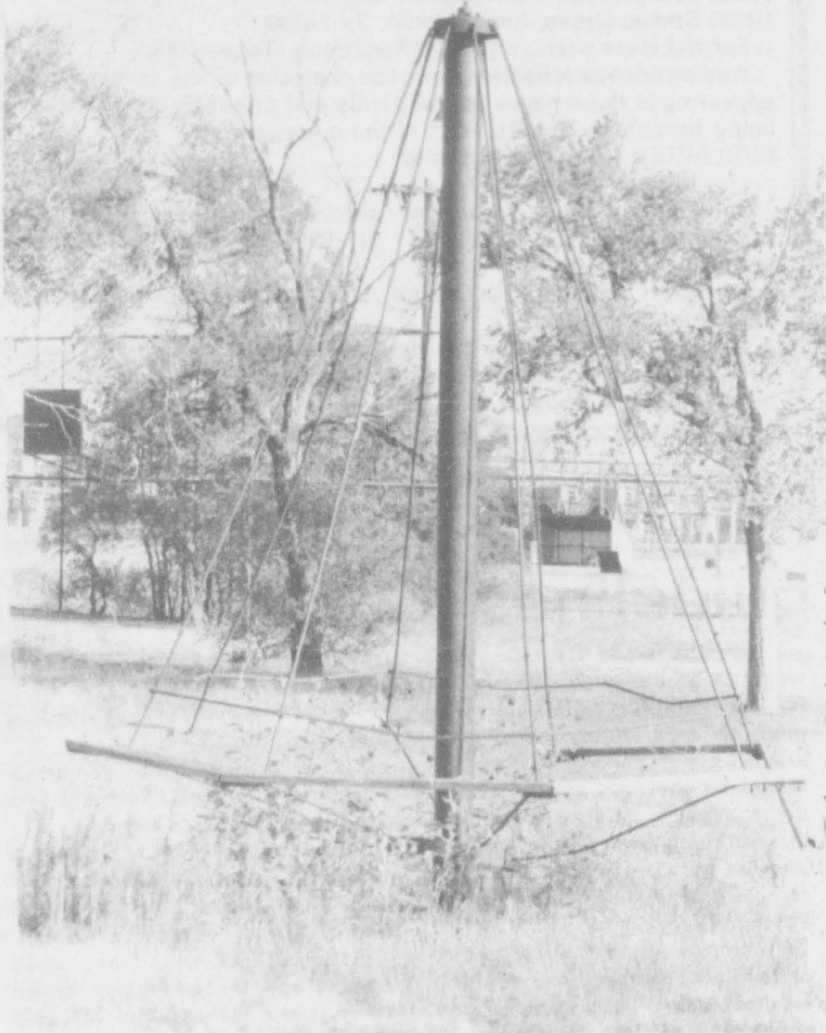


Sher-Han . . . Ghost town in Hansford County



This is the playground equipment that still stands at the Sher-Han Phillips plant, now considered to be a Texas ghost town.

by Melyn Johnson

Hansford County is mentioned in T. Lindsay Baker's book *Ghost Towns of Texas*. The article is about Sher-Han, the Phillips camp.

Many area residents remember when the Phillips, Michigan-Wisconsin, and Panhandle Eastern Company plants were booming places. What was it really like to live in a town now considered a ghost town?

Phillips Petroleum Company established the Sher-Han, a name derived from Sherman and Hansford Counties, company camp in 1944 just south of the Oklahoma state line and in northern Hansford County, Tex. and began operations in Jan., 1945. The Phillips plant was built to remove liquid petroleum from natural gas, most of it from the Hugoton gas field in southwest Kansas. It has been said that Phillips originally planned to locate nearer to Guymon, Okla. but lower property taxes in Texas convinced Phillips to build in Texas. The plant is still in operation today.

The Michigan-Wisconsin, commonly called Mich-Wish, and Panhandle Eastern built adjoining

compressor stations, both supplying company housing. These three company towns made up a community of about 400 people.

Housing for employees was supplied because of the remote location of the area. No paved roads left the camp in the 1940's.

Virginia and Jerel Brooks moved to Sher-Han on Nov. 23, 1944, before the plant was open, from southern Oklahoma. "There were no sidewalks and no trees, it was just a plowed wheat field." The day after the Brooks' moved in, the 24th, it rained, and on the 25th it snowed, Virginia remembers that it took 3-4 weeks to get her clothesline up and then she had to wade through the mud to hang the clothes out. Virginia told Jerel, "Let's go home." But they didn't, and grew to love living at Sher-Han. They lived at camp from 1944-1977 and now live in Guymon, Okla.

Lester Sturman and his wife moved to camp in 1945 when there were only 24 houses. Lester remembers, "When we moved to camp there were no trees in the area -- just houses. Now there are all these big trees and only seven houses."

