

THE HANSFORD COUNTY STOCK SHOW GOT UNDERWAY FRIDAY, AND THESE TWO GIRLS CLARA SHIELDKNIGHT [left], WAS BUSY WERE ANXIOUS FOR ALL THE EXCITEMENT. CHECKING OUT THE LAMBS. KELLY BOONE, OF GRUVER, WAS GOING TO SHOW HER LAMB.

Comptrollers payments up for Hansford County

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Friday, Mar. 10 that March's city sales tax rebates, which reflect sales made in January, were up by an average of 27 percent statewide.

In Hansford County, Spearman's net payment this period was \$13,739.45, compared to the \$10,825.91 payment in the same period last year, this represents a 26.91% increase, slightly under the average state's increase for the period.

In Gruver, the payment this period was \$3,662.90 compared to the previous \$2,559.96, representing a 43.08% increase. This shows the average increase of the county

"Although consumers usually slow down their spending in January, this is a good sign that the state's economic engine is running strong and steady," Bullock said.

Checks totaling \$61.7 million ere sent Friday to 888 cities that collect local sales tax at either one or one and one-half percent. Bullock said that's an impressive gain over last year's March payments to cities, which was just \$48.6 million state wide.

Bullock added that 26 cities that began collecting an optional halfpercent local sales tax in January received their first payments with this month's allocation.

The state's six metropolitan transit authorities and one city transit department are also showing promising growth, with payments of \$29.7 million this month.

Bullock said the transit authorities show a 32 percent increase over last year's payments, while year-to-date payments to the MTAs are up by 18.8 percent.

According to Bullock, a total of \$5.9 million was allocated to 91 counties that collect the one-half percent county sales tax. Ten counties that began imposing the local sales tax this year received their first allocation in March.

March's checks represent tax collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the Comtroller's office by February 21.

SHS hosts TEAMS exams for exit level students

Spearman High School guidance counsellor, Margie Alford reports that registration packets are available for TEAMS exit level tests at her office located at 403 E. 11th.

These packets are for individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS test but have met all other graduation requirements. Individuals may take the section or sections not

Registration forms must be completed and returned in the preaddressed envelope no later than April 5.

Test dates for the TEAMS testing are scheduled for May 2 for English and May 3 for Mathematics at the Spearman High Scho. Auditorium beginning at 8:30 a.m.

PDRA board meets; discuss proceedings

The PDRA board met in executive session at 2 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 17 in the meeting room of the PDRA.

The executive session 18 pertaining to eminent domain proceedings, including amount of and the character of interest in land, other properties and easements to be acquired by condemnation.

each day. For more information contact Margie Alford at 659-2584.

Miss Hansford deadline nears

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is reminding young ladies of the Mar. 24 deadline to enter the Miss Hansford Beauty Pageant.

There will be five age groups accepted in the pageant. Four of the groups will limit the number of entrants to ten, but the Miss Hansford age group is unlimited in the number of entrants.

Little Miss Hansford category is open to girls between the ages of four and six. The Junior Miss Category is for those six to nine years of age, and Pre-Teen Hansford for girls 9 to 12, and Miss Teen for girls 12 to 16. Miss Hanstord category is for young ladies between the ages of 17 and 21. Ages

apply as of Jan. 1, 1989. Each entrant is responsible for their own sponsor. Entry fees are \$35 for Little Miss, Junior Miss and Pre-Teen, and \$50 for Miss Teen

and Miss Hansford. The Miss Hansford Pageant will be held April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Mae Wofford is publicity chairman for the event. Questions can be answered by calling

Hornsby wins geography bee

Chris Hornsby, an eighth grader, at Spearman Jr. High was one of 100 to be selected to go for competition at the state level for the National Geographic Geography Bee. Hornsby had to do well enough on a written test to beat out 1,250 other contestants from as many schools.

It all started in January. Local competitions were held to find a winner from the Spearman schools. The bee included grades four through eight. In the preliminary round, there were nine winners. Among the nine winners Hornsby came out on top.

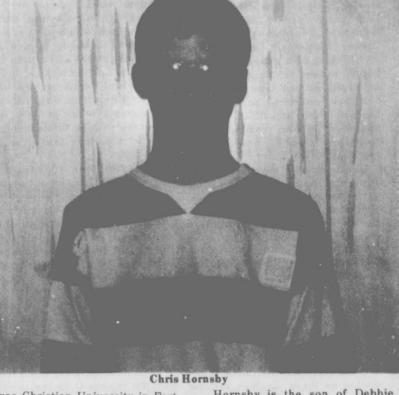
The first two rounds were oral competition. After winning the first rounds, Hornsby had to take a difficult written test. He scored in the top 100 out of 1,250 other

If Hornsby wins the state meet held in Fort Worth on April 7, he will win an expense paid trip to compete in Washington D.C. on May 18 and 19.

The Geography Bee is sponsored by National Geographic. In this the first year for the event, its purpose is to bring about a better understanding of geography in the nations schools and communities.

The state finals will be held at

Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The preliminary rounds begin at 9 a.m. on April 7. There will be five groups of 20 competing. The final round will begin at 11:15.



Hornsby is the son of Debbie Hornsby and Cliff Hornsby of Spearman. He is also the grandson of Vi Hornsby and Kenneth and Lorene Burke also of Spearman

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Burgess to go to regional spelling bee

The County Champion of the Globe-News Spelling Bee is 11-year-old Nicole Burgess of Farnsworth. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Burgess.

