

HOLDING A PIECE OF HANSFORD HISTORY in the form of a brick from the old Hansford courthouse is Viola McNabb Whitson. Mrs. Whitson will be reigning as the 1987 Hansford Round Up Pioneer Queen.

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perfectly with the story of the Hans-

So, it was set. She and I were to go

out in the country the very next

Saturday morning and get the picture.

sun was shining, there just wasn't any

wind . . . one of those few, rare spring

To make a long story short, we

couldn't find a way across the creek.

And then, out in the middle of a

there while staff photographer Nick

Gray hiked down to a farm house to

You'd think that would be enough

Nick went with Mrs. Whitson --

I write the story. It looks decent,

the typesetters set the story. They

proofread it and correct it. Then I

proofread it. The typesetters correct it

Then. Nick leaves on vacation. It

comes time to run the story. I find the

picture Nick has printed. I don't like it.

Now that doesn't mean it was a bad

So, later this past Thursday even-

picture. It just means I didn't like it.

ing, I call Mrs. Whitson. I explain the

situation on the picture. Then I ask if

Again, she graciously consents.

Then I tell her I need it now . . .

Mrs. Whitson stutters. But it was

At this point, I can almost imagine

what is going through her mind. And

the thoughts I'm thinking that she's

But, I underestimated both Mrs.

Whitson's capacity for understanding

and her unlimited patience. She

The results are above. Mrs.

Whitson, if you've taken the trouble of

reading this . . . thank you. This is one

publisher who has learned a great deal

Our final note: The optimist be-

lieves that this is the best of all

possible worlds. The pessimist is

Golf scramble

has 25 entries

A 2-man scramble slated for a

shotgun start at the Hansford Golf

Club June 13-14 already has some 25

entries, reports a spokesman for the

limited to the first 50 teams which

each day are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There will be a Calcutta at 8 p.m.

June 13 and a \$1000 Savings Bond is

up for grabs for the first hole-in-one on

The Bankers Classic is sponsored

each year by the Gruver State Bank,

and the two Spearman Banks -- First

be from Hansford county.

State and First National.

The annual Banker's Classic is

thinking aren't gracious at all.

she minds if I take another picture.

tonight . . . if possible.

a most gracious stutter.

consented to the picture.

from your example.

afraid he's right.

once we got back into town -- to take a

use the phone and call us a ride.

for anybody, right? Read on.

picture at her house.

And this gracious lady had to set

country road, the car broke down.

And a beautiful day it was, too. The

ford Round Up Pioneer Queen.

days in the Texas Panhandle.

If you need a definition for lady, let me make it simple; Viola McNabb Whitson.

She is a most charming and gracious lady. She'd have to be after all we've done for her.

Mrs. Whitson is the 1987 Hansford Round Up Pioneer Queen and the subject of a feature story you'll find at the top of this page.

Unfortunately, she's also been the subject of a few too many mistakes on our part.

It would be funny under other circumstances -- two others, to be

First, it would be funny if somebody other than ourselves had made the mistakes. Secondly, it would be funny if somebody other than ourselves had made the mistakes.

Yes, you read that correctly.

It all started in what we call a teaser story about the Hansford Round Up which we ran a few weeks back.

Then we booted her name with a typographical error. We'll not repeat that typo here. Let's just say with a last name like Whitson, the "S" key and the "W" key are far too close together on the keyboard.

To compound matters, we printed that story in both the Gruver Statesman and the Spearman Reporter. The same way. In each one.

When we called to apologize, Viola was most gracious . . . far more gracious than we deserved.

Then, we had the pleasure of doing an interview with her and quickly found out just what a true lady she is. It was a delightful time for us . . . hopefully, it was for her as well.

In the course of the interview, she mentioned her family's homestead down by the Palo Duro Creek. Then we had a brainstorm! Little did I know how stormy it would become.

I decided a picture of her down on the old homestead would fit in

Memorial set for victim of accident

A memorial service for the victim of a Memorial Day boating accident at Lake Meredith, Russell Dean Pierce, will be held Monday morning at the Union Church in Spearman.

The Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor, will conduct the 11 a.m. services for the Spearman resident who is still listed as missing by National Park Rangers at the Hutchinson lake facility.

Born June 20, 1961, in Paris, Ca., Mr. Pierce had lived in Spearman for the past seven years. He was employed by Service Drilling Company of Spearman.

He was preceeded in death by a brother, Calvin, in 1979.

Survivors include his mother, Rosa Steele of Vernovia, Or., and his father, James F. Pierce of Dallas; four brothers, Frank of Vernovia, Roy of Lion Ill., David of Clatskini, Or. and Mike of Woodward, Ok.;

His grandmother, Julia Faus Mc-Manus of Gage, Ok.; an uncle and five aunts, including Juanita Pierce of Spearman.

During annual Hansford Round Up . . .

Viola Whitson to reign as Pioneer Queen

The 1987 edition of the Hansford Round Up is only days away with the gala celebration slated to begin Thurs-

Reigning over the 3-day festivities will be Pioneer Queen, Viola McNabb Whitson. The Hansford pioneer was selected by the Historical Society of Hansford county for this singular

She's 87-years young and enjoys every minute of living -- and loves every minute that she's living while she's at it.

"Some people just let themselves get too old," Mrs. Whitson declares. 'That's the reason they don't enjoy

It's a simple edict from a rather complicated woman who has traveled America -- both with her father in the early 1900's and, later, on her own to visit her son and grandchildren. Born in the first year of the Twentieth Century, the spontaneous Mrs. Whitson celebrated her 87th

birthday this past Feb. 12. A lot has transpired during those intervening years, both in Hansford county and in America as the nation moved from the horse and buggy era into manned landings on the moon.

'It's amazing how much things have changed," she notes. "When we first came out here, you couldn't even use a horse and buggy -- there weren't

'We didn't get a horse and buggy until either 1907 or 1908," Mrs. Whitson recalls.

Her story is an interesting one, spanning the years from the early beginnings of this county community to today's globe-trotting happenings.

And it is perhaps best told in her own words as she writes:

"In the summer of 1900, my father, Walter S. McNabb, left Stephens county, Texas, seeking a new home. After days and days of riding horseback all alone, he reached his goal.