He also recalls his first thought when seeing the camp houses. "They looked like little chicken houses. But they were wonderful houses when we got into them. We all came from the depression days and those houses were new."

Bea Luttrell of Chickasha, Okla. lived at the camp from 1945-1968, and says, "All the camp houses except one had two bedrooms, the superintendent's house had three. Every house had one to six children in it, with the exception of superintendent who had only one child. We used to complain about that." In 1948 the house rent was \$16, including all utilities.

It was an ideal, and unusual situation, at Sher-Han. Phillips opened the plant and transferred in young men, most of them with young families; as these men retired and moved out, the camp died.

But for most of the young children it was a fabulous time. Facilities and activities for the children were abundant. Phillips had a concrete tennis court with basketball hoops at each end and volleyball standards in the center, a playground, a baseball field, and

a community building. This community building had a large kitchen, stage, and open area. Teen Town dances, talent shows, square dances, Christmas programs, wedding and baby showers, Boy Scouts, parties, Halloween carnivals, and town meetings all took place in this building. It was also where church was held until the Sher-Han Baptist Church moved there in 1945. Now it houses only the reunions and occasional plant meetings.

Mich-Wish also had a playground and community building. "We had a shuffleboard table at Mich-Wish, though," said Lynetta Shapley.

Bertie Sturman tells about the children growing up together. "We used to take a flatbed truck, kids would pile on and we would take them swimming or fishing, and sometimes on a hay ride." Lester and Bertie reared three children, Freddie, Patricia, and Doyle, at camp.

Glenda Brooks Holmes, who lived there from 1944-1956, and now resides in Salisaw, Okla., said,

see SHER-HAN, p.2

Stocking fund shows some progress

The Hansford Manor Empty Stocking Fund "got off to a slow start, but is picking up and gaining ground somewhat", notes this year's chairman of the fund, Jody Harnish, Hansford Manor employee.

The fund was established to be used to purchase needed items for Hansford Manor residents who do not have the means to purchase the items themselves. In the past, such items have been purchased as slippers, toiletries, extra blankets or leg warmers.

Harnish notes, "We did get off to a better start last year, but I am pleased that it's beginning to make a little more progress recently." She noted that maybe community members had been too busy to think about the fund right now and

most people might not have felt the "holiday spirit" yet.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund is reminded that donations are tax deductible, and may also be made as a memorial contribution. Those wishing to remain anonymous may acknowledge that when they contribute.

Donations may be made to either Carol Hergert or Jody Harnish at the Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

This is how the fund is progressing to date:

Previous Balance	0
Added Contributions	
Dora L. Womble	\$30
Edith Womble	\$20
Mr. and Mrs. Pope Gibner	\$50
Mary Gillispie	\$25
TOTAL TO DATE	\$165

Citizens asked to attend meeting

The City of Spearman will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the front foyer of City Hall, 30 S.W. Court. The meeting has been set to address the concerns of citizens in regard to the consideration by the City Council of a new cable T.V. franchise agreement.

The meeting will allow citizens

an opportunity to discuss the needs of the subscribers and the process in franchising a cable T.V. service. The eligible activities allowed by the Cable Communication Policy Act of 1984 will be discussed.

Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views and proposals to

Recipe contest winners to be named soon

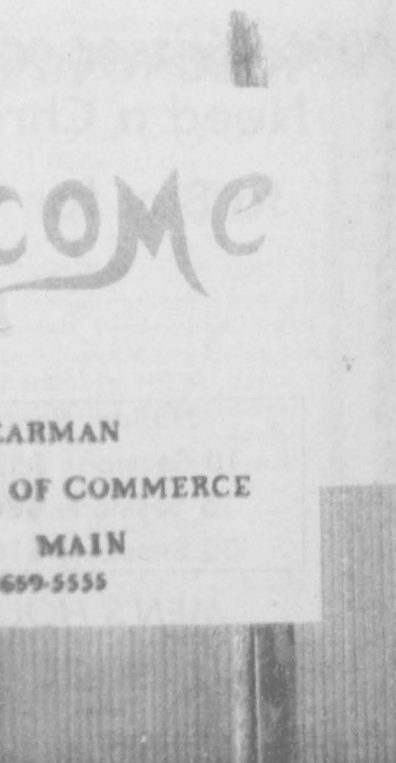
Entrants of the Holiday Recipe Contest sponsored by the *Spearman Reporter/Hansford Plainsman* will be informed of the winner and runner-up in the contest later this month.

The Hansford County Extension office is responsible for the judging of the entrants recipes. Home Economist, Karen Babitzke will be helping with the judging and has recruited qualified helpers to assist with the task.

The winning recipe and runner-up recipe will be published again in the Christmas edition of the *Hansford Plainsman*.

City Secretary Cheryl Gibson at City Hall.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the final draft of the cable T.V. franchise agreement. The City encourages and invites all citizens to express their views in the matter.



