

# The Spearman Reporter

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## DON'T NAME IT

Will J. Miller

The next weeks issue of the March 26th issue, this and this writer will bid the people of Hansford county, at least for the duration of the war. Friday of last week the writer received his report to Uncle Sam as a stationed officer, and the writer will be rid of their country. Orders call for the leaving Oct. 26 and we do not make public any more just our soldiers are stationed.

The writer plans to stay in until the last possible moment. We plan the publication of a special edition of the paper in which the entire staff will have their opportunity back at our country editor for the past ten years and only a few weeks, having the advantage of writing what he wanted to about you and you tried to express your opinion all he had to do was our literary efforts into a crowded waste basket.

It would not be a country editor, and it would be your Spearman Reporter, writer did not have the chance to get back at you, the offer to the ordinary member is open, and you can do anything you like, the merchants of Spearman pay and pay—will you pay a price to express your opinion of Honest Bill? For those that are just restrained and half way truth, they will have the privilege of telling the world \$0.00 adv. in the Reporter, are going to break down the whole truth, and get the whole situation off your nose will be forced to take a page adv and pay Dave the Boss, \$25.00.

The writer made the above statement at the Lion Club at noon of this week and McEllan, Bill McClellan, Sheets, D. D. Moore, Pal Turner Shirley, John C. E. Campbell all on reserving a page immediately. We have been informed Simeon Caldwell down Equity and Consumers to know if we didn't a \$50.00 adv—said the five variety would not be an opportunity to really tell the truth about his country Judge Barkley sneaked after the Lion club and a special price for county to get in their word, alleged that Eck Lee and plutocrats who are just on starvation since they sell their tires and make recent profit, are going to together and try to buy the paper.

Ordinary subscribers, who own a business, can write and if it is not so that it cannot pass the laws it will be printed in weeks paper. The more the more advertisements received, the harder country editor will have to the last few days he is in your county. When we much as an 8 page paper after has to get back in the of the newspaper and real. For all advertisers who age ads you will have the privilege of watching country editor set up the to the printing forms.

Remember that next week is metal week, and open on your country editor, keep him working. Uncle will take care of keeping busy after March 26th.

Bishop is pulling a speck to gather up old scrap to Uncle Sam, in behalf of the Spearman Hardware and Deering Company. He is a fine week to get the country editor and scrap at the same time—farmers, after you have said about your country, go out to the north in the lake bed and drag scrap metal and bring it down and sell it to Lee. It is the cooper-

# Snow And Rain Brighten 1942 Crop Prospects

tion of every person in the nation to win our war, and the least you can do, is to bring in every scrap that is available. You do not realize how important this matter is. We are reliably informed that the government invoice of scrap metal over the nation states that there is enough scrap metal on farms and city property in the United States to build a fleet of war ships greater than all the fleets of all the nations of the entire world. When you bring in your scrap metal you save many many days for labor. It takes hundreds of man hours of labor to convert raw material into pig iron ready for manufacturing into war material. When you farmers bring in the metal it relieves the pressure on the already hard worked labor of providing pig iron for our war program.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO GENE HOWE, NEWS-GLOBE

Dear Tack:  
As you will note from my column, which is an enclosure, I am letting down the bars—and for a price—I am willing for anyone and everyone—which includes you and Old Amarillo—to express their opinion about one Honest Bill Miller.

In reviewing my past ten years in newspaper work in the Panhandle, I realize that there has not been anyone who I have attempted to discredit, more than I have your paper and the so-called political clique of Amarillo. In doing this I have unwittingly given the News-Globe and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce thousands of dollars in free advertising.

I distinctly remember that I caught one of your fine reporters in a slight error in reporting some incident about the Brown murder case, and headed the story in my paper with a 6 column front page banner. The next day I personally sold 15 new subscriptions to the News-Globe to people who were afraid they had overlooked something they should have read.

Last year I started in early to discourage a booster trip to Amarillo advertising our annual celebration. By the time I had used up \$250.00 worth of free advertising for Amarillo we folded up the sidewalks, brought every band in Hansford county, and five truck loads of saddle horses down to your fine city. Most of the population of Hansford county stayed over and danced, dined and whooped and until the milk man watched them go to bed, and I recon most of em did like I did, wrote out a hot check and stalled the groceryman for another month.

All in all, I can conservatively estimate that I have given the News-Globe \$1000.00 of free advertising during the time I have tried to rid the Panhandle of politicians. I would not be far wrong in estimating that Amarillo merchants received \$2,000 in free advertising thru my column alone during the ten years I have told my people to quit buying beer, unmentionables, and going to shows at the capital city of the Panhandle.

I think that the very least you and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce can do is to take a \$50.00 advertisement each in my farewell issue of the paper—and BOY, you can pour it on as thick as you want to. You can even call me the kind of a so and so I is, and I won't even blink an eyelid.