Burgess, a student of Spea Junior High, won the junior school championship on Mar. 6 before competing in the county championship on Mar. 10.

Others competing in the County Spelling Bee were senior division winner, Alma Martinez, and junior division alternate Martin Sanders, all from the Spearman schools. Morse school was represented by Brandon Tull and Andy Jones. Tull was runner-up in the first school bee, and Jones was runner-up in the County Spelling Bee.

Burgess will go on to compete in the regional Globe-News Bee in Amarillo next month and if she wins there will compete in the National Bee at Washington D.C. in June.



Nicole Burgess

Ag Day celebrated Mar. 20

The occasion to honor food and fiber providers of the nation will be National Agriculture Day on March 20 said Dr. Carl Anderson, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist.

Anderson said dates for National Agriculture Week, planned in conjunction with Ag Day, have been set for March 19-25.

National Agriculture Day is times to coincide with the arrival of

Spearman Ministerial Alliance sponsors Holy Week services

Hosting this year's Holy Week Worship Services will be First Christian Church, 29 S. Bernice St., Spearman. Time will be noon to 12:55 p.m.

A light lunch will be served. Music and worship will follow.

Ministers from five of our community and area churches will

speak: Monday: Todd Dyess, First United Methodist Church:

Tuesday: Leland Grimmer,

Apostolic Faith Church; Wednesday: Bill Miller, Union

Church; Thursday: David Nuckles,

Assembly of God; and Friday: Nathan Hansen, Oslo

Lutheran Church. A nursery will be provided. The public is invited to join with

people of all denominations as they worship together in celebration of Holy Week and the upcoming Easter Sunday.

spring, the season of growth and development, and is tied to the March equinox, Anderson said. He said the two observances are

intended to give state and national recognition to the people, organizations and businesses responsible for producing the "most abundant, highest quality and most reasonably priced food and fiber supply in history."

Anderson said that all groups work together in processing and marketing food and fiber products. In addition, they are all consumers of these products.

He said movement of food and fiber from its place of origin to supermarkets and family tables provides jobs and income for about one-fifth of the work force.

"One of every 40 Texans is a farmer or rancher. In addition, about 20 percent of the state's retail trade business is closely associated with agricultural production and marketing of food and fiber products," Anderson said.

He said that nationally, one of every five jobs in private enterprises is tied to agriculture.

With roughly \$11.5 billion in cash receipts from farm and ranch products in 1988, Texas continues to rank second behind California nationally, Anderson said.

"These farm and ranch receipts have a total economic impact of more than \$35 billion," Anderson

The economist said that Texas traditionally is number one in the sales of cattle and calves, cotton, sheep and wool, goats and mohair, cabbage and spinach.

With production of an abundance of high quality food and fiber an inherent mark of American agriculture, consumers spend far less of their take-home pay on food than people elsewhere in the world, he said.

"Today, that averages about 15 cents of every dollar of disposable income, with five cents of that spent on food eaten outside the home." Anderson said.

He said that farm and urban residents together make the best food and fiber combination team anywhere in the world.

'This gives the U.S. the capacity to feed its o 'n people and to export for economic gain and humanitarian purposes as well," Anderson said.



John Hughes gave it his best shot in the shot put competition at the Canadian Track Meet last

weekend.

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lansford Health Shelf

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

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

This is the first of two columns on childhood immunizations contributed by Joan McClellan, R.N. Today's column covers the DPT and oral polio vaccines. Next Sunday's column will cover the MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae Type b) vaccines. Additional information on these vaccines and the diseases against which they protect children is available through the Texas Department of Public Health, Region II, P.O. Box 478, Perryton, TX 79070 (telephone 435-8181).

QUESTION: What is a vaccine and how does it work?

ANSWER: A vaccine is a substance made up of either killed or live components of a virulent organism which, when administered to a person, will provoke a protective immunological response against that organism, thereby making that person immune to later exposure to the disease. Certain vaccines are given by injection, such as the one for measles, and the polio vaccine is given by mouth (orally).

QUESTION: What vaccines does a child need and at what age?

ANSWER: The vaccines and the schedule the Texas Department of Public Health recommends for their administration are given in the table below.

QUESTION: What is a "booster" vaccine?

ANSWER: A booster is the same vaccine repeated at a later time (the DPTs given at 18 months and 4 years of age, for example) to increase the immune system's "memory" for the organism of these diseases.

QUESTION: What diseases does the DPT help prevent and what are the possible side effects of the

ANSWER: The DPT immunization is actually three vaccines combined into one shot. Diphtheria is a very serious disease which can cause infections in the nose and throat which then can interfere with breathing. It can also cause an infection in the skin and sometimes results in heart failure or paralysis. About one person of every ten who gets diphtheria dies of it. Tetanus, or lockjaw, results when wounds are infected with tetanus bacteria, which are often found in dirt. The

bacteria make a poison in the wound which makes the body muscles go into a spasm, and four or every ten people who get tetanus will die. Pertussis is also called whooping cough and causes severe coughing spells which can interfere with eating, drinking, and breathing. Complications such as pneumonia occur in 25% of the children with pertussis and half of these children must be hospitalized.