It was a section of land some six miles north of the town of Hansford. He made improvements to the land to claim his homestead. These improvements included a windmill, an earth tank, a shed and a one-room dugout with a sod roof and a view of the universe

In 1904, Daddy brought my mother, Bertie, my brother, Warren, and me to the homestead. My mother was from Boston and the dugout was different to say the least. But she never com-

plained and made that a home for us. It has been home ever since that

day, regardless of where I might reside.

Some of my most pleasant memories are of riding my burro up and down the Palo Duro Creek.

The court room of the old brick court house at Hansford was the center of activity for the entire county.

Box suppers, spelling bees, weddings, Sunday school and church were all held there. The church services were special and, whenever a traveling preacher came through the county, everyone came to town. They either stayed with friends or camped out down by the creek.

In the evenings everyone sat outside and sang hymns. The coyotes up in the hills would join in with our songs.

It is any wonder that I remember

See "PIONEER" p-2



First installment of \$4.4 million

PDRA to receive bond money

The first installment of an overall \$22.3 million in Texas water development funds will be released to the Palo Duro River Authority within the next two-three weeks, reports Johnnie Lee, executive director of the Hansfordbased project.

That first installment will total \$4.4 million for the proposed 60,900 acre foot lake which will serve as a water supply reservoir for cities in Hansford and Moore counties as well as the City of Stinnett.

The PDRA board decided to take the state financing package once private company lending rates began rising.

The \$4.4 million will be used to fund current projects already completed by the PDRA.

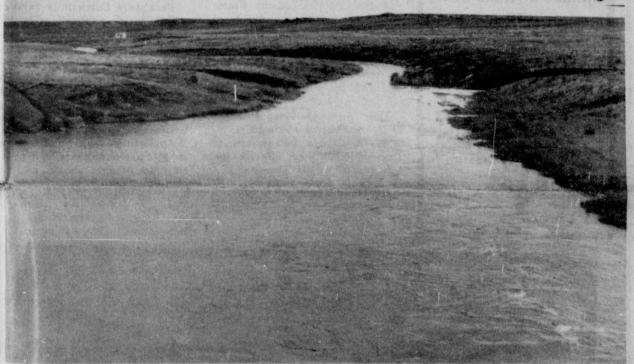
Lee reports that the interest rates on the state funding will carry a 7.6 percent ceiling. Should rates on subsequent bonds be lower, the rate

Private lending rates for 25-year bonds on the current market are running in excess of eight percent, a key factor in the board's decision to take the state funding route.

Purchase of the PDRA bond issue was approved earlier this year by the Texas Water Commission. The bond issue had been voted by residents of the authority in August, 1986.

The Hansford-based project is the first funded under the Texas Water Plan which was established by an amendment to the state constitution in

The remaining \$17.9 million in bonds will be available to the river authority as they are needed, notes



RECENT RAINS ON THE PALO DURO water shed had the Palo Duro Creek flowing from bank to bank. This picture, taken just north of the Hansford Golf Course

by Kenneth Evans, shows an upstream view of the

The 1987 tax rate has been tentatively set at 1.19 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate which was used in 1986 to fund the maintenance and operations of the water authority.

The water authority executive adds that the PDRA board does not yet have the figures on the amount which will be required to repay the debt and the tax rate which will be necessary to fund repayment.

Final free distribution of newspaper This is the final free paper to be distributed in Spearman,

capping a month long circulation campaign by both the Spearman Reporter and the Hansford Plainsman.

During the campaign, Spearman residents have been receiving free copies of the two newspapers.

The special campaign was used to announce the change of ownership of the two Spearman

Child registry to be held

A special free child registry will be held at the First National Bank in Spearman Monday and Tuesday, reports bank president Don Townsen.

The special service is being held in conjunction with the Spearman Police Department as a safeguard for area

SPD chief Joe Raper will be in charge of the 2-day registration which will have area children both fingerprinted and photographed for a child registry which will be kept in Spear-

"There is a national child registry," notes the Spearman chief. "But we'll be keeping these records here local-

Child registrations have been held across the nation, first gaining public attention some five years ago when stories of abducted youth and run-

aways began surfacing The registry Monday and Tuesday is the first for Spearman. The registration will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday.

papers and the new subscription rate of \$19.95 plus state sales tax. Spearman residents can still

subscribe to the newspaper by calling 659-3434 or by writing Box 458, Spearman, Tx. 79081. Subscriptions will be started

immediately. If checks do not accompany written orders, they will be billed as a convenience to subscriber.

The Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman now features weekly oil and gas reports as well as a weekly TV log, live happenings from around Spearman and Hansford county as well as special feature articles.

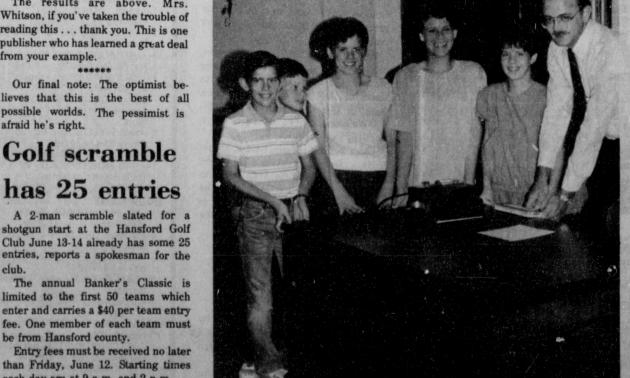
Keep watching both the Hansford Plainsman and the Spearman Reporter for new features. If you have suggestions or items you'd like to see, drop a line or give a call at 659-3434.

Immunization clinic Monday

An immunization clinic will be held Monday at the Spearman elementary school, reports Jerry DeSha, health program speicalist for the Texas Department of Health in Canyon.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

The TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income size as well as the ability to pay, reports



MAKING FINGERPRINTS. . . Spearman Police Chief Joe Raper, fingerprints one of First National Bank president Don Townsen's children for a special Spearman Child Registry. The registry will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Spearman bank.

Among the Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Buzzard were justifiably proud when they attended the high school graduation last Friday at Sercey, Ark. Their grandson, Travis Buzzard, graduated with honors from the Harding Academy. He was awarded a scholarship to Harding Univer-

They were gone five days and were accompanied by their daughter, Pattie Taylor, with Kam and Matt of Canyon.

