

. . . . To Miss Texas Pageant

may be fashionable to have a Texan

With the kidding put aside, the few

dealings I've had with Al, he has

impressed me as a highly capable

administrator. He and the Hansford

Hospital District Directors have a

gargantuan job ahead of themselves

and I don't envy them their positions

Hansford county needs a hospital.

And it needs men such as Al

LaRochelle to keep them up to

standards befitting a community our

We could be a lot less fortunate and

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ing than spending a few moments with

someone who has lived long enough

to reach their 90's. Thursday evening

we got to spend a few moments with

Hazel celebrates her 96th birthday

Sunday. That in itself is a remarkable

achievement. Imagine having lived

through what this lady has seen since

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such a person -- Mrs. Hazel Loftin.

There can be nothing more interest-

not have either.

heading up a Yankee hospital.

### Numer Numer Numer Numer No THE HANSFORD REPORT by JAMES JARRETT

We've given up our Murphy's Law trophy . . . it now belongs to Alton Ellsworth over at the Lyric Theatre.

After all we've been through here at the newspaper, I never thought it would happen. But, despite all the problems, despite all the mistakes, we always got the paper out.

But what do you do when the movie doesn't show up? Don't ask me, ask Alton. Because that's exactly what happened to him this week.

national release for Spearman. It doesn't happen often because national releases aren't generally allowed in

this small a market. Better than the fact of it being a national release, it's a Mel Brook spoof of "Star Wars", retitled of course in Brook's inimical manner as

"Spaceballs" You've sent your advance money in two weeks ago. You've publicized the movie on your show calendar and in

the paper. Then, in comes Mr. Murphy and his well-known law. And the film doesn't arrive. And now you can't get the movie because it's too late.

So what do you do? Alton, I'm no theatre operator. But I've had more than one brush with Mr. Murphy. Just keep on grinning and go on . . . Murphy may make you wish you were dead, but he can't kill you.

And I'll just bet we'll all get to see "Spaceballs" at the Lyric before all is said and done.

Have you met Al LaRochelle? Al is the administrator at the Hansford county hospital. And he's doing an admirable job in a more than difficult

I've gotten to sit in on the inner workings of a couple of hospital districts -- Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and Memorial Hospital in Dumas -- and running a tax-based district is no piece of cake.

In fact, the usual laws of progression work in reverse. The smaller the district, the larger the problems. But, I'm digressing again. I want to talk about Al.

Al and I have a couple of things in common . . . besides our good looks, anyway. He's been having to stay in Spearman without his family just as I have. Friends, that's tough.

Of course, I'm sure it's a well-guarded secret, but I'm going to let the cat our of the bag anyway - Al's not from around here. In fact, he's not even

I've come to the conclusion that he's Hansford county's token Yankee. I understand they're in vogue this

Back in the 60's it was Negroes. Then in the 70's it was Vietnamese. In the 80's it's Yankees in Texas. It probably works in reverse as well. It Jill McLain to Miss Texas Pageant Hansford Pageant stage in the Spearman high school auditorium to the

Miss Texas Pageant stage at the Tarrant County Colesium in Ft. Worth, but it's a trip which Spearman's Jill McLain will complete in just two short weeks. Jill travels to the prestigious Miss

Texas America Pageant July 5-11, representing not only Spearman and Hansford county, but the entire area as well as the reigning Miss Wheatheart of the Nation.

It's a trip that has been over a year in the making and one which will climax all too quickly in two short

America is crowned July 11 in Ft. Worth.

Calm, cool and poised despite her 18 years, Jill admits to a little trepidation about the upcoming event.

When I have time to sit back and think about it, I get a little anxious . . . a little excited," she confesses with a dainty smile. "But I've been so busy lately that I haven't had much time to worry about anything."

Busy may be somewhat of an understatement for the Spearman Miss who has been on a whirlwhind of activity since being crowned Miss Hansford County during the 1986

From there, she went on to represent Hansford county in the Miss Wheatheart Pageant held each August in Perryton. Sure enough, she claimed that title as well.

Since that time Jill has maintained what can only be described as a hectic schedule between school, dance practice, extracurricular activities, modeling practice, friends, and more prac-

And the tempo has done nothing but increase since she graduated from Spearman high school this past May.

"I probably put in about 25 hours a week preparing for the pageant," she

dule. "I model every Saturday in Amarillo and spend at least three hours each day either practicing my dance routine, tanning, keeping up with current events and so on.

The Miss Texas American Pageant contestants are judged in four areas -talent, interview, evening gown and swimsuit with the talent portion counting 50 percent of the scoring.

If the judges were to score for desire, determination and dedication, Jill would already be points ahead.

The talented Spearman Miss has lost very few opportunities to improve

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

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Optimism high for PDRA lake project . . .

# Recent rains boost area lake depth

As the Palo Duro Water Authority continues shuffling red tape in Hansford county, the Canadian River Water Authority at Lake Meredith is reporting a 60, 804-acre feet gain since May 1 -- enough to bring the Hansford lake project to capacity.

We're still on schedule and under budget," reports PDRA executive Johnnie Lee on the Hansford project which will have a 60,900 acre feet lake when the project is completed and the lake filled.

Recent rains in Hansford county along the Palo Duro watershed have brought moisture totals for the year to

Lake Meredith has risen from 78.59 feet at the dam on May 1 to 85.32 feet measured Friday morning, reports the Canadian River Water Authority.

"Right now we're tied up in bureaucracy," reports the PDRA manager. "But we're still on our time schedule."