And Gene—please get your boys in the shop to set the ads, and make a mat. Otherwise I will have to work myself.

Bill

This writer spent the past week-end at his old home town of Collinsville, Texas, where he attended the fifth annual family reunion. The tire situation certainly held down the Millers quite a bit, and the usual gathering of relatives was much smaller than it has been in the past.

Down state, the people are a great deal more war minded than we are in this area. Of course there is scarcely a town or city in North Texas that does not see a bombing plane in the air each day, or a long train load of soldiers enroute here and there. Near my old home town

## BIG FREE SHOW AT COURT HOUSE MONDAY

A big free program of comedy fun and entertainment, sponsored by Walter Wilmet, John Bishop and the Spearman Hdwr., of Spearman will be held at the County Court Room Monday eve March 23rd, beginning at 8:30 p. m. Three very interesting moving pictures will be exhibited: "The Marines Have Landed"; "The Strong Shall Be Free" and some short subjects. The entire families of Hansford county are urged to be present for this show. Several items of national and local interest will be discussed. No collections will be made, and no one will be asked to take part in any of the national programs other than urging farmers of the county to bring their scrap metal to Spearman so that we may help win the war.

## NEW MANAGER AT WHITE HOUSE

Charlie Palmer, formerly connected with the Panhandle Lbr. Co. of Melrose, New Mexico, has accepted a position with the White House Lumber Co. of this city as manager. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and their two year old daughter have moved to Spearman.

There are two large aviation camps, and the students evidently take a delight in practicing their dive bombing, and simulating machine gunning people in the streets. I declare there were a half dozen bombers in formation who must have made a practice raid on the town of Collinsville last Saturday. They were so high it made them look like very large birds, and suddenly they all turned loose in a dive bomb right at the heart of the town—they swooped down to where it looked as though they would crash, and then jerked into an upright position and skimmed over the town barely clearing the tree tops. It is an inspiring sight, and if it did not have such horrible significance, one could be thrilled and enjoy these demonstrations.

If you want to talk with one man who is in a position to aid our government in the program of increased food production, get Howard Brillhart out to himself, and let him get started on his chicken ranch. Howard is quite modest, and very reluctant to discuss his achievements—but nevertheless he really has one of the most efficient lay outs on his ranch home North East of Spearman. Howard makes a specialty of furnishing broiler and fryers for the market. He has his production down to the point that he figures the cost to the fraction of the cent. His equipment is the very best that can be obtained in the nation today. If it was not for the fact that visitors are a handicap in the chicken raising business, I would suggest that you ask Howard to let you see his plant. However, he is so efficient in his line of work, or hobby, he knows that visitors frighten the chickens, and lessens their weight increase.

Howard can tell you just how much per chicken it cost him to feed a broiler or fryer. He knows the fraction of a cent how much he spends in heating the plant that keeps healthy conditions for his chickens. He told this writer last Sunday that it cost him just about a cent per chicken to provide heat for the flocks. He increased his profits per chicken by the discovery that he can heat his brooder house with coke cheaper than any other heat. Howard figures on making a minimum of 16c on each broiler marketed. He handles plenty during a years time—and of course he has his laying flock and does not overlook any detail. For example the writer noted an aluminum bill wired on the hens. Howard said it kept the chickens from pecking each other. His culled flock of laying hens is around 50 hens at the present time, and he gets more than 45 eggs per day. The eggs are carefully candled and sorted and I can tell the world they deserve a premium. I saw several cartons of eggs, and I never have seen more uniform, cleaner eggs in my life.

## P. D. BROCKUS AND ARNOLD RICHARDSON LEAVE NEXT FRIDAY

Two Spearman young men who have been selected by Uncle Sam to train for aviation pilots, P. D. Brockus and Arnold Richardson will leave Friday for Lubbock, Texas where they will take their preliminary training for aviation.

## RED CROSS

The Production Department of Hansford County Chapter American Red Cross is glad to report at this time the shipment to the American Red Cross Export Depot, Middletown, New Jersey, 12 Navy blue turtle neck sweaters and six long helmets. On Feb. 24. These sweaters are to be used by our armed forces in the North Atlantic Patrol.

We are so proud of our ladies who knitted these sweaters which enabled us to ship them within 3 weeks after the yarn was received. The yarn for 12 pair of socks was received later and they are being knitted now.

The little boys trousers and shirts that are being made for the War Relief have been cut out and the shirts have all been given out and we have only a few trousers left. The ladies of Gruver and community have taken a large portion of the sewing and we appreciate their cooperation. We would like for clubs and organizations in Spearman to sew so that these garments will be ready for shipment the last of this month.

The ladies of the First Christian Church came to the sewing room to work last Tuesday. They made several garments, sewed on buttons and labels. Those present were Mesdames Homer Allen, Bert Briley, Ooley and Geo. Mitts.