Many children will have a slight fever and be irritable for up to two days after their DPT shot. There are more serious side effects, but they are relatively rare and the risk of these is outweighed by the risk of a child getting these dangerous diseases if not vaccinated against them. Children who are sick at the time of their scheduled DPT vaccine should not be immunized and any child who has had a previous adverse reaction to DPT shot should be seen by a medical doctor before being vaccinated.

Incidentally, a DT (no Pertussis in the injection) is recommended about 10 years after the prekindergarten DPT and tetanus shots are recommended every 10 years for adults.

QUESTION: Why is the polio vaccine given by mouth?

ANSWER: Immunization with oral [live] polio vaccine [OPV] is simpler to administer and seems to provide stronger immunity in the intestinal tract, where infection first occurs, and is more effective for controlling polio in the United States. This increased effectiveness is due to the fact that OPV viruses live in the vaccinated person's intestinal tract and some of the viruses pass in the stool, enabling them to spread from the vaccinated person to those in close contact with him/her, such as household members.

There is an injectable [killed] polio vaccine [IPV] which protects against polio after several shots. The IPV is recommended for persons who have low resistance to serious infections. It is sometimes recommended for previously unvaccinated adults whose children are to be vaccinated with OPV. Although the IPV is available, it is not widely used in our country at

this time. Side effects from the OPV are extremely rare. There is very little wild polio reported in the U.S., but before the vaccine, there were thousands of cases of polio and hundreds of deaths from it each year. There is so much wild polio in other parts of the world that there is a great risk of its being reestablished here if our children are not vaccinated.

QUESTION: What should a parent tell a child before he gets a vaccine

ANSWER: Tell the child the truth. Explain that the shot is necessary to keep him/her from getting diseases. Tell the child that the shot will hurt, but that it will only hurt a little bit and the pain will only last a short time. Older children who are behind in their shots are more difficult and have more fears about their vaccines. which is one more reason to follow the immunization schedule! Whatever you do, don't put the doctor or the nurse administering the shot in the enemy camp. If you do, your child will grow up associating medical professionals with pain. Preventive medicine is virtually



Joan McClellan

JOAN McCLELLAN, R.N., is a public health JOAN McCLELLAN, R.N., is a public health nurse and the Field Office Coordinator of the Texas Department of Public Health for Hansford, Ochiltree, Hemphill and Lipscomb Counties. A Campbell, Texas, high school graduate, she completed her nursing training at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas. In addition to her R.N., she earned a degree in community health. McClellan was the seventh person in the state of Texas to receive this degree, which now has between six and seven thousand recipients in Texas.

Upon graduation. McClellan was the night

Upon graduation, McClellan was the night supervisor at Medical Center Hospital in Tyler, Texas. She came to Spearman in 1954, where her first position was as school nurse. After taking a career break to establish a family, McClellan worked as a nurse for approximately. 25 years at Hansford Hospital. She began her job with the Texas Department of Public Health

12 years ago. McClellan's main responsibilities as field coordinator include overseeing and implementing the WIC Program (a nutritional supplement program for women and children), the immunization program, an adult health program, a maternity program, and providing diet and nutrition counseling. Her favorite aspect of her work is "just helping other people," and she strongly believes in preventive medicine for those she serves. "The greatest thing about public health work is that for every dollar spent on prevention, the taxpayers are saved three dollars later on," McClellan reports.

An active member of the Texas Nurses

Association, the American Nurses Association and the Texas Public Health Association McClellan was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1967. Her husband Wilson, a current member of Spearman's City Commission, has farmed in this area for many years. The McClellans' sons, Ken and Cris, both graduates of West Texas State University, live in Arlington. Ken is a systems analyst in Dallas and Cris is a pharmaceutical representative. Ken has a daughter, Stephanie, who is

Disease

Vaccine



Dr. Kent Harold Richards will be speaking at First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., Monday. Mar. 20 through Wednesday, Mar. 22.



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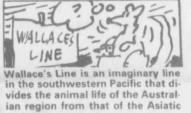
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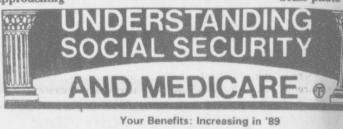
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Age Vaccine Should





By James Roosevelt Chairman, National Committee To Preserve Social Security and Medicare

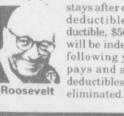
If you look over your Medicare Health Care Coverage for 1989 and beyond, you'll find your benefits have increased to pay for some catastrophic health costs.

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• In January, 1989, the monthly Part B premium, paid by all beneficiaries go up from \$24.80 to \$31.90 and middle and high income retirees will pay higher taxes.

Older Americans can learn more about Social Security and Medicare by joining the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. You can get a free brochure about the organization or a copy of its official newspaper if you write to the National Committee, 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.



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Polio	OPV	2 mos., 4 mos., 6 mos., 18 mos. 4 yrs. (or before kindergarten)	5 doses
Measles Mumps Rubella	MMR	to be given at or after 15-mos. old	1 dose
Haemophilus Influenzae Type b	Hib	to be given between 2 and 5 years of age	1 dose

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Panhandle Crisis Center

M ARY FRANCES ELLZEY

Did you miss the article in Ann Landers' column, written by a former wife-beater? Let me excerpt it for you:

"Too many people, including the victims, think nothing can be done about it. This sends a message to batterers that they can get away with it...People need to know the reason a battered woman stays... she feels worthless and believes she deserves the abuse, or she has no place to go, or he's threatened he will find her and hurt the children...If you hit a stranger on the street you will be arrested. Dogs get more protection from abuse than women..."

