

Knife maker just 'likes to make things'

By Melyn Johnson

Most interesting people have hobbies, but few are considered to be "one of the top five in the nation" at their hobby. That was the way C.A. Davis, a Gruver knife collector, described Bill Winn. Winn, a resident of the Sher-Han Phillips Plant 18 miles northwest of Gruver, says he just "likes to make things." And he does make many things, but what he makes very well are knives.

Winn, a native of Eureka, Kan., but a Texas resident for the past 33 years, began making knives about 20 years ago. When asked how you go about learning to become a master knife maker, Winn replied, "by trial and error. I visited several well-known makers and watched and visited with them. Ralph Bone taught me alot."

There is alot of knowledge, time patience, and craftsmanship that go into a WINN knife. Winn begins with a slab of wood, a horn, bone, or a large piece of ivory and a slab or steel that he will get several knife handles and blades from. When choosing the type of wood for a handle, Winn favors natural material over synthetic. He prefers to use the India Sambar Stag horn or wood from the Cocobolo tree in Central America.

The reason tropical wood is used is that it is harder, denser, and has enough natural rosin that no finish is required.

Winn has also made handles with osik, a fossilized walrus bone found mostly while the Alaskan pipeline was dug, which is millions of years old. This is very different from most commercial knives where bone handles are made mainly from cattle shin bones.

I was surprised to learn that making a knife handle can be dangerous. An example is if you grind mother-of-pearl handles dry,

cyanide gas is formed. Winn also uses a respirator when grinding all tropical woods. He said, "Even so, you'll probably itch and sneeze when you do it."

Some elephant ivory handled WINN knives are decorated with scrimshaw, or artwork scratched into the ivory and then wiped with waterproof India ink. Winn contracts a woman, Patricia Walker, out of New Mexico, to do his scrimshaw. He does mother-of-pearl inlays himself.

Winn mainly uses a D-2 steel that is good for all using knives. For collecting knives he uses a 440C stainless steel. When asked why he changes steel Winn replied, "440C stainless steel won't rust in safety deposit boxes." The steel is tempered electronically with equipment Winn has himself.

Winn showed me some file work he had done on several blades. This is when I became aware of the reason WINN knives are considered an investment. This knife had over 25 hand filed grooves. When filing these Winn counts every stroke because he "wants them as near perfect as possible." Another knife had a handle where the two sides of the bone handle were perfectly matched.

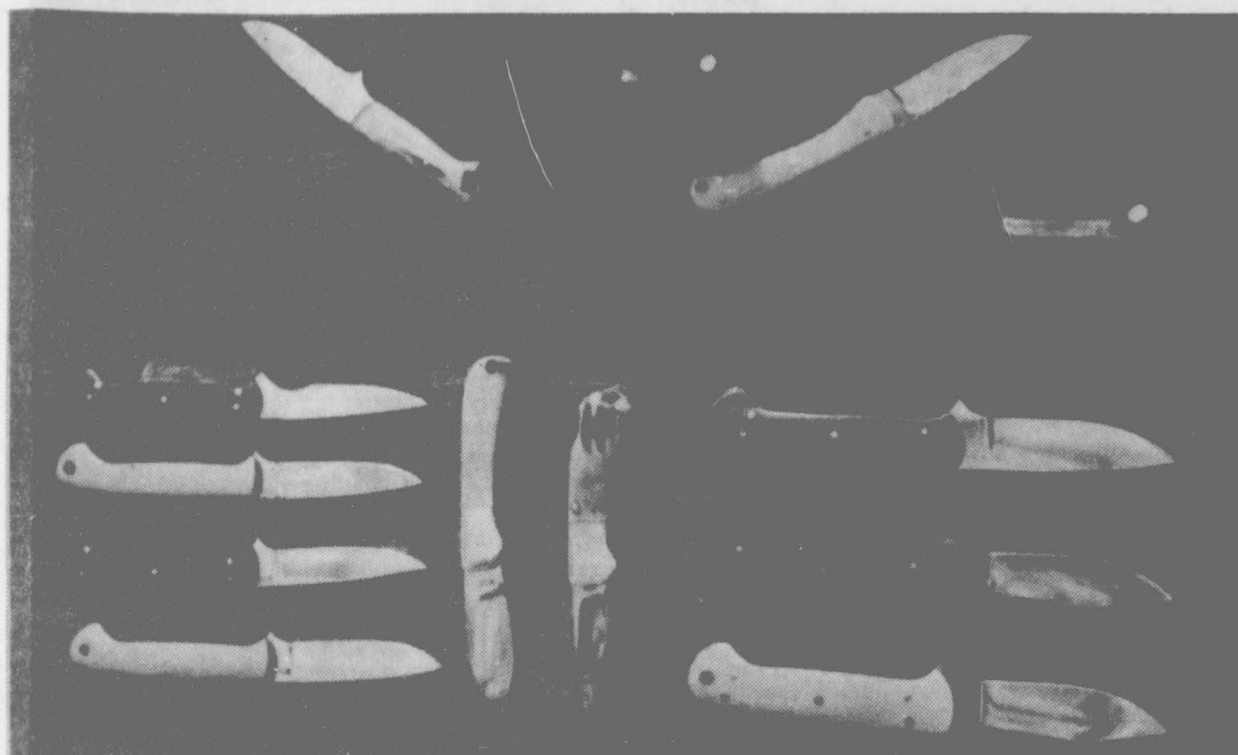
"There are different knives for different purposes," Winn said. He makes using knives that include pocket, fishing, and hunting knives and also collectors knives. There is more pride in the making of a folding knife for Winn because they take so much more time. The average using knife takes 10 to 15 hours to make compared to 15 to 20 hours for the average folding knife.

