Jones placed second in boys singles.

Marker fund short \$200

The Hansford County Historical Commission is still accepting donations towards the purchase of a marker commemorating the landing of Charles Lindbergh in a field one mile south of Spearman, near the home of William J. Whitsons, on Sept. 24, 1934.

The Historical Commission has sent all of the necessary paperwork for obtaining the marker to the State Historical Commission. Now, the Hansford County Commission needs approximately \$200 additional funds to obtain the marker. The total cost of the marker is about \$650 and the Commission has already obtained all but \$200 of that amount.

Donations may be sent to Clementine Renner, secretary/treasurer of the Hansford County Historical Commission, 822 S. Evans, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

Those citizens donating to the cost of the marker since last reports include: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shieldknight, Mrs. P.A. Lyon, Jr., Rubyjo Wilbanks, and G.W. Robinson.

Centennial parade plans underway

Hansford County Centennial Parade committee members are trying to organize a band for the celebration. Anyone interested in participating in the band can call Charlotte Jackson at 659-2867 or 659-2767 or Joe Vanderburg at 659-2330 or 659-2758.

Everyone interested is encouraged to be a member of the Hansford County Parade Band. Any age person from child to senior citizen may join the band. Person playing any instrument or equipped with such items as rub boards, spoons or harmonicas, etc., are encouraged to join.

The band is being organized to be a fun part of the Centennial celebration. Organizers of it also ask that anyone interested in being a director for the band to please volunteer.

Local ladies team second in tourney

The local ladies basketball team that has participated in the Dumas Y-league games, came in second place in the playoff tournament last Thursday night. The team, sponsored by Gillaspie-Chevrolet-Olds, wound up first in the season play, but the playoff tournament determined the overall outcome.

The team lost the final game in the tournament to Frische, Farms of Dumas, 39-36. The game was close all the way through. Leading

scorers for the Gillaspie team were Judith Schaefer 13, Jenni Morris 8, Janet Walser 7, Karla Flowers 4, and Brenda Dahl 4.

Last Monday night, April 3, the team played Contel of Dumas and won 37-24. Winning that game put the ladies team into the tournament playoffs. Leading scorers in the game against Contel were Janet Walser 15, Andrea Mires 6, Jenni Morris 4, Sharilynn Larson 4, Shelley Beedy 4, Karla Flowers 2 and Kathy Aldridge 2.

Radiothon begins April 13

The Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center and KRDF Radio Station will host the annual Radiothon on Thursday, April 13. The Radiothon is local talent, arranged by Pete and Brenda Wall of Spearman, who will vocalize their talents on the local radio station to inspire donations. All donations received through the Radiothon will be used by the Golden Spread

Senior Citizen Center to provide activities and services for the senior citizens throughout the year.

The awards for Senior Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will also be presented during the Radiothon.

Some of the local talent already lined up for the program includes: Bill Porter, Robert Queener, Kathy Archer, Lisa Miesner, Mer-

ry Bateman, Trudie Schneider;

Stephanie Brock and Company from the First Baptist Church, Lisa Pipkin, Sue Fiel, Laquita Evans, Cindy Womble, Bill & Alice, and Ted Miller, Kristi Wall and Kathryn Murphy.

Others interested in participating in the talent program may call Pete or Brenda Wall by Monday, April 10.



This group is busy planning the KRDF-Golden Spread Senior Center Radiothon for next Thursday, April 13. They seem very enthused about all the local talent participating.

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EO&W, (for Enid, Ochiltree and Western), did do some wheeling and dealing in and around Old Hansford. J.B. Buchanan describes this operation as a "scam," typical, unfortunately, of the rail-crazed era. Representatives of this railroad came to town selling shares in their line, laid a few miles of tracks, and, after having collected quite a bit of money, simply disappeared. EO&W went bankrupt. To J.B.'s knowledge, none of the local investors ever saw his money again.

In the meantime, automobiles were making their first appearance in Hansford and surrounding counties. The first automobile owned by a Hansford County resident was W.S. McNabb's 1907 Hupmobile. His daughter, Vi Whitson, who lives in Spearman today, distinctly remembers the day her father brought this car home from Dalton.

"My father was the kind of person who lived in the future. He had seen automobiles while visiting other towns and we also knew a traveling man who came to Old Hansford by automobile. So, my father decided to buy one," Mrs. Whitson says. When McNabb, then the County Clerk, came into Old Hansford driving his black Hupmobile with the shiny chrome trim, an instant crowd formed.