It is a joy in the neighborhood to welcome Ailene White back to her home after a long sojourn in St. Anthony's Hospital. She will be confined to her home for a while, but is gaining strength.

Freda and Bruce Sheets enjoyed the company of his nephew and wife, Jack and Judy Sheets of Oklhoma City, part of the week-end. They also were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of Nina and Del Taylor.

The Taylors were enroute to Lakin, Kan. after visiting their daughter, Janet Harrington, who teaches in Lawton.

Mrs. Fay Schweitzer of Redondo Beach, Ca. is visiting her sister, Ila

Mae Buchanan. Mrs. Buchanan had been to Carman, Ok. over the weekend where she attended a reunion of her cousins, and brought her sister back with her.

Certainly thanks are due Sandy

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FRIDAY - Catfish Fillets

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Just for you from

by Helen Fisher Russell for the nomination of Nina Hendricks as one of "Seven Who

Nina is in receipt of a complimentary letter from Station KVII, the sponsors, and an impressive Certificate of Appreciation issued by the Volunteer Action Center of United

Local opinion is that there could be no more deserving nominee than Nina, and lack of space prevents the listing all the reasons -- but congratulations are extended.

The military action in the Persian Gulf in which the frigate "Stark" was damaged seemed a lot closer when it was learned that Jay Comegys was also serving in the area.

He graduated from Spearman High School in 1980 and is serving on the Cruiser, U.S.S. "Valley Forge". He called his mother, Betty Perry, here as soon as he could get to a telephone assuring her that all was well with

He called from the naval base on Diego Garcia, the second day after the

Mr. and Mrs. Max Baggerly spent the Memorial Day weekend at Angel Fire. They were joined by their son and family, the Steve Baggerly's of

A number of the friends of Neva Day were pleased to received announcements of her recent marriage. She and Luey Miller were married on April 30.

They will live on his farm near Randlette, Ok. Neva and the late Joe Day lived here for many years before, and during, his long tenure as a Hansford county commissioner.

Mrs. Viola Boyd returned the latter part of the week from several days in California. She flew out with Winnie Vernon and Floydene Shook of

They visited relatives in Santa Ana and Buena Park, before taking a bus to northern California where they visited other relatives at Paradise.

Elsie Mathews accompanied her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cypert, of Borger, for a short trip to New Mexico. They enjoyed the scenery at Eagle Nest, Taos and Red River. She returned Wednesday.

Carroll Harper was concerned about

his eye sight when he first noticed some box cars moving down the railroad track under their own power. Late Monday, he and Joyce and Ora Lee Blackburn were driving

through Waka when they saw the approaching storm and took refuge between the two elevators. They saw the wind blowing the cars and causing other destruction, but

they escaped any damage.

The high school graduation of Donnie Hendricks was also an occasion for a trip through the Rockies for Don and Nina Hendricks, together with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hendricks, and little Tiffany.

They drove to Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak and the Garden of the Gods before going to Florence. There Nina served as baby-sitter while the others, together with the Rick Hendricks, went to the Royal George.

The graduation ceremony was held on Sunday, outdoors in lovely weather. Donnie, who is the son of the Rick Hendricks, has enlisted in the Navy and is scheduled to report to Florida in September.

Suzzanne and Brett Thoreson are beaming over the arrival of Tessa Dawn on May 26, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed 6-lb, 131/2-oz. Her grandparents are Jon and Marilyn Hart and Betty Jean Mullins of

Great grandmothers are Mrs Jenny Hart and Mrs. Gertie Sparks of Gruver, and Mrs. Aleen Lawder of

Tessa Dawn has generations of other relatives in the county, but none more enthusiastic about her arrival than her young aunt, Joni Hart.

Center hosts PCS youth employment

Panhandle Community Services will be taking applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program, Thursday at 5:30 at the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center in Spearman.

The program is open to youth ages 14-21, who qualify; eligibility is based on the family's income for the last six months.

Applicants should be accompanied by a parent or guardian if under 18 years of age; should bring a photo copy of their birth certificate Social Security Card, and proof of



VADEN ALDRIDGE

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PIONEER

my childhood so vividly? My father was county clerk of Hansford county from September, 1907, until December, 1912. He became associated with the Mordt Real Estate Company who was bringing the Norwegian people into the Oslo settlement.

This was a wonderful thing for Hansford county since they were the first to really farm on a large scale.

My family consists of my son, Craig Davis, who is a retired university professor and my daughter, Ann

Craig's wife is Doris who is a real estate broker in Llano, Texas. They have one son, Craig, Jr., who is with the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. Junior has a son and a daughter.

Ann's husband's name is James and he is a retired Air Force Colonel. They live in Albuquerque, N. Mex. They have a son, James, Jr. and a daughter, Paula Smith.

James, Jr. is with the U.S. embassy in Costa Rico. He and his wife have one daughter.

Paula is an instructor at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas and she and her husband have three sons.

Mrs. Whitson now spends a good deal of time outside of her home in Spearman and enjoys traveling . . mostly to visit her son and grand-

"I probably got my wanderlust from my father," she laughingly reports. "When he wanted to go, he went. And, if mother didn't feel like going with him, then I'd pack up and go."

Packing up and going might take them anywhere from Nashville to the Dakota's or Montana.

"I once heard Al Jolson sing in Kansas City," she remarks. "I don't think it was a night club . . . I really can't remember what it was, but I remember hearing him. I could have listened to him all night long."

Whitson can see a good many changes which have taken place in Hansford county. Apart from the physical changes, she notes many others as

"You couldn't believe the snakes that were out here," she declares. "I learned to kill snakes awfully quick, I can tell you that."

Many changes have been made to the land. "I can remember when the Palo Duro would rise and cover everything from hill to hill," she says. "People would have to leave their homes just to be safe."

Another remarkable feature is the weather which she claims is getting warmer every year.

'We don't have the cold or the blizzards now-a-days like we had back then," Mrs. Whitson recalls. "One time it started snowing -- it was October, 1912 -- and we didn't see the ground again until the following April."