Winn also makes his own leather sheaths for his knives. The sheaths are pouch type, wet formed to fit each individual knife snugly, and

are glued and hand stitched.

WINN knives are sold mainly by mail-order now. Don Buchanan from the Star Trading Post in Red River, N. Mex., also sells WINN knives. Recently Bill Winn received a letter from Mr. Carey L. Sinclair requesting a brochure and order blank because he wanted to own a knife made in Gruver. Over 50 years ago Mr. Sinclair had his first teaching and coaching job in Gruver. Winn said that was the first time he had an order because of his address!

If you are considering ordering a specially made knife for someone for Christmas you may be a little late. This type of present cannot be bought at the last minute, but after seeing his knives and talking to Mr. Winn, it is the type of present you would give to someone that appreciates true craftsmanship.



HAND CRAFTED KNIVES BY BILL WINN

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Immunization clinic held at school on August 1

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled for August 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spearman Elementary School.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whoop-

ing cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, and mumps.

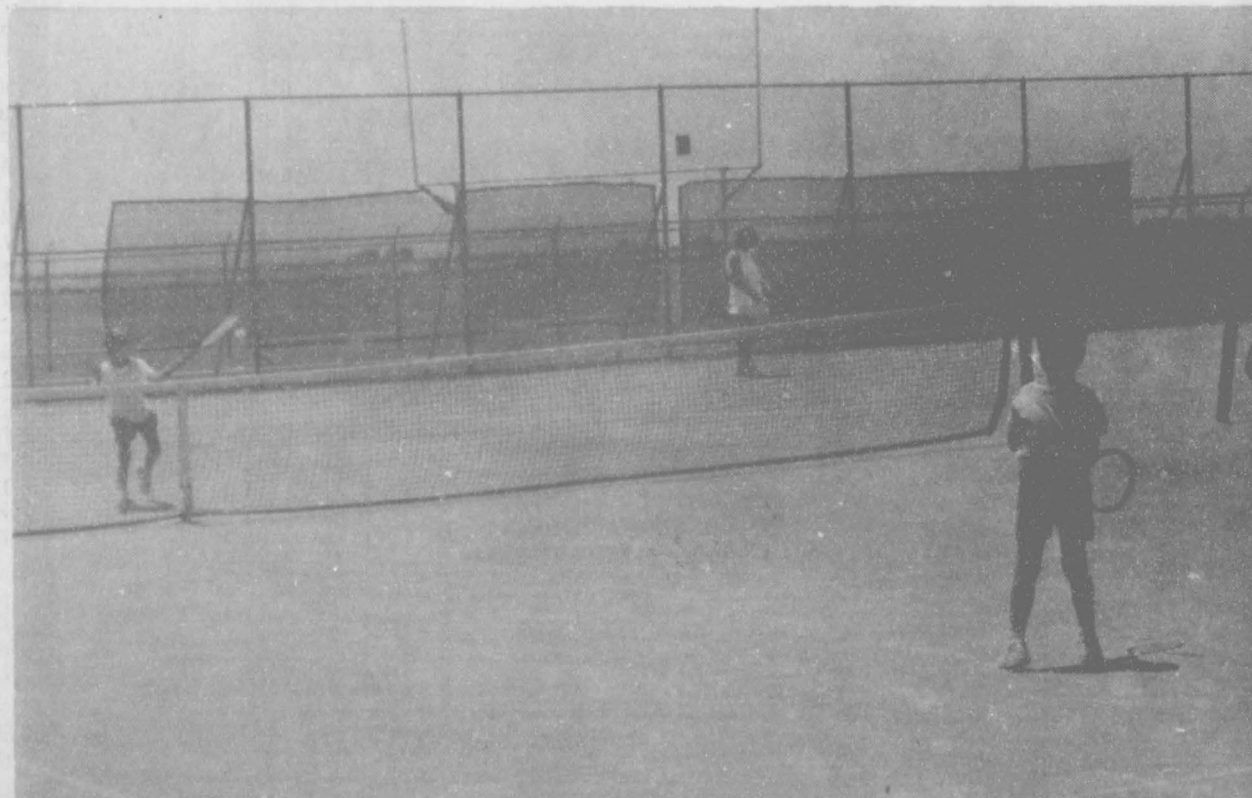
The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Jackpot steer and heifer show held in Perryton on Aug. 26-27

Perryton/Ochiltree County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "Wheatheat Summer Jackpot Show" for steers and heifers. There is a \$1,000 guarantee prize money, 80% pay back. Entry deadline is August 19 at 5 p.m., with entry fee being \$25 per head. Late entrants can be accepted

until 10 p.m. Friday, August 26 with a \$10 late fee.