Those who are knitting the War Relief sweaters we would like for you to have them ready not later than the last of this month and those who have them finished, please return to sewing room with all left over yarn. We are still expecting a shipment of yarn for the sleeveless sweaters any day. The public will be notified through these columns when it is received.

## HOW TO FLY KITES SAFELY OFFERED BY COM. PUB. SER. CO.

With the coming of spring and the kite flying season, Community Public Service Company issues its annual appeal to children not to fly their kites in the vicinity of electric power lines.

"Kite flying is great sport and lots of fun for the children," states Mr. A. L. Schnell, power company manager, "but it can turn into tragedy if the kites are allowed to come in contact with power lines. Every year scores of lives are needlessly lost in the United States, because children used wire for kite strings or came in contact with power lines while trying to recover kites tangled in wires. We solicit the help of parents and school teachers in seeing that children of this community are warned of the danger in order that similar accidents can be prevented here."

To be on the safe side, Schnell recommends that the following precautions be observed by kite flyers.

Fly kites in open fields as far away as possible from power lines and traffic.

Don't use wire or metallic string. This is extremely dangerous as wire is a conductor of electricity and the string may fall across a power line.

Don't use metal kite sticks or wooden kite frames braced with wire.

Don't fly kites with wet string or in wet weather. Water is a conductor of electricity.

Don't try to retrieve a kite caught in the wires by climbing poles, poking sticks or pulling on the tail. You may come in contact with a live wire.

If you see a kite caught in an electric power line, call the office of Community Public Service Company. A trained line-man will remove the kite as soon as it is possible to do so.

Mrs. C. E. Kiker visited last Sunday and Monday with her brother Joe Atherton who is in the hospital at Borger.

## HANSFORD CALF PLACES 16TH AT AMARILLO SHOW

The 4H Club calf owned and feed by Carl Craig Hutchison placed 16th out of 31 places at the Amarillo Fat Stock Show held last week. The calf was entered in the junior division of the show. The prize winning calf of the senior division at the Spearman show owned by Max Clawson was entered in the senior division of the show and failed to place at the show. This was due to the fact that the Amarillo show had the greatest showing of calves yet exhibited, according to county agent Joe Hatton, and others who attended the show.

Hatton, who was instructed to buy the Clawson calf for the local Lions Club, but who had a stop price of 16c per pound, was unable to purchase the Spearman prize winner, because the calf sold for more than 16c per pound. Hatton tried to purchase three Hansford calves before he was successful, finally purchasing the calf of Carl Craig Hutchison, entered in the Junior Division, after it had been bid up to 15 and 3-4. The local First State Bank purchased the Max Clawson calf bidding the price up to 17c per pound. Paul Higgs, former Gruver citizen, purchased another of the Hansford calves bidding the price up above the 16c limit set for purchase of a calf by the Lions Club. The Lion Club immediately placed the Hutchison calf on the market at Amarillo and sold for 13 and 3-4 cents.

This was done because the fat calves do not barbeque well, and the club will take money received from the sale of the calf to purchase more appropriate beef for barbeque. The annual 4H club barbeque is set for the first Tuesday in April. Barbecue King C. A. Gibner, and his efficient assistants, Gene Richardson, Marlon Glover, Joe Hatton and Bruce Hicks are planning one of the most appetizing banquets this year. The entire public is invited to attend this annual affair, which has grown into a county entertainment. Usually the banquet is held on the Coy Hottel ranch on Palo Duro, and people of Morse and Gruver attend.

Tickets for the barbeque can be purchased from Joe Hatton, Paul Loftin, Clay Gibner and Gene Richardson.

## PETE SMITH LEAVES FOR AVIATION CAMP

Pete Smith, popular young manager of the White House Lumber Co., of Spearman for the past 3 years, left Tuesday of this week for a visit with relatives, prior to reporting to Kelly Field, aviation camp at San Antonio, Texas. Smith will be an aviation cadet in the training camp, and his friends expect him to earn his wings in about 3 months, and represent Hansford county in giving the Japs plenty of what they have coming, when he becomes a commander of one of our flying fortresses.

Mrs. Smith and the daughter left last week to visit with her parents Mr and Mrs L. Gilliland of Harrah, Oklahoma. Mrs. Smith will remain with her parents until Pete has completed his training.

## Mrs. Clarence Gill and son of Amarillo visited Sunday with Mr and Mrs I. N. Gill.

Mrs. Mailey Boyd and daughter Sally Dawn of Perryton are visiting this week with her parents Mr and Mrs Ed Wilbanks.

## HOBBS HEARD LIKES CITY OF SPEARMAN

The past week Hobbs Heard, was offered a change in location with the Santa Fe, which would represent an increase in salary amounting to \$30.00 per month. Hobbs stalled around and tried to lay his lack of ambition to having to work harder, and take more responsibility, and finally just broke down and admitted that Spearman was the finest place he had ever lived, and he was going to stay here, at least until he had a much better offer than was given him last week.