During that time schools were closed and many ranchers were starved out when their cattle froze to death or they couldn't find enough food to stay healthy, she reports. 'We had another almost just like it

in 1918," she states. From burros to super-sonic transports. . . from depression days to the dust bowl. . . from financial boom to financial bust, she has seen it all, the 1987 Pioneer Queen is aptly chosen to lead off this year's edition of the Hansford County Round Up.

Dance recital slated Sunday

A dance recital will be performed by Hansford and Ochiltree dancers this Sunday afternoon at the Spearman high school auditorium.

The performance entitled "For the Love of Dance" will begin at 2 o' clock that afternoon, Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Hansford soil conservation gets new man

A Gonzales man, Vaden Aldridge, has joined the Hansford Soil Conservation Service staff in Spearman, assuming duties here this past week.

Aldridge served as a range conservationist at Gonzales for the past four years.

He has a bachelor's degree in from

Sul Ross State University and a master's degree in Range Science from Angelo State University. The new Hansford conservationist

and his wife, Kathy, have two daughters -- Andrea who is nine and Jacque who is 6 - years old.

Kathy is a teacher and has served in the Gonzales school district for three

"We're looking forward to living in and meeting the people of Spearman and Hansford county," Aldridge de-

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A 'Center' Piece

Well, here it is almost time for the Hansford Round-up. We here at Golden Spread Center have decided to have a "This N That" Sale this year in lieu of our usual bazaar.

We've not accomplished as much this year as usual (maybe we played too much) and have such a varied assortment of things that we've decided to change our sale for this year at

Jane Meek finished her rope basket today, (Pearl's still trying to finish hers), and several are already com-

We're going to have a bake sale, and hope all the great cook who come to the center will whip up something scrumptious for us to sell.

We've had fun the last few months with some young artists, DeLinda McLaughlin, Stephanie Brock, Theresa Kirk, and Brenda Shieldknight helping us with arts and crafts.

We're hoping for more help in the coming year so if any of you young ladies would consider helping us, give us a call and we'll make some

We're hoping for help one or two days each month, then we can work on the items the rest of the month.

As usual our quilters have done a great job so don't forget to get your tickets on this quilt to be given away next Saturday. Tickets are on sale at Cinderella Beauty Shop, First State Bank, Gordons Drug, J.G.'s and, of course, here at the Center.

Again, let us invite you down to our "This N That" sale which will include new items, white elephants, some very nice baked goods, and we'll see what else we can come up with in the interim. If you have something to contribute bring it on down.

Hope to see you all Saturday!

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1—Shopmade Hay Bunk. 45—35-Lb. Bags Blue Grama Grass Seed — 28% PLS, 89-91% Ger-

1-20-Lb. Bag Blue Grama Grass Seed - 28% PLS, 89-91% Ger-

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1-JD Van Brunt Drill, Steel Wheels w/Press Wheels 1-36' CRUSTBUSTER Springtooth

Harrow, CC. 1-30' CRUSTBUSTER Springtooth Harrow, CC, Small Wheels. —18' KRAUSE Chisel, HC, CC. 2-15' JEFFOREY Chisels, LC.

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businesses pay local taxes. They also make donations to local charities...probably your favorite charity! When you shop out of town, your money helps another community, not yours!

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce

Mary Fern Terry ends 44-year career . . .

Long-time Spearman bookkeeper retires

For Mary Fern Terry, the daily duties of figuring time cards, answering the phone, "toting" figures and a thousand countless other chores came to an end Friday evening.

Mary Fern -- the seemingly solid fixture at B&B Farm Industries in Spearman -- hugged Ralph Blodgett's neck Friday afternoon . . . then walked out the door to begin her retirement.

With that Miss Terry brought a 43-year career -- 33 of those with Blodgett-owned companies -- to an end.

"We're going to miss Mary," declares the Spearman businessman. "I'm going to have to use three different people to do her job."

Probably one of the original career women, Mary Fern Terry started her bookkeeping chores in 1944 when she moved into Spearman from her parents' farm in Hutchinson county.

A 1938 graduate of Spearman high school, Mary's parents were the Dan Terry's south of the Hansford city.

"It took me a long time to get use to

living in town," she laughs. "When I first came to Spearman, I lived with my grandmother, Mrs. J.F. Lackey, for about five years before I moved out on my own."

Her career spanned over four decades -- from 1944 to 1987 -- but during that time, Mary Fern worked for only two different employers.

The Spearman woman's first job was with the R.L. McClellan Grain Company where she got her first taste of bookkeeping..

She worked there for 10 years before changing jobs, moving to the Blodgett-owned grain elevators.

And during her 33-year tenure, Mary has seen a goodly number of changes.

"Probably the biggest change has been everybody going to computers," she remarks.

She's seen several other changes as well -- most of those at the company she retired from this past week.

What started as a bookkeeping position at a grain elevator became a similar job at a farm seed and supply

operation when Blodgett sold his interests in the grain elevator to Carl Archer.

Even then, the changes were just beginning. Next came entry into the oil and gas business as Blodgett branched out into independent production there. Of course, that's only been for the last decade.

What does a woman who has worked all her life do with retirement? "I'm going to travel some and do volunteer work," Mary reports. "I'm

going to do the things I haven't gotten to do in the last 44 years," she laughs. The decision to retire didn't come easily for the Hansford woman. It took

her over a year to make up her mind.
"I started thinking about it last
year," she notes. "But I kept putting
it off. Finally, I decided that this would

be as good a time as any . . . it's sure going to be entirely different for me."

Listening to Blodgett talk about Mary and Mary talk about her former employer, it begins to sound like a mutual admiration society gathering. And rightfully so after 33 years of business association.

But those in the know pretty well have it figured out -- Blodgett will probably miss Mary a good deal more than Mary will miss work.

"I can't say enough about Ralph Blodgett," Mary declares, "He's helped me in so many different ways."

And Blodgett discusses Mary, saying "It's nice to know that you can leave the business and it will be run just like you were here. Mary has done that more than once."

Spearman class works with pre-schoolers

The Child Development classes at Spearman High School recently conducted a Pre-School Activity Hour for children between the ages of 2 and 5-years old.

During the 40 minute periods, the child development students had the opportunity to work with the young children in providing various activities to promote physical, social and intellectual growth.