Maximum weight on steers is 950 pounds. The show is being held August 26 and 27 at the EXPO Center in Perryton. For more information, contact Layton Barton at 435-4501, or Mike Blasin-game at 435-9641.



The First National Bank of Spearman is hosting its 4th Annual Junior and Open Tennis Tournament this weekend in Spearman. Caleb Ashley, from Canadian at right and his brother John Salem Ashley warm up for their semi-final match in the 10 and

under boy division. In background Tamara Townsen is warming up for her semi-final match in the girls 18 and under division. The matches will be played all weekend at the Spearman Omni Tennis Courts.

School's construction progressing

Since we last reported on the progress of the construction work going on at the school, much work has gone on there.

Workers have dug new trenches for the telephone and gas lines that will be needed in the new additions of the classrooms and gym additions. They have also prepared the area for the foundation of the gym addition.

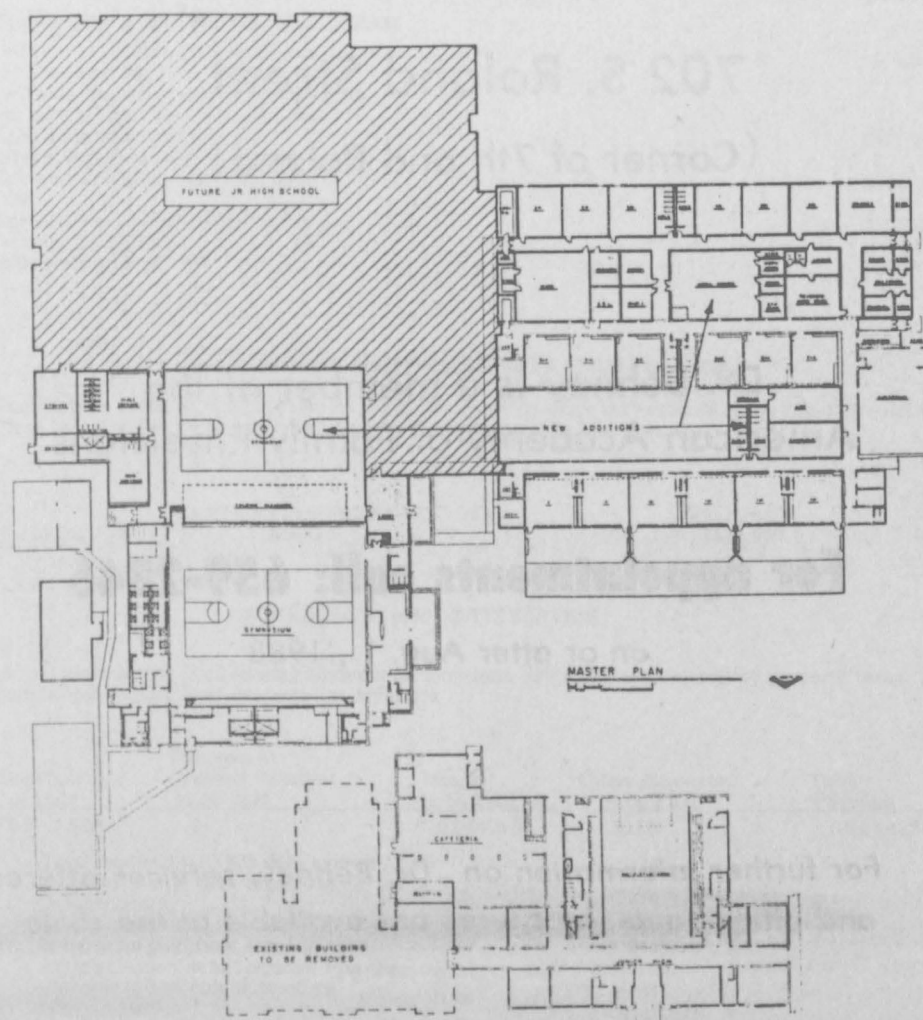
The main work, however, is still going on inside the building. Construction workers are enclosing the new duct work for the central heating and air conditioning with sheetrock. They have already completed the closing off of the windows. This has already kept the building considerably cooler than it would have been otherwise.

The job superintendent, Ray Dunlap of Monterey Construction out of Wolforth, Tx., reports that the workers will be completed with the inside work in plenty of time to be out of the way when the school children arrive in September.

Be prepared, however, to tell your children that there will be a limited amount of playground use this fall, due to construction work still going on, but by next fall the playground space should be more than adequate.



