



LARRY BUTLER
... SISD School Superintendent

In charge of \$3.2-million operation . . .

Butler heads up school district

He heads up one of Hansford county's largest businesses with an annual budget in excess of \$3.2 million and over 70 employees. On top of that, he and his fellow workers have the responsibility of caring for the future of Spearman and the surrounding area.

That future is in the form of Spearman youth and the business is the Spearman Independent School district.

And Larry Butler -- superintendent of the Spearman ISD -- is beginning his third year at the helm of the business end of education here in this Hansford County community.

The personable Spearman school superintendent is kept busy 12 months out of every year, working through the summer in preparation for the next school year.

"As soon as school ends one year, we begin planning the next," notes Butler. "We have to keep up with a wealth of material -- from changes in the Texas Education Code to budgetary concerns, appraisals, evaluations . . . the list goes on."

Butler is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the efforts of administration and staff at the three school campuses in Spearman and the over 825 students enrolled each year in the SISD program.

And, he has the experience to back him up with administration work all the way from AA schools to AAAAA schools and even university level work.

Butler is a veteran of the administration end of school work with his first exposure coming at

Sul Ross where he not only served as graduate assistant, but worked toward and earned his Master of Education degree.

A graduate of Hamlin High School, Larry attended McMurry College, earning his Bachelor's degree in history and education there. With his masters from Sul Ross, the Spearman superintendent has also done additional work at Texas Tech in Lubbock and Lamar University in Beaumont.

Like a number of school administrators, Butler's move into the business-end of teaching came after a few years of the coaching and teaching ranks.

"I enjoyed coaching," he remarks. "But I felt I had more to offer in the field of administration than I did in the coaching field."

Upon graduation from McMurry,

Butler returned to his high school alma mater to serve the next two years as a coach there.

Then he was offered the graduate assistant's position at Sul Ross in Alpine, a position he held for 18 months until he earned his master's.

Then it was back to Hamlin where he served as elementary principal in the school system there -- this time for a 6-year stint.

From Hamlin, Butler moved up to a AAAAA school in Vidor, a suburb of Beaumont, where he served three years as one of three assistant superintendents.

His first superintendent's position came at Clyde where he served for three years before taking the helm at Spearman.

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The HANSFORD REPORT

by JAMES JARRETT



We need your help. Friday morning, a sweet, young girl called our office to ask if we were going to run pictures of the other girls who were going to be in the Miss Wheatheart Pageant.

As much as I dislike admitting ignorance, I had to ask, "What other girls?"

Believe it or not, if people will let us know about things going on, we're more than happy to accommodate -- in fact, would like to have -- stories and pictures like this which are of community interest.

And it's sure nice to have them before the event rather than after the event -- at least in most cases.

How do you know if your event is one we'd be interested in? Call us and ask us. If it's not possible to use it, we'll let you know in the nicest way possible.

You might even be surprised at how many times we will use information given to us or reported to us.

Some things we may have to shy away from -- with our limited staff it's just not possible to staff every event -- but 99 percent of the time, you'll find us more than accommodating.

Being still somewhat new to the community, we find that we don't know every single event that is going on -- even if it has happened at the same time every year for the past century or so. Sorry, we weren't here then.

Please, let us know.

Being in on of those rare, introspective moods I occasionally

City fathers to get first look at budget

Spearman city commissioners will get their first look at a preliminary budget for the 1987-88 fiscal year at their regular city meeting Tuesday evening in the board room of the Spearman city hall.

The meeting is scheduled for an 8 p.m. start with commissioners looking over a wide variety of items on the agenda.

Figures for the proposed budget were not available at presstime Friday with city manager Jim Murray expected to complete the working budget over the weekend.

The city, much like other taxing entities in Hansford County -- lost some tax money with the new evaluations from the Hansford Appraisal District. In addition, expected revenues from utility sales have been somewhat short due to a mild winter and a wet spring and summer.

In other action Tuesday, commissioners will hold a public hearing on the possible rezoning of a lot just south of Hansford Manor. Hospital officials are asking the lot to be rezoned in order to make a parking lot for visitors and staff.

City fathers will also consider the preliminary and final plot on South Park Addition number 1 to the City of Spearman along with plans and specifications on utility and street designs for the addition.

Commissioners are expected to authorize Murray to advertise for bids for the city's fund depository for the next two years.

find myself prone to -- and having absolutely nothing else to write about -- I found myself pondering the English language the other day.

That in itself should prove how desperate I was since there is no language on the face of this earth which is more maddening than the English language.

Go ahead, try logic in use of the English language. One mouse, two mice. One house, two hices? One blouse, two blice? On, no . . . that's too simple.

Now, explain without using the written word, the difference between two, to and too. Or how about there, their and they're?

I remember when I was in high school -- has it really been that long? -- when we had an Italian foreign exchange student.

One day, somebody told her in all sincerity that she was a "swell person".

The young lady couldn't translate the word swell, but didn't want to show her ignorance in front of her classmates. So that night she asked her exchange parents what swell meant. They told her it meant to bloat up.