The high school students not only organized the many activities, but also planned and prepared various nutritional snacks for these youngsters. The children's activities included play dough, macaroni art, coloring and the bean bag throw, all of which help to

develop eye-hand coordination.

Larger motor skills were enhanced through nature walks, kickball play, swinging, and climbing the stairs at the football stadium.

Throughout the five pre-school activity hours, both the young children and the child development students had the opportunities to learn many new things about each other notes instructor Connie Engle.

For many of these students, this learning experience helped them to learn more about themselves and how they relate to young children," she

The child developlment course is a one-semester course for tenth, eleventh and senior grades taught by Mrs.

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A last look at Mary Fern Terry in her familiar setting at B&B Farm Industries in Spearman. The Spearman woman and long-time employee retired this Friday, ending a 44-year career in Hansford county.

Evans captures Amarillo talent, beauty contest

Spearman's Margie Evans won the talent portion of the Kids of America Talent and Beauty Contest held recently in Amarillo.

The Hansford county dancer competed in the 13 to 17 year old bracket. She was also second runner-up in the beauty portion of the contest.

Miss Evans performed a tap dance to "It Don't Mean a Thing" which was choreographed by Carla Beezley of Spearman.

She will now go on to Nationals in Dallas this July to compete. The talented dancer received second runner up in the nationals in 1986.

Texas A&M research may help people with diseased lungs

COLLEGE STATION — It may be possible for people with diseased lungs — or even one lung — to strengthen their respiratory muscles enough to live normal, active lives, says a physical education researcher at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Richard Coast of Texas A&M's Human Performance Laboratory is performing studies to estimate the blood flow to the respiratory muscles under stressed conditions such as exercise or in pulmonary disease. Under these conditions, the respiratory muscles may use a great deal of the total cardiac output, Coast said, limiting the blood flow to the exercising muscles and

hindering their performance.

The researchers hope to learn if the ability of the lungs to move air in and out limits the amount of exercise a person can do.



Travel service owners have to be wary of the lure of far-away places

Mae and Dale Wofford, owners of the D&M Travel Service in Spearman, have to be on guard to resist the lure of faraway places when Mae is booking tours. Travel has always held a fascination for Mae. She began her travel agent career in 1980 at Hereford

The business is located at 511 Southwest 11th, Room #102, Pittman-

Shieldknight Building. Mae handles the work load without any employees. It requires a certain amount of research and detail. Time and knowledge are also required in arranging

tours, car rentals, hotel reservations, Eurail passes and travel insurance arrangements with many suppliers.

Mae takes much interest with all the details in making the arrangements to

fit the needs and pleasures of each client. She tries to anticipate every contingency so there will be no difficulities on the tours.

Mae was born near Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas and moved to new Mexico when whe was 12 years old. She and Dale were married in November, 1957, at Portales.

Dale was born in Comanche, but lived for some years in West Texas before moving to New Mexico. he is employed by Equity Elevators and works southeast of Spearman.

He has been in the grain business and other agri-business all his adult life. he enjoys golf and photography in his leisure time. Occasionally he does some clock making.

Mae keeps busy with many varied activities. She felt rewarded for the many hours of study and preparation of her thesis when it was recognized and published in "The Travel Agent" magazine in December, 1986. This is a national publication and is recognized as an authority in the travel field.

As a result, Mae earned her Certified Travel Counselor designation. She is vice-president of the Holt Extension Club and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

As a hobby, she enjoys photography, other crafts and does much reading but, number one is traveling.

The Woffords have three married children and five grandchildren. Son

MAE WOFFORD of the D&M Travel Agency in Spearman.

Alan lives in New Mexico, daughter Rayma Hartwich lives in Florida and son Bert recently moved to Spearman. Grandchildren are Katy, 6; Cali, 4; Brandon, 20 months; Erin, 20 months; and Kennan, 3 months.

D&M Travel Service has been a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for three years. The Woffords feel that the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is very active. She appreciates the interest shown in existing businesses by the chamber, in addition to its work in bringing new business to the community.



A MATTER OF ANGLES... Coming up on this stop sign at Fourth and Dressen streets in Spearman, a motorist will quickly discover that it's doing its dead-level best to be seen around the trees planted near the curb. As



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Letter to editor

Dear Editor

Texans who are committed to legal fairness were pleased to see the Texas Senate pass tort reform legislation. Municipal officials are especially hopeful that the Senate action and pending action in the House will lead to genuine civil justice reform.

Tort reform is often depicted as a conflict between business interests and attorneys representing plaintiffs, when in fact cities and other local governments in Texas have a huge stake in the outcome.

In recent years the number of liability suits filed against Texas cities has jumped dramatically, and the dollar amount of damages paid has increased even faster. The increased tendency of plaintiffs to sue cities is encouraged by the perception that cities have the resources to pay sizeable judgments, coupled with the apparent belief that compensation should be determined by a defendant's ability to pay, rather than by degree of fault.

In many lawsuits, the city has the highest profile, the deepest pocket and the clearest identity. Many cities are sued solely for their deep pockets—their perceived ability to pay any claim, no matter how large. Even if a city prevails in a lawsuit, it must still assume the high cost of defense.

Scores of municipalities of all sizes have been unable to obtain liability insurance at affordable cost, which means that taxpayers are forced to bear the cost of civil judgments, legal expenses and employees' time in defending the cases. Others are able to obtain coverage only at steep premiums which also must be paid by local taxpayers. In addition, municipal reinsurance, which has been hard to find and very expensive when available, will be even more difficult--if not impossible--to obtain unless the Legislature acts to reduce city liability.

Unfortunately, the Senate version of tort reform failed to accomplish this. Its version actually expanded the liability of local governments and raised the limit on city liability to twice the limit that applies to the state.

Unless this is altered in the final bill, there will be no end to the troubles our cities and taxpayers face.

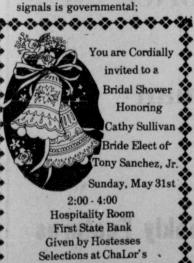
City functions are divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Governmental functions are those performed by a city as an agent of the state, such as law enforcement and firefighting. Cities have limited liability in the performance of these duties.