"After a few days of driving it the five or six blocks to work, he had to put it in the barn--people didn't have garages then--and go back to walking, because everybody wanted to handle the car," reports Mrs. Whitson. She adds that the horse and buggy or horseback riding were still favored over the automobile when Old Hansford's dirt streets became muddy. "When the streets were terribly muddy," she says with a laugh, "you just stayed home!" J.B. tells an amusing tale of his

first car ride in his autobiography, **Buchanan Odyssey**. This car, the third one to appear in Hutchison County, was owned by "Uncle" Joe Close. The first car J.B. remembers in Hansford County was Dr. Deacon's old Maxwell, which had no doors on it! Over the next 20 years, the Model T Ford began showing up everywhere.

Even more significant technologically in terms of advances in communication, of course, was the telephone. The only documented date for the use of the telephone in Hansford County found by this reporter was a notation made in the record of the Commissioner's Court. This simply recorded the fact that \$11 was paid out to the Guyon-Hansford Telephone Company in May of 1908 for the installation of phone boxes in the courthouse.

It is generally known that the McKay brothers laid the first phone lines along the tops of their barbed wire fences between their ranches. They had to string the wires up across a pole at their ranch gates so they would be well above the heads of anyone entering them driving a wagon or buckboard.

Another important trend in this second decade of county history is the number of schools which suddenly sprang up like weeds in rural areas. Reading through the family histories in the **Hansford County** volumes makes it clear that the early pioneers valued

education highly, often moving off their homesteads to be closer to good schools. The first-generation descendants of these pioneers frequently went on to acquire higher learning. This was in an era, the reader is reminded, when education past the eighth grade, let alone high school, was still the exception and not the rule. Countless first and second generation descendants of Hansford County's original settlers went on to become lawyers, nurses, teachers, and college-educated businessmen.

Churches were slower to establish themselves in the first few years of the new century, although the Methodists and Catholics were represented by 1900. A country chapel known as "Huff's Chapel," named for Mr. Wright, who donated the land on which it was built, appeared in 1905 and was reportedly much-used and appreciated. Many residents met in one another's homes and even the county courthouse for religious observances. (By the 1920's and 30's many denominations were represented in Hansford County and church-building was common.) One of Mrs. Whitson's favorite memories is of families converging at one place from far-off homesteads to have outdoor church services. I can remember how beautiful it was to sit out in the yard with everybody and sing hymns," she reminisces.

Writer gives credits to history help

Editor's note: This is the second of a ten-part Centennial Series on Hansford County, which celebrates its one hundredth year in 1989. Today's article deals with the period of 1900 to 1910 [roughly]. Next week's article will explore the following decade [1911-1920] of our county's history. Any reader who would like to contribute to the Centennial Series is invited to contact the newspaper office.

The writer expresses her thanks to the following people who contributed stories and information to this week's articles: J.B. and Ila Mae Buchanan, Herb Kirk, Joel Lee Lackey, J.D. and Ruby Wilbanks, Perron Lyon, Vi Whitson, Rita Curtis, G.W. Robinson, Dorothy Hudson, Susan Dacus's "The Story of Aunt Susan Wilbanks" was very helpful.

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Hansford County's Growth in Population, 1880-1910

YEAR	POPULATION
1880	18 people
1890	133 people
1900	167 people
1910	935 people

The first ten years of the 1900's featured countless "firsts" for

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Hansford County: cars, telephones, church building, mechanized (though primitively) farm implements, wheat crops (by farmers), a bank, regularly-published newspaper, a county fair... This list of firsts, if nothing else, illustrates that the county was growing in size and importance and that modern innovations were eagerly tried. Daily life was certainly a hardship compared to today, but good neighbors provided moral support and a helping hand to one another in difficult

times.
 "Everyone had such a wonderful life back then," Mrs. Whitson muses. "Life wasn't so artificial as it is now. You had to make your life, make your pleasures. People living it didn't realize it was hard. I don't want young people today to feel that I was denied anything, starting out in a dugout in a new country. I think they have been denied something I got!"

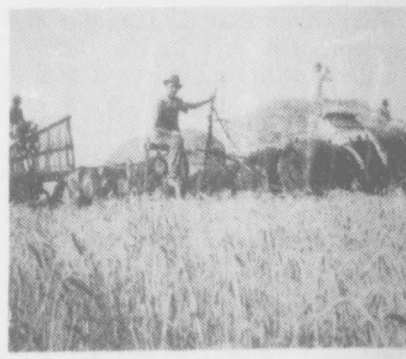
Hansford County "on the line":

A Timeline of Historical Events

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who showed their concern for Jentry during her recent accident.