(By the way, did you know that in our country animals received protective legislation before children did? The first child brought to court for having been pitifully mistreated was handled in the name of the dog in the street!)

"...counties now have a mandatory arrest policy to deal with domestic violence. This means an arrest must be made even if the victim refuses to press charges... We must not wait until the abuser nearly kills a woman before we stop the violence. We must call the police as soon as we become aware that a beating is in progress. When we ignore a woman who is hoing

beaten, we contribute to the abuse .. Wife-beating is learned behavior and it can be unlearned. I know because I have lived through it. I am a Former Wife-Beater in New

Doesn't that pack a message? And speaking of messages:

Some important and deeply disturbing information, presented by Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby in his anti-Crime Plan of 1989, gives the following facts: Texas has a larger percentage of its population in the corrections system than any other state. One in every 34 Texas: adults is currently on probation. in jail, in prison, or under parole supervision. This is twice the national average. In the last 20 years, the per capita spending for prisons has increased 600%. And despite this enormous increase in prison spending, Texas citizens face greater risks now than they did 20 years ago. We must break the cycle of criminal behavior.

Family violence is self perpetuating, a link in the cycle of crime. Thirty percent of the women murdered in this country die at the hands of their domestic partner. In Texas, family violence centers are able to serve less than half of those who seek their help. Thank God that is no longer true in Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hansford Counties! But the statistics that come to our office indicate that as many as 600 women per month are turned away from the Shelters in

We must find a better way to stop crime.

quote from Lt. Hobby's report: 'Most felons grew up in poverty and/or violent or dysfunctional families. Many were victims of physical or sexual abuse. We can

no longer ignore their needs as children and simply plan to incarcerate them 10 or 20 years hence. We must address the underlying causes of crime or we insure that hundreds of thousands of young people will become criminals and that hundreds of thousands of law abiding citizens will become victims of crime."

Several programs are proposed to meet these needs, and our three counties are in need of all of them. Among them are elementary school counselors. Let's write our school boards and insist on their providing these for our schools. It's not only in the interest of the future of our children, it's definitely in the interest of all of us. You or I may be the next victims of crime!

The good news is that Lt. Governor Hobby has recommended and achieved the passing of a bill to grant twice as much money to Family Violence Centers as had been allocated. Let's write him to thank him for this increase in funds for shelter services, which definitely does and will reduce crime, not to mention human misery. You can address him at Capitol Hill, Austin,

Write him now! And write your school boards

Scout cookies in

Girl Scout cookies are now in and Scouts will be delivering them March 17 - April 2.

Anyone who did not get a chance to order cookies and would like some can call:

Troop 116, Rhonda Reichen 659-2111; Troop 126 & 127, Myrna Biggers - 659-3505; or Troop 90, Debbie Hornsby - 659-3259.



Area Farmers and Ranchers!

We at First National Bank are

taking this time, Ag Day, March 20th for

Honoring America's Providers

An upbeat outlook

*And now the 1989 forecasts

As in 1988, they're generally upbeat, at least that's true for the forecasts coming from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Annual Outlook Conference in Washington during late November and early December.

Here's a summary of the outlook for U.S. agriculture, according to reports released during the confer-

Production-U.S. production of wheat, corn and soybeans is expected to rebound in 1989 in response to higher prices from drought reduced harvests. For some crops, the government also has eased its landidling requirements for subsidy programs. In general, global grain and soybean stocks were down about one third in 1988, with reserves good for about two months of use for grains and 11/ 2 months for soybeans.

Exports-U.S export values should rise by about \$1 billion to \$36.5 billion in fiscal year 1989, while volumes are forecast to decline by 8 percent to 136 million metric tonnes. The U.S. share of world grain trade is expected to slip to 46 percent from 50 percent in 1988.

Prices-World prices for wheat, corn and soybeans are expected to be at their highest point since 1985. Food prices are forecast to climb 3 percent to 5 percent, which com-

1985

54,000

53,000

90,000

80,000

72,000

36,000

62,000

96,000

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Georgia

Indiana

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississipp

Montana

Nebraska

Oklahoma

Texas

North Carolina

North Dakota

South Dakota Tennessee

West Virginia

United States

products during the year. *Preliminary.

that included the effects of the drought.

Income-Net farm income, which includes rising values of inventories of commodities, will increase by about 20 percent to between 44 billion and \$48 billion in 1989. Cash farm income is expected to fall about 10 percent to \$48 billion to \$52 billion. Higher production costs and lower direct government payments will draw down cash gains from rising

Weather-Forcasters are assuming there will be a rebound from the drought in 1988. If not, all bets are off. Statistics do favor a return to more normal production, but climatologists are concerned about possible global warming trends.

Now for some details:

The global agricultural outlook for 1989 will be highlighted by smaller crops and higher prices but near-record meat supplies, a senior U.S. Department of Agriculture official said at the opening of the USDA annual Agricultural Outlook Conference. James Donald, chairman of the World Agricultural Outlook Board, said demand for both crop and animal products will be firm next year and crop prices will be strong. Expanded crop production is likely by the second half of the year.

Supplies of animal products will continue to be large, dampening livepares with a 4 percent rise this year stock price increases, he said.