Barring unforseen complications, construction on the Hansford dam site should begin sometime in January,

Meanwhile, rain waters continue along the Palo Duro water shed. Hansford county has received another 3.75 inches of precipitation for June

through Friday morning. The latest measurable amount came during a brief downpour Wednesday when .63 of an inch was recorded, along with hail which measured from

pea-size to marble size. Reports from the Lake Meredith water authority portend good news for Hansford and the Palo Duro Water

"It sure makes me feel good to hear reports like that," declares Lee. "It makes our project look even more

## City contracts FAA engineer

The city of Spearman moved another step closer to a proposed Federal Aviation Administration airport improvement project, hiring an Amarillo engineering firm to handle

he project for the city. Dwight L. Brandt of Brandt Engineering of Amarillo was hired by the city during their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The firm was selected as the finalist for the Spearman FAA project following FAA guidelines, reports Jim Murray, city manager.

Murray and aldermen Mike Cudd

special selection committee appointed to interview prospective firms for the upcoming airport project. Their findings and recommenda-

tions were made to the city council with approval given in a unanimous The contract calls for a basic

engineering fee of \$47,700. Residential inspection, which is required by the FAA, will be billed back to the project at \$30 per hour under the contract.

Estimates for the residential inspection runs from \$10,000 to \$20,000, reports Murray.

In other business Tuesday, city fathers approved the agreements between the city of Spearman and the counties of Hansford, Ochiltree and Hutchinson for fire protection and rescue services.

The contracts are extensions of existing contracts between the governmental entities calling for a per rate cost as well as small monthly pay-

Vicky Bullard was approved to serve

# She's 96 years young . . .



HAZEL LOFTIN is 96 years young.

as the director of the Hansford and Spearman emergency medical services. She will serve out the term of Ed Williamson who retired.

# Computer error causes glitch in tax rate story

District.

It's a story of the good news-bad news type out of the Hansford county courthouse this week following a report in Thursday's Spearman Reporter concerning the commissioners'

court study of a proposed tax increase. The good news is the increase isn't oing to be as stiff as indicated by the story. The bad news is that estimated tax revenue shortfall reported by the Hansford Appraisal District is going to be greater than earlier indicated.

Naturally, it's all due to a computer

The Hansford County Tax Appraisal District lists tax rates for Hansford County from the 1986-87 tax year in two lines. One line is \$.23460 per \$100 of value. Their other line reads \$.00551 per \$100 of value. It should read \$.0551 per \$100 of value.

Thus the Hansford county tax rate

last year was \$.2897 per \$100, not the \$.24011 reported by the Appraisal

That means the county -- instead of facing a loss of 58,972 due to the re-appraisal -- is looking at a loss of revenue of 71,151 for the upcoming

The story in Thursday's Reporter showed a \$50,000 home taxed at the 1987 rate supplied by the Appraisal District carrying a tax figure of \$120.06. Under the corrected rate, the figure is \$144.85.

Thus commissioners are studying a difference in taxing rates of \$.2897 for 1986-87 and the proposed \$.3297. for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Under the proposed tax rate, a \$50,000 home would be taxed at \$164.85, an increase of \$20.

## It's birthday number 96 for **Hazel Loftin**

Sunday marks yet another milestone in the life of Spearman's Hazel Loftin -- it's her birthday. And she'll be 96

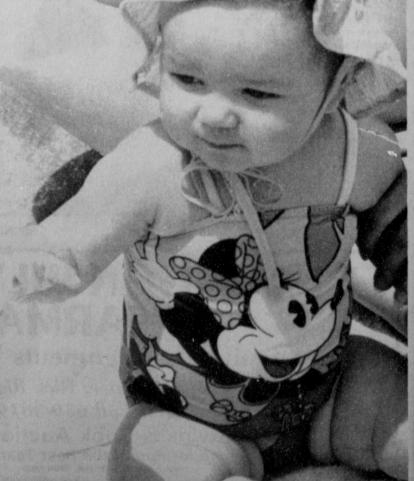
"Taking the world as it comes an being happy about it," is what Hazel contributes her longevity. "I never was a complainer."

Born June 28, 1891 in Iola, Tx., Hazel has lived thorugh a lot of history and over a goodly portion of the state

of Texas in 96 years.
"My husband was a preacher and we moved around quite a bit," she remembers. "He preached here in Spearman at the Frist Baptist Church in the 1930's.'

She and her husband returned to Spearman in 1950 to retire. Since that time she's managed to keep active, either by teaching the piano or teaching Sunday School. And these are activities she kept up well into her

Now she busies herself daily with needlework and her house is festo with handmade afghans and other



SPEARMAN BATHING BEAUTY . . . they come in all sizes and shapes as summer swimming continues at the Spearman swimming pool.



MRS. ALLEN LOGGINS

First Baptist Church of Amber was the setting for the wedding of Shannon Natalie Vernon and Allen Ray Loggins, both of Amber. Rev. Mike Butler of Sharon Baptist Church officiated at the double ring ceremony held at 7 p.m. on June 5.

The bride is the daughter of Eldon and Joan Vernon and the bridegrooms parents are Dale and Wanda Loggins, all of Amber.

Vocalists were Melody Freeman and Kami Nelson. Organist was Lauana Odom and pianist was

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"There is Love," "Wedding Prayer Song," "Our Love Will Last

Given in Marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of peau de soie designed with princess waist and chapel train. The white lace covered bodice was accented with pearls and iridescent sequins. The headpiece for her three tier veil was covered with white lace and adorned with pearls and sequins, matching the dress.