There are other anomalies as well. You probably know several of your own. If you really need an exercise in frustration, help a child with conjugation. You'll find that it becomes a dirty word before you're through.

Another thing I enjoy doing with the English language -- besides butchering it on occasion -- is to look up the origins of some words.

For example -- where did the word arena come from? It comes from the Latin "harena" which means sandy floor or something like that.

It seems whenever that gladiators fought, they invariably spilled a little blood. Before each bout,

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Storage bin fire now under control

A fire in the bottom of a storage bin at SpearTex Grain Compay on the west city limits of Spearman had Spearman volunteer firefighters pouring some 4,500 gallons of water into the enclosure Thursday.

As of presstime Friday, the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department could not say with any certainty that the fire had been extinguished, reports Bill Porter, SVFD chief.

The fire was discovered Thursday morning around 7:30, reports elevator manager Pete Stafford, when workers discovered smoke coming from a ventilation shaft in the bin.

The bin itself measures 72-feet in diameter and stands some 70-feet above the ground with another 30-foot cone extending below ground.

According to reports the fire appears to have started in the underground cone where an auger was working to move grain from the storage bin.

"At this point, we really don't know what started the fire," reports Porter. "We suspect a bearing on the auger, but until we can get it out of the bin, we won't know for sure."

The bin contained between 125,000 and 150,000 bushels of grain when the fire was discovered Thursday morning, notes Stafford.

Volunteer firemen were called to the scene twice Thursday -- once Thursday morning and again late that afternoon -- to pour water into the storage facility.

"At this time there doesn't appear to be any danger of explosion," notes the Spearman fire chief. "We've poured water in to the point where they think the

fire is located and we've moved some grain from above that spot and it's come out clean."

Insurance adjusters were expected in Friday from Kansas to look over the situation and to offer any recommendations they might have, notes Porter.

PDRA members to establish 1987-88 rate

The tax rate for the 1987-88 fiscal year will be set by Palo Duro River Authority board members during their regular session Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the PDRA board room located in the Pittman-Shieldknight building in Spearman.

The board may be looking at an increase of two to three cents per \$100 valuation, up from their \$.0019 rate of the past few years.

The new tax rate will be utilized to retire bond money which the PDRA has already received. The authority got their first installment of \$4.4 million in July.

In other action, PDRA board members will designate the Hansford County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate and publish the tax rate for the PDRA and the board is expected to approve tax contracts with tax assessors-collectors from Hansford, Moore and Hutchinson counties.

The board will also discuss the salary of PDRA manager, Johnnie Lee, in executive session during the meeting.



GETTING READY FOR ACTION is Spearman Lynx gridiron hopeful Matt Tucker. Coach Don Mullins and company are expecting some 55 boys from freshmen through seniors to report for the first day of workouts Monday.

County to consider tax rate for 87-88 budget

Hansford County commissioners will meet in regular session Monday to consider their 1987-88 budget, reports county judge, R.L. McClellan.

Included in the meeting which begins at 10 a.m., will be the establishing of the 1987-88 tax rate and consideration of a \$5 license

tag fee on vehicles registered in Hansford County.

Commissioners had been studying a 5 cent per \$100 valuation tax increase to fund a budget which had been knocked by devaluation for the upcoming year.

However, they are considering utilizing the \$5 tag fee to offset some of the expected tax increase.

In other business, commissioners will hear a request from Hansford County sheriff R.L. McFarlin for 2-way radio communications equipment and a typewriter for his office.

McFarlin's request is for three mobile units for sheriff's office vehicles and three walkie-talkie See "COUNTY" p-3

Hospital board to adopt budget

The Hansford County Hospital District board of directors will meet this coming Thursday evening with a budget hearing slated for 6:30 p.m. This will be followed by their regular session at 7 p.m. that same evening.

During the regular session, board members will adopt a budget, set public hearing date on the new tax rate along with other agenda items.

These include consideration of student loans or grants to allow currently employed nurses to complete their work toward becoming a registered nurse.

Board members will also discuss the possible sale of some hospital-owned lots behind the Gruver Medical Clinic in Gruver.

The district currently owns three 25-foot lots adjacent to the clinic building. A Gruver landowner, George Odom, has made a proposal to purchase the lots from the hospital district.

2-a-days to begin

Conditioning drills for the 1987 edition of the Spearman Lynx football squad will get an early start Monday as gridiron hopefuls report for their first session of the season.

The 2 daily sessions will be held at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., slated for 2-1/2 hours each time.

Contact drills will begin Friday morning with pads being issued to all those in the football program.

The 1987 football season begins with Spearman hosting Memphis for an 8 p.m. contest on Sept. 4.



SEAL COATING OF SPEARMAN STREETS came to an end Friday as crews packed down the special tar and gravel mixture on city streets. The one-week operation

began last Monday and continued through the week with crews winding up the work Friday. A total of some 45 streets received the annual maintenance.