Land in Farms

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1,000 Acres

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Table 30.-Number of farms and land in farms, by States, June 1, 1985-871

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49,000

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33.000

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Farms

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Number

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50,000

79.000

86,000 77,000

119,000

70,000

99,000

36.000

60,000

93,000

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88,000

36,000

162,000

21,000

82,000

1A farm is a place as of June 1 that sells or could sell \$1,000 of agriculture

57,0100

People Get More For Their Money

Table 1. The amount of food a factory worker's hourly pay would buy

Food item	1950	1986	
White bread	10.1 lbs	15.6 lbs.	
Frying chickens	2.5 lbs.	10.4 lbs.	
Milk	8.0 qts.	7.9 half gals	
Fresh potatoes	32.7 lbs.	36.5 lbs.	
Eggs	2.4 doz.	10.1 doz.	
Pork	2.7 lbs.	4.9 lbs.	

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY. March 20, 1989 - in honoring America's providers:

the 21 million men and women who make up the food and fiber industry.

* 1988 Fact Book of Agriculture Agriculture Council of America Education Foundation





Honoring America's Providers

Small-scale agriculture

Small-scale agriculture implies people utilizing alternative systems to attain gainful employment. Smallscale agriculture, sometimes referred to as "small farms," constitutes a significant number of the Nation's 2.2 million farms, as noted in the 1988 Fact Book of Agriculture intro-

When farms grossing less than \$40,000 annually are defined as small," then more than 7 out of 10 U.S. farms are classified as small.

Awarenessis growing that smallscale farmers make a signigicant contribution to economic development of both agribusiness and consumer industries of rural communities throughout the United States. Some say such people are the "mortar" providing rural communities with social and economic strengths.

USDA's Office for Small-Scale Agriculture was created as part of the Cooperative State Research Service to increase and improve the flow of information about small-scale farming to agricultural producers and consumers. It is a focal point for distribution of USDA resources on this subject.

The office functions as a liaison to other USDA agencies such as the Extension Service and the Agricultural Research Service in identifying and directing research and educational programs to improve usefulness of information received by all small-scale farmers and others wishing to join their ranks.

Ongoing and planned activities of

the office include: · A bimonthly newsletter on small-scale agriculture:

scale agriculture contacts;

·Factsheets on small-scale agri-*A national directory of small-

·An assessment of all ongoing USDA research and educational efforts that target on small-scale agri-

·Continual monitoring and/or implementing of conferences on small-scale agriculture.

Table 15.—Agricultural productivity

Year	U.S. Population (July 1) (millions)	index of total farm output (1977 = 100)	Index of* output per work hour (1977 = 100	Crops harvested (million) acres)
			DIMESTS OF	
1930	1123.1	43	NA	369
1940	1132.1	50	NA	341
1950	151.7	61	22	345
1955	165.3	69	30	340
1960	180.8	76	42	324
1965	194.4	82	56	298
1970	205.1	84	74	293
1975	216.0	95	90	336
1976	218.0	97	97	337
1977	220.2	100	100	345
1978	222.6	104	104	338
1979	225.1	111	113	348
1980	227.8	104	109	352
1981	230.1	118	123	366
1982	232.5	116	125	362
1983	234.8	96	99	306
1984	237.0	112	121	348
1985	239.3	119	140	342
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Includes 50 States.

*Revisions made last year in the labor input series produced extensive changes to the indexes for labor and total output per work hour.

*January Harvest States Journal

National Agriculture Day - Honoring America's **Providers**

National Agriculture Day is an annual observance which focusses national attention on the important contribution the food and fiber industry makes to the American economy. The official observance for 1989 Ag Day is March 20th.

All across the country people celebrate agriculture on this day, and during the week of March 19-25, to help increase the awareness of agriculture's accomplishments and the challenges it faces in continuing to meet the world's food and fiber needs.

How many people know American agriculture a production miracle? Well, it is! Consider these facts.

*Fewer than 2.5% of the nation's population, using only 60% of production capacity, can provide 250 million Americans food of the highest quality and purity at less cost as a percentage of income than any other country in the world.

*The food and fiber industry alone generates appoximately 20% of the nation's Gross National Product and 20% of the national employment.

Farmers are consumers as well as producers

Like everyone else, the U.S. farmer is a consumer and a taxpayer,

as well as a producer. Farmers pay about \$3.7 billion in farm real estate taxes annually, and \$474 million in personal property

In 1986, farm operators spent about \$122 billion for goods and services to produce crops and livestock. They had available \$37.5 billion in personal income from production activities and government payment and \$44.7 billion from nonfarm sources to spend for personal taxes, debt reduction, investments, and some of the same things that city people buy.

Farmers' 1986 purchases included the following:

• \$6.4 billion for farm tractors and other motor vehicles, machinery, and equipment;

. \$9.5 billion for fuel, lubricants, and maintenance for machinery and motor vehicles used in the farm business

• \$19 billion for feed and seed: •\$5.8 billion for fertilizer and lime.

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Club News

BROWNIE TROOP 90

girls are working on three try-it

badges. Eight girls are active

The group is touring some of

Spearman's local businesses. Soon

the brownies will have two city lots

to care for. Group leaders want to

thank all the folks of Spearman and the girl's parents for being sup-

portive, and making this year a

members of this group.