The bride's sister, Tania Vernon, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carlee Dixon, Linda Evans and Melody Hender-

Keith Moiser served as best man. Groomsmen were Brian Jackson, Travis Jackson and Brett

Pearson [top picture] and Donna

Murray [bottom picture] during swim

ming lessons at the Spearman swim-

ming pool this past week.

brother, served as candelighter

Tangi Crossnicklaus, the bridegroom's niece, served as flower girl. Monty Eakin was ring bearer.

A reception was held in the church's fellowship hall. Hostesses were Christie Lynn, Sharon Lockabaugh, Malinda Richardson. Lisa Perkins, Rhonda Taylor and Kim Kennedy. April Skinner sat at the guest book table.

The bride's travel attire was a tea length floral print dress with open back and white cuffs and belt. Following a wedding trip to San Tonio, the couple will reside at Route 2, Chickasha. The bridegroom will continue working at Standley's Office Machines. The bride plans to work and return to school at the University of Okla-



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McCLAIN

herself -- from countless hours practicing her dance routine to a 12-week stint in Amarillo during the latter portion of the school year and, most recently, a 4-day working trip to San Francisco to study under a well-known pageant trainer -- Jill has kept a heavy

Active in school in Spearman, Jill was a cheerleader for two years as well as playing varsity basketball and track all through her high school career.

Her dedication to her present committment created a personal dilema when she had to make a choice between another shot at a repeat gold medal state track performance or the upcoming Miss Texas Pageant.

'I have to admit that I didn't miss the workouts," she laughs. "But I really missed going to state," Jill adds in a more serious moment.

Jill won the state girls high jump at Austin her junior year with a leap of 5-7. She was an odds-on favorite to repeat in 1987, but the allure of the Miss Texas Pageant proved too overwhelming.

Yet it's not so overwhelming that it's the only thing on her mind. She's already enrolled at Texas Tech in Lubbock with an English major and a Pre-Law course of study.

Classes start for her the week after the Miss Texas Pageant.

"I'd feel funny if I didn't have anything to do after all of this," she states matter-of-factly. "Besides, if I don't go, Daddy would probably put me on a tractor."

Which just goes to show there are practical considerations to every plan. Jill is the youngest child of the Don McLain family in Spearman. She has two brothers -- Mike who lives in Gruver, Mac who is a student at Texas Tech -- and a sister, Patrice Pool who lives in Amarillo.

"Patrice has been my life line," declares Jill. "She does everything for me, from making clothes to making calls, keeping me and my schedule together . . . if it wasn't for her I couldn't have done any of this."

She's also had a hand from Miss Wheatheart Pageant veteran Becky Cunningham of Perryton.

'Becky is my manager and she works with all the Miss Wheatheart Pageant winners," notes Jill. "She has helped me tremendously."

When questioned about the hardest part of her now everyday routine, Jill has this to say.

"The diet -- it's all fruit and fiber," she responds with a slight grimmace. "No junk food, watch what you eat, do eat this, don't eat that.'

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her birth in 1891.

She was a teenager when Orville and Wilbur flew at Kitty Hawk. And she was a great-grandmother when Armstrong uttered his immortal words as he put man's first footprint on the

From the Spanish-American War through World War I, WWII, Korea, VietNam. From horse and buggy to 6-lane freeways. From industrial revolution to depression days.

And Mrs. Loftin can tell those stories with a smile and a sincerity which only the living of those adventures can bring to life.

Coupled with a good sense of humor, it makes for a very entertaining and rewarding experience to visit with a person such as her. Here's a glimpse . .

Mrs. Loftin: My husband and I came back to Spearman in 1950 to retire. Jarrett: What brought you back to Spearman?

Mrs. Loftin: My daughter, Wren, had married a farmer here.

Jarrett: Your daughter married a local farmer . . . did you ever forgive him for it? Mrs. Loftin: (without hesitation) No.

That local farmer was Fred Holt who farms near the Holt community. Don't worry Fred. She did laugh afterwards.

Hazel Loftin is charming and captivating. If you get the opportunity, go by and wish her a happy birthday.

# Farber Livestock covers five states

The Farber Livestock Transportation opened in 1978, and has enjoyed a successful business since then.

Rodney Farber, though born in Albuquerque, was raised in Clayton, New Mexico.

He attended college at Panhandle University at Goodwell. He has a farming and ranching background and still has ranching interests in New Mexico.

He came to Gruver in 1971, then to Spearman in 1976.

Mrs. Sharon Farber was born in Perryton and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Spearman. She is associated with the firm in several capacities such as handles the bookkeeping, office and is also a driver.

They transport livestock both interstate and intrastate. Their area covers five states. The Farbers are conscientious in their care and handling of all livestock and pride themselves on delivering the load in as good condition as when it was loaded, avoiding all unnecessary delays.

They are the parents of four children-who are Haley Farber, 8, Cindy Farber, 16 and Rod Farber, 19, also Jimmy James, 17. For a hobby both Sharon and Rodney enjoy boating and being with the family.

Rodney stated that he feels the Chamber of Commerce works for the good of the community and is in a position to help develope the existing businesses and attract new. He has been a member for a year.



RODNEY FARBER

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## Double Ring Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BARTON HAMILTON

The ushers were Jimmy Pool, of Lubbock, cousin of the bridegroom; Barton Castle of Houston, brother of bride; and Bark Kunkle, of Richardson, brother-in-law of the bride.