This is the scenery at one of the stores where the merchants have prepared for Christmas. To the left are the moving reindeers that are part of the decor of the ChaLor's window. Along with those prepared holiday displays many merchants have displayed, one merchant had unexpected Christmas music to go along with their holiday decor. Gordon's Drug had a musical Christmas card that wouldn't stop playing even when shut. After trying several means to cut

off the music, employees decided that it would probably quit playing when the battery ran down [it appeared to be a one-year watch battery.] Keep watching this paper for a story that will reveal some of the unusual gift items merchants in Spearman have to offer their customers. The article will also tell what some merchants guess to be the "most popular" gifts of the season and other holiday specials.

Museum needs old toys

The Station Master House Museum will feature an unusual exhibit this holiday season. Volunteers at the museum are setting up a display of old and unique toys to be enjoyed by visitors to the museum.

The museum staff is asking for the help of the community to make this exhibit better than ever. They are asking anyone that might have old, old toys or unusual and unique toys of the past to loan it to the museum for this holiday season display.

Anyone having these toys of the past are asked to take them to the Station Master House Museum located at 30 S. Townsend. The most convenient time for the museum personnel to receive these items is Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the afternoon.

And of course, all the public is invited to enjoy this display of toys at the museum when it has been completed.

Reimer plays trumpet in senior honor band

Jennifer Reimer, a senior in Spearman High School was invited to participate in an All Senior Honor Band Concert at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Okla. held over the weekend of Nov. 20.

She first had to audition for chair placement and was selected sixth chair out of eighteen Trumpets, placing her in the first selection. The afternoon was spent practicing five selections that were performed that evening at concert.

In order to be invited to play, participants were required to be a senior and have made at least one honor band during high school years.

Reimer has been in the band program for seven years and during that time received Outstanding Band member three times, the John Philip Sousa Award her junior year, All-region two years and Five State three years. And most recently she was named to Senior Honor All-American Hall of Fame, along with fellow band members Londee



Jennifer Reimer

Bradley and Sandy Zamora. Jennifer Reimer plans to make music her major in college next year. She is the daughter of Mick and Karen Reimer of Spearman.



If you've traveled on the Perryton Hwy. 15 coming back into Spearman lately, you've probably noticed this welcome sign recently put up by the roadside. Those responsible for this effort to promote Spearman include Roy Bulls [Baker and Taylor],

Robert Elliot [Texas New Mexico Power Co.], Gina Davis, Gary Ellsworth, Ronnie Willis, South Park Development [Jack Oakes and Monty Blackman], and Lynsne Maize, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Doc Blakely's

Pokin' Fun



Go for your hog leg!

Hunting season really stirs up the beasts. Especially those who do the shooting.

A friend of mine wears a pistol on the deer lease and in year's past has been the envy of the other hunters because he is a fast-draw expert. They nicknamed him "Shane" after the character Alan Ladd played in the classic western movie.

Shane was lightning-fast. He used to be quick on the trigger until he drew on a target without unsnapping the safety thong on the holster and shot the heel off his boot.

"That's what I was aiming at," he always claimed.

"Even the fastest gunfighters of the Old West would occasionally fire a warning shot," he'd explain. "Yeah," remarked a listener, "but not into his own foot."

But no doubt about it, he was fast. Lots of wild hogs roam our lease and one day three of us were out for a stroll just checking out the terrain before the season opened. Nobody was armed but Shane. A big boar appeared out of nowhere and faster than the eye could follow, Shane drew his pistol. Had him dead in his sights. He uncocked his pistol, turned to us, and said, "I could have killed him dead...if I had wanted to."

My friend "Moose" was so impressed, he went out and bought a .357 magnum pistol and holster. A few days later, we were out again, this time without Shane. A couple of wild boars suddenly showed up. We later stepped it off. The one that weighed about 400 pounds was 21 steps away. Broadside. Moose pulled his pistol. It looked like slow motion. Crouched. Took dead aim. Both hands. Squeezed the trigger. Ka-blooy. The hog looked up in the air, behind him, all around us as if to say, "What in tarnation was that?" Then he looked straight at us, still

broadside, the way a scared animal looks when he's about to break and run. We waited for Moose to fire again since he had obviously missed by a mile. He calmly holstered his revolver and said, "Oh hell. If he wants to live that bad, let him go."

We drove away in the pick-up and left a bewildered hog still standing there. In the truck, "Runkie" explained to Moose the finer points of a gunfighter's image. "Compared to Shane," he explained, "you have two major weaknesses. You're slower and dumber."

"Since you ain't likely to get any faster, let's concentrate on getting smarter. Next time you throw down on a hog, do what Shane does."

Moose has now learned to say, very convincingly, "I could have killed him dead...if I had wanted to."