Troop 90 first and second grade

Reaching home in time to enjoy the full benefits of the dust storm early in the week were the Robert Novaks and Fred Holts who had been wintering in Mexico.

They both spent a couple of months at San Carlos. This is near Guaymas, on the coast, off the Sea

Usually, their winter vacation is spent in the warm sunshine enjoying the beach and fishing. However, this year they were surprised with a very rare cold and windy winter. As a result, the fishing was not as satisfying and as much fun as they expected.

They returned the early part of the week, but Robert flew back to Tucson on business and returned on Thursday.

Olive and Owen Pendergraft spent a pleasant weekend with old friends. They drove to Tyrone on Friday, where they were guests of Mrs. Lillian Ottaway and her daughter, Vera Gray, of Ulysses.

On Saturday, they all went to Garden City and met other members of the Wheat Belt Good Sam Travel group for a dinner at the Flight Deck. Twenty members enjoyed the get-together.

A guest of Marva and Bob Hohertz for several days has been her mother, Mrs. Eula Pearl Petree, of Canadian.

Carolyn Davidson has been notified that she will be receiving some publicity from an unexpected source. The background is that for several years she has suffered a disability of her right hand. Three times she has undergone surgery for it and still it is not functioning. When the same condition began to appear in her left hand, she was put in touch with Dr. John Ellis, of Mt. Pleasant. He is the author of four books on this and related subjects. He was interested enough to fly to Amarillo and meet his directions, she is pleased to report an improvement in her left

Among the Neighbors

in April.

Eddie Lee Blackburn of Houston was in Spearman from Wednesday through Sunday. He was enroute to Lubbock on business and stopped by to visit his mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Blackburn and other relatives, as well as old friends.

Rita and Bobby Lesly will have a full schedule of grandparenting with the arrival of two little

Their son, Airman Richard Lesly, and daughter-in-law Lisa, announce the arrival of Glen Paul Lesly at the Air Base hospital at Altus on Feb. 2. He weighed eight-pounds six-ounces.

His grandparents are Rita and Bobby Lesly, Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bevenue, of Tulsa. Great-grandparents are Glen

and Hazel Lesly, of Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Rose of Natural Dam, Ark.

He has a 11/2 year old sister, Melissa.

Drew Michael Grotegut, the son of Mike and Angela Grotegut of Gruver, was born on Mar. 8, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed eightpounds, fixe-ounces and was 201/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are

Bobby an Rita Lesly of Spearman; great-grandparents are Glen and Hazel Lesly, Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Rose of Natural Dam, Ark.

Paternal grandparents are Henry and Rosalie Grotegut of Gruver; great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fortin, Canyon.

His sister is Laina, 21/2 years old.

her for an examination. Following

Her case will be included, with 22 similar cases, in a paper which Dr. Ellis has prepared and will present to the New York Academy of Science meeting in Philadelphia

Brownie Scouts [front, 1-r] Leah DeArmond, Brandi Burch, Rachel Burch, Brenda Reichen, [back row] Lena Harbour, Deanna Zabin, Rhonda Dunaway.

Doc Blakely's

And what about no bishop at all?

I'm glad to see Bishop Harris in

the office. I think she has a flair for

publicity, showmanship, and is

certainly one of the few bishops

who could get away with more

stylish clothing, open-toed shoes,

You think Barbara has had a

tough time? Just think about the

priest who nominated Harris for

No wonder Americans are suf-

lering from an idenity crisis. It's

enough to make one pray "Our

Mother which art in Boston, Bar-

bishop, Father Mary Pool.

and painted toenails.

bara by they name...'

remember our exes.

Pokin'

Fun

Cami Willingham, and Megan Woolley have been working on their "Try-it Badges" this past Girl Scout Week, Mar. 12-18.

Global Releaf provides relief

The aim of Global ReLeaf is simple: plant a tree and cool the globe.

Global ReLeaf, a national treeplanting campaign by the American Forestry Association, is aimed at reducing high temperatures caused by too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

"Present global temperatures are the highest since records have been kept," said Dr. Michael J. Walterscheidt, forestry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This global warming, or "greenhouse effect," results when carbon traps the sun's rays, Walterscheidt said. This creates a global hothouse. "Trees could help cool the globe

because they use carbon dioxide to grow while producing life giving oxygen," said the forestry specialist.

But, instead, trees remain under attack.

Tropical zones are losing forests to agricultural conversion at an estimated rate of 27-28 million

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successful one for the scouts. The leaders of Troop 90 are Debbie L. Hornsby and Cindy Peirson. The leaders and the girls of Troop 90 wish to say Thank You!

acres per year, and city expansions replace trees with acres of concrete every day. If present trends continue, scientists estimate the level of atmospheric carbon dioxide will double, raising U.S. temperatures 6 to 12 degrees F. in a few decades.

'Trees planted around homes and in communities would break up 'heat islands' by shading buildings and concrete, Walterscheidt said. "Three well-placed trees around a house can cut home air conditioning energy needs by 10-50

Global ReLeaf encourages Americans to plant and care for trees in yards and around towns. The program's goal is to get people to plant 100 million trees in communities by 1992.

These 100 million trees could offset America's carbon dioxide emissions by 18 million tons a year and at the same time save American consumers \$4 billion annually in energy costs, according to American Forestry Association estimates.