SISD Board to adopt budget, set tax rate

Spearman ISD board of trustees will meet Monday evening to consider the adoption of the 1987-88 budget, along with setting a tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year as well, reports superintendent Larry Butler.

The meeting -- a regular session -- will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the SISD board room on the Spearman High School campus.

Trustees had been waiting the outcome of an emergency legislative session in Austin this summer in order to finalize the 1987-88 budget.

With the close of the session, no significant changes were made to existing policies or fund, reports the Spearman administrator.

Trustees had been looking at a budget of some \$3.2 million for the upcoming year. If they keep the same rate for the upcoming year as they are currently carrying, the district will be operating on a deficit budget.

However, with carryover from the current tax year, trustees were told at their last budget workshop, it's possible that no tax rate increase will be needed.

It is possible that trustees will elect a three cent per \$100 valuation increase in order to keep the budget near a break-even point.

In other business, trustees will consider looking into group health plans.

They will also set salaries for the 1987-88 school year in addition to setting the budget and adopting the 1987-88 tax rate.



An Open House and Shower for Jon & Kelly Garnett on Saturday, August 15 from 7:30-9:30

The Charles Shieldknight's Home Spearman, Texas

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reputation," notes the SISD administrator, "I was very impressed with the community's desire for a solid education program."

Invariably in every community across the state of Texas, the school districts yield the largest

budgets of any governmental agencies in the county. The situation is no different with the Spearman ISD and Hansford County.

"It's not something you can take lightly," declares Butler. "It's important to be dedicated and to enjoy what you're doing."

The Spearman superintendent shows his dedication daily, handling the myriad tasks which come across his desk with complete aplomb. And if he didn't enjoy what he's doing, there's no doubt he could fit himself into almost any business he chose.

Fortunately for members of the Spearman Independent School District, Butler is doing what he wants to do -- and he's doing it well.

"We're fortunate to be here," he states for himself and his family. "We have a community that wants a good educational program and is willing to work to see that it happens. That means a lot."

Butler and his wife, Paula -- they



FRED HAS LEARNED ENOUGH FRENCH ON VACATION TO BE CLASSIFIED BI-IGNORANT

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sand was spread out to sop up the mess.

Over the years it has been shortened to arena and now is used to signify any sport performed before spectators in an open area.

Of course, the English language is treated a special way in Texas, anyway. It is enriched with the careful Texas drawl and a smattering of Mexican. Some call it Tex-Mex, others Texican.

Where else but in Texas could you hear somebody say, "See ya, mañana"?

met at Sul Ross -- have two sons. Bradley is the oldest at 12 and will be in the seventh grade this year. Cory, 9-years old, will be a fourth grader.

Paula is also in the school business -- she's a kindergarten teacher.

All in all, it's a more than workable situation for Butler and his family -- and one which winds up benefiting not only them, but the community in which they live.

The drawl is almost as important. In Texas, you don't get tired, you get tard. Even car tires become car tars.

And, in Texas, "g's" at the end of a word ending in "ing" are never, never, never pronounced. We go huntin' and swimmin' and fishin' and campin' and so on.

There are even those who are often confused over the words "ideal" and "Idea". It could change a national advertising campaign, with Ford having a better "ideal".

But, whatever you do, never insult a Texan by correcting his language. It won't do you any good, because that's the way he's pronounced it all his life, and his daddy before him, and his dad before that and so on. Change in Texas is something that's kept in your pocket until you get to the coffee shop. Then you get rid of it as quickly as possible.

The truth of the matter, whenever I find myself in a foreign country like Colorado, or California

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or New York, I turn on my Texas drawl... and I use it as a weapon.

If you ever want to get even with one of these mile-a-minute telephone solicitors who obviously are giving you a canned speech, wait patiently until they are through, then say very slowly, in the best Texas drawl you can muster, "Now, what was that y'all was saying, honey?"

After two or three times, they'll either get flustered and hang up and you'll get flustered and hang up or they'll persevere and continue trying. If they do the latter, you might consider buying whatever they're selling.

After all, by that time, they've "urned" it.

Our final thought: Those who would treat politics and morality apart will never understand the one or the other. -- John, Viscount Morely of Blackburn.

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Bus driver training set

A bus driver training course for new school bus drivers -- and a refresher course for current drivers -- will be held at the Spearman High School campus beginning Monday, Aug. 17, announces Ken Friemel who will serve as instructor for the 3-day session.

The courses will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week with a cost of \$50 for new bus drivers while the refresher course will carry a fee of \$25.

The courses will be held at Spearman High School in room 110. Make-up classes will meet Saturday afternoon following the conclusion of the course from 1 to 5 p.m.

For drivers' certification by the Texas Education Agency, one hundred percent attendance in the course is required.

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

Monday's course -- which will run from 8 o'clock that morning until 5 o'clock that afternoon -- is the scheduled refresher course.

Tuesday and Wednesday are the new driver courses, with Tuesday's classes beginning at 8 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. Wednesday's classes will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon.