Such is not the case in regard to proprietary functions, for which liability is unlimited. The courts are left to decide into which category a city service falls, and the decisions seem to be whimsical. Some examples of the confusion:

--While garbage collection is governmental, garbage truck repair is proprietary:

--Erecting stop signs is governmental, but erecting signs that warn of construction or street improvements is proprietary;

--Street maintenance is proprietary, but maintenance of traffic signals is governmental;



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Because of this crazyquilt of liability and immunity established by the courts, insurance companies consider Texas cities to be risky. In Dallas last year, premiums soared from \$157,000 to almost \$1.5 million annually, for reduced coverage. Spearman's liability rates in 1985 went from \$48,537 to \$55,607 in 1987 with reduced coverage. Austin's airport liability rates rose from \$31,000 in 1985 to \$300,000 in 1986. In Amarillo, liability premiums jumped from \$40,000 to \$747,000 in two years. Nearly every other city faced similar insurance crisis.

Municipal governments face the painful choice of raising taxes or reducing services. Swimming pools and playgrounds have been closed, for example, and a variety of other activities curtailed.

The Legislature must enact civil justice reform now. We should not extend for years into the future the unfairness of existing laws and court doctrines. For this reason, the reforms should take effect immediately and apply to the thousands of cases already working their way through the courts. Many of these cases will not come to trial for years. When courts create new legal standards, those standards apply to all cases. Legislative reform should have the same effect.

It is time for genuine tort reform.
Sincerely,

C. Ralph Blodgett

Services held for Spearman relative

George A. Pond DUMAS - George

DUMAS - George A. Pond, 78, died Wednesday.

Services were held Thursday in Morrison Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jake Armstrong, of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Northlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Pond, born at Chillicothe, had lived in Dumas since 1983. He had lived at Pampa and Wheeler. He was a former employee of the Texas Highway Department in Wheeler and Phillips Petroleum in Pampa. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a son, Charles of Amarillo; two daughters, Fredia Ashby of Fritch and Georgia Thomas of Dumas; five brothers, Curtis of Amarillo, Aubrey and Teed, both of Canyon, J.T. of Spearman and Woody of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Rho Rho chapter has meeting

Rho Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its 528th meeting Thursday at the Hotel Royal Ca'e.

The social chairman reported that the couples party for May 30th was cancelled because of the weather and rescheduled for June 12th at Denise Harbour's back yard.

The ways and means chairman reported that Rho will have the ice cream booth at Hansford Round Up with each member making two freezers of ice cream. It was also voted to have a new fireworks stand built.

The float committee reported that Rho Rho is to work on it this Saturday and Sunday at Jim Shirley's barn.

Members present were Joyce Vanderburg, Kristi Ramon, Tammy Benton, Donna Murray, Leslie Cazares;

Beth Raper, Tina Wilmeth, Denise Donnell, Denise Harbour, Michelle Mahanay, Marsha Murphy, Holly Simpson, Barbara Townsen, and Peggy Varnon.

Boulter holds Perryton meet

U. S. Congressman Beau Boulter (Rep. - Tx), will be in Perryton, Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. for a town meeting with Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hansford residents.

The meeting is scheduled for the auditorium of the Perryton high school.

Boulter, from Amarillo, represents the 13th congressional district from the state of Texas in the Federal House of Representatives in Austin.

In a news release from Washington, Boulter said, "I am concerned about congressional decisions regarding federal spending, national security and other pressing matters."

Dancers take third place

Spearman's Spotlight Dancers claimed a third place overall showing in a 75-participant contest this past week during the Fun Fest in Amarillo.

The dance team -- composed of members Margie Evans, Cacy McGill, and Cayla Eaton -- placed second in the preliminaries last Saturday.

They then advanced to the finals Monday and performed a jazz dance to the song "Missionary Man", choreographed by Carla Beezley of Spearman.

The trio was also part of a Fun Fest feature aired by KCIT-TV in Amarillo Friday night.

Girl scout council plans annual girls camp meet

Yucca Girl Scout Council is planning their yearly resident camp for girls completing 4th through 12th grade. This camp is held at Boiling Springs State Park, June 7th-18th and is open to Girl Scouts as well as non-scouts.

Mrs. Earlene Schaeffer will serve as director. Schaeffer has directed resident camp for 18 years with a positive approach that girls grow both mentally and physically while at camp.

Lawrence Smith, Elkhart, will be the business manager, purchasing groceries and supplies for the two week camp. Julia Flowers, Liberal, serves as Head Cook, planning and preparing nutritious meals.

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Ruth has served in this position a number of times, always with lots of ideas for girls to show their creativity. Stacy Lewis is the councelor for the Special Unit guiding girls in planning their own program which may include backpacking, trips, water sports and other activities.

Counselors for other units are: Lea Kachel, Ruth Danner, Rita Baldwin, Peggy Tereleski, Judy Anderson, Kim Brandvik, Kandie Sturges, Victoria Trabert, Mary Ann Blue, Bonnie Fry and Teresa Davis.

Counselors have a sense of responsibility for health, safety, activities, happiness and good times of girls while at camp. They also see that girls have a good experience learning and

living together.

Girl Scout Camp has an abundance of activities for mind as well as muscles. Some activities are adventure, work, fun and exercise. To the camper the important thing is what she does, the fun she has and the new

things she learns.

A trip to Alabaster Caverns State
Park is a planned program activity
with all other activities in camp
planned by the Camp Counsel. The
Camp Counsel if made up of girls and
counselors from units to plan activities
for the two week session. Past
experiences include: Christmas Party,
Rodeo, Carnival, Olympics, Dinner

with the Queen, etc.

Registrations may be obtained from the Yucca Girl Scout Council, P. O. Box 70, Guymon, Oklahoma.

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SPEARMAN FIRE CHIEF Bill Porter [far right] accepts a special foam educator from Phillips Petroleum safety engineers, Dan Looney and Steve Beavers. The specialized piece of equipment was given

to the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department in thanks for their efforts in putting out a fire at one of the company's pumping units located just north of Spearman.

Hansford Y faces \$8,000 shortage

The 1987 Hansford Y Fund Drive comes to a close Monday with the final report due at an old-fashion ice cream social scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.