Trees planted in rural forests could offset up to one-third of the current carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuel, said Walter-

"Global ReLeaf is designed to make Americans aware of 'missing trees' in their communities and how replacing these trees can help reduce carbon dioxide and global temperatures," he said.

Easter Seal Society provides assistance

The Texas Easter Seal Society is providing a Specific Assistance Program to be available to persons in this area. The service can provide assistance in obtaining equipment for persons with disabilities.

The service provides crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, and braces to persons who qualify. The Texas Easter Seal Society offers an equipment loan program, as well as assistance in purchasing needed equipment, evaluations, transportation, hearing aids and therapy, for persons with no where else to

A free post-polio support program and information and referral services are also available through Easter Seals. Those who think they may qualify can contact Sheila Jones at 1-800-492-5555.

THANK YOU

I want to say thank you for all the flowers, cards, calls, visits, prayers, prayergrams, and food that I received while in the hospital and after I came home. A special "thank you" goes to Brother Russ Gibbs for his visit while I was in the hospital.

Thank you, Lois Nollner

46 local citizens donate blood

Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo held a blood drive in Spearman in early March. 46 local citizens donated blood.

The Center expresses its gratitude to the following individuals for their donations: S.B. Sheets, Verlin Behne, Loretto Cook, Irvin Davis, Floyd Dry, Tony Ferguson, Tammy

Lucille Hagerman, Jo Ann Hawkins, Pat Jackson, Roy L. McClellaa, Richard Moore, Earl Novak, Bill Pittman, Oscar Rodriguiz; Jim Thomas, Billy Volden,

Wanda Widener, Rosa Baker, Joyce Cummings, Leo Cummings, Dale Moyer, Reagan Baker; Chris Deakin, Lilly Love, Beckee

ningham, Gary Easley, Charolette Jackson, Tammie Jackson; Clifford Lang, Delinda Mc-Laughlin; Kathy Morley, Leona

Moyer, Royce Muniz, Lupe Ren-

Baker, Loran Biggs, James Cun-

teria, Rosa Rojas, Monty Ross; Andy Scarborough, Bambi Torres, Julian Torrez, Jr., Kathy Volden, Norlan Winegarner, Cheryl Freeman and Sandy Russell.



There are almost six million red blood cells in a cubic millimeter of

female bishop, Barbara Harris. She's black, divorced, controversial, favors homosexual marriages, and isn't even from California. Boston was the site of the

Oh brother

Well, the Episcopalians, have

"gone and done it now" as the

saying goes. They've elected a

consecration. It was a quiet ceremony on national TV with only a few hundred million people watching. Most of them were saying, "What's an Episcopa-

There was little opposition to the new Bishop according to church officials and Barbara made a stunning arrival as she stepped from her armored car.

She wore the traditional flowing robes and carried a shepherd's staff. It looked very holy and was color coordinated with the gas mask and the german shepherds.

Proponents say that Harris will bring a fresh perspective to an office that has been held by men for 2,000 years. Women are plenty steamed about it, too. You'd be mad, too, if you had had to dance backwards for 20 centur-

Some critics say her service could split the church. They didn't say whether it was the 9 or the 11

Others believe it could reverse a 20-year decline in Episcopalian membership. I think it might also help if they would change the name to something that can be spelled.

This protestant denomination includes such prominent members as the President of the United States. Opponents of Bishop Harris say she has no formal training, no seminary degree, and lacks practical experience over the last eight years. Just like Bush.

I think she'll do just fine. I'm not too sure about Bush.

"Parishes that do not want a female bishop can petition for the services of a male one," according to the denomination's national convention last summer. Now, that's a sexist remark if I ever heard one. They made no provision for those who do not want a male

Editors Note: The "Class of 1979" will be having their 10 year reunion this summer. The Hansford Plainsman will be running a brief profile on the students during the next few weeks. We want Spearman to

John Reneau - graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Sports Medicine. He also received his Master's Degree in Sports Medicine. John then taught biology and was sports trainer at Pampa High School. He also worked at the Pampa Hospital. John is now working toward a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy in Houston at TWU. John enjoys carpenter work, building shelves and cabinets. He also likes to do yard work.

Laura Nelson Dahl - went to Houston after graduation, where she learned computerized printing on the job. She later moved back to Spearman. She is married to Garland Dahl, a rancher and owner of Texhoma Cattle Feeders. They live north of Gruver. Laura is secretary for the family business. Laura and Garland have two children, Ole, age 3, and James, age 4 months. Laura enjoys cross stitch and bicycle riding.

Scot Martin - attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock for 3 years then went to Texas A & M Veterinary School for 4 years where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Dr. Martin worked one year in Lexington, Ky. with Castleton Farm Breeders of Standard Bred horses. He is now associated with Littleton Large Animal Clinic, an equine practice in Littleton, Colo. Scot and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Garrett, age 3, and Stuart, age 4 mon. Scot enjoys fishing, snow skiing, and basketball.

Christy West Esarey - went to beauty school in Liberal, Kan., after high school. She was then a beauty operator for two years. She is now driving a school bus until

she can take her state board for her Colorado State Beauty license, Her husband, Don, is a driver for Permian. They live in Cheyenne Wells, Colo. They have two sons, Matt, age 12, and Bailey, age 2. Christy enjoys needlepoint and bowling.