For further information, contact the Spearman high school principals' office.

USDA seeks response

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking public comment on the percent of the acreage limitation requirement and other provisions of the 1988 feed grains program, which must be announced by Sept. 30, said Milton Hertz, executive vice President of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

Hertz said these comments, as well as current data on U.S. and world crop conditions and the supply and demand outlook, will be considered before final decisions are made.


USDA requests comments on the following:

--The percentage reduction under an acreage limitation program. Since 1987 crop corn carryout is expected to exceed 2 billion bushels, the minimum percentage reduction level is 12.5 percent and the maximum is 20 percent.

--The loan and purchase level. The basic loan level for corn cannot be set lower than \$2.17 per bushel. Later it may be adjusted down to \$1.74 per bushel to maintain competitiveness. The loan levels for sorghum, oats, barley and rye will be set by taking into consideration their feeding value in relationship to corn.

--Whether a marketing loan program with related provisions should be implemented.

STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN--When gubernatorial front-runner Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby last week decided not to seek any office in 1990, the status quo logjam in Texas politics let loose a resounding "crack".

The fact that other political hopefuls were considering their new opportunities was enough to prompt an amused Hobby to clarify if he may run again someday -- but not for governor or lieutenant governor in 1990.

His act of acquiescence has set next session's agenda, the overhaul of the tax base to deal with the fiscal crisis.

Hobby's stature is such that for Texas Democrats he is several officials rolled into one. While Republicans occupy the Governor's Mansion, Hobby really has been "the governor" in the eyes of many die-hard Democrats.

Without him, they will have no incumbent running for the top two spots in Texas government. Thus, the door is open for many hopefuls and as officials play musical chairs, more openings will be created throughout the ballot. With the tax hike vote also a factor, the Democratic Party will undergo a large-scale change of names.

Cabinet Post?

With more than three years left in his term, Hobby has not made his last mark on the Capitol scene.

Those given to speculation can easily see Hobby in a U.S. cabinet position -- perhaps as Secretary of Energy -- but Hobby said he wants to keep politics out of the goals he has for Texas in his remaining term.

In his own words, he can be more effective now that the perception of his running for higher office has been removed.

GOP Pooh Pooh

Other camps offered more cynical reasons why Hobby is pulling back his troops.

Some Texas Republicans pooh pooh Hobby's stance, saying his latest program for new taxes would sink any election bid.

Indeed, tax bill author Rep. Dan Morales, D-San Antonio, predicted 50 legislators will not run for re-election because of the specter of political defeat or personal financial hardship.

Another view holds that Hobby did not want to endure the sniping of announced opponent Attorney General Jim Mattox, who has already mud-balled him several times this year.

Amid the massive praise of Hobby's service, his most vocal detractor was Texas GOP executive director John Weaver, who thinks Hobby has now lost a lot of leverage around the Capitol.

Anointment Power

Fifteen years ago, Hobby's leverage came from family wealth and a bevy of powerful friends.

If knowledge is power, then note what Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week: "Bill Hobby knows more about state government than any person alive."

Insiders will agree, but some

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units to replace old units which are becoming unserviceable.

Estimated costs for the radios and typewriters are \$4,000 to \$6,000, reports the county judge.

Commissioners will consider a resolution to support a regional drug enforcement agency through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Amarillo Law Enforcement agencies.

Hansford commissioners include Garland Head of precinct one; Joe T. Venneman of precinct two; B.J. Renner of precinct three and Val Winger of precinct four.

Thompson receives tennis sports award

Toby Thompson of Spearman -- son of Richey and Karen Thompson -- was presented a special Sportsmanship Award during last week's Junior Tennis Tournament sponsored by the First National Bank of Spearman.

Thompson competed in the 2-day tournament which had some 75 entrants from across the Panhandle area in competition.

The special Sportsmanship Award was presented by Hickerson Jewelers of Spearman.



FIGHTING A BLAZE at the old Lyric Theatre in downtown Spearman, a Spearman volunteer fireman pours water on the already-gutted building. The fire was reported around 1 p.m. Friday and was quickly extinguished by the Spearman fire department.

will say under their breath, "except for maybe Bob Bullock." Hobby wouldn't mind that.

And as the reigning conservative Democrat of state government, Hobby can play a big role in anointing successors and in delivering the Texas vote to an '88 presidential candidate.

End of an Era

So, barring massive upheaval in

the Senate membership, Hobby is not likely to pass as your average lame duck.

What is passing, however, is the end of an era, for Hobby is the strongest of conservative Democrats at the state level. He will likely be replaced in nomination by an unabashed, unapologetic liberal -- such is the Democratic talent pool.

Poole graduates from West Texas

Virginia J. Poole of Morse, a Spearman high school graduate, will be one of some 279 West Texas State University students who will receive degrees during commencement exercises next Saturday in Canyon.

The commencement will begin at 10 a.m. on the south lawn of the Education Building on the WTSU Campus.

Dr. Thomas C. Stanton, president of Francis Marion College in Florence, S. Carolina, will deliver the commencement address.

