

W. J. "Honest Bill" MILLER

Services Held Wed.

Funeral services for William J. (Honest Bill) Miller, Editor and Publisher of the SPEARMAN REPORTER were conducted at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, January 18 in the First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Mr. Miller passed away at 2:00 p. m. Monday in Hansford Hospital following a long illness. Bill had been in and out of hospitals for the past year.

Rev. Wesley Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. He was assisted by Rev. George Bollinger, Union Church pastor.

Masonic services were conducted at the church by Brother Johnnie Cronister, and members of Hansford Lodge number 1040. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Garland Head, Everett Tracy, Roy Robertson, Orville Latham, Troy Sean and Bill Douglas.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Lindsey, Max Boyer, Bob Grimes, Dave Warren, Jr., Bill Hutton Bruce Sheets, Lee McClellan, J. B. Cooke, R. E. Lee and Delon Kirk.

William J. Miller was born July 17, 1895 at Collingsville, Tex., a parents Noah J. and Alice Miller. Bill began his newspaper career at the age of 27 years.

He graduated from High School at Fort Worth Texas and attended Baylor University. He worked at the Waco Morning News while attending the University. In his 3rd year of college he left his education and volunteered to enter the service of his country at the start of World War I. He was accepted for the First Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs and received his commission as Second Lieut. He was assigned to Camp Travis in 1917.

On Nov. 6, 1917 he was united in marriage to Eddie Faye Hulme, his childhood sweetheart. To this union were born two children.

After the war was over, Bill took up his newspaper work again and was Editor of newspapers at Pilot Point, Panhandle, White Deere, Roxanna, Skellytown, Roswell and Quitaque.

In 1932 the family moved to Spearman where he has been Editor and Publisher of the Spearman Reporter.

When this country was plunged into World War II, Bill again answered his country's call and volunteered for active service at the age of 47.

He received a Captain's commission which he maintained at the time of his death. His son Bill Jr., served with the US Marines; his daughter Elizabeth Ann served with the US Womens Naval Corps and Bill served with the US Army during World War II.

Following this war, Bill and his family returned to Spearman where he again took up his chosen field of newspaper work with the Spearman Reporter.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Spearman Lions Club, Texas Press Association, Masonic Lodge 1040, Hansford Shrine Club and the Khiva Temple. In 1964 he was one of the Texas publishers honored by the Texas Press Association for 50 years service in the newspaper industry.

He is survived by his wife Eddie Faye and grandson William Stephen Hicks of the home, his son, Billy, of Spearman, his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hicks of Topeka, Kansas, one brother Joe T. Miller of Austin, and cousin Mrs. Martha Sloan of Gruver.



This week's issue of the SPEARMAN REPORTER is late, and very late news-wise, due to the death of our long-time Editor and Publisher, "Honest Bill" Miller.

Our mourning for their beloved publisher is shared by all groups of the old newspaper tradition: upon the death of the publisher the columns have been turned upside down.

Printed below are a few comments from back issues of the Spearman Reporter, using several of Bill's "Don't Name It" columns:

31 YEARS AGO Among one of the first "Don't Name It" columns, written by W. J. Miller, we find the following:

May 11, 1933, Honest Bill wrote, "I previously stated this column is manufactured more for the entertainment of the writer, than for the benefit of the readers."

Bearing the above statement in mind the writer takes occasion to catch up with some important news events that have not been recorded in the column of the paper.

First - some three weeks ago "Windom" took over the management of the Phillips restaurant in Spearman.

Second - Last week the Lions Club had a dandy good program which included Lady Maurine Archer, Mrs. O. G. Collins. Both had splendid in their respective wardrobes of the program.

Last - the writer failed to report the visit made last week-end by the chorus sponsored by the Bryton Lion's.

... everything is okay - - enjoyed the best rain of the season last week, and the writer, with the aid of Fred Lynn, Earl Moran, Jack Wilbanks and Burd Kus caught fifteen cat fish, soft shelled turtles and four red craw-fish.

25 YEARS AGO Twentyfive years ago on March 19, 1942, we find the "Don't Name It" column, the last written until Mr. Miller's return from World War II.