## BIG OPERATIONS FOR PANHANDLE AREA

The telegram printed below was received by the Reporter from Representatives Gene Worley and Senator Tom Connally, Wednesday of this week. It might indicate that the operations of the government in their plans to establish certain manufacturing plants in Texas, would reflect some increased activities in this county.

Mr Bill Miller Spearman Reporter  
The award of a contract to Certainated Products Corporation 100 East 42 Street, New York City, for consultant service, equipment procurement, installation inspection, training of personnel for operation at a government manufacturing plant in Texas was announced by War Department today. Cost of operation will be in excess of \$5,000,000 dollars per year. This in connection with announcement last Monday.  
Tom Connally, Senator  
Gene Worley, Representative.

## DRAFT ORDER AND NUMBERS TO BE PRINTED SOON

Next week when the local selective service board has received the order in which numbers were drawn at the national lottery for servicemen Tuesday of this week a complete list of the men subject to military service in the third draft call, will be published. The names of the men, their county serial number and the lottery number will be included. They will be published in numerical order, which means that every thing else being equal, the men whose names appear first in the column, will be the first subject to call.

## LIST OF PETIT JURORS

Summoned to appear Tuesday, April 7th, 10 a. m.—First week.  
J. M. Stewart, Harold Brillhart, C. W. Windom, D. E. Gill, John M. Archer, F. K. Bannister, R. D. Chamberlain, W. H. Gandy, Don Gross, C. E. Kiker, V. E. Rosson, T. R. Shirley, W. F. D. Etling, H. M. Shedeck, Ned Turner, Peter A. Dahl, D. V. Bayless, L. L. Hill, R. W. Sayre, J. H. Shapley, LeRoy Murrah, L. E. Morrison, J. M. Hart, Clarence Johnson, Gordon Stedje, D. S. Cooper, A. P. Wallin, Frank James, Charles Cox, Wright Hale I. P. Baggerly, John Bishop, J. W. Davis, J. E. Gerber, F. W. Hays, W. L. Russell.

## SECOND WEEK

Summoned to appear Monday, April 13th, 10 a. m.  
Guy Caver, Merl Wallin, Anson Ward, Elvin Starlo, Harvey Shapley, Roy Thomas, Aubrey Peddy, Tom Jones, J. C. Jones, S. T. Dozier, R. E. Brooks, C. V. Lowe, G. C. Brillhart, Jr., Ray Phelps, Frank Novak, Garrett Allen, R. B. Archer, Jr., Merl Beck, E. D. Church, J. F. Chase, E. C. Greene, Roy Nollner, G. W. Stewart, J. E. Vernon, B. J. Garnett, A. R. Henderson, Bruce Womble, Roy Russell, J. D. Wilbanks, Mack Dortch, A. J. Womble, W. B. Seltz, Freeman Barkley, Henry Reid, John Cator and F. W. Malze.

## BETTER HOMES CLUB

Snow and the St. Patrick spirit reigned at the Better Homes H. D. Club meeting Tuesday, March 17. The Club met at Mrs. Virus Wilbanks. The hostess had made a St. Patrick pie which was novel and delicious too. The lesson was First Aid. Next club meeting will be with Mrs. Wallace Abell on April 7.

## FRED HOSKINS MADE LICENSING AGENT FOR EXPLOSIVES

County and district clerk Fred Hoskins received word this week that he had been appointed as county licensing agent for all explosives. Due to the war, no one in Hansford county can secure explosives without first confirming to the letter of the law. Mr. Hoskins can license vendors, which of course are local merchants, can license purchasers, and foremen, who are on the job working with explosives.

## 1.35 INCHES OF MOISTURE BRINGS YEAR TOTAL TO 2.21

Wheat pasture and row crop prospects thru out the Panhandle Plains area were given new lease on life with the fall of a .45 inch rain Monday of this week followed by a snow early Tuesday morning that recorded a total of .90 inch of moisture, according to the report of U. S. Weather Observer, F. W. Brandt. This moisture brings the total 1942 moisture to 2.26 inches.

The records show only .20 of moisture fell in January and February was little better with a total of .71 inch moisture.

Most wheat producers feel that the moisture this week will be sufficient to insure plenty of pasture and take care of the growth of wheat well into the month of April, or even keep wheat from suffering until early May, when we have always received moisture.

## C. E. CAMPBELL IS LION LEADER

C. E. Campbell, was program leader for the Lion Club meeting Tuesday noon. Due to weather conditions, part of the program was omitted because the members of the high school who were on the program were unable to reach Spearman. Miss Betty Hill and Miss Barbara Daily presented three numbers as violin duets. As usual members of the Lion club were enraptured with the excellent music of the talented students.

County Agent Joe Hatton reported on the stock show held at Amarillo the past week, and stated that the calves as a whole were the finest he had ever viewed at the Amarillo show. Hatton refused to divulge the cause of the loss of a wrist watch, while attending the show, but announced he was in the market for a second hand watch.