Arthur Cantu - went to TSTI in Amarillo, after graduation, where he studied welding. He was then a welder for 3 years. Arthur now works for Thriftway Grocery in Spearman. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and camping. Carey Bridges - attended South-

western Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., after graduation, where he received a Pharmaceutical Degree. He then worked for Eckard's Pharmacy in Abilene for 2 years and Rexall Drug in Spearman for 3 years. He is now associated with Eli Lily Pharmaceutical Co. in Amarillo. Carey enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, and karate.

Criselda Vela - worked for the Spearman Reporter, Dr. Muthali, and the Hansford Hospital after graduation. She is now at St. Francis Convent in Amarillo where she is a Novice. In 8 years, she will take her vows to be a Nun. Criselda is studying to be a teacher. She enjoys football games and sports.

Lori Short Scroggs - started working for the City of Spearman at City Hall in high school and has worked for them ever since graduation. She is now Customer Account Supervisor. Her husband, Larry, works for Hutchison County.

They have one son Brace, age 7. Lori likes to do lawn and garden work. She enjoys being outside.

Florenzio Martinez - joined the Air Force out of high school. He is a Sergeant at Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Okla. Florenzio has three children, David, age 7, Michael, age 3, and Felicia age 2. He enjoys weight lifting and running.

Jana Beth Buchanan - received her Bachelor's Degree in Business from West Texas State University. She worked a year and then went back to college to receive a degree in Physical Education and Math. Jana taught at Snyder one year and is now teaching at River Road in Amarillo. She is a junior high coach and math teacher. Jana enjoys women's softball where she is a pitcher.

Richard Lesly went to TSTI where he studied electronics. He then worked at Panhandle Eastern and at an air conditioning company in Amarillo. He has been in the Air Force for 2 years, stationed at Altus Air Force Base. Richard and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Melissa age 1 1/2 and Glen, 1 month. Richard likes to collect guns, go hunting and fishing, and work on old pickups and cars.





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The City has an excellent fringe benefit program which includes retirement, group hospitalization insurance, vacation, holidays, and sick leave.

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Taxpayers May Reduce Public Debt

Taxpayers filing federal income tax returns may make voluntary contributions to reduce the public debt, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

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tle the tax hability. Contributions to reduce the public debt are deductible on Schedule A of Form 1040, for the tax year in which they are made, the same as other charitable contributions.



Regina Biggers. Lori Wattier and Alisha LaRochelle, meetings and visiting with judges as part of their have been working on their Silver Award and a Law work towards the awards.

Declining crude should ring alarm bells

Projected crude production declines of 85 to 95 percent in the nation's two largest producing states - Alaska and Texas - over the next 25 years should be ringing alarm bells in Washington, according to Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent.

Nugent said the Alaska Department of Natural Resources projects that state's daily crude production rate to fall from 1.99 million barrels a day this year to only 112,000 barrels a day by the year 2014, a staggering 94 percent drop. Most of the fall will come from declining production in the giant Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk fields, according to the agency. The estimate assumes relatively stable oil prices over the period.

"Here in Texas we are looking at a similar decline curve," Nugent said. "Over the last three years we have seen the daily oil production rate fall an average of 5.7 percent a year. If we continue losing production at that pace, our average daily production rate could fall

from 1.9 million barrels a day in 1988 to only 270,000 barrels a day by 2014, an 86 percent drop over 25 years.

"These two states alone produce almost half of the country's crude oil," Nugent said. "Unless we reduce national consumption or stimulate production, we will have only one source to turn to for our crude oil needs of the future unstable foreign imports. And we are already into the danger zone in that area.

The 10-year Commission veteran noted recent reports from the American Petroleum Institute that the U.S. imported more oil than it produced in January, saying imports are becoming a "dangerous habit" for the U.S.

"Imports of crude oil and petroleum products in January were 20 percent higher than just one year ago," Nugent said. "averaging more than 8 million barrels a day for the first time since 1980. We're becoming foreign crude junkies, risking the health of our economy and the well-being of our domestic producers to supply our habit." Nugent said rather than ignoring

the plight of U.S. producers and accepting addiction to foreign oil supplies, the federal government should be supporting efforts to wring every possible barrel out of the country's oil fields.

"With improved technology and the right incentives, Texas' crude oil reserves could be doubled through enhanced recovery,' Nugent said. "We need a federal committment to join in an energy partnership with industries and our universities to open new avenues for developing our remaining reserves - a committment to underwriting enhanced recovery research."

The commissioner said studies show the potential for adding 22 billion barrels of recoverable oil reserves nationwide and almost 8 billion in Texas through enhanced recovery techniques.

"Doesn't it make sense that we do what we can to help ourselves before we give in to foreign interests?" Nugent said.

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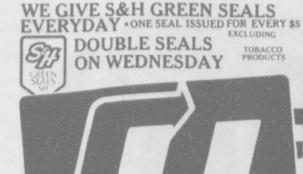
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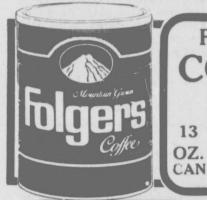
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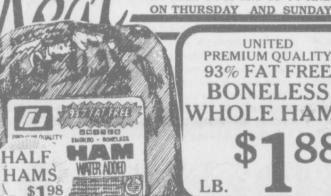
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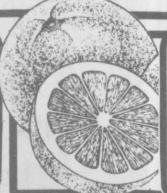
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