... ain't funny McGee...ain't funny McGee.

This idea of saying good bye to the friends I have made during the last ten years of my life in Hansford County. In the first place, you are the salt of the earth, and the finest humans I ever lived, and I hate to break the ties of citizenship. I am definitely that you have aided me in allowing me to live so many privileges as a citizen here, and in standing behind the editorial policies of this newspaper.

We plan to keep our home in Spearman, and will likely rent the home furnished during the next year school term. In other words, we want you, the good people of Spearman to know that we are not burning the bridges behind us, and we expect to come back after the war, and resume our positions in the life of Hansford County.

Some of the ads in this issue read: "HONEST BILL IS LEAVING ON CHAMPLIN OIL", by the Oil Company; "SO LONG HONEST BILL!" by the Sheriff's Office, H. L. Wilbanks, Sheriff; "B. Cooke Deputy; "IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE" - - We get rid of our country editor, alias Honest Bill Miller, April 26. We congratulate old ugly Bill on his appointment to a commission in the U. S. Army and wish him the best luck possible in the future - by Spearman Drug Co. "GOODBYE HONEST BILL" - McClellan Grain Co. "GOODBYE BILL - We hope you clean up the Japs and Adolph's boys like you clean your suit of clothes when we use the famous National Patented DRI-SHEEN PROCESS" - Campbell Tailor Shop; "SO LONG LUCKY BILL MILLER" - by Hansford Abstract Company; "THIS IS 'CUSS THE EDITOR ISSUE' OF THE SPEARMAN REPORTER" - by Lindsey Furniture Co. of Borger; "SO LONG HONEST BILL?" - by the First State Bank; "SO LONG UGLY BILL!" - by Cates Grocery and Market; "SO LONG HONEST BILL - We hope you take Uncle Sam as good a soldier as you have made Hansford County a Country Editor." - by Consumers Sales Co."

10 YEARS AGO On January 17, 1957 in the Don't Name It column - "For the first time in 3 years this newspaper has caught up with all the job work, as of Monday morning. Normally the country editor starts the day off on Monday doing job work for some customer. It is a grand and glorious feeling to be even . . . and it gives the Country Editor a chance to THINK and catch up with a lot of little details we have slighted recently.

In the above category, we would like to extend a delayed THANK YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Claude

Owens, our good neighbors and friends invited the Millers to their home on New Year's Day to view the Rose Parade over their colored television. We were among 45 people who enjoyed this outstanding event."

5 YEARS AGO

January 25, 1962 in the Don't Name It - "There is continued evidence that this is the coldest winter in our area in a good many years. Oil field workers state the ground is frozen solid up to 15 inches to two feet.

Bill Hutton tells us that he had about 30 feet of sewer line

two feet in the ground frozen solid.