Shown here, David Nobile, one of the construction workers doing work on the Spearman Elementary School. Here he is putting sheetrock up over the new



New construction plan for school

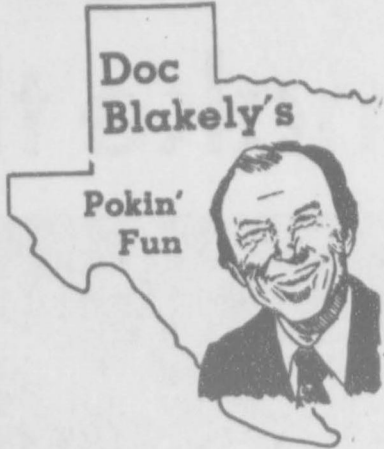
A Mob of Roos

On our way to Canberra, the national capital of Australia, we saw what looked like large Easter bunnies on a pogo stick.

They turned out to be kangaroos, quite a number of them. In describing this scene to some Aussie friends, I asked if it was proper to call them a herd, flock, or what? "A mob, mate," one replied. "A mob of Roos." He also told me that Roos hop in single file, especially if they are alone.

Arriving in Canberra, we found a beautiful city with wide boulevards, reminiscent of Washington, D.C., complete with political jokes. One vain MP (member of parliament) was reputed to have been using hair dye for some time. A political foe said, "If he doesn't dye his hair, he's been bleaching his face."

They are building a new parliament house that looks like it was designed by Orin Roberts, sort of a cross between a decadent sunburst, spiritual extravagance, and



a tax hike.

Checking in at the Hyatt, we found a mob of people (no Roos this time) and had to park way in the back. Security people were everywhere. The Queen was coming the next day and the Governor General was holding a dry run rehearsal. I heard an American tourist ask a hotel official, "Is he the one in the uniform?"

"No, madam, the Governor General is a political position not military. Besides, you're looking at a bellboy."

The next day, we were off to Melbourne. We arrived after dark and left before daylight so I can only say that Melbourne was like a blind date on a moonless night -- I like to think she was a beauty.

Back up the edge of the outback to Sydney the next couple of days, we stopped off to rest up for the long trip home at a resort area across the bay from Sydney known as Manly Beach. I wondered why they named it that until I noticed that it was a topless sunbathers paradise.

And the bottom of the swim suit? I've seen more fabric in an aspirin bottle.

An international place Manly Beach. I learned to recongnize womanly screams on Manly Beach of "Get your eyes back in their sockets, Fred," in 37 languages. And when they change from

"walkabout" clothes to swim wear, they just drop it and change, almost an art form, very fast, very smooth. It seems strange but I believe a lot of sunburn is caused from reflections off the moons.

Made me a lot less nervous about wearing my rather revealing swim suit. The one with the hole in the knee.

So much for Manly Beach. We flew out of Sydney the next day and arrived home having gained a day a lots of memories. My 4-year-old neighbor missed me and asked where I had been. Trying to communicate at the 4-year-old level, I explained that I had been far, far away, a place where there were kangaroos.

"Where?" she asked. "Australia," I answered. "Do you know where Australia is?"

With wide-eyed innocence, she said, "Is that further than the zoo?"

I impress my neighbors about as much as I do a mob of Roos.

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The most Olympic gold medals won in field events is ten individual medals by Ray C. Ewry of the U.S. between 1900 and 1908.

Obituary

ORA T. JOHNSON

Services were held July 30 at Oslo Lutheran Church with the Rev. Nathan Hanson, pastor, officiating. Additional funeral services and the burial will be in Cranfills Gap at St. Olaf Lutheran Church and Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hanson Funeral Home of Guyton, Okla.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Cranfills Gap, where she married Otto Johnson in 1922. He died in 1967. She was a seamstress and specialized in custom drapery in Midland, before moving to Gruver in 1973. She was a member of Oslo Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Marynell Carroll of Gruver; a son, Merrill Johnson of Midland; a brother H. C. Jermstad of Clifton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



These boys participated in Coach Pitch boys baseball this summer the program is sponsored by the Hansford County Activity Center. Back row [l to r] John Scott, coach, Tom Kirk, Phillip Janzen, Frankie Dominguez, Mario Renteria, Mathew Scott, Steven McCoy and Keith Winegarner.

Stanton W. Cobb, D.D.S.
 Family Practice of
 Dentistry and Orthodontics
 Announces
EXTENSION of Office Hours
to FRIDAY MORNINGS 8 - 12
 to accommodate patients
 getting ready to go back to school.
659-5515

Laurence W. Behney, M.D.
 announces the opening
 on
August 1, 1988
 of
Hansford Family Medicine Clinic
 702 S. Roland Street
 (Corner of 7th and Roland)
 Dr. Behney is a member of the
 American Academy of Family Physicians
For appointments call: 659-2846
 on or after Aug. 1, 1988
 For further information on Dr. Behney, services offered
 and office hours, brochures are available at the clinic.