Grandparents attending were Mrs. Lorene McGuire, and Mrs. Gertrude B. Archer, of Spearman. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hamilton, of Lubbock, Mrs. Pauline Douglas of Liberal, Kan. and Mrs. Bertha Castle of Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Monterey High School. The groom is also a graduate of Monterey High School and South Plains College. He is employed

by Republic Bank of Dallas. After a wedding trip to New Mexico, they will be at home at 605 Rosewood Hill, Garland, Tx.

Double ring wedding vows pledged Saturday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. united Janna Lynn Castle and Robert Barton Hamilton in marriage. Gary Bortz, officiant, performed the ceremony in the Montery Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Shirley Castle. The bridegroom is the son of Richard T. and Patten Anne Hamilton, all of Lubbock.

The bride's attendants were Kendra Kunkle, of Richardson, Tx, sister of the bride, Kristi Hamilton, sister of the groom, and Cathy Moehlman, of Cleburn. Richard T. Hamilton served as his son's best man, with Johnny Purselley and Greg Welch, of Lubbock, as honor attendants.

United in Marriage



MRS. SCOTT ALFORD

Jan Dennis and Scott Alford were united in marriage Saturday evening with the Rev. Bob Ely officiating. The ceremony was held at Lake Tanglewood Community Church.

The bride is the daughter of Sue Dennis of Lake Tanglewood and E. J. Dennis of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Alford of Spearman.

Maid of honor was Sally Jackson of Canyon. Bridal attendant was Janie Irlbeck of Canyon.

Best man was Jeff Kennedy of Canyon. Groomsman was John Smith of Lubbock.

Guests were seated by Kyle Brack of Spearman, Jimmy Haden of Spearman and Brad Dennis, brother of the

bride, of Lake Tanglewood.

The bride graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelor of business degree. She is a member of Chi Omega women's fraternity. She is employed by Hale County State Bank in Plainview.

The groom graduated from WT with a bachelor of business degree in accounting. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta men's fraternity. He is employed at Williams, Adair, Rogers & Co. in Plainview.

Only those who get into scraps with their eyes open can find the safe way out. —Logan Pearsall Smith



# Eakin to compete in **JQHA** show in August

Quarter Horse enthusiast Mark Eakin will be competing at the sixteenth Annual American Junior Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show and Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 2-8.

Mark will be among the 1,300 young people, 18 and under, from the United States, Canada and Australia, selected to participate in the show. He will compete with his registered American Quarter Horse. Leo's Stone Deck, a 1974 Dun Gelding in the barrels, pole

Approximately 40 teams are expected to participate in Friday's judging contest which is open to 4-H, FFA and AJQHA judging teams. Additionally, a variety of social activities are scheduled for the eight days, including a clinic, barbecue and dance, and an evening at a water recreation park.

Mark is the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eakin of Spearman, Tex. and is an eighth grade student at Spearman Junior High.

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# Booth/Hagerman Wedding Announced

DeNett. Rae Booth and Larry Dale Hagerman were unit d in marriage June 13, at the First Baptist Ch. rch in Gruven. The Reverend Larry Miller officia ed at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Deakin of Gruver and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Booth of Garland, Texas. The groom is the son of Mrs. Lucille Hagerman of Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Hagerman, also of Spearman.

The couple exchanged vows under a brass arch

entwined with greenery, lavender silk roses, baby's breath, and accented with French lavender

candelabra behind the arch. Flanking the arch were two heart shaped candelabras.

Large arrangements of purple dahlias and white cushion mums were placed in the candelabra centers. Brass stands with Boston ferns on the

platform completed the alter decorations.

French lavender bows, greenery and baby's breath decorated the alter rail with the unity candle being placed in the center of the rail. lavender carnations and baby's breath decorated

Small sprays of leather lerf, baby's breath, a lavender tiger lily and a French lavender bow decorated the pews. All decorations and flowers for the wedding were created by Mrs. Judy

Douglas and Jeffery Booth, twin brothers of the bride from Garland, served as candlelighters. As they lit the candles, "God, A Woman, And A " was sung by Lesa Deakin, sister-in-law of

Other selections were "To Me" and "Always" sung by Chris and Lesa Deakin. Chris is a brother

They were accompanied by Mrs. Kathy illispie at the organ and Mrs. Carolyn Fletcher at the piano, who also presented instrumental selections preceding the ceremony and played the Escorted by her step father, James Deakin, to the alter where she was given in marriage by her father, Johnny Booth; the bride chose a gown

The gown was white satin featuring a Queen Anne neckline with pearl medallions that swirled around the neck and bodice. Her bodice was covered with pearls and lace fashioning an elongated waistline dropped and decorated with pearl designs.

pearl designs, and tightened with net to feature the European motifs of lace and pearl crystallized.

The sleeves were pointed at the wrist.

Her skirt was full and flowing, garnished with the Queens crest medallions on the edge. The entire circle of the train featured a European lace cut out design on the edge with Queen's crest medallions on each embroidered scallop. The lace in the center of the train was embossed in the

Her train was full Satin Cathedral length. Her matching headpiece was a satin hat "turn of the century" styled with a brim that featured pearls and jewels. Her hat featured a waist length net

The bride's bouquet was a flowing cascade of silk lavender and white roses, lavender baby's breath, and stephanotis with flowing French lavender and white lacy ribbon tied in love knots. The bride carried out the tradition of something

old by wearing a pearl necklace belonging to her great-grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Galbreath of Guymon, Ok. Her dress was something new, her Aunt Alecia

Goff's heart shaped diamon earrings were some-thing borrowed, and her garter completed the tradition of something blue.