A quick wit and a ready smile saved many a man in the real Old West. There was always plenty of time to look tough...alone in the bunkhouse.

Reid/Womble reunion held

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Womble were hosts for a Reid/Womble reunion on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lynch, Lawryn and Zackary, Edgar, Ashley and Jennifer Womble, Linda Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Womble, Tyson and Cory, Mr. and Mrs. David Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Alexander, Matt, Melissa and Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reid and Allison and Danny and Suellen Womble.

Dear John: Each year I form a strong attachment to our Christmas tree and hate to throw it away. I'm about to seek professional help about this unusual bonding. Is there anything else I can do?

Dear Holly Bush: You are not alone—many people are distressed when they have to dispose of a tree that brought them such happiness. The best therapy is to take control of the situation by buying a living tree with roots and soil intact and decorating your yard with the tree after the holidays. Try to dig the hole outside before the ground freezes. While it's in the house, place the root ball in a saucer or shallow container, just deep enough so moisture and loose soil won't get on the floor or rugs. The tree should be in a cool part of the room—away from heat ducts and fireplaces. Keep the ball moist and the tree in direct light. Come January, remove the decorations and plant the tree in a hole twice the size of the ball and slightly deeper. Fill in with loose soil until the hole is about three-fourths full and then fill the hole with water.

Dear John: My neighbor has flowers blooming in her garden around this time every year. How does she do it?

Dear Wistful Willie: The flowers in your neighbor's garden are called "winter blooming bulbs," available at most nurseries for about \$15 per hundred plants. For best results, winter-blooming bulbs should be planted in early fall, but can be planted successfully until the ground freezes. Plant in an area that receives full or filtered sunlight about 5 inches apart at a depth of 3 to 4 inches.

Dear John: I like to cut my own firewood, but don't know if I'm using my chain saw safely. Can you help?

Dear Mr. P. Bunyon: First of all, make sure to review the operator's manual. When handling a chain saw, wear close-fitting clothing that won't get caught on branches, thorns or a moving chain. Non-slip shoes, gloves and safety goggles are also a good idea. A hard hat and ear plugs will protect you from the noise and from falling limbs. Never



CECIL AND MARGARET RALSTON

Ralstons celebrate anniversary

Cecil and Margaret Ralston are being honored today (Sunday, Dec. 4). This day commemorates their 40th wedding anniversary.

The celebration to honor this occasion will take place in the Gruber First Christian Church between the hours of 1:30 and 3 p.m. The couple requests that those planning to attend let their presence be their gift.

SS representative to be in Spearman

A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will be in Spearman at the Hansford County Courthouse next Thursday, Dec. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The representative will assist anyone having Social Security concerns.

Social Security personnel would also like to remind the public that most Social Security matters can be handled over the telephone and Social Security now has a toll-free number, 1-800-2345-SSA, available 24 hours a day.

carry a saw while the engine is running, and make sure the muffler is turned away from you. Hold the saw below the waist with the guidebar to the rear. Never operate a chain saw when you're tired and always work slowly. Finally, make sure to keep your saw in good working condition—the chain sharp and properly tensioned and the hand grips clean and dry.

Tips offered for buying firewood

If you plan to use your fireplace or woodstove often this winter, now is the time to pile up on firewood. But if you don't know what to look for when buying firewood, you may be left out in the cold.

Firewood is often sold by the cord, which measures eight feet long, four feet wide and four feet high. Some sellers may promise a full cord, yet only deliver one-third or one-half of a cord. This is more likely to happen if the wood is simply dumped, rather than stacked on your property. So if you're not familiar with the seller, it may be a good idea to pay an extra charge to have the wood stacked. The fee may actually save you money.

If you do buy a cord, keep in mind that the four feet wide pieces may be too big for your fireplace or stove. Decide if you want to cut the wood yourself, or pay someone to do it for you. Or, consider buying a face cord, one-third of a cord, which has smaller pieces of wood.

Look for dry, seasoned wood. It will have cracks or splits in the wood and should have been cut at least six months earlier, preferably a year. Remember, fresh-cut green wood will not burn.

If you're buying firewood for heating purposes, buy hardwood instead of softwood. Hardwoods include oak, most fruit trees (such

as apple or cherry), ash, maple and birch. These woods generally cost more, but may be well worth it, since they have a greater density and weight and generally give off more heat. Also, consider fruitwoods if you'd like to fill the home with a pleasant aroma, especially around the holidays.

Softwoods, such as pines, generally leave more ash. They also have a higher moisture content which causes a popping sound when they burn.

On the other hand, kiln-dried and construction wood have a very low moisture content and burn quickly. It is recommended that these woods not be used in the fireplace or stove. They leave greater deposits of creosote, which can cause a buildup of vapors, tar and soot in your chimney or stovepipe.