Report of Condition

PUBLICATION COPY - COMMERCIAL BANK
 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK: First State Bank
 Box 247
 Spearman, Texas 79081
 CITY: Spearman COUNTY: Hansford STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 79081
 FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO: 11 13 17844
 CLOSURE OF BUSINESS DATE: June 30, 1988

		Dollar Amounts in Thousands		
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ASSETS				
1	Cash and balances due from depository institutions		3	152
a	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		2	400
b	Interest-bearing balances		30	447
2	Securities		4	335
3	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:			0
a	Federal funds sold			0
b	Securities purchased under agreements to resell			0
4	Loans and lease financing receivables:	27	084	
a	Loans and leases, net of unearned income		19	
b	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		0	
c	LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve		0	
d	Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		26	888
5	Assets held in trading accounts		1	124
6	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized lease)		0	0
7	Other real estate owned		0	0
8	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		0	0
9	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		0	0
10	Intangible assets		1	372
11	Other assets		69	715
12 a	Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		69	715
b	Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)		0	0
c	Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)		69	715
LIABILITIES				
13	Deposits:		56	837
a	In domestic offices:			
(1)	Noninterest-bearing	7	151	
(2)	Interest-bearing	49	686	
b	In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:		0	0
(1)	Noninterest-bearing	0	0	
(2)	Interest-bearing	0	0	
14	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:		0	0
a	Federal funds purchased		0	0
b	Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0	0
15	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		0	0
16	Other borrowed money		0	0
17	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		0	0
18	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		0	0
19	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		0	0
20	Other liabilities		1	979
21	Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		58	867
22	Limited-life preferred stock		0	0
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23	Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)	0	0	0
24	Common stock (No. of shares):	200,000		
a	Authorized	200,000		
b	Outstanding	200,000		
25	Surplus		1	000
26	Undivided profits and capital reserves		2	000
27	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments		7	852
28 a	Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		10	852
b	Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)		0	0
c	Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28 a and 28 b)		10	852
29	Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)		69	715
MEMORANDA Amounts outstanding as of Report Date				
1 a	Standby letters of credit, Total		0	14
1 b	Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a conveyed to others through participations		0	14

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report. The undersigned officers do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: S. Randall Sauer, Vice President
 AREA CODE/PHONE NO: (806) 659-5565

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signatures]
 STATE OF: Texas
 I, [Name], do hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires 11-17-93.

Put Yourself in the Marketplace, in the Classifieds

Real Estate

FOR SALE: Nice small 3 bedroom home. Fenced, carport, close to school. Great rental property or starter home. 1010 Drossen. Call 1-669-9765, Pampa. S18-rtm

FOR SALE by owner: 3 bd., 2 bath, fireplace, jacuzzi tub, drapes, double garage. Assumable note. 16 Golden Circle. 659-2340 or 659-2422. S38-5tp

FOR SALE: Nice 24x60 double wide trailer, 3br, 2 bath, central heat, garden tub and fireplace. Call 435-2316 after 5:30.

For Rent

FOR RENT: 2 - two bedroom houses. Call before 8 a.m. at 659-3185. S39-2tp

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom house, fenced yard, storm cellar, garage and storage shed. Call day 659-2506 after 6 call 659-2327. S39S-rtm

Miscellaneous

MOVING SALE: July 30 to 31, Sat. & Sun, 402 S. Haney, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Rambler travel trailer 32 ft, Harley Davidson Snow mobile, TV, new sears sewing machine, furniture and other items to numerous to mention. S89-2tp

Business Opportunity

OWN YOUR OWN APPAREL OR SHOE STORE, CHOOSE FROM: JEAN/SPORTSWEAR, LADIES, MEN'S, CHILDREN/MATERNITY, LARGE SIZES, PETITE, DANCEWEAR/AEROBIC BRIDAL, LINGERIE OR ACCESSORIES STORE. ADD COLOR ANALYSIS. BRAND NAMES: LIZ CLAI-BORNE, HEALTHTEX, CHAUS, LEE, ST MICHELE, FORENZA, BUGLE BOY, LEVI, CAMP BEVERLY HILLS, ORGANICALLY GROWN, LUCIA, OVER 2000 OTHERS. OR \$13.99 ONE PRICE DESIGNER, MULTI TIER PRICING DISCOUNT OR FAMILY SHOE STORE. RETAIL PRICES UNBELIEVABLE FOR TOP QUALITY SHOES NORMALLY PRICED FROM \$19. TO \$60. OVER 250 BRANDS 2600 STYLES. \$17,900 to \$29,900: INVENTORY, TRAINING, FIXTURES, AIRFARE, GRAND OPENING, ETC. CAN OPEN 15 DAYS. MR. LOUGHLIN (612)888-6555.

Help Wanted

PART TIME OFFICE HELP needed at Hansford County Veterinary Hospital. Apply in person. S39S-2tp

HELP WANTED: Presser trainee; no experience necessary. Apply in person at Berry Cleaners, 207 Main, Spearman. S39-rtm

GET PAID for reading books! \$100.00 per title. Write: PASE-C3184, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, IL 60542. S89-4tp

For Sale

FOR SALE: Siamese kittens, call 435-5233. S39-2tp

FOR SALE: 1978 Palomino tent trailer. New battery, new tires, carpet, porta-potti, closet, sink, stove, sleeps 6. Very good condition. Call 659-5283 after 5 p.m. 101 E. 12th. S39-2tp

FOR SALE: Sofa and loveseat in excellent condition \$400. Used range in excellent condition \$100. Call 659-2117. S39-4t

FOR SALE: 1981 Pontiac without motor, \$300. Dirt bikes, 1 Yamaha 125, and 2 Honda's. Call 659-5205 after 5:00.