Hatton, who is zone chairman for the zone of District 2-T announced the ladies night program scheduled to be held at Pampa Thursday night of this week had been postponed until the first Thursday night of April.

## VISITING IN LYON HOME

Miss Ida Richardson, of Crowell, Texas, an aunt of Mrs. P. A. Lyon, Gene Richardson and Alvino Richardson, is visiting in the home of Mrs. P. A. Lyon and other relatives this week. Miss Richardson visited in Spearman back in 1918 when this county suffered one of the most severe snow storms in history. During the past years she has refused to come back to our county during winter weather. Her relatives finally persuaded her that the snow storms were not so severe in this day and time and she arrived the day before the snow of Tuesday morning. Mrs. Lyon said she got out of bed Tuesday morning, shivered and crawled back in and said she was going to hibernate until the snow melted. Fortunately the Crowell visitor did not have to remain in bed for long, since the good old West Texas sun made short work of the snow.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS ELLIS THEATRE PERRYTON, TEXAS

March 19-20 "Valley of the Sun" with Lucille Ball and James Crag.

March 21 "Gangs Of Sonora" with Bob Steele, Robert Livingston and Ruff Davis.

Preview March 21 "Fiesta" in technicolor with Antonio Moreno and Arminda.

March 22-23 "Roxie Hart" with Ginger Rogers and George Montgomery.

March 24-25 "Coriscan Bros" with Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Akim Tamiroff.

March 26-27 "Joan of Paris" with Michele Morgan and Paul Henreid.

March 28 "South of Santa Fe" with Roy Rogers and George "Gabby" Hayes.

Preview March 28 "Mexican Splittire at Sen" with Lupe Velez and Leon Errol.

# THE LYNX

## The Lynx...

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### SNOOPER

What does Buddy find that's so interesting out southeast of town?  
 Charlene is seen with that certain Junior boy again.  
 That far away look is already beginning to show up in Betty's eyes.  
 Benny, how do you like to catch girls after they climb the hay stack?  
 Who was Gracie Lee L. sporting Friday night?  
 Loretta, do you enjoy the show or is it the company?  
 Velma, your brother's car comes in rather handy, doesn't it?  
 Onetta seems to have changed types, it's a Hudson now days.  
 Mildred, why is that gleam in your eyes?  
 Bobby Heard just can't get away from these blondes.  
 WC is going to have to grow taller or walk on stilts.  
 Buck does a good job of mopping the floor at the skating rink.  
 Frank washing ten calves was rather hard on you wasn't it.  
 Sada Ruth, why would you be so sore on Monday.  
 Dickie, have you finally found the right one?  
 Patsy, were you beginning to wonder if you were going to be stranded Saturday night?  
 Mona certainly is taking up with a certain Pontiac, or maybe it's the driver.  
 H. L., can't you stick with one girl for more than one time?  
 Robbie Jo, just what do you mean by unclean.

### FHT NEWS

The next FHT meeting will be March 26. It will be on inexpensive recreation in the home. Miss Brown, the HD Agent will give us a demonstration on recreation.  
 The final plans for the District meet will be made when the teachers convene at Amarillo this week-end. The district meet will be held in Perryton.

### LYNX SPORTS

**Jimmie Linn**  
 The prospective view point for the fighting Lynx basketball team of '43 is proving to be a good one by the looks of spring basketball practice which started last week. We will probably have a 6 foot team and most of them will be experienced. Basketball will end completely with the future teams playing the seniors. The game should be a good one.  
 Spring football will start the 20th of this month. We don't know exactly what we have, the material looks all right, but they may not work together.  
 Odell Washington is quite a man with a basketball. He is making an all-star on the Stinnett town team; which has not been beaten this year.

### PHILLIPS BAND PRESENTS ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Friday the 13th wasn't an unlucky day for Spearman because Mr Rattan and his Phillips band presented the student body with a band concert.  
 Mr Rattan started his program with Star Spangled Banner and continued with Colonel Iron's new march "America's Flying Legion." The selected overture for Class B competition at the annual band contest, "Aui Pays Lorraine" a march "El Rancho Grande" an oboe solo by Paul Huntington "Song of India" and "Til Revillee". This was followed by American Patrol an arrangement of American tunes. "Tiger Rag" started all the hep-cats swaying. A special arrangement of America the Beautiful and New Colonial March. Mr Rattan seemed to think that these numbers ended his program, but his audience had a very different idea. He had to come back and play us another march, and he only got to stop then because he said his band did not have anything left to play.

### FRESHMAN NEWS

Last week in General Science, Mr Crutchfield told the freshman a lot about first aid. We talk a little about it every day. Once, Mr Crutchfield bandaged Jack Tice, to show us the different ways to tie bandages. When he got through, Jack looked like a mummy. We think we will get to take a junior course in first aid soon. It is very interesting and we like it very much.  
 In Home Ec the freshmen girls are going to start cooking soon. We want to learn something about it, and we intend to serve at the 7th grade banquet.