May God Bless You,
 Frank, Kitty, Jocelyn, and Jentry Edwards



This photo is part of Margaret Wilbank Evan's private collection. Taken in 1911, this shows several of the Wilbanks brothers operating a header for cutting and stacking wheat. Laurence Wilbanks is pictured on the header itself.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

A year ago, our oldest daughter spent a few days in Hansford Hospital and received excellent care. We wanted to express then how much we appreciated our hospital, but time slipped by and we never acknowledged our gratitude.

Last week our youngest daughter was bitten by a dog and again we received excellent care. At a time when rural hospitals are closing down, we realize how fortunate we are that we have such a fine hospital in Spearman. We were treated as people in the emergency room and not as a claim number. Dr. Sangalang was so wonderful and is an excellent surgeon! He did such a fine job and due to his expertise, Jentry has a very small scar.

The nurses were so kind and so qualified. A special hug was so comforting at 3:00 a.m. by Mrs. Hopper. We have been in many hospitals either as patients or visitors in the last several years. None have been as clean or as caring and competent as ours.

We just want to take this time to thank the administrator, doctors, board members, nurses, clerical, cafeteria, and cleaning personell for making Hansford Hospital such a fine Health Care Facility!

Thank you!
 Frank and Kitty Edwards

Quiz Time! Quiz Time!

One short-answer quiz question and one more involved question will be asked each week as part of the Centennial Series on Hansford County. Readers who respond correctly to the questions will have their names published in the following week's issue. Answers to quiz questions are not necessarily to be found in the Centennial article in that issue! Call the Spearman Reporter office at 659-3434 with your answers.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ:

Short Quiz Question: For what or whom was BERNICE Street named?

"Think About It" Question: Which of the following three inventions was most significant to Hansford County's early economy -- the automobile, the windmill or the telephone?

Answers to last week's QUIZ:

Short Quiz Question: For what or whom was Hansford County named? The county was named to honor Judge John M. Hansford, a controversial yet popular political figure who came to Texas in 1837 and settled near Jonesville (Scottsville) in what is now Harrison County, Texas.

version has it that the pole mishap was staged purposely by one of the men, who knew of the impending attack and waited until the last minute to prepare the others so they wouldn't have time to "abandon ship"! Secondly, the white men were armed with those famed buffalo guns, which had an amazing range. (A well-known story in these parts is the shooting of one of the Indian leaders when he was still coming over the bluff, a couple of miles from the shooter in the stockade!) I found no source revealing that the Indians had these superior firearms. Thirdly, the Indians' morale nosedived during the battle, because their chief had predicted a rapid victory which did not transpire. One of our callers on this question informed us that the settlers simply were "lucky" in their strategic defense. The other caller called more attention to the fact that the white men expected the attack and were ready, ridge pole or no ridge pole!

Callers on quiz questions this week were G.W. Robinson of Spearman and Dorothy Hudson of Gruver. (I actually phoned them first on other matters and the quiz questions came up.)

IS ANYBODY ELSE OUT THERE? We hope to experience a slew of phone calls after this week's quiz questions hit the news stand!



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Hansford Health Shelf



EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hansford Health Shelf is published two to four times per month in the Hansford Plainsman and the Gruver Statesman. Readers are invited to submit general information questions to the newspapers on health-related topics, such as dentistry, nutrition, and physical fitness. Each question will be answered in this column by a Hansford County health professional.

Questions may be submitted in writing to The Hansford Plainsman Gruver Statesman, c/o Box 458, Spearman, Texas 79081. Writers' names will be printed unless otherwise indicated.

QUESTION: What is cystoscopy?

ANSWER: Cystoscopy is a means of looking inside the bladder, using a special instrument to check for diseases of the urethra, prostate and bladder in adults and children. The instrument, or **cystoscope**, is a metal tubing with a light at one end which is inserted in the patient's urethra. (The patient is under local or general anesthesia during the procedure). This permits inspection of the entire urethral passage, including the prostate (in males) and the bladder.

It is important to note that cystoscopy is not a **treatment** for medical conditions, but simply a **diagnostic tool**.

QUESTION: What does this procedure identify?