In her shoe, DeNetta wore a six pence minted in

Bridal attendants included Sandra Parker of Dublin, Tx. who served as Maid of Honor. The bridesmaids were Viva Renner, friend of the bride, of Gruver; Julie Deakin of Gruver, and Lori

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MRS. LARRY HAGERMAN

Claxton of Plainview, Tx., sisters of the bride. The bride's attendants wore purple satin floor length gowns with scooped necklines and dropped waist featuring large puffed sleeves. Each attendant carried a bouquet of lavender roses and tiger lilies, stephanotis and lavender baby's breath with streamers of French lavender and

Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Steve Hagerman, of Roscoe, Tx. Groomsmen were Leon Hagerman of Plainview, brother of the groom, Robert Hagerman of Spearman brother of the groom and Jeff Hand, also of Spearman.

The groomsmen wore gray tail-coat tuxedoes with white pleated shirts complemented by gray 

Attending the bride as flower girl was her sister Lynette Booth of Garland. She wore a ruffled dress of lavender and carried a white lace organza basket adorned with lavender rose petales.

The ring bearer, Shawn Kunselman of Edmonson, Tx., nephew of the groom, carried a heart shaped ring pillow with long streamers of French lavender ribbon.

pleated shirt, gray bow tie and cummerbund. His boutonniere was white rosebud and lavender Ushers were Michael Booth, Gruver, brother of

bow ties and cummerbunds, and white rosebud

He wore a gray tail-coat tuxedo with white

boutonnieres with lavender baby's breath

the bride; Lee Shubert and Tony Mans, both of Spearman; and Gary Thomas of Amarillo. The ushers and the candlelighters all wore gray tuxedoes. Their boutonnieres were white ros buds with lavender baby's breath.

Sandy Spivey of Gruver registered the guests and passed out programs from a table covered with a white linen cloth.

Adorning the table was a votive candle flower arrangement of lavender roses and tiger lilies, a white plumed pen, and lace covered wedding book

Special guests for the wedding were great-grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Eunice Gal-breath of Guymon, and Mrs. Faye Booth of

Honored grandparents of the bridal couple were Mrs. Gwen Goff of Guymon, Mrs. Bonnie Booth of Hooker, Mrs. Ada Deakin of Gruver, Mrs. Ellen Hagerman of Weatherford, Ok., Mrs. Viola Niedens of Hooker and Mr. and Mrs. Chet

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the decorated fellowship hall. Greenery-draped lattice panels served as a background for the

bride's table was covered with a floorlength lace cloth and completed with cut glass

The four-tiered wedding cake was atop a by greenery. Three heart-shaped satellite cakes, trimmed with cascading lavender and purple

roses and greenery cornered the tiered cake.

Banana punch, nute and lavender hart shaped Holt of Gruver and Carol Moses of Amarillo.

heart shaped silver nut dish and a chocolate cake

in the shape of the groom's initials.

Valerie Huber of Amarillo, sister of the groom made the cake. Serving the groom's table were his sisters, Valerie Huber and Kathy Reid of

with white cloths and white bud vases of leather

Members of the houseparty for the reception were Mesdames; Georigia Davidson, JoAlice Clauson, Lucille Schad, Sharon Seagler, Melba

Rasor and Charlene Spivey. Helping to gather hostess trays were Heather and Hollie Frederick Stephanie Hagerman and Jodee Kunselman,

niece and nephew of the groom, passed out rice bags of lavender illusion with two gold rings tied with French lavender bows.

The groom's mother, Mrs. Lucille Hagerman entertained the wedding party and special guests with a rehearsal dinner at The Hungry Cowboy in Spearman on the eve of the wedding.

Pre-nuptial courtesies honoring the couple were

a miscellaneous shower at the Methodist Church in Spearman, a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Fred Davidson of Gruver, and a lingerie shower given by Mrs. Rex Reid of Spearman The couple now reside in Austin, Tx.

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On summer vacation, lots of people go to exotic places like Acapulco, Toronto, or Hong Kong. I recently went to Scandanavia. That's in Minne-

"Lots of Swedish people around here?" I asked a stranger.

"Used to be but most of the dumb Swedes married Indians," said the dark-skinned man.

"Really?" I replied. "What's your name?"

"Running Bear Olson," was the answer.

One immigrant they told me about came over from the old country to Scandanavia, Minnesota. He spoke no English but friends gave him a radio and he listened for two solid years, writing down every new word. Still, nobody could understand a word he said. Then they discovered he had been listening to a French station in Quebec.

In the 1930's, the Danish people moved in, followed closely by the Norwegians and the Finlanders. "What came after the Finlanders?" I innocently inquired.

"Bill Collectors," I was told.

I had breakfast in a place that advertised itself as an authentic Swedish restaurant. I asked for the specialty of the house and got Danish pastries and Columbian coffee.

I complained to the waitress that I wanted a real Swedish dish. I got slapped.

She was offended because she was Norwegian. I apoligized for hurting her hand with my face.

That night back at the Motel 6 7/8, so named because of a drawing from a hat, I turned on the TV set and got royally entertained by old Hollywood westerns with Scandanavian subtitles. My favorite was "Cat Ballou, by

The stars of the shows were not Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, or any of those typical old stereotypes. I watched movies starring Lash Larson, Whip Johansson, and Gabby Gunderson. Lash and Whip were bullwhip trick artists. Their specialty was popping a fly off a very nervous bull.

When the bull died, he was replaced by Olga Swenson.