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Safety association sets guidelines for safe toys

Christmas and Hanukkah just wouldn't be the same without toys for the children. But each year many children are injured by cute, seemingly harmless playthings meant for their joy and entertainment. Texas Safety Association offers the following safety guidelines to help you make the smart choices during your holiday season buying.

-When selecting toys for babies or toddlers, choose those made of washable, flexible materials. Toys constructed of glass, brittle plastic, or other hard materials should be avoided.

-Toys should not be small enough to fit in mouths, ears, or noses.

-Avoid toys with cords or strings that could wrap around a child's neck.

-Select brightly colored toys that are light enough not to cause injury if dropped on the child. Mobiles, squishy stuffed dolls, or squeeze toys make good choices.

-Avoid toys with sharp edges, small detachable parts, or electrical or toxic components.

-Check stuffed toys for internal wires, or small pieces such as eyes that might be pulled off and swallowed.

Purchasing toys for older children require a safe approach, as well.

-Be sure that playthings are well-constructed and strong enough to withstand hard use.

-If you purchase electrical toys, make sure that they bear the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label. You can eliminate shock and

cord hazards by buying battery-operated toys, instead.

-Avoid toys that have heating elements.

-If used with the chemicals provided in the set, chemistry sets are generally a safe buy.

-Avoid toys that shoot a projectile, such as arrows, rubber-tipped darts, disks, or other hard materials that could injure an eye.

After all the gifts have been opened and the wrapping thrown away, show the children the safe way to play with their new toys, and how to store them when they are finished. Remind older children to keep their toys out of reach of smaller children, and if a broken toy can't be fixed, throw it away.

Texas Safety Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose members work in government, private industry, and as individuals to prevent accidents and needless loss of life and property.

Dear Friends,
Your many acts of kindness have been a comfort to us during the time of the loss of our loved one.
We appreciate so much the flowers, cards, calls, visits, memorials, the memorial fund, and the food given in honor of I.V.
We are especially thankful for the prayers and love shown to us.
The Family of I.V. Pierce
Darlene & James
Darlita Ellis & Family
Leroy & Estelle Pierce

NEW-TOCK LIVESTOCK MARKET

P.O. Box 548 - Hwy 54 East
Guyton, Oklahoma 73942

Monday, November 28, 1988 Cattle 1378
Slaughter cows sold \$43.00 to \$55.00
Slaughter bulls sold \$53.00 to \$56.00

We had a very active market with lots of buyers. Feeder steers and heifers sold \$2.00 higher.

6 black cows-Guyton, Ok -\$585.00-\$600.00/hd
8 mix cows-Hardesty, Ok -\$535.00-\$585.00/hd

Head	Town	Avg. Wt.	Price
10 str calves	-Hardesty, Ok	366	-\$112.50
5 " "	" "	440	97.00
4 hfr calves	" "	421	87.25
4 " "	" "	375	91.00
2 wfbk str	-Booker, Tx	500	90.25
1 rdmt str	-Elkhart, Ks	405	107.00
2 rdmt str	" "	480	91.00
22 mix hfr	-Booker, Tx	651	82.00
56 mix str	-Stratford, Tx	419	109.00
23 mix str	" "	283	113.50
33 mix str	" "	344	110.50
17 mix fder str	-Perryton, Tx	803	83.85
8 " "	" "	712	87.10
18 " "	-Gruber, Tx	810	80.75
20 " "	" "	753	86.25
10 " "	hfr-Guyton, Ok	801	75.75
5 " "	" "	723	79.70
44 blkw&swf str	-Elkhart, Ks	815	83.85
69 mix hfr	-Texhoma, Ok	692	76.35
9 mix hfr	-Logan, Ok	625	79.85
56 mix str	-Stinnett, Tx	588	88.75
96 mix str	-Stratford, Tx	544	92.00
160 fder hfr	-Stratford, Tx	580	82.50

We are expecting 1200 cattle for Monday, December 5, 1988. Several consignments of good native calves and yearlings.

For more information give us a call:

OFFICE - 405-338-3378
Gary Cobb - 405-545-3470
Doyle Cates - 806-658-2241



You are cordially invited
to a Bridal Shower
for Shonda Corley
and Greg Odegaard
Dec. 10 from
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
at 104 Wanda Dr.
Given by friends

Some sound advice:



There's a sound exam we recommend for anyone who values their hearing. It involves using this simple instrument, as well as listening for a series of tones at various levels. A qualified professional conducts this painless test in minutes.

If you have hearing problems, our professionals can explain hearing loss and also tell you about the latest advances in hearing aids. They're now very lightweight, small and inconspicuous as well as longer lasting and more trouble-free! We think you'll like what you hear.

HIGH PLAINS HEARING AID CENTER

Will conduct FREE HEARING EVALUATIONS at the Golden Spread Senior Center, 14 S. Haney in Spearman, Tx, on the first and third Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions please call our Amarillo office at 1-800-333-4594.