PIANO FOR SALE: WANTED: RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO ASSUME SMALL MONTHLY PAYMENTS ON PIANO. SEE LOCALLY. CALL CREDIT MANAGER 1-800-447-4266. S36S 7tp

BEAUTY SHOP EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: - Beautiful blue - used one year in one operator shop - 2 dryers - 2 shampoo loungers - 2 shampoo bowls with all attachments - 1 used hydraulic styling chair. All 7 pieces only \$750. Also Sears Kenmore self-cleaning oven - 1 year old only \$295. Call Pampa 1-665-2661. S99S-1tp

Services

CARPET INSTALLED, all types new or used, linoleum, tile, ceramic wall tile, free estimates also repair and stretch repair. Resident phone after 3:00 p.m. 435-6960. S89-5tp

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Hansford County ASCS Office is taking bids for Janitorial Services. Janitorial Specifications can be picked up at the ASCS Office between 8 - 5 Monday thru Friday. Bids must be submitted by 7-29-88. For more information call 659-3036. S-July

Landowners in Texas banned together to stop legislation

A group of Texas landowners have joined together to form the "Riverside and Landowners Protection Coalition."
Under the leadership of Arthur Nagel, Boerne, this groups primary function is to stop legislation which has been designed to allow designated rivers to be declared wild scenic and recreational areas. At present, "Riverside and Landowners Protection Coalition" has members representing 16 rivers in Texas, and growing everyday.
For rural Texans, this coalition is dedicated to preservation and protection of the rights of private property. As private property rights are eroded, so too is the foundation of our free society and citizen freedom.
Anyone interested in belonging to this grass roots coalition should clip this article and send a \$20.00 check or money order payable to: Riverside and Landowners Protection Coalition, Route 1, Box 117, Leakey, Tx. 78873.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Pringle-Morse consolidated independent school district will hold a public hearing on its 1988-1989 school budget August 18, 1988. The hearing will be held in the board room of the school district located on Fifth Street, Morse, Texas. The hearing will begin at 8:00 p.m. Those that wish to speak before the board are to give their names to the secretary prior to the meeting. S39-1t

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Johnnie C. Lee, General Manager of the Palo Duro River Authority, will be received at the Authority's Office, at P.O. Box 1046 or 511 S.W. Eleventh Street, Spearman, Texas 79081, until 10:00 A.M., August 17, 1988, for the construction of the following item:
PALO DURO RESERVOIR
Any bid received after 10:00 A.M. will be returned unopened. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Spearman High School Auditorium at 10:30 A.M.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, and Geotechnical Report are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Palo Duro River Authority, and in the offices of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 811 Lamar Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, Telephone (817)336-7161. Contract documents, including Plans, Specifications and Geotechnical Report may be procured from Freese and Nichols, Inc., after July 25, 1988, at the above address as follows:
Cost: \$70.00 per set (Half size plans and specifications) Non-refundable
\$95.00 per set (Full size plans and specifications) Non-refundable
\$100.00 per set (Geotechnical Report including Addendum) Non-refundable
\$15.00 per set (Addendum to Geotechnical Report) Non-refundable
\$20.00 per set (Extra Specifications may only be purchased by Contractors who have already purchased Plans and Specifications) Non-refundable

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Palo Duro River Authority in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing wage rates, as established by the Owner and as hereinafter set forth in the Contract Documents hereinbefore described and which are made a part hereof, must be paid on this project.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after date on which bids are opened.

PALO DURO RIVER AUTHORITY
Johnnie C. Lee
General Manager
Sjy24&31

LEGAL NOTICE

Applications are now being taken for the position of County Auditor for Hansford County. By law, anyone applying for this position must have the following qualifications:

1. Be of unquestionable good moral character and intelligence;
 2. Be thoroughly competent in public business details; and,
 3. Be a competent accountant of at least two (2) years experience in auditing and accounting.
- Please submit written resume on or before August 5, 1988, to J.E. Blackburn, District Judge, P.O. Box 38, Spearman, Texas 79081. Hansford County is an equal opportunity employer. S35S-5t-Sonly

AgriDirections

Prices up, but potential pitfalls abound

What it took the U.S. government three years of concerted effort and billions of dollars in expenditures to accomplish, Mother Nature has nearly doubled in a few rainless weeks this spring.

What was once a demand-driven market building steady, solid gains over the course of the past year now is a supply side bull. Prices reached in trading at the Chicago Board of Trade have, in some cases, hit historical levels.

The problem with this particular bull is that a limited number of producers will be able to ride it. Farmers who were able to put off sales and sit on grain in storage are still waiting for the peak. Even that is a mixed blessing. If this year's crop is drying up, then a producer will need to make two years' income off one crop.