They had to sell the ranch the next year because of a complete calf crop

Gabby Gunderson had a great line in the movie. "Ay dogies, by golly, fellows," he said, "now that you've popped most of the clothes off Olga, I see things more clearly."

Olga holding Gabby's hand. Both

Gabby promised to show her the wonders of the far west. So they lived happily ever after in South Dakota.

The picture was directed by Glenn





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who contributed in any way to the success of the 2nd Annual Palo Dure Cowboy Camp Meeting. June 11 thru 14th. To those who

gave of their financial support, material support to all who attended and to Mr. Jarrett for his cooperation in the advertisement in the Spearman and Gruver Papers.

For the prayers and support of the churches. Thanks again. Palo Duro Camp Meeting Association

#### IN APPRECIATIONS

The DeLaRosa Family would like to extend their warmest thanks to the people of Spearman for their sincere expressions of sympathy, assistance, and generous help, as well as their prayers in the recent loss of Dolores DeLaRosa, their loving mother and wife of Robert DelaRosa. 34s-1tc

#### News of Record

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Charles Jay Abbott Respondent

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitoner's Greeting: before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 10th day of August 1987, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Spearman, Texas.

Said Petitioner's Petition was filed in said court, on the 25th day of June A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 3489 on the docket of said court, and styled, In the Interest of: KAMI LYNN ABBOTT, A CHILD.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:\* Suit Affecting The Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserv-

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand

and the Seal of said Court, at office in Spearman, Texas, this the 25th day of June A. D. 1987.

AMELIA C. JOHNSON Clerk, District Court, Hansford County, Texas. By Kim V. Vera Deputy. 34S-2TC Sonly

## County Government

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the sale of an IBM CPU S/34 Model 5340-C24; an IBM Printer 5211-011 160 LPM; an IBM Display 5251-011; and associated supplies will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, at the office of the City Manager up until July 22, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. and then publicly opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Further information and bidding documents may be secured form the office of the City Manager, P. O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.

/s/ Cheryl Gibson City Secretary

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposal for group term life, accidental death and dimemberment, and medical insurance will be received by the City of Spearman until 2:00 p.m. on August 11, 1987.

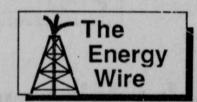
Bidders must provide two (2) copies of their proposals. The envelope or container in which bids are sent or hand-delivered should be clearly marked as "Sealed Life and Health Insurance Bid"

Bids should conform as closely as possible to the attached specifications. Any deviations from the attached specifications should be enumerated in a separate page attatched to and made a part of the proposals.

The City of Spearman reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities. The City of Spearman is not required to select the lowest bid, but shall take into consideration other factors such as ability to service the contract, past experience, and financial stability. The City of Spearman reserves the right to award the bid to serve the best interests of its employees, as judged by the City.

Attached to these specifications is an employee census showing dates of birth, sex, salary, and whether the employee has covered dependents.

Any questions regarding the specifications should be addressed to Jim Murray at (806) 659-2524. 34-2Tc



In spite of the hoopla surrounding several oil-industry relief measures, there really are only two initiatives that currently stand much of a chance this year in Congress, according to Capitol Hill insiders.

The reason is simple enough. The huge Northeastern-Midwestern block of congressmen, many of whose constituents are reveling in lower oil prices, are acting as a clamp on virtually every effort to pump aid to the industry, whether it be in the form of tax incentives or import fees.

Despite that opposition, aides to key oil-state congressmen said at least two legislative avenues for industry measures remain open.

The first of those with some chance of success this year is the overall 1988 federal budget reconciliation bill. The current proposal is about \$19 billion short of the revenue target necessary to meet the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction level.

An unreleased internal memo prepared by Republican staff of the House Ways and Means Committee listed 32 measures under consideration to make up the revenue gap. Several of those were energy-related, and two of those were the biggest revenue-raisers in the group.

The memo listed a flat \$5 per barrel fee on imported oil as raising \$8.1 billion in 1988. Also on the list was a 12-cents per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, raising \$10.6 billion in the 1988 fiscal year.

Those probably will be discussed when the ways and means committee holds a hearing next week on revenueraising proposals.

The second avenue is the overall trade bill, where Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, was successful last month in tacking on an amendment that would requre U.S. action to halt oil imports if they exceed 50 percent of the nation's

Bentsen's amendment does not spell out the type of acitons, such as further conservation or an import fee, that could be used to put a cap on imports.

Even without such details, the amendment has stirred up two flaps that show how deeply entrenched the notion seems to be that the oil industry should fend for itself, even though many other industries such as steel have been granted significant relief in times of trouble.

U.S. Trade Representative Clayton K. Yeutter attacked Bentsen's proposal as "sheer protectionism" and cited it as one of seven Reagan administration objections to the trade legislation.

Meanwhile, northern congressmen formed a virtual war party on Capitol Hill last week and whooped and hollered at the top of their collective lungs about just how bad it would be for the Bentsen amendment to pass. As an example, Sen. Alfonse M.D' Amato, R-N.Y., said the measure was 'special interest legislation at its

One top aide to a Texas Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee pointed out that if something as "mild" as Bentsen's amendment stirs up such a ruckus, there would seem to be little chance of gaining support for stronger industry medicine from the northern sector.