### GRADE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Grade School Department had an assembly program on Friday afternoon. A group of first grade pupils sang a group of songs, and we enjoyed three film Our Flag; The Sluth and Donald Duck in the Fireman.  
 The Junior Band plans to give a concert in assembly some time soon, and we hope that a number of visitors will be present for this program.

### FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We had a very interesting reading lesson about the making of movies and different departments of the motion picture industry.  
 We have \$484.50 in Defense Stamps and Bonds.  
 The following pupils are on the honor roll for this six weeks: Bill Davis, Don McLain, Jack Oakes, Virginia Bruce, Lela Mae Close, Jo Anna Gower, Paula Faye Jackson, Bobby Jean Lackey, Laura Ruth Lamb, Dolores Rosenbaum, Carolyn Sanning, Shirley Nan Sparks, Rose Mary Tarbox, Ruth Tarbox, Jo Ann Wilbanks and Juanita Williams.

### FIRST GRADE NEWS

We were happy to have Mrs Allen and Mrs Dacus visit our class last week.  
 Mrs Caldwell brought us a lot of used stamps. We appreciate having the high school join us in saving stamps.  
 The most popular topic of conversation among the little girls last week was Carolyn's birthday party. We wish for her many more happy birthdays.

### SECOND GRADE NEWS

The Second Grade boys and girls were glad to have Darline Johnston back in school after a two weeks absence.  
 The rhythm band had its picture made last week.  
 The pupils wrote letter to Marie Reid who is moving away.  
 Anita McClellan brought "Faces and Places" to school. This little book was enjoyed very much. The book drive is causing a great deal of excitement.

### SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Those on the A honor roll for the past six weeks were Helen Holt, Mary Frances Schroeder, Sylvia Martin, Florence Dillow, Virgil Tucker, Edward Nabors, Monty Cotter, Mike Berry.  
 The B honor roll was: Don Allen, Billy Close, Gene Kern, Ervin Lamb, Glen Mackie, Pat Moore, Roy Rook, S. B. Sheets, Don Smith, Bobby Wilbanks, Pearl Dean Burke, Sara Ann Bushman, Anita Close, Winona Gill, Clare Jo Hicks, Jo Ann Hoskins, Eula Marie Meers.  
 Those who had a straight A card were Dale Adair, Dick Beck, Lois Buzzard, Gwendolyn Davis, Ruth Jackson, Avo Jones and Wilma Sheets.

### SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Now that the basketball season is over every one seems to be more or less lost for something exciting to do. However, the warm weather last week brought an interest in soft ball and horse shoe pitching for the boys and volley ball for the girls.  
 The class regrets that Kathleen Adair is still unable to return to school after an absence of about 2 months. We are hoping that she will be able to return before the end of the year.  
 A number of very interesting things are being made for the school exhibit which will be given in May. Geography booklets, soap carving, clay modeling, and handwork are some of the lines that are receiving the attention of the pupils.

### CAMERA CLUB

The films I tried to develop last week did not turn out so well. The films were too dark to print. I don't know whether it was the film, developer, or me.  
 Some of the members seem to be losing interest in the Camera Club, so I think we will have to cook up some excitement to keep it going.

### SOUR NOTES

—Pat Hutton  
 The entire school enjoyed an excellent chapel program Friday presented by the Phillips band under the direction of Fred P. Rattan.  
 The Spearman band plans to go to Phillips March 26. Since the band is unable to make trips in the bus, we would appreciate it if people interested in the band and what we are doing would volunteer to take a car. We will leave at 9 o'clock on Thursday, March 26 and return about noon.  
 The high school band played at a chapel program here Thursday morning and we were delighted to see so many visitors.

### SENIORS

—Zola Mae Sheets  
 Only one more week and the time we have all been waiting for will be here for the senior play will be presented next Tuesday night, March 24.  
 Mrs Caldwell is ill now, but we are going on and working real hard so that we can jut the play on at the date set. We hope she will be back in school soon.  
 The seniors are working hard on the Victory Book Drive and we plan to win first place.  
 Don't forget! The name is "Double Exposure" and the date March 24th.

### EXCHANGE NEW GADGET

Office: Use your noodle, lady use your noodle.  
 Woman: My goodness, where is the noodle? I've pushed and pulled everything else in this car.

### Monotonous, Isn't It?

He: You know this is the shortest book I've ever read. It only contains one word.  
 She: Jeppers, what is it?  
 He: Who's Who in Germany.