West Texas State University officials will confer degrees upon 85 master's and 194 baccalaureate candidates. The graduates represent six countries, 11 states and 64 Texas towns.

Ms. Poole will be receiving her Masters of Education degree during the summer commencement on the Canyon campus.

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Veterans Administration

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A -- While initial claims often take longer than three months to process, if you are concerned, you may call the local VA regional office to check the status of your claim.

Q -- Will the Veterans Administration release my new address to my estranged wife?

A -- No. Your address is privileged information and may not be released to anyone without your permission.

Q -- Does the veterans Administration help veterans find lenders for VA-guaranteed mortgages?

A -- No. Veterans must make their own arrangements for loans through the usual lending channels, such as banks, savings and loan associations and mortgage loan companies. Real estate brokers will ordinarily assist a veteran in finding a lender.

Q -- What is the current VA-guaranteed mortgage rate?

Boys Ranch rodeo to unfold over Labor Day

The forty-third annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo will be held over the Labor Day weekend when boys of all ages will be competing for awards and top honors.

Over 200 of the Ranch's boys will be riding calves, steers, bulls and broncs. Area riding clubs will be participating in the grand entries for both performances which will be attended by up to 10,000 people. The rodeo is an event for all of the boys, and those who do not compete as performers will be selling barbecue beef plates, soft drinks and snow cones, or working at the many jobs required for a successful rodeo.

The boy will be competing for belt buckles and the titles of Junior and Senior All-Around Cowboys. Specialty acts will include a wild steer race, FFA project parade, calf scramble and the barrel races featuring little boys on stick horses. Among the spectators will be many of the Ranch graduates who return for their annual reunion.

Over 4,000 boys have called the Ranch "home" since 1939, and some travel long distances to attend the rodeo and alumni activities.

Some other special guests at this year's rodeo will include about thirty girls from Girlstown, U.S.A. Although the girls will not be competing in the rodeo this year, they will have an opportunity to share the excitement and to be part of the Labor Day festivities. Since the Ranch accepted the responsibility for Girlstown in April, activities for their involvement have been held at the Ranch and the campuses at Borger and Whiteface, Texas.

Tickets are now being sold for both performances of the rodeo on Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7. Barbeque lunches will be sold at noon each day, and rodeo action begins at 2:30. More information or ticket reservations are available in Amarillo by calling 372-2341.

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Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Tigrett and children attended the funeral of his father in Pampa on Monday. Edgar Lee Tigrett, 69, died Friday.

Others from Spearman attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Faries and Kara, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ellsworth.

Making sure she would be a native Texan, Auren Jade Hardwick arrived in Amarillo on August 5, weighing 7 lb. 4 oz. and 19 1/4 inches long. She is the new daughter of Sargeant John and Rayma Hardwick.

The Hardwicks have been stationed at the air force base in Florida but have been assigned to Manhattan, Kan.

Auren Jade has a brother, nearly 2-year old Brandon.

Grandparents are Dale and Mae Wofford, and Clarence and Ruth Hardwick of West Lafayette, Ind.

Great grandparents are Leonard and Lella Mae Ditzler of Portales, and Rosa Wofford of Bensalem, Penn.

Don and Gloria Knox have had as guests for several days her sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Tom Tinsler of Caspar, Wyo.

Their brother, Glen Hoggatt, and his family of Perryton joined them one day.

The Tinslers had planned a month-long vacation and trip through the southern states, but his sudden illness forced cancellation and they returned to Caspar.

Bob Boxwell is informing those who have noticed a certain chubbiness that it is due to his own expert culinary efforts.

Returning Monday from a months-visit, Candy with Regan and Erin reported a pleasant visit with her parents.

They live in Madison, In. on the Ohio river, so one of their interesting events was the hydroplane regatta.

A highlight for Regan was her first church camp. She accompanied a young cousin.

New residents of Spearman are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinney. They are from Beaver Ok. Where he was raised.

She is a native of Milburn, Ok. They are both employed by the Jack and Jill Grocery.

For recreation they enjoy all types of sports, as well as riding bicycles, fishing and golfing.

The Kinneys are members of the Baptist church and live at 1010 South Dressen.

Finding it hard to believe that 30 years have passed since their high school graduation, Dale and Mae Wofford returned to Portales recently for the reunion of the class of 1957.

They went on Thursday and visited with her parents and attended the reunion on Saturday, returning on Sunday.

Mary Lee Bulls with Audry and Beth of Amarillo are spending a few days with her parents, the Hershall Ooleys, and other relatives.

It was a privilege to greet Mrs. Vida Townsend on her 100th birthday. The esteem in which she is held was manifested by the floral arrangements and many cards she received.

Admiration goes to Altha Townsend, John R. and George Collard for the devotion to their "other mother".

To visit at Hansford Manor is always an humbling experience -- the cheerfulness and optimism of

Chamber spotlight . . .