Iran/Contra Committee looks at Oll The House-Senate committee on the Iran-Contra affair initiated a probe last week into a connection between oil prices and the sale of arms to Iran, according to an energy analyst who was interviewed by the committee's

Edwin S.Rothschild, the Washington-based analyst, wrote an article that appeared last December in The Washington Post with a headline that asked, "Is Iranscam Really About

The article-based primarily on public documents and U.S. and international media reports -- said the administration used its ability to bargain with Saudi Arabia for higher oil prices as a bargaining chip in

gaining closer contacts with Iranians. "If you're looking for a conspiracy theory that can tie together the diverse strands of the Iran-Contra scandal, think for a moment about the lifeblood of the Western world: Oil." the article

began. "As the Reagan administration pursued its "Iranian initiative" and its policy in the Persian Gulf, evidence suggests that oil was not just a strategic objective, but a tactical means, a weapon to use in its engagement with the Khomeni regime (in Iran)," the article said. "The evidence points to a joint U.S.-Saudi Arabian effort to manipulate oil prices in return for changes in Iranian

policy." The Iran-Contra committee took the theory seriously after apparently discovering on its own some possible oil price links, Rothschild said after being interviewed by the committee's expert on the Middle East.

Rothschild said the committee planned to continue its investigation and possibly bring the issue into the open during the committee's heavily publicized hearings.

Many analysts last year said the arms sale strengthened Iran within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and helped that country to lead OPEC to a higher oil pricing policy by reducing the cartel's oil

Rothschild's central question is whether that effect was an intentional

part of Iranian negotiations. The drastic fall in oil prices wreaked havoc in the economy of Iran just as it did in the economies of U.S. oil-producing states, According to the Tower Commission report on the Iran-Contra affair, a key concern of Iranian officials meeting with U.S. representatives was to bring oil prices back up from their depths of \$10 per barrel last

The sale of arms to Iran and the manipulation of oil prices were both part of an effort to show good faith to Iranian moderates so that stronger ties could be developed, said Rothschild.

Other stories last year reported that National Security Council officials had told domestic oil producers that they were aware of the plight of the industry and that oil prices might be expected to recover to the range of \$18 per barrel. Members of the National Security Council coordinated the arms sales to Iran as well as the later transfer of funds to Contra rebels in

## Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boxwell returned recently from a pleasant week-end at Red River. They were accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Combs, and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Combs. The Combs are from Madison, Indiana.

Avo and Nick Gray and her son, Jim Tope, of Booker returned from a vacation trip that included a visit to Dove Creek, Colorado in the home of her son, Jerry and Linda Tope and son Russell. While there they took side trips to Cedar Edge, McFee Reservoir, and Blue Mountains, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bradley came home Sunday after being in Happy for several days. They were notified Thursday of the death, suddenly, of her father, Bert Lemons, 79.

The services were held Saturday. Others attending the funeral were Mr. and mrs. David Boyd and Crystal, and Margaret Ralston of Gruver.

Mrs. Jessie Faries is back at home now after a stay at High Plains Hospital for treatment. She is still confined to her home but is making recovery and expect to return to her duties at the Spearman School.

The many friends of the Robert DeLaRosa family share in their grief in the tragic accident and death of Dolores DeLaRosa.

Mr. DeLaRosa remembers the accident occurring near midnight 7 miles north of Lamesa. He said he and Dolores had been singing hymns along with a Christian radio broadcast.

Due to the heavy rains in the area, they were on a detour road and were blinded by the lights of an oncoming truck.

When pulled to the side, he lost control in the mud and the car turned over.

Apparently the truck driver did not see the accident, and it was fully an hour before a passer-by stopped and took him to the hospital in Lamesa.

That hour he had spent desperately trying to extricate her from the over-turned car.

Mary Phariss, a daughter of San Angelo, brought her father home on Monday. She returned to her home on Friday.

Mr. DeLaRosa is suffering internal injuries and is confined to the home of another daughter in Spearman, Diane DeLaCruz.

It will be noted that this is the 4th traffic death in recent years in the DeLaRosa family.

A little grandson, Nabor, was killed by a hit-and-run on the highway in south Spearman.

A daughter, Erma Limbocker, and granddaughter, Cindy DeLaCruz were in an accident near Lamesa a few years ago.

# To God a Note of Thanks

by Mrs. Greever

Friends in Isa. chapter 53 the first verse we read is "Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? These two questions are very important concerning all the world over. This entire chapter revealed to the Prophet Isaiah, tells us perfectly of what is recorded in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Bible compassion for was so great to thim declares He is today and force.

Of the sufferings he bore lifting the curse of sin of humanity and of the many blessings all can receive by believing. "Now the questions."

Do I believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life?

Has it been made known unto me the work has been done?

Do I believe Jesus so loved the church (the believers) that by His shed blood at Calvary makes me a member of His church, that is pure and holy without spot and blameless?

Has this been made a reality to me? If so I have a hope if immortality eternal life which means while in this mortal body Christ is in me the hope of glory. Col. 1:27.

Do I believe He heals all who come to Him with a believing heart? Here I want all to clearly understand I know the purpose of Jesus is to save all from sin and purify them making ready for eternity.

The Bible definitely declares His compassion for suffering humanity was so great that He healed all who came to Him and the word also declares He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Do I believe He is coming for me at Gods appointed time? If so I must purify myself even as He is pure. Titus 2:11 - 15.

The law and prophets tell us of Jesus and the Apostles were taught by Him and went forth into the world (and still are) preaching Christ crucified.

For all to continue in the things He had told them. That the whole wide world might hear believe and receive.

Jesus went back to heaven and asked the Father to send the Holy Ghost to testify of Him and we are told the heavens must receive Him until the restitution of all things spoken by all the holy prophets since the world began.