Those farmers who will perhaps benefit most from the drought's effect on prices are those with irrigation. Ordinarily, irrigation is an expensive practice, but well worth it for the prices a producer can get this year. Some who have long considered irrigation a luxury, now would trade the new tractor for a center-pivot rig on a deep well.

Most farmers, though, are dependent on rain, but few are getting it. The present market offers the prospect of hedging next year's crops at high prices in the futures market, but whether they can recoup this year is doubtful.

"It's a shame these prices aren't the result of a demand driven market like we had," said Vic Lespinasse, analyst for Dean Witter Reynolds. "It's a weather market, a supply market, and farmers are getting hurt."

Another casualty of the drought could be the return of the U.S. as the prime exporter of agricultural commodities. Foreign demand could dry up because the higher prices have overwhelmed the currency exchange advantages we enjoyed the past year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has promised to continue export

bonus subsidies and will not consider an embargo to preserve domestic supplies. Foreign competition will likely attempt to step into the void, leaving the U.S. to fight its way back into contention all over again.

Another endangered aspect of farm programs that had yielded positive results is acreage reduction. USDA has already lowered its 1989 set-aside requirements for the wheat program to 10 percent. Other changes could result in the other grain programs depending on the extent of damage. But a positive result could be the reduction of government-owned surpluses that have weighed on prices in recent years. Also, government subsidies to farmers will be reduced because of the higher prices they can get. Most observers feel that rather than bank these funds, Congress will authorize their use as disaster relief funds for drought stricken farmers.

"There's no cure for high prices like high prices," Dan Markey, president of Agri Analysis, said of current markets, citing a basic law of economics. Higher prices result in higher production next year. Soon supply outweighs demand and prices fall.

But wait a minute. Are we writing

off this year's crops too early? Not in the case of spring wheat, oats or barley, which are reported to be devastated. The effects of drought have already lowered estimates of wheat production by 50 million bushels and could fall further in July's crop report. Corn is in its critical tasseling stage and must have rain to do even as well as the 80 bushels an acre of the last drought in 1983.

Dan Basse, analyst with GNP Commodities, Inc., lowered his firm's official estimate of the current corn crop's yield to 88 bushels per acre. "The plants looked fine from the road," he reported, "but when you got into the fields and examined the stalks you just couldn't find any ears forming."

Though soybeans have shown the most vulnerability to the price volatility in recent trading, they are the most resilient in the face of drought stress. Their volatility is due as much to the modest reserves on hand, none of which are in government stores, as to drought.

"Soybeans are well rooted and reaching sub-surface moisture," said Basse. "They'll hang in there until they bloom in late July. That's when they'll have to have rain. We could still see a soybean crop 90 percent of normal."

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 2, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

All walk-ins welcome or phone for appointment by calling 659-3521.
Test will be conducted by Lyle Wassell H.A.S.

1988 Property Tax Rates in Spearman I.S.D.

This notice concerns 1988 property tax rates for SPEARMAN I.S.D. It presents information about rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. Compare it to the tax rate the taxing unit proposes for this year. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,906,555
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,906,555
Last year's tax base	\$216,653,973
Last year's total tax rate	\$.88/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and taxes to correct appraisal roll errors)	\$ 1,901,748
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on new property)	\$211,241,396
This year's effective tax rate	\$.9002/\$100
1.03 Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$.9272/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and taxes to correct appraisal roll errors and adding taxes lost in court suits)	\$ 1,901,748
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on new property)	\$211,241,396
This year's effective operating rate	\$.9002/\$100
1.06 This year's maximum operating rate	\$.9722/\$100
- This year's debt rate	-.1152/\$100
This year's rollback rate	\$.10874/\$100

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
M&O	\$422,900

SCHEDULE B: 1988 DEBTS SERVICE

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
SERIES 1988	-0-	\$244,181	\$100	\$244,281
Total required for 1988 debt service			\$ 244,281	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			-0-	
- Excess collections last year			-0-	
Total to be paid from taxes in 1988			\$ 244,281	
- Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98% of its taxes in 1988			\$ 10,178	
Total Debt Service Levy			\$ 254,459	

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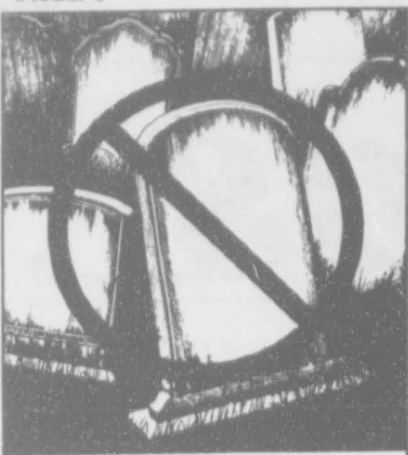
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Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

An interesting article was in Tuesday's edition of the *Amarillo Globe News* regarding Nancy Ownbey Archer who was honored at the 1988 convention of the Texas Council of Women School Executives for her contribution to education. Along with her picture, the article details her accomplishments and states that at Schuster Elementary School, she is in charge of 365 students and 26 teachers, and is invited for special accolade in Washington, D.C. in September.