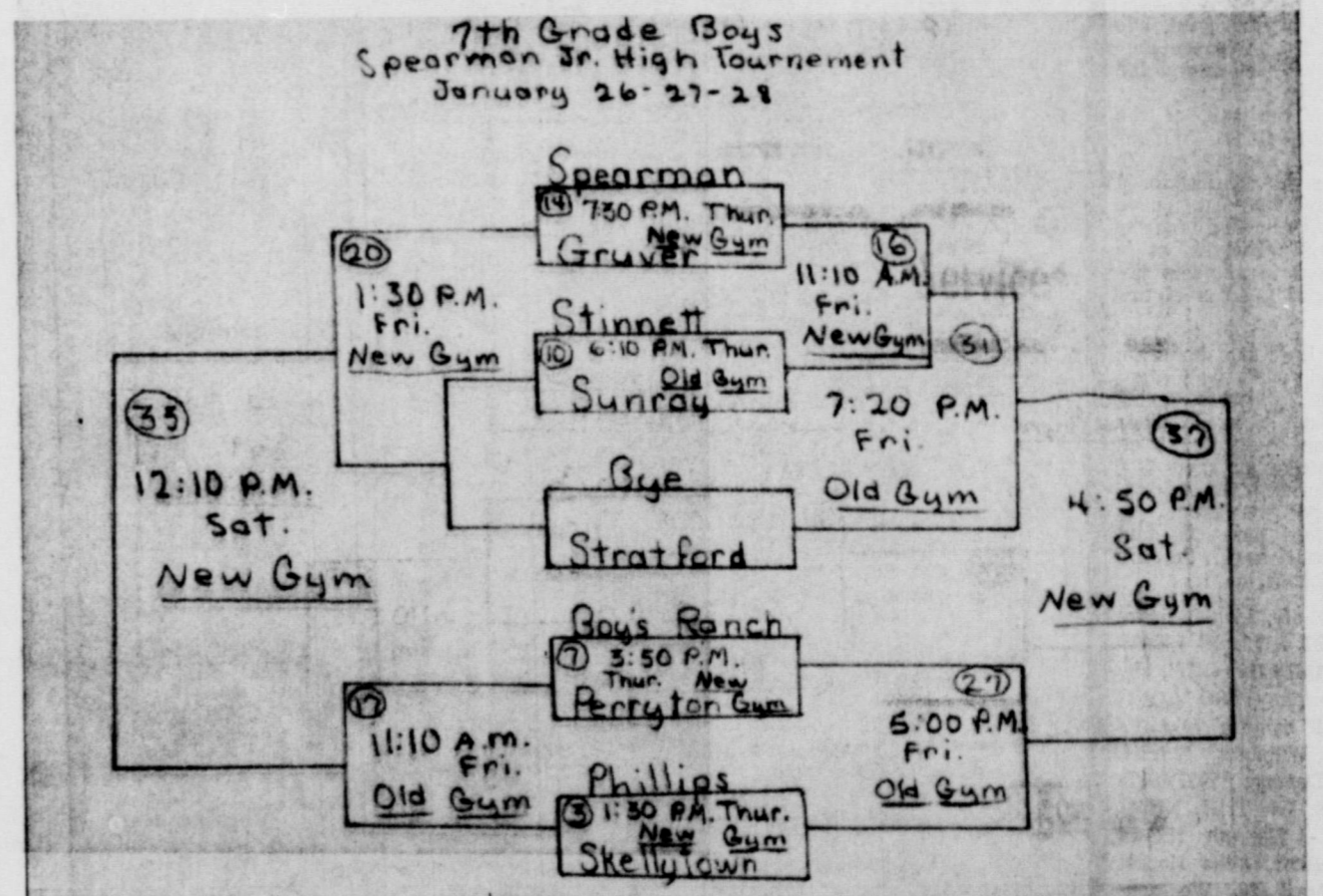
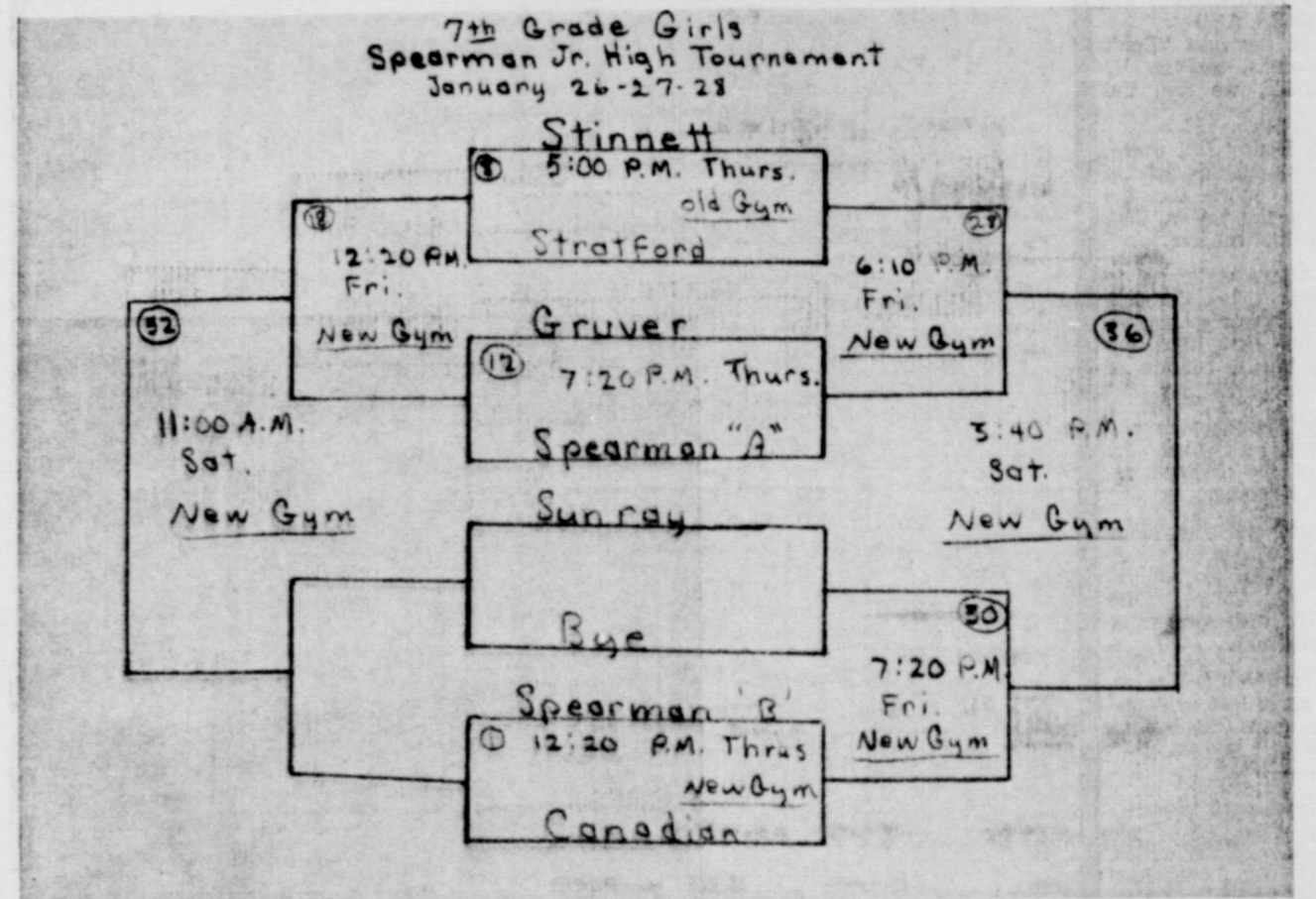
Joel Lee Lackey allowed that back in the early days we had terrible winters. Said he heard his mother state that her father would cut and store ice from the creek for summer use. Said they would saw the ice when it froze over about one foot in depth. So we are not experiencing any weather that our pioneer citizens did not regard as normal.