We read in the Bible that when Jesus was fulfilling His ministry here on earth rather than believing they required a sign. A sign is something to indicate a fact.

In John 4:48 we read then said Jesus unto Him except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe. Letting the nobleman know it was not necessary for Him to go to His son that He might be healed. But instead said thy son liveth.

Please read this story, John 4 verses 46 through the remainder of the chapter.

In Luke 11:29 we hear the words of Jesus and when the people were gathered together He began to say, "This is an evil generation they seek a sign and there shall no sign be given it but the sign of Jonah the Prophet." For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

In Rom. 10:10 we read for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and now my dear friends one of the greatest lessons on this line of thought we read in John chapter 20.

Thomas, one of the disciples who had to have a sign before he would believe. Though we may have read this over and over again it would be profitable to do it again.

In the evening after Christs resurrection when the disciples were gathered together He appeared in the room with them but Thomas was not with them and when seeing Him they told Him they had seen Jesus. He said except I didn't see the prints of the nails in His hand and thrust my hand His side I will not believe. But eight days later when meeting together, Thomas was with them and Jesus again appeared in the midst. After saying Peace be unto you He said Thomas reach hither thy finger and behold my hands and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing.

Thomas answered and said My Lord and My God and Jesus said, "Thomas because thou has seen me thou has believed. Blessed are they that hath not seen but yet have believed and these last words of jesus to Thomas are words of admonition for all."

Today yes every day until that glad day when in an immortal body we shall see Him face to face and not only see Him but will be made like Him and dwell forever with Him and now with a song writer I repeat His words all things are possible. "Only Believe."

## Panhandle Crisis Center Report

by Mary Frances Elizey

Would you like to guess what our community needs about as much as it needs anything?

Take note, all you community-minded clubs and organizations, looking for a meaningful project:

We need parenting courses for all who are interested in doing a better job with their children. And there is actually a waiting list! Several churches have offered such courses for their membership; when I asked whether an "outsider" could join the class, the response was, "No", we are already full."

This is understandable, for the class size should be limited. However, there are several persons in our community who would be glad to donate their services as leaders of such a study, and would even be willing to undergo special training in order to qualify as leaders. Cost is encountered in the materials that each set of parents needs, which is not excessive, but which does amount to something. Would any of you be interested in taking this on as a club project?

Recently I viewed a VCR tape of Bill Cosby in a routine on family raising that brought tears of laughter rolling down the faces of those of us present. But my tears of laughter all too soon changed to tears of anquish, for I have encountered woefully many families that actually behave in just the fashion that Cosby presented as a comic exaggeration.

Why? Because they had never encountered an alternative way of dealing with their children.

And the children never learn to deal with conflict in any but destructive ways. Even acceptable marriages are afflicted with this inability to communicate.

But it is never to late to reform! One couple who attended a seminar (6 or 7 weeks long, meeting once a week), joined the group in order to learn how better to work with their teenage children. At each meeting they reported increasing success in the family relationships.

These children are growing up with positive reinforcement, and will be productive adults.

Our shelter manager reports that many of the children who come to the shelter, if not most of them, have never had a regular bedtime, have rarely had regular meals, have become TV addicts, have been punished only with harsh voices or with spankings (even beatings), or both. At the shelter these youngsters learn not only to ask permission to turn on the TV, but actually want to examine the TV guide to see what is on that if fit to view. They also learn that reading an coloring, dancing, singing, etc., are delightful ways of developing their skills and their enjoyment of life. And the parents find a respite in the free time that a regular (and reasonably early) bedtime for the children allows

But all this has to be learned! Those who have had access to the shelter and its support groups are learning it, and greatly appreciate it.

But many more ask me, "When are you going to start a parenting group for the rest of us?"

What are the current needs specifically of the PCC?

1. We urgently need more volunteers who are willing to accept on-call schedules. We still have all those who originally signed up with us (it's too rewarding to give it up) except for those who have moved out of the community. But we are constantly receiving more calls, and for this reason we need more volunteers, let alone losing those who have moved

2. We need a person who will take on the responsibility of recruiting, and perhaps of helping with the screening and the training.

3. We need more volunteers to help the staff, who are overworked. They do not complain, but physical energy has a limit, and so does time for doing follow-up work. This means office help as well as shelter help.

4. We need more office space. Too often we have as many as three clients in the office at once, usually with children. Maintaining confidentiality becomes a challenge!

5. Positive feedback from clients and from those who read this column are most encouraging. But if you would put these comments in writing and send them to us (PO Box 502), it would greatly enhance our grant proposals!

I keep promising to make this column shorter. Maybe some day I'll be able to keep that promise!

See you next month.

#### Hospital Report

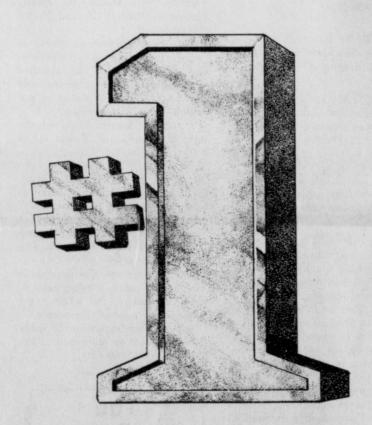
Patients in the Hansord Hospital are Helen Dickson, Mavis Collins, Jop Franz, and Rita Archer.

Dismissals from the Hansford Hospital are Joel Lackey, Holly Pipkin, Naomi Foreman, and Flossie Boyd.

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