At press time Friday the Y Drive was still some \$8,000 shy of its modest \$25,000 goal, according to a report from Richey Thompson, one of the drive co-directors.

With some \$17,000 already in the till, the Hansford Y has enough to operate through the end of 1987, he notes.

"We'll have to go over the budget and see what we can do," Thompson says. "Although with a budget of about \$2,000 a month, it's already pretty well trimmed to the bone."

The Hansford Y program takes care of a host of community youth projects -- from summer baseball and the swimming pool on through to basketball, flag football and soccer.

In addition, it provides the only racquetball facilities in Hansford county along with a weight room and sauna and an aerobics exercise program for adults.

Several years ago, the Hansford Y took on the youth programs in order to help out both the programs and area businesses.

"Businesses were getting hit up three or four times a year for team sponsorships and donations from all the different activities," recalls Thompson. "We took them on and fixed our budget so we could have just one drive a year to take care of all the programs."

If the additional \$8,000 isn't raised for the fund, then one of the first

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things the directors will have to look at is paring services.

"Those are decisions we might have to make later," declares the Y Drive co-director. "I feel like we'll get there. The people of this community have always been behind their youth programs."

Hospital

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Homer Sanders, Joshua Schuman, Jewel Pearson, Marie Crawford, Margaret Womble, Daniel Ross, Ross Neugin, Opal Jones, Jop Franz, Melton Brown, Alice Lackey, Andy Rhodes, Gabino Flores, Roy Russell, Andrew Bort, and David Stewart.

The Hansford Hospital had one dismissal, Maude Alexander.

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Come by our banking home this Friday and help us honor 25 years of dedicated area service. Bob Schnell is no stranger to this area. A graduate of Spearman High School, Bob has raised four children and is the proud grandfather of two more. Bob is an area banking veteran, serving customers in Hansford and Hutchinson during his career. He is now a Senior Vice-President and Loan Officer here at the First. Join us for cake and refreshments this Friday as we salute Bob on 25 years of outstanding community service at First National Rank

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open house this past week are Five Star Equipment Thompson, Case reps Jim Story, Carl Reed and Jim owners and employees along with representatives from Penlan, along with partner Steve Benton, Alvin Byers International-Case. Pictured [1-r] are partners Stephen and partner Jan Williamson.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRANTS . . . celebrating their Poole and Buford Baker, Wayne Biggs, partner Richey

Library to host summer program

"Animal Antics" is the theme of 1987 Summer Reading Program at the Hansford County Library. The



6-week reading program will run from June 2 - July 7 at the library.

Children who were in grades K through 5 this past school year are eligibile to join "Animal Antics" They may sign up at any time during regular library hours which are 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Everyone must have a new, blue computerized library card to check out books. The cards are free and may be picked up at the library.

When children enroll for "Animal Antics" they agree to read at least 10 library books during the 6-week program. They may choose their own books to read on any

Films will be shown at the Library each Tuesday morning from 10;30 - 11:15. The first show dater is this Tuesday.

Library cards will not be issued

on Tuesday mornings, and there will be a check out limit of one book per child during that time. There is no check out limit at other times.

Texas State Library Certificates will be awarded to each child who reads at least ten books during the

The library will sponsor a Giraffe-neck-Building-Contest. Fro

The library will sponsor a Giraffe-Neck-Building-Contest. For every 10 books read, a giraffe neck segment will be handed out to build a neck for our library giraffe.

Ribbons will be awarded each child who reads twelve books, and fuzzy raccoon stickers for the ribbons will be the prize for fifteen

Children are encouraged to con-

See "LIBRARY" p-7

To God A Note of Thanks

Friends, in our text this week we find written by Jeremiah-one of the major prophets in chapter 31, verse 22: "How long wilt thou go about, O thou blacksliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the

"A woman shoo compass a man". We read of the many backslidings of Israel and of it coming to a full when rejecting Christ saying "Let his blood he upon us and our children. The new thing the Lord created in the earth (brought to existence was his only begotten Son that everywhere people could live free from sin by the sufferings he endured and blood shed) but what we are dealing with in this message A woman shall compass a man. Compass means to go around, achieve, grasp mentally understand, plot and plan.

The word of God definitely declares man is to be the head of the family, government and church.

Woman taken from man his help meet and a house wife a home maker and manager of the home. Where instead of the home do we see the many women in 1987? Working in all kinds of Business places, holding government positions; offices, banks, filling stations, working in the harvest and etc. Where are some children?

Where are some children? Under the care of others with training several hours of the day when small and when older with some perhaps only the Lord knows what they are doing and hearing.

The husband and father is all of this time or should be working for the need of his help meet and family and are they happy with the need provided?

Now may we study the meaning of two words. "Need and want". Both by we adults and children generally speaking among us our wants of what is not really needed are so great that with both father and mother working away from the home can scarcely pay the bills and our nation made up of us is broke. What is the cause of all of

Because we have not a love for truth. That recorded in Gods holy word along any line we might be

And now what does it tell us if we don't have a love for truth?

Thes. 2:11-12: Because of not THE REPORT AND THE RE

by Mrs. E.A. Greever

receiving the love of the truth God shall send a strong delusion that there should believe a lie (false teaching planning and etc.) By observation and knowledge I can testify of a drastic change in the home family life going back to the very beginning of the 19th centery. At that time 81/2 years of age and from that age to 981/2 years. Please friends let me tell you of only one thing of a mother (me) of seven children did as a helper for my father who really needed it.

I clearly remember hearing her say when a garment comes to the need of a mend it is only half worn out and by observation I know that with her thimble, thread and needle when that rent was mended it took a close look to see where it was.

My dear friends if I would tell you of the many things she did as a help mate and manager of the home where I was reared you as I would be amazed and filled with wonder.

Another thing after so many many years that is so vivid to me was the attitude of men when women were granted the right to vote in southwest Missouri the home of my parents 11/2 miles north of a small town named Alba, which was in the midst of a lead and zinc area there was a street car that took passengers from Joplin, Webb City, Carterville;

Oronogo, Neck City, Purcell and Alba. The car was often crowded by miners at these different places.

Before women begin to vote should one enter that car with all seats occupied generally speaking a man would get up and give her the place to sit. But after receiving the right to vote just the opposite manifesting the feeling they have become as one of us.