ANSWER: Cystoscopy helps a doctor identify diseases and disorders of the urethra, prostate and bladder. A similar instrument and procedure are used for examining the kidneys.

QUESTION: What are some specific problems of the urethra a doctor using cystoscopy can find?

ANSWER: Cystoscopy can reveal **abnormalities**, inborn or not, of the urethra, as well as **inflammation** caused by injury or trauma, and **infection**. In women, it can identify **urethral diverticulum**, which is an out-pouching of the urethra sometimes caused by childbirth or present congenitally.

Of problems of the urethra cystoscopy generally finds in men are **injuries**, which are then handled surgically. Other findings in women include **urinary tract infections (UTIs)**, which are treated with antibiotics. It should be noted that women are three to five times more likely than men to have UTIs because of their comparatively shorter urethras.

QUESTION: What conditions does cystoscopy reveal relating to the prostate gland?

ANSWER: The prostate gland, an organ at the base of the penis, becomes enlarged in 80 to 90 percent of men by the age of 50 to 60 years. This gradual **enlargement**, considered a normal part of aging in males, can cause restricted flow of urine, frequency of urination (having to get up repeatedly in the night, for example) and sometimes it will cause a man to be completely unable to urinate.

Cystoscopy allows a doctor to ascertain exactly how enlarged a patient's prostate gland has become. Surgery is indicated when the obstructive symptoms secondary to an enlarged prostate are

severe and where the condition is not amenable to medical treatment.

We are very cautious about when we recommend removal of the prostate, because we like to avoid surgery for our patients whenever possible. The good news is that the prostate gland can be surgically removed now **without** making an abdominal incision in the patient. Instead, a **resectoscope** is used through the penis (with the patient under general or spinal anesthesia) to do the removal.

A man does not need his prostate gland to function normally and its removal in severe cases of enlargement results in better urine flow and less chance of infection.

Cystoscopy can also identify **prostatitis**, or infection of the prostate, a condition which is subsequently treated with antibiotics.

Incidentally, every man over age 50 years should have an annual check-up for cancer of the prostate, and anyone with symptoms of prostatitis or an enlarged prostate should describe these to his doctor. Problems involving the prostate are much too important to ignore and at one time or another will affect most men, so this is not a medical topic about which any adult, male or female, should be embarrassed.

QUESTION: What bladder problems can cystoscopy reveal?

ANSWER: These problems of the bladder can include **tumors, stones, infection, inflammation, and congenital anomalies**, such as abnormal openings. Treatment for these conditions will vary widely depending upon their severity. For example, a tumor in the bladder, be it benign or malignant, may require immediate removal through surgery, but a small benign tumor can sometimes be left alone and carefully

monitored. Bladder stones are removed when they are large and/or causing much patient discomfort, but small stones can frequently be left to be later passed relatively painlessly by the patient. Bladder infections are treated with antibiotics. A doctor always investigates the reason for bladder inflammation even though it is occasionally asymptomatic.

REX B. KARE, M.D., is a urologist from Borger, Tx., who currently works out of hospitals in Spearman, Dumas and Pampa. He received his M.D. degree in 1967 from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines, where he was a classmate of Spearman's Dr. Romeo Sangalang. Dr. Kare's residency training in urology was completed at Cincinnati's Good Samaritan Hospital in 1981.

Following a four-year private practice in Grafton, W. Va., he came to Borger to open his private practice in urology in 1985. Defining urology as "the art and science of dealing with diseases of the kidneys, the ureters, the bladder, the prostate, the male genital system and also male sexual dysfunction," Dr. Kare's most challenging aspect of his work is performing surgery, particularly of a reconstructive nature. Much less fulfilling to him is all the paperwork, including "documenting everything," because of the time this can take away from patients.

Estimating that he has performed over one hundred cystoscopies at Hansford Hospital alone over the past year, Dr. Kare feels strongly about informing people of the cystoscope's abilities to painlessly identify urologic disorders and diseases. His column today deals with cystoscopy.

Dr. Kare's professional memberships include: Diplomate of the American Board of Urology (he passed the National Boards in Urology in 1984); Fellow of the International College of Surgeons; the American Association of Clinical Urologists; the American Medical Association; the Southwestern Urologic Association; the World Medical Association; and the Moore County Medical Society. His subspecialty training includes penile implant prosthesis and prosthetic endoscopic surgery.