Nancy is a Spearman product, graduating here in about 1962. She married Jim Archer and has a 21 year old son, and 19 year old boy and girls twins. The Archers live in El Paso, and she is a sister of

Spearman's Robbie Butt.

A great many out-of-town guests were here for the shower for Laura, bride of Danny Dear on Saturday, held in the home of Marve Hohertz. Among them were the bride's mother, Larue Kraft of Lipscomb, her sister Rene Johnson of Canadian; Cathi Glade and children of Lubbock, Kaye Crouch of Pampa and many others.

The bride and groom are well settled now in their home on the Gruber highway and she is planning to enter Panhandle University for the fall term.

Lenis and Holly Simpson, her sister, Jennifer and Robert Pearson of Lubbock, and Tena and Frank Wilmeth returned Wednesday from a long weekend at Mansanillo, Mexico. It is on the west coast between Puerto Vallarta and Alcapulco. Avoiding many strenuous activities, they enjoyed the beaches, water and beautiful tropical scenery.

Karen Cargill with Jenifer and Jason are visiting in the home of her parents, the Ray Gibsons. They are also visiting other relatives and many of her old friends. The Cargills live in Denver City where she teaches.

The Reverend Charles and Mrs. Millner, Willo Springs, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Holts Summit, Mo. visited a week with the John Bishops recently. The ladies are John's nieces. The high light of their visit was attending a production of "Texas", but John was negligent in his planning and chose an evening when the pageant was rained out with only one half production.

Ruby McCullough is back at her cashiers register at Thriftway after a pleasant vacation. She drove to Alvord, and attended her family reunion. Her brother, Joe and Edith Cage, Spearman also attended. All three visited in Ft. Worth later as they have daughters there. Ruby visited in the home of Lynda Hoffman, and the Cages with Margie Mitchell and Debbi Grimes and their families.

Carrie Marie Berry was delighted to have as guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Milburn, with Ben and Jill. Mrs. Milburn is her granddaughter, and they live in Odessa.

Delbert Allen is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo,



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**Olympics, athletics increasingly
interlinked with drugs**

Drugs and competitive sports have become increasingly interlinked. And the Olympics have proved no exception. No fewer than 86 athletes failed drug tests conducted by the U.S. Olympic Committee in the months leading up to the 1984 Games. The tests turned up such illegal substances as anabolic steroids, stimulants and testosterone.

Some critics charge that artificially looking for that physical edge has altered the basic spirit of the Olympics. After the conclusion of the Los Angeles Olympiad, it was revealed that seven members of the U.S. cycling team, including four medalists, had "blood boosting" at the Games -- transfusions with additional oxygen-carrying red-blood cells. While not illegal, it is difficult to reconcile such practices with "the true spirit of sportsmanship" called for in the Olympic Oath.

Part of the problem is that too much emphasis can be placed on the physical aspect of the competition, according to 1988 U.S. Olympic gymnastic team hopeful Charles Lakes.

"At the world-class level, success in any sport has as much to do with mental abilities as it does with physical skills," says Lakes. "A champion has to learn to push through pain. He needs the determination to work for years to develop his abilities. And he has to

master the concentration necessary to accomplish some of the most incredible feats of coordination and timing."

Lakes is very open about his anti-drug stance, both in sports and "recreationally." It is not surprising, as he attributes his athletic accomplishments to a book he happened to read while still in college -- *Dianetics* by L. Ron Hubbard.

"After reading the book, I suddenly understood the real barriers to overcome on my way to becoming a champion. I understood where the nervousness and lack of confidence came from that almost always plague an athlete in competition. And I realized how drugs could hold you back from success because of their harmful mental effects."

Lakes, who just won third place in the U.S. National gymnastic championships, is now one of the U.S. favorites for the Summer Olympics. He was on the U.S. Men's Junior National Gymnastics Team in 1981-82, the 1984-86 U.S. Men's Elite Gymnastics Team, the 1985 World Championship Team, the 1986 Top American Goodwill Games in Moscow, the 1987 Gold Medalist Pan American Games Team, and the World Championship Team in 1987. He is currently in training for the upcoming Olympic trials and continues to use *Dianetics* in his training.

All Spearman Merchants wishing to participate in the **8-8-88 promotion**
Please meet at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce on Monday, August 1 at 1 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Meers of Pampa, Texas will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary with a reception at 7 o'clock p.m. Saturday, the sixth of August, in the Bible Church of Pampa Fellowship Hall. Mr. Meers married the former Eula Meadows, July 26, 1923 in Pampa, Texas. They lived in Spearman, Texas from 1927 until 1942 when they moved to the farm where Lewis grew up, south of Pampa. They still farm and ranch there. Their children are: H. L. Meers, Pampa; Eula Marie Tankersly, Ft. Worth; and Dorothy King, Visalia, Calif. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

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