Need a Christmas Idea for those hard to Buy for Give A Gift Certificate from

Inch by Inch

Santa says, "You better watch out" The festive holiday season can sometimes bring on extra inches and maybe extra stress. INCH BY INCH can help with those problems with toner tables and a message table.

Holiday Special
10 Sessions \$53.50
15 Sessions \$80.25
30 Sessions \$160.50

MEN'S HOURS
Mon. - Fri. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Call for an appointment
210 Main Spearman, TX 659-2238



Put Yourself in the Marketplace, in the Classifieds

Count on the Classifieds to Do the Job

For Sale

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 Bedroom, 207 Haney
Call 659-2692.

S02S-rtn

FOR SALE: Poinsetta's at reasonable prices. Call 659-2040 after 6:00 p.m.

S04 9tp

FOR SALE: 1976 Ford 3/4 Ton Pickup. Rebuilt motor, new clutch, and 4 speed transmission. Call 659-3849 (after 5 p.m. on weekdays).

S05-5tp

FOR SALE: hand quilted quilts and pillows. Also will do quilting for others. Call 659-2350 ro 659-2217.

So3S 5tp

USED AUTO PARTS, nationwide parts locating hotline, we buy late model wrecked vehicles, MussCat Auto Salvage, located 4 miles west of Hooker, OK. Hwy 54. Call us toll free 1-800-999-5080.

S00 12/88

FOR SALE: Yamaha Organ in perfect condition \$850. Call 659-3676.

So5-2tp

GRASS FOR SALE: 2 sections of Western Lipscomb County native grass. Located on pavement, well watered and good fences. Sell individually or as a unit. Alternative financing available to qualified buyers. Contact Ken Burton, High Plains FLBA, Perryton, Tex. 806-435-4319.

S51 rtn

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Office building for sale or lease. Owner will finance. Call 659-5051 before 5 p.m. and 659-2719 after 5 p.m.

S05S rtn

For Rent

FOR RENT: Nice private trailer lot, established lawn and nice neighborhood. Call 659-3657.

S02S-rtn

FREE RENT: First Month and reduced rates in Perryton's best mobile home park. Call Leo Meyers 435-2276 or 435-7676.

S46S rtn

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 baths, close to High School. Rent \$400. Call 659-2631.

S05S rtn

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Full-time watchman, 6 nights per week, reference required. If interested apply in person at Caprock No. 1, Gruver, Tx. EOE

S52S rtn

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: GOLDEN AGE CENTER on Dec. 10 from 8:30 to 5:30. Sale held by Scarborough, Ralston, and Barkley.

S05S 2tc

Miscellaneous

BEGINNING JANUARY 4th. I will be taking a limited number of piano students. For information call Wilma Clark at 659-2799.

S05-5tp

WATCH & JEWELRY PARTY

High fashion jewelry & watch party (direct from New York by Doreene Shadded) **ONE DAY ONLY!** Tuesday Dec. 6 from 1 - 5 p.m. at Paula's Rhythm & Dance in the Plains Shopping Center, Spearman Come 'n Go. Children's watches for \$5. Teens', boys', women's and men's range from \$15 - \$60.

So5-2tc

Rules named to help make holidays safer

Displays in department store windows are the first sure sign that the holiday season is approaching. Soon, Christmas trees and decorations will be appearing in homes, and houses will be strung with colorful lights. While you are decorating your home, remember that festive decorations can be hazardous. Texas Safety Association warns that more residential fires occur during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. The following safety tips can help keep your holidays safer, healthier, and happier.

-If you buy a real Christmas tree, look for a fresh one with a strong pine scent and flexible branches. A tree can be a real fire hazard, especially if it has been allowed to dry out. Bounce the tree on the ground two or three times-if more than a few needles fall, it is too dry.

-Before you set up your tree, cut about two inches from the end of the trunk, place the tree in water, and stand it in a cool place. When you are ready to set it up, choose a location away from heat sources (fireplaces, heaters), and out of the normal foot traffic areas. Use a strong, water-holding tree stand and check the water supply each day.

-Try to place your tree near an electrical outlet-avoid using extension cords if possible. Use lights and electric cords that have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark. Inspect them for bare wires, loose connections, broken sockets, and dead bulbs.

-When decorating, use a sturdy stepladder. Don't hang breakable ornaments on lower branches where children or pets might pull them off.

-Always unplug your lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

-Keep decorative seasonal candles away from flammable materials, and out of reach of children. Don't place Christmas greenery on mantels over working fireplaces, and avoid hanging stockings too close to a fire.

-Avoid burning wrapping paper in your fireplace-some gift wraps contain materials that are toxic when burned.

-Keep a fire extinguisher in an easily reached place.

-Make sure that you have smoke

alarms, and that they are in good working order.