As the conclusion for every one of us we need to study to show ourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Tim. 2;15 - May we remember God is no respector of persons and what He tells me He tells you and He will know what our reward is, (Life or

When our frail mortal life ends, praise His wonderful holy name and O how wonderful His promise given us by Paul, Phil. 4; 19.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I Tim. 6:6 - Godliness with contentment is great gain for we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Let us be content having food and

Now for all of us who have ears to hear, we read in Heb. 4:12. The word of God is quick (alive) and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and morrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart and the nest verse tells us God knows all about every one of us His name be

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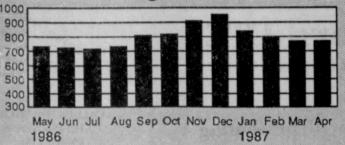
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The missiles that tore into the hull of the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf last week might also have exploded some of the confidence in the security of U.S. oil sources

However, Energy Secretary John S. Herrington made clear last week that the Exocet missiles that ripped open the ship did little to penetrate the administration's views on energy.

In response to the administration's 'Energy Security' study, President Reagan this month sent Congress a batch of proposals to aid the industry that many have described as the equivalent of aspirin for a seriously ill

"I'm satisfied the president has done the right thing," said Herrington in a briefing with reporters in his

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

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

> /S/ Cheryl Gibson City Secretary S30-S-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Spearman has applied for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for runway reconstruction, extension, lighting improvements and overlay of existing apron, taxiway and access road at the Spearman Municipal Airport. Professional Engineering Services will be required to complete the project.

The City of Spearman is hereby requesting proposals from engineering firms interested in performing the required servies. Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 1987, at the Spearman City Hall. Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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

Further information and proposal documents may be deemed from the office of the City Manager, P. O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081: (806)

office.

He said slightly rising oil prices, coupled with the administration's unwillingness to reopen the tax code, make the proposals "a reasonable package. . . under the circumstances.'

The secretary would not comment on the Stark incident's impact on energy policy, except to say that "it points up again the potential for instability in that Gulf, which is considerable."

"I don't think we're in the position we were in in 1973," said Herrington about U.S. oil vulnerability. He said the nation should be "concerned" about such vulnerability, but "I'm not of the opinion that we ought to look for gas lines within two to three years."

President Reagan agrees. In his May 6 energy policy letter to Congress, he said the "United States is now capable of withstanding a supply interruption comparable to the 1973 and 1979 interruptions without exper-

The United States immune to "economic distress" if there were an interruption in oil imports?

Who can doubt that the first impact of such an interruption would be a sharp jump in oil prices?

The day after the missile attack, The New York Times described oil traders at the New York Mercantile Exchange with itchy trigger fingers ready to bid

The Times said the missile attack 'pushed the market higher at the opening yesterday. But that momentum evaporated when the incident, said to be a mistake, did not lead to a rise in tensions in the area."

Herrington read a laundry list of reasons why the country is better off with energy security in 1987 than in the 1970's, including the increase in imports from relatively reliable countries such as Canada and Mexico.

However, figures last week from the American Petroleum Institute showed that Saudi Arabia again has become the top oil exporter to the United States. Imports from that country and its persian Gulf neighbors accounted for 16.1 percent of total U.S. imports in February, compared to 13.5 percent

The Stark truth of last week's events is that a cutoff of 16 percent of the country's oil imports, due to Persian Gulf violence, would lead to more than a little distress -- probably at the gas pump, certainly in the U.S. economy.

WASHINGTON-- With the recent rise in oil prices over \$19 per barrel, the windfall profits tax could begin to have a dampening effect on new oil drilling. according to a study released this

The study by the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research Foundation said the windfall tax will cut sharply into cil exploration since most new drilling could result in oil production subject to the steep tax.

Oil produced from reservoirs discovered before 1979 is taxed at a 50 to 70 percent windfall rate for any profits above the \$19 level. Major oil companies are taxed at the higher rate

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and independent oil companies at the lower percentage.

The foundation's study said most U.S. oil drilling is done in the older fields and would produce oil eligible for the tax with prices over the \$19

"Since development drilling would have been the first to begin again, the tax will limit the relief which the frilling sector will get from rising prices," said the study. "Production will be dampened in turn by the lack of development drilling.'

Development drilling in older reservoirs accounts for 80 percent of all wells drilled in the United States and. for 90 percent of all productive wells. that discover oil or gas, the report

The study also cited the Reagan administration's recent study, 'Energy Security," which "correctly concludes that rapidly increasing U.S. oil imports carry a national security penalty." The windfall tax, which the administration favors abolishing, runs counter to measures necessary to offset that threat, the study said.

Although the windfall tax is due to expire in 1993 under the original 1980 law that enacted the tariff, the study said that investors fear the tax will be extended "because rising oil prices in the 1990's will prove too much of a temptation for Congress."

President Reagan has endorsed eliminating the windfall tax, and included the proposal in his recommendations sent to Congress earlier this month in response to the administration's energy security report.

The energy study noted that the windfall tax, with oil prices below \$18 per barrel, "contributes virtually nothing to federal tax receipts.' However, "taking the midpoints of high and low oil price scenarios shows that the WPT would raise about \$50 million from 1987 to 1991," the study

While the government would begin collecting the tax at about the \$18 level for older oil production, the tax would not fall on production from newly-discovered fields unless the price reached about \$28 per barrel, the study 1.

LIBRARY

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struct any kind of craft with an animal theme to bring for display at the library says Rita Curtis, librarian.

They may also design bookmarks with the "Animal Antics" theme. she notes. Two winning bookmarks

will be chosen. Texas Panhandle Library System will print up the winning bookmarks, and the Hansford library

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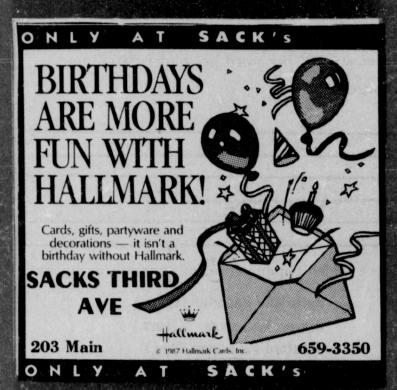
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