Lusbys turn risk into operation

Junior and Dorothy Lusby came here in the early 1950's. He was employed by the C.M. Jeffries Oil Field Service. In 1957 they decided to risk going into business for themselves.

They purchased the equipment, hired some employees, and she took on the office duties -- all with little other to go on than optimism, his experience and a good reputation. It paid off as the business has prospered.

Junior's untimely death in 1982 did not curtail the business as he had trained his sons and they were old enough and responsible enough to assist Mrs. Lusby in the continued operation.

Junior Lusby "Cats keep good and sufficient equipment and they are very conscientious in the performance of any undertaking, expecting to give complete satisfaction and permanence.

Their primary work is in the oil patch including pits, roads, any type of dirt moving. They also do other types of industrial jobs -- such as at feedlots and some road construction. Agricultural related work such as ponds and dams are included in their capabilities.

The firm is owned by Dorothy, Monte, Ronnie, Lonnie and Becky Lusby. Their capable employees are Michael Moore, Tom Read, James Kirkland, Mary Stephens, Dixie Pool, Walter McDade, Mike Stewart and Eddie Rogers.

Defensive driving course is slated

A defensive driving course is being offered Hansford County residents this Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

The special courses will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hansford County Library in the second floor meeting room.

A fee of \$25 which is payable the first night will be charged to those attending the driving course.

There is no need to preregister, however, participants may, if they wish, by calling 659-2501.

some of the residents is uplifting. The still sharp business acumen of 90-year old Bill Russell is amazing.

To report locals, call 659-3468.

Dorothy Lusby is a native of Oklahoma and she has had a busy life. Her time has been devoted to the raising of a family, maintaining a home and assisting in the business.

Now that she has some leisure, she enjoys traveling and spends some time at her place in Angel Fire, N.M. The fact that she has seven grandchildren accounts for some of her time. She is a member of the Union Church.

Monte Lusby is married to Catherine Lyon, daughter of the P.A. Lyons. They live in Canadian where he supervises the business there.

Ronnie Lusby still lives in Spearman. His wife is Donita, the daughter of the Don Floyds, for-

merly of Spearman. Both Monte and Ronnie were born in Oklahoma but finished school here. Lonnie was born in Colorado, finished his school in Spearman and is living here now. He is unmarried.

Becky, the only daughter and only child born in Spearman, lives in Waco. However she plans to return to the Panhandle.

Junior Lusby "Cats" has been a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for at least 20 years. Mrs. Lusby is very complimentary of the board and members and the results they have achieved. She expresses the belief that a strong Chamber of Commerce is essential to the development of a community.

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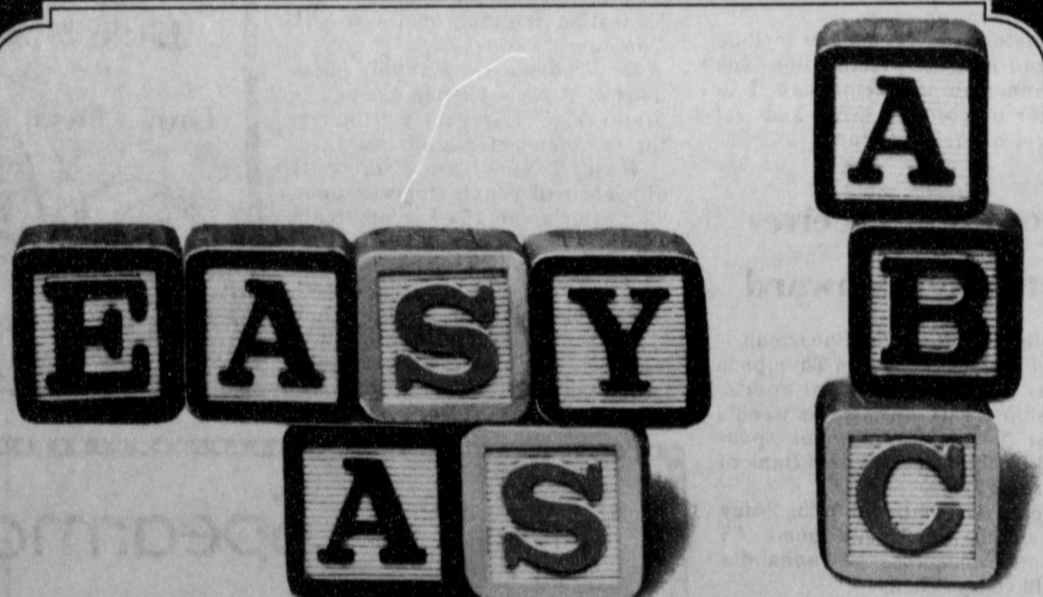
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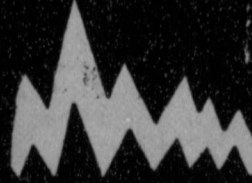
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 Due to the hails and rains, only a limited supply of produce is available this year. The sweet corn has turned out well and I can offer it for \$3.00 per grocery sack if you pick. Four varieties are available. Also, I may be able to order produce from some of my farmer friends for those people who would like to wait. Please call 659-2129 for a schedule or to get on this list. Mike Skinner s20-2tp

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Hospital Report

Patients in Hansford Hospital, are; Sammy Bishop, Bryce Goldsmith, Eldon Daese, Margerite Jenkins, Lanor Daese, Nadeine Atchley. Janet Kelly, Jim Lamb, and R. V. Converse. Dimissed are; Robert Bort, Lillian Tuck, and Maria Avila.