-Keep plants such as poinsettia, mistletoe, holly, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis away from children. These plants are poisonous if eaten. If you think your child has eaten one, call your local poison control center immediately and follow their instructions.

Texas Safety Association wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

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Extension service hosts Options Shortcourse

A two day Futures and Options Shortcourse will be held at the Extension Clubroom in Spearman on Thursday, Dec 8 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The course will concentrate on the use of futures and options in the cattle and grain markets as a risk management tool. The entire marketing process will be examined for the current year starting with commodity market outlooks for this year. The first half of the course will concentrate on hedging mechanics, pricing objectives, futures and options terminology and calculating basis for the area. These topics will be followed by an introduction to options, interpreting and localizing options information, comparing pricing alternatives and potential

marketing strategies. Dr. Carl Anderson and Dr. Mark Waller, marketing specialists for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be the instructors. The cost of the shortcourse is \$20 per participant or couple and pre-registration is required. This shortcourse is sponsored by ASCS, the Hansford County crops and livestock committees and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. To preregister or for more information, call Burt Williams, Hansford County Extension agent, at 806-659-2030.

WILLIAMS & WEBB AUCTION
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of December, 1988 at 2:00 P.M. the following described Real Estate will be sold within 30 feet of the Main Street entrance of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash subject to any and all taxes.

An undivided .0244048 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from Section 61, H & GN Survey, Hansford County, Texas.

An undivided .0366071 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from all of Sections 27 & 29, Block 1, Certificate No. 27, original grantee, Cherokee Furnace Company, Hansford County, Texas, containing 160 acres, more or less.

An undivided .0117105 royalty interest in and to all of the oil, gas, and other minerals produced from all of Section 31, Block 1, Certificate No. 31, Cherokee Furnace Company Survey; all of the East half of Section 2, Block 1, Central & Montgomery Ry. Co. Survey, Certificate No. 206; all of the East half of the B Venneman Survey, Abstract No. 1269, containing 666.88 acres, more or less, in Hansford County, Texas.

This property is owned by Jacqueline K. Thoreson, and is being sold by The U.S. Small Business Administration in foreclosure proceedings, subject to the right of borrower to pay the debt in its entirety. 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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Among the Neighbors

by ELEN FISHER

Frances Whitson of Dumas spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Ruth Mary and Bill.

The holidays were marred by the death of Hunter Robertson, brother-in-law of Mrs. Whitson. They all attended the services in Dumas on Friday.

Mr. Robertson had a number of friends in Spearman and had been a frequent visitor here.

Mae and Dale Wofford returned the first of the week from a combination Thanksgiving and birthday party.

On Thursday they gathered with six of Mae's brothers and sisters. Then on Friday 68 family members celebrated the 70th birthday of the

mother of the Pape children and her twin brother. She is from Portales and he is from Houston.

Alene Close has returned after spending several days in Amarillo with her daughter, Sharon Cook. Sharon is now recovering from surgery performed at St. Anthony's Hospital on Tuesday, and expects to be hospitalized for several more days. Her husband and son, Lynn and Bob Cook, have also been with her. She is in room No. 593.

Mrs. Jessie Gainey of Borger is a new resident of the Hansford Manor, and Mrs. Nellie McDonald of Spearman is also. Temporary residents are Mrs. Ora Sanders,

Mrs. Margaret Gibner and Mrs. Vina Hawpe of Sunray.

Craig Vinson is back at duty with Texas-New Mexico Power company after several days treatment at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Kizziar visited his sister, Lois Nollnor, and other relatives here during the holidays. They now live at Crockett, Tex. and also spent some time with relatives in Perryton.

Booker lived here many years ago and comes back occasionally to renew contacts.

Family members of Virus Wilbanks report that she is recovering

as well as might be expected following surgery for a broken hip on Wednesday evening. She is in High Plains Baptist Hospital after breaking her hip in a fall in her bedroom.

All those sounds that would be musical—all those discordant, off-key, flat, tuneless, inharmonious, unmelodious, grating and raucous sounds around the town are the fault of the employees of Texas-New Mexico Power Co. and City of Spearman. They were the culprits that did such a fine job of hanging all the brilliant, colorful, Christmas lights on Main Street—resulting in an overwhelming surge of Christmas spirit and spontaneous singing!!

SHER-HAN, from p.1

"We just made our own entertainment and really had a good time."

Jerel Brooks, now a teacher in Guymon, Okla., remembers it being special because there were very few restrictions, as in a town.

Merle Arthur lived at camp from 1949-1967, when she moved to Gruver. She recalls always having fun with other families. "The families played a lot of games together. And there was always a group of kids doing something."

"We would walk through snow waist deep to go play bridge at another's house. It was like one big happy family," said Virginia Brooks.

June Kindy of Perryton told about a chili and stew supper held at the community building. The supper was held by her husband to organize a Boy Scout Troop. June baked 20 pies for the supper. The Kindy's lived at Sher-Han from 1949-1964.