### Good Report

Mr Dixon: Well, my boy, how are you doing at school.  
 J. R. Not so bad. I'm trying hard to get ahead.  
 Mr Dixon: That's good. You need one.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To Creditors of the Estate of Ida L. Douglas, deceased:  
 Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Ida L. Douglas, deceased, were granted to me on January 12, 1942, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address is Spearman, Texas.  
 Dated this 9th day of March, 1942.  
 H. W. Douglas,  
 Executor of the estate of Ida L. Douglas deceased,  
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### NOTICE

Morning services both Sunday School and preaching hour have been changed back to war time at the BAPTIST Church. Members please take notice and come an hour earlier than you have in the past few weeks.

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**DR. POWELL,** Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist will be at Dr. Gower's office Wednesday, March 25th. Glasses fitted. Tonsils and Adenoids removed.

**SAVE THIS PAPER—TURN IT OVER WITH OVER SAVED PAPERS TO THE BOY SCOUTS!**

### MORSE 4H CLUB

The Morse 4H Club met March 12. We had the opening exercises. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary Lee Stevenson. The roll was answered by "I did or didn't finish my dresser scarf". There were 7 members present.  
 Miss Brown gave us a demonstration on "How to Make and Keep A Record Book and Other Scrap Books." We played baseball for recreation.

## SOCIETY

Phones 10 - 11  
 All Items Must Be In The Office By 5 p. m. Wednesday.

### JUNIOR NEWS

The Juniors were especially glad to have Faye Womble with them at the assembly last Friday when Mr Rattan brought his band from Phillips to give us an interesting program. In fact it is well known that everyone was glad to see her, and we trust that she will be able to be in school with us before long.  
 The junior class, as well as the senior class are looking forward and planning for the junior senior banquet May 1st.  
 It looks as though Spring isn't far off. Most of the juniors already have spring fever.  
 The Juniors are looking forward to receiving their premiums on their Senior rings. The order for them was sent during the first of the week.  
 Several Junior boys attended the Fat Stock Show at Amarillo.

### SNAPDRAGON FLOWER CLUB

On March 10th the Snapdragon Flower Club met in the home of Mrs Frank Hardin.  
 A very interesting lesson was given by Mrs King assisted by Mrs Ellsworth. Roll call "Name A State Flower" was answered by members present.  
 Refreshments were served to the following Mesdames Crooks, Ellsworth, Hester, King, Sutherland, Washington, Baggerly, Mc-

### Nabb, Hardin.

The club will meet March 24, in the home of Mrs Morton.

### TAKE CARE OF WASHING MACHINES

Families fortunate enough to own electric and power washing machines had better take good care of them, for production of war equipment has curtailed the supply of new washers. DO follow the manufacturers direction on oiling the machine. Do not over-oil any part. Keep the machine clean. Rinse and drain it well, wipe out any lint, and dry the machine inside and out. Now that rubber is scarce it is especially necessary to take care of rubber rolls in the wringer. Don't stall or strain the wringer by putting too much clothing thru at one time. Buttons and buckles should be folded to the inside of clothes before they are wrung out. After every washing the rolls should be wiped clean and dry and the pressure released on them.  
 Never use harsh scouring powders on any part of the machine especially the inside.

### 16 MILLION BUSHELS MORE GRAIN

Texas farmers need to produce an extra 16 million bushels of

grain in 1942 to feed the expected increase in swine numbers.

This figure does not include the grain that will be needed to insure increased production of milk, eggs, and mutton, increased marketing of beef, and the usual feed for workstock.

Texas farmers apparently are going to overshoot the goal on hogs by a considerable margin.

Texas has no great reserve of corn under the Ever-Normal Granary plan, as is the case in the corn-hog states. With the exception of 121,321 bushels of grain sorghums under the loan, Texas farmers will have to produce grain for hogs as they go.

### PHYSICAL INSTRUCTORS WANTED FOR NAVY

Physical instructors and well qualified athletes with college degrees will be interviewed on March 30 and 31 at the Navy Recruiting Station in the Post Office building at Dallas by a representative of Com. Jene Tunney, director of the Physical Fitness Program of the United States Navy.

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Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 35 and have in their possession at time of interview a transcript of their college record, a birth certificate and a small photograph taken within

the past week, and a diploma if they have had previous military service. Men without training should not apply.

### NEW REGISTRANTS NUMBERED FOR NATIONAL DRAWING

Numbers one to two hundred and seven were assigned registrants at the third registration held over the nation Feb.

The numbers assigned Monday meeting of the board all had the letter attached indicating the registration. While it is not how the new man would be inducted into the service, recent story carried in papers indicated the new would be called on a per basis with those previously listed, and the allotment to be assigned at a lotment drawing March 24 to determine the order in class A registrants were. For example, this article if a county had a call for men, and had 100 class men who had previously been listed, and 900 men who classified Class A out of registration group made the call would take ten men from the first and second registration group and 90 men from registered group. Local members do not have special information regarding plan, and our information purely from reading stories in daily papers over state.