Dr. Kare's wife, Maria Teresa, is a business administration graduate who acts as his office business manager. The Kares have three children, all who attend Borger schools. They are: Paul, a senior in high school, Rex Jr., a junior in high school, and Maria Theresa, a fifth grader.

Comptroller warns of tax consultant scam

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently cautioned taxpayers to beware of tax consultant scams that may be costing corporations millions of dollars in unnecessary franchise tax refund filing fees.

Bullock said unscrupulous consultants approach businesses with claims of "secret insider information" about the Texas tax refund procedure and promises of faster, bigger tax refunds.

The consultants base their fees on a percentage of the estimated refund and often require taxpayers to pay up front after showing the taxpayer faulty or incomplete claims that overstate the refund due.

Bullock said taxpayers can get all the free information they need about possible refunds by calling the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance lines, 1-800-252-5555.

Local postmaster offers tips to customers; mail delivery advice for vacationing residents

"If work or vacation should ever take you away from home, the Postal Service would like to remind you that there are several options available when determining what to do with your mail," says Spearman Postmaster Otis McMillan, Jr.

"If you'll be away just a few days and don't have time to notify the Post Office, ask a friend or neighbor to pick up any mail from your box," McMillan says. "Accumulated mail in a box is an advertisement that the house is vacant."

"Small receptacles such as apartment house boxes have a limited capacity. Your carrier will remove accumulated mail when the box becomes full, and leave a

notice to pick up the mail at the Post Office."

"We will be glad to hold your mail at the Post Office for up to 30 days," says Postmaster McMillan. "Either stop by the office here, or ask your carrier for a hold mail card. Be sure to specify the dates which you would like your mail held, fill out card, sign it and hand it to a clerk or your carrier a day or two before you leave."


"When you return, you can either pick up the accumulated mail at the office, or call and ask that it be delivered the next day. Since there may be more mail than will fit in the box, someone should be available to receive it."

"If you expect to be away for

more than 30 days, you should consider a temporary address change," says McMillan. "Simply pick up a change of address order form from the Post Office or your carrier and fill out completely, including the effective date and the date you wish to terminate the order."

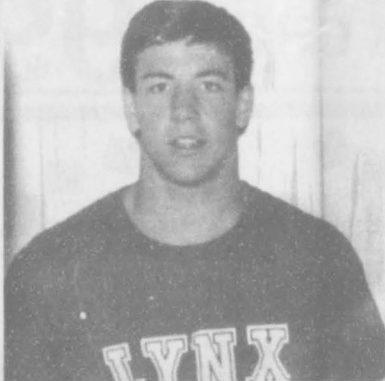






"This service is commonly used when families travel to vacation homes. It allows them to stay current with bills and correspondence. Again, it's a good idea to call when you return so that normal delivery will resume."

"We want to work with you to ensure uninterrupted mail service," says Postmaster McMillan.



Congratulations


District tennis players

		
SHAWN COOK 1st boys singles	TAMRI TOWNSEN 1st girls doubles	CAM BUTTS 1st girls doubles
		
SLAID JONES 2nd - boys singles	BRANDI SCHNEIDER 1st girls singles	JAN CRAWFORD 2nd girls doubles
		
		GINGER PEARSON 2nd girls doubles

On your performance at the District Tennis Meet last week. We at First National Bank are proud of the way you represented yourself, the school and the community. Keep up the good work and good luck at regionals in Abilene on April 27 & 28.

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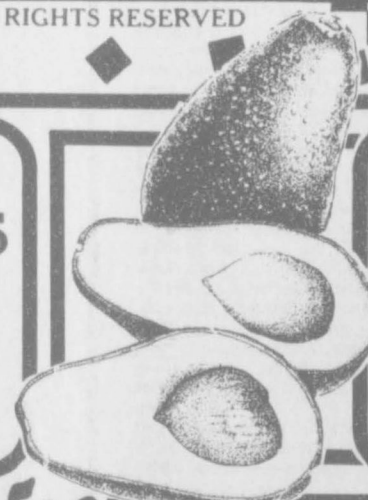
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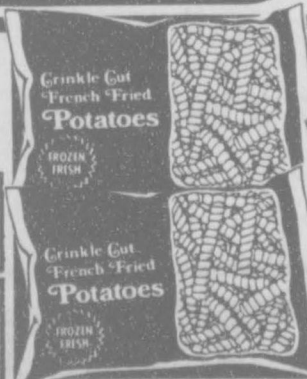
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