The first year, 1944-1945, school children attended Guymon Public Schools. The students paid \$17 a year tuition. After a road was built from Gruver to Sher-Han, the students attended school in Gruver. Marie Morton of Texhoma, Okla. told a story about that first year of school. The Frisco creek ran over and washed out the road, which was dirt, so the plant employees took their children to the Creek, the students waded the creek to where the school bus was waiting on the other side.

Besides adding many school tax dollars which helps Gruver schools be one of the most up-to-date facilities in the area, the plant also supplied a large number of students. "At one time 88 children were bussed from the camp," said Skeet Ellison of Gruver. Today, Cynthia Winn is the only school age child living at camp.

Bertie Sturman believes Karla Tapscott had the first baby born at camp in 1945. The first adult death was in the early 1950's when Lillian Highfield died. Bertie said she

remembered only one child dying. Nine year old Joe Prater had a caliche bank cave in on him in 1949. Buck Luttrell and Donna Kindy were the first couple married in the Sher-Han Baptist Church. Sher-Han can even boast of having its own big-league baseball player living there, Bonnie Stewart.

Dean Kindy, plant resident from 1949-1956, now living near Dallas, summed it up well, "It was a close knit community, the interaction among the people was good. I miss the friendliness, courtesy, and fairness from then. And I enjoyed the more casual, slow paced living."

Billye Charon married widower and plant resident Johnnie Charon in 1966. She said, "Edna Hardesty had a coffee to introduce me when I married Johnnie. It was the world's nicest neighborhood. All the children were nice, always polite."

Phillips Petroleum built 81 houses at Sher-Han, Mich Wish built 21, and Panhandle Eastern built three for employees and supervisory personnel between the years 1944 and 1949. By the early 1960's the improved transportation and paved roads made it possible for employees to live in the outlying towns of Gruver, Tx and Goodwell, Guymon, and Texhoma, Okla. and commute to work. The companies began to sell the houses and encouraging people to move them. Today there are no homes at Mich-Wish or Panhandle Eastern and only seven remain at Phillips.

The people are still very close. A retiree banquet for Phillips employees is well attended in Guymon every year in April. In 1987 a reunion was held at the camp and 112 people attended. This year over 40 people, coming from as far away as Alaska, attended the reunion in Sept. Another reunion is planned for 1991.

"They were all nice people. I didn't know a stinker in the bunch," stated Billye Charon.

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Immunizations offered Dec. 5

The Texas Department of Health is offering an immunization clinic in Spearman on Monday, Dec. 5. Vaccinations will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m. that day at the Spearman Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend.

These immunizations offer protection against such childhood diseases as polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough

(pertussis), measles, rubella, and mumps. An influenza vaccine will be available at area clinics.

The Texas Department of Health is charging money for the immunizations, to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

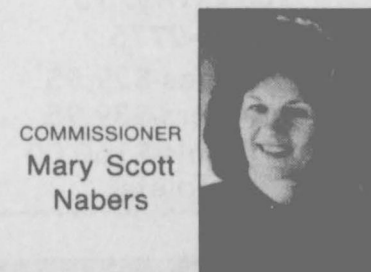
Commissioner offers advice to employers

Dear Commissioner Nabers: I read that employers are not supposed to be charged for unemployment claims when they are forced to let an employee go because of health problems. I recently had a claim filed by an employee who could not work for two months because of an injury. We are a small company and I cannot afford to have someone's position vacant for two months so I had to replace him. Yet when he filed his claim, the Texas Employment Commission charged my account. Can you explain this?
— R.V.
Waco, Texas

Dear R.V.: Without knowing more details about this work separation I cannot really tell you why your account got charged for these benefits, but you should certainly appeal the decision.

All Texas employers should know that Section 7(c)(2)(a) of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act provides chargeback protection to an employer if the Commission finds that the claimant's last separation from that employment was "caused by a medically verifiable illness." If you are faced with a claim that you feel falls into this category you should not hesitate to mention this on your initial protest to the claim or use it as the basis for appealing a chargeback decision.

In the meantime, please also write and give me the claimant's name and social security number so I can check on this for you as well.



COMMISSIONER
Mary Scott
Nabers

TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY

Dear Commissioner Nabers: What do you think of my letting a warehouseman who works for me hire someone to help him out? What's my liability in this situation? My warehouseman would have to pay the helper out of his own pocket but I need to know if that could cause me any problems.

— S.B.
Ranger, Texas

Dear S.B.: I think it is quite likely that you would be held to be the employer for both individuals. You could be leaving yourself open for the same liability on the helper that you normally have on the rest of your employees. I suggest you consult an attorney before continuing this arrangement or, better yet, save yourself some money and potential grief and tell the warehouseman he may no longer "hire" helpers to work on your premises.

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.