Looking back over the 35 years that "Honest Bill" was publisher of the Spearman Reporter, we have copied some of the items from his columns.

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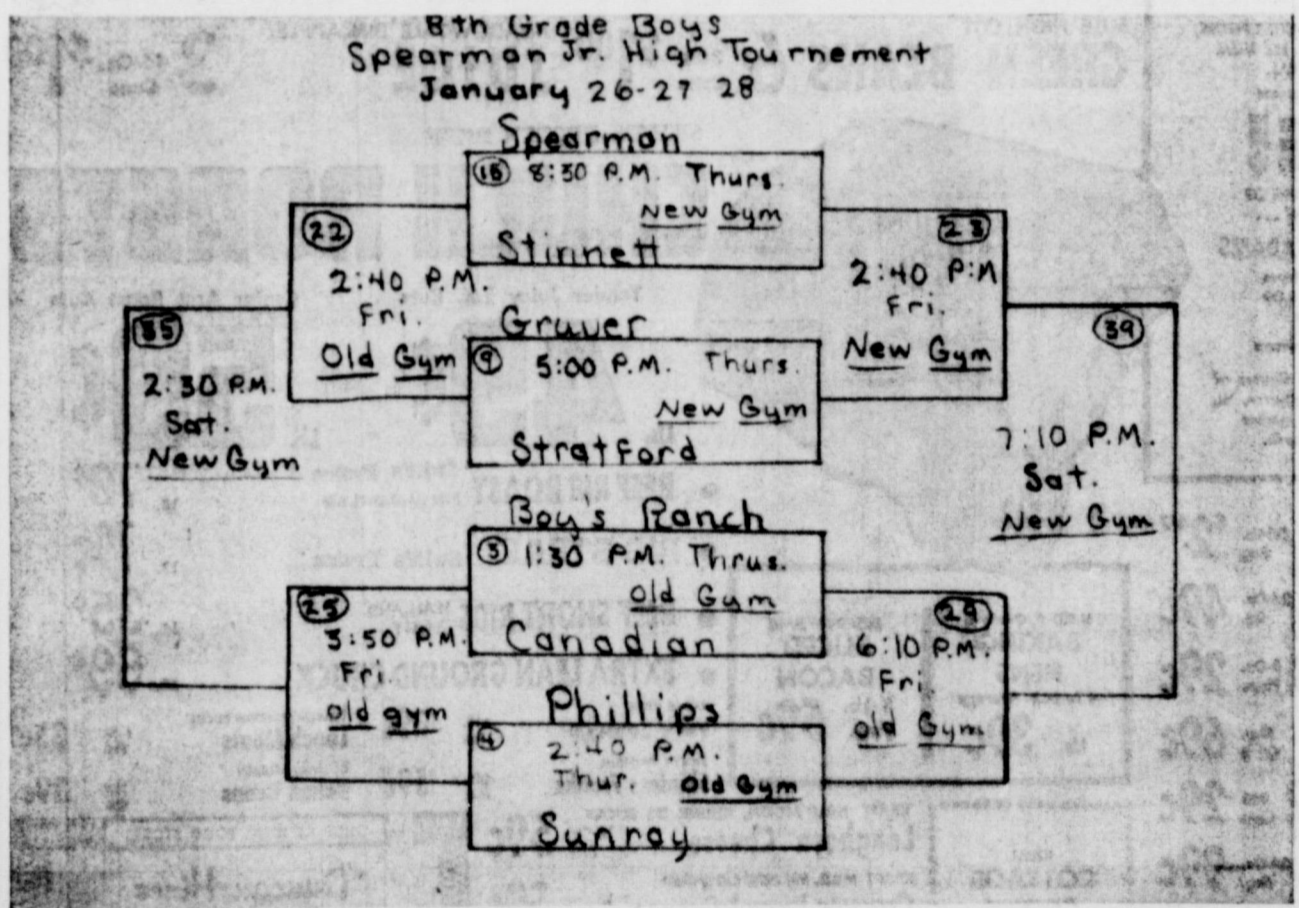
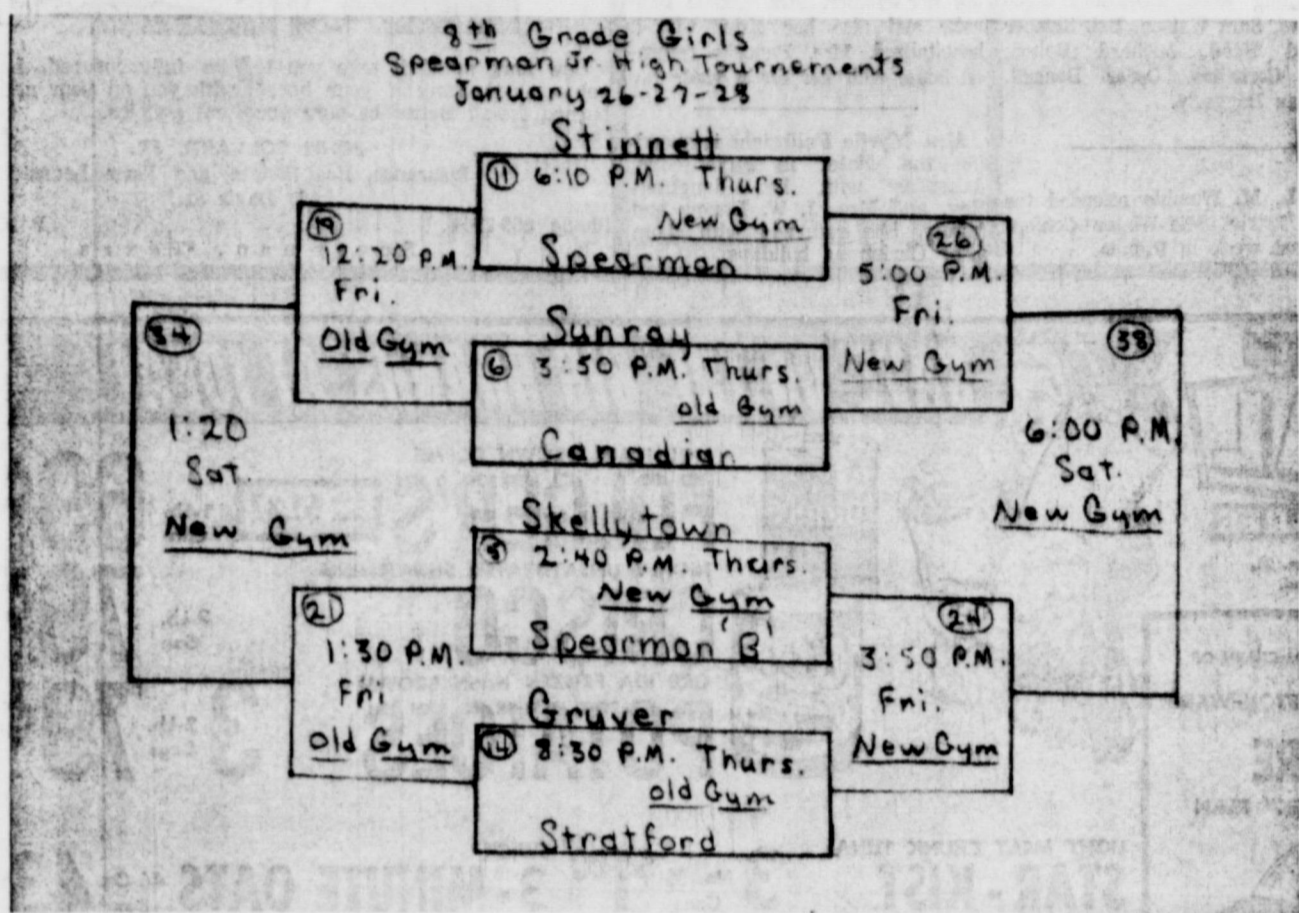
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Roy Meksch — Phone 659-2171
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:35 a.m.
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Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday
Morning 9:00 a.m.
Mid-Week worship on Wednesday
8:00 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Wesley Daniel — Phone 3220
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
MYF 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Roger Rounsaville - Phone 2295
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
C. A. Service 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
Royal Rangers Thurs. night 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Robert Girouard -- Phone 2870
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. Prayer Service 9 a.m. to 3 pm.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Lewis Koerselman - Phone 2033
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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HOMEMAKING NOTES

By Linda Webb

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Johnson...

Ladies and gentlemen, lend an ear to the rules on borrowing...

Without such a fund, a family may be forced to borrow in distress...

- NEWCOMERS TO SPEARMAN: Mr. and Mrs. Bob English...

Attend Church Sunday



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OSLO NEWS

Visiting in the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Ewanson home is her mother...

DPS Employment Now Available

Immediate employment is available with the uniformed services of the Texas Department of Public Safety...



Patients now in Hansford Hospital are: Kate Gray, Margaret Britman, Elsie Trolinder...

Local FFA Members Will Compete In Fat Stock Show

Eight Members of Spearman FFA will have Steers competing in the Junior Show division of the 1967 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show...

2 calves 6 lambs, 2 Herefords, and 1 bull. Come-As-You-Are Breakfast Given For Senior Girls...

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Coaches Attend All-Day Clinic

An all day clinic was held in Lubbock Saturday for the coaches in region 1...

Blodgett - Renner Attend Livestock Show In Denver

Glenn Blodgett and Phillip Renner returned recently from Denver, Colorado where they showed a bull at the Western National Livestock Show...