The Energy Wire

DRILLING 'OPTIMISM' SURFACES

By Bill Garland
The Energy Wire
WASHINGTON -- Two leading oil and gas magazines are predicting an upswing in drilling in the last half of 1987 that will carry the rig count well over the 1,000 mark by the end of the year.

"We probably can't call the next six months a boom," said World Oil Magazine in its August issue, "but with the depression we've seen, it may recall fond memories of one."

World Oil & Gas Journal forecast a jump in drilling throughout oil states and in domestic offshore areas as confidence has grown that oil prices will remain at least in the range of \$20 per barrel or somewhat higher.

Both magazines based their predictions on large-scale surveys of independent and major oil companies.

The Oil & Gas Journal in its latest issue said that major companies "will lead the way out of the U.S. drilling slump in the second half of 1987." The Journal said that major companies will increase drilling by a hefty 41 percent in the final six months over the first half of this year.

The 17 largest companies "have raised drilling programs by 10.6 percent over January levels that were based on \$15 oil," the magazine said.

The Journal also said the average rig count for the year should be about 920, down 4.6 percent from the 964 average reported last year by Baker Hughes, Inc. To reach that average, the rig count at the end of the year will need to stand at about 1,234 rigs, well above the current average of 917 for the week ending July 24, the magazine said.

World Oil predicted an increase of 31 percent in the total number of U.S. wells drilled in the last half of the year, from 17,489 in the first half to 22,898 in the last six months.

The total of 40,387 wells projected for the year is about the same as last year. However, the magazine noted that drilling trends in 1987 will be the exact opposite of 1986: picking up in the last half rather than sinking from levels in the first half of the year.

"Companies that have economized and streamlined operations obviously believe that they can profitably drill selective prospects with oil prices in the \$20 range," said World Oil. "But we still believe that \$24 to \$25 oil will be necessary for a sustained pick up in all areas."

Drilling totals predicted by World Oil for several states included:

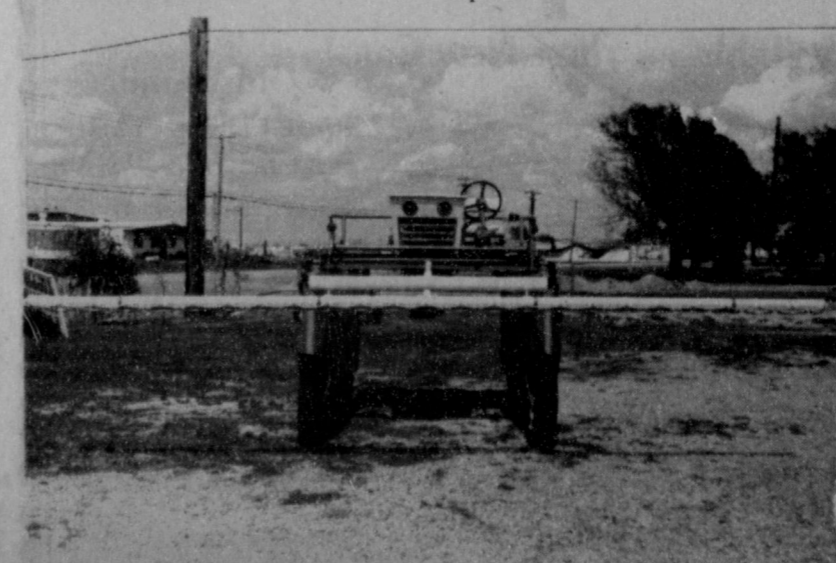
-- 1,292 wells in Louisiana the second half of 1987, compared to 995 during the first half, for a years total of 2,287 wells.

-- 2,500 wells in Oklahoma during the last six months of the year compared to 1,850 for the first half of the year, for a 1987 total of 4,350 wells.

-- 8,045 wells in Texas in the last half, compared to 6,311 in the first six months, for a 1987 total of 14,356 well completions.

The Journal said wildcat wells in 1987 would post their lowest showing in history, down 48 percent from last year to 3,957 for 1987. But in a survey of 185 U.S. independent companies, World Oil reported that those companies plan a 54 percent increase in wildcats over first half drilling levels.

WASHINGTON PIPELINE COL-UMN/7-31-87
 By Bill Garland
The Energy Wire
WASHINGTON -- In the late



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1940's, George Bush's newly-formed Zapata Petroleum company struck oil in 128 wells without a dry hole, or so goes the legend of Bush's early days in Midland.

With Bush about to begin the race of his life in politics, the vice president will be hoping for a similar string of successes in dredging up support from what would seem like a natural source: the oil patch where he began his career.

However, some leaders in the independent oil and gas industry say Bush faces rough going in oil states due, ironically, to his lack of strong public support for beneficial oil policies at a time when the industry has been on its back.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., have been winning friends for years in the business and may cash in on Bush's loyalty to unpopular administration positions, they said.

"If you just look at the oil patch, I would say support for Kemp and Dole has been about the same as for Bush," said one knowledgeable industry official in Washington.

"I think now because of the frustration (with the Reagan administration), Bush is suffering the backlash for animosity against the administration's lack of support," he said.

"I think it would surprize people in Rhode Island and Connecticut that the oil industry may be turning its back on him," said another prominent industry leader in an oil state.

"When the crunch came, we couldn't count on a lot of support" from the administration, said the official who asked not to be named.

These and other officials said the industry's deepest divisions with the Reagan administration go back to late 1985 when the administration offered a tax reform package that took a broad swipe at industry tax incentives. The administration also has been viewed as dragging its feet on oil policies since the price crash struck the industry in 1986.

However, one strong Bush supporter, Houston oilman Robert Mosbacher Jr., said the industry has "no significant support for any candidate other than the vice president . . . There is only one candidate in this race on the Republican side who has been in the oil and gas business and has kids in it and that's the vice president of the United States," said Mosbacher, who is a Bush campaign vice chairman in Texas.

William C. Anderson, vice president for government relations with the Independent Petroleum Association of America, acknowledged that the "home-state boy (factor) is a strong draw on George." But he said support also has been springing up in oil states for Dole and Kemp.

"Outside of Kansas, where everybody is partial to Dole, I think an awful lot of independents who are Republicans are kind of partial to Kemp," said Anderson, who described Kemp as "a scrapper" for the industry.

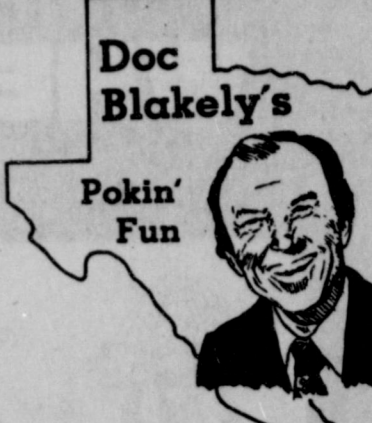
He noted Dole and Kemp both score near the top in voting for industry positions, even though Kemp represents a district far from oil patch influence.

Amarillo ceramic show is scheduled

The 10th annual High Plains Ceramic Association Show will be held next weekend -- Saturday and Sunday -- in the Amarillo Civic Center.

The annual competition will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. Door prizes and demonstrations are also being planned by the organization.

The High Plains Ceramic Association is a non-profit organization. All competition is welcomed at the annual show, a spokesman reports.



Doc Blakely's

Pokin' Fun
 In 1966, a great hoax was staged by 25 members of a New York newspaper. A friendly bar-room discussion on the poor reading tastes of the American public led to the submission of a manuscript to a major publishing house. Each chapter was written by a different author following only a thin plot line. Like most writers, they were just trying to escape reality, to someday have a room with a window, and a chair that doesn't flush.

The erotic manuscript was submitted to a publisher under the fictitious name of Penelope Ashe. It had been revised several times but always to make the writing worse. The publisher loved it, bought it, and it came out under its original title "Naked Came The Stranger." I never read it. Sounded too much like the diary of a pediatrician.

However, lots of people did read it. It became a best seller. The authors confessed to the publisher that it was a hoax but by then it was too late. Talk show hosts wanted Penelope Ashe as a guest. The publisher couldn't say enough about her, mainly on the advice of his attorney.

An attractive Long Island lady was chosen to play the part of Penelope Ashe, posed for publicity photographs and hit the promotion trail reportedly dressed only in a raincoat.

It was the first time the weathermen on the talk shows were known to openly pray for a hot dry spell.

Nobody called her Penelope or Ms. Ashe. They just played off the book title, grinned, and said, "Hi, Stranger."

Imagination plays a large part in the arsenal of any writer. Imagination, fantasy, deception . . . these are the keys to really bad writing. It's so difficult for those of us who have to rely on mere intelligence.

Eventually, the hoax was found out but strangely increased the sales, was sold as a movie and the paperback rights went for six figures. All because 25 writers met in a barroom and kept talking shop. Nobody questioned the credentials of the pretty Penelope Ashe and only one literary critic had anything bad to say about the best-seller. He said it read like a novel written by 24 different authors. Missed it by one, or did he? Turns out that one of the author's writing was so good they left her chapter out and the critic was exactly right.

I recently asked a volunteer fireman who reads a lot what he thought about "Naked Came The Stranger," and he burst out laughing. He had just finished working an emergency in the station. One of the fat guys was getting out of the shower, sat down to dry himself off, and they had to use the jaws of life to get him out of a folding aluminum chair.

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