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6:45 p. m.	11:55 a. m. PAMPA 5:00 p. m. 8:40 a. m.
7:10 p. m.	12:15 p. m. Skellytown 4:40 p. m. 8:20 a. m.
8:20 p. m.	12:35 p. m. BORGES 4:10 p. m. 8:00 a. m.
8:40 p. m.	1:00 p. m. STINNETT 3:50 p. m. 7:40 a. m.
9:25 p. m.	1:40 p. m. SPEARMAN 3:05 p. m. 7:00 a. m.
10:00 p. m.	2:15 p. m. PERRYTON 2:30 p. m. 6:30 a. m.

Leave Spearman 7 a. m. arrive Amarillo 9:20 a. m. —Leave  
Spearman 3:05 p. m. arrive Amarillo 5:45 p. m. — Bus leaves  
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**COWBOY HIX WILBANKS AND HIS DEPUTIES WHO SOLVED  
ONE OF THE NATIONS MOST BRUTAL MURDER CASES**



Left to right is Sheriff H. L. Wilbanks, Deputy J. B. Coke, and Deputy Buster Cator.

**MURDER STORY**

We learned from Mrs Perry Seavers, a close personal friend of Mrs Murphy, that Mrs Murphy had become acquainted with a man named Robert E. Lawrence of Chicago, she believed thru a marriage bureau. Mrs Seavers gave up a description of Lawrence whom she met. She told us Mrs Murphy had confided to her that Lawrence wore a blue silk money belt, and had displayed several \$100 bills to Mrs Murphy prior to their marriage. He had expressed a distrust to banks and had persuaded Mrs Murphy to make a silk money belt for herself, and Mrs Seavers had aided her friend Mrs Murphy in sewing this belt. She gave us the name of Mrs F. Sedersburg of Delphi, Indiana Rural Route No. 1, mother of Mrs Murphy. She told us Mrs Murphy had three brothers, Rollo Pace of Marion, and Lawrence Pace of near Marion and Alvin Pace of Pateau, Oklahoma.

Armed with this, the first authentic information that would place me in touch with blood relatives of the slain woman, I left for the home of Mr and Mrs Rollo Pace. As anxious as I was to solve the positive identity of this woman, I surely dreaded breaking the news of her death to her relatives. I found this family to be my kind of folk. When the shock of the news that their sister who had left home in the company of a comparative stranger against their advice, had been brutally murdered, had eased, I spread out the clothes worn by their sister at the time of her death.

Mrs Pace identified the purse, the diamond ring I had brought along with the clothing. They recognized the pictures we had with us and in reading the police bulletin description of their sister they explained the deformed finger had been caught in a school house door when Mrs Murphy was a child.

The family turned over letters to me they had received from their sister, signed Mrs Robert E. Lawrence. These letters indicated the honeymoon trip that ended in death had included Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pateau, Okla., and Clovis, New Mexico.

Although it was late in the evening the family insisted on accompanying us to the home of the other brother, Lawrence Pace, 5 miles distance. I was spared the unpleasant duty of breaking the shocking news at the home of this brother, since the other relatives performed this personal task. We exhibited the clothes and pictures at this home and received the positive assurance that the unfortunate bride was their sister.

Again we obtained letters that were written during the honeymoon trip by Mrs Lawrence. Letters and cards had come to Lawrence Pace from Clovis and Albuquerque, N. M. and Dalhart Texas. The letter from Dalhart had been posted at 10 a. m. on the morning of March 19th and ended with the statement "Ha, ha, I haven't been robbed yet."

It was tragic for me to reflect that this trusting bride had met death at the hands of a criminal killer in less than 24 hours after she had penned these words, and at a place within fifty miles of the post office, from which she had mailed the last letter.

The relatives of Mrs Murphy thought perhaps a widowed sister, Ethel Luzzader, who lived 25 miles distance at Elwood, Indiana, might be able to give us more information about Rob. E. Lawrence. They volunteered to bring her to Marion the next day.

When Deputy Buster Cator and I checked our information at the hotel that night, we mapped out a probable route taken by the honeymoon couple from Chicago to the last known stop at Dalhart, Texas. I phoned my deputy J. B. Cooke at Spearman giving him the route and instructing him to place men on the trail to secure the license number of any Dodge Car registered in any tourist camps or hotels along the mapped route of travel.

When we met with the relatives of Mrs Murphy the next morning, April 15th, we secured from the widowed sister of the dead bride the very information we were seeking. It was a copy of the bulletin from the "Get Acquainted Marriage Bureau" of Denver, Colorado, giving the description of Lawrence and his business address as suite 224 84th West Washington, Chicago, Illinois. The bulletin had been forwarded to this widowed sister by Mrs Murphy while she was on her honeymoon trip, with the suggestion "Pick you out a nice husband like I did, and quit working so hard."

Armed with a lead that might bring me in touch with the killer, I left for Chicago. I arrived at Chicago at 8 p. m. and contacted the police. At 9 a. m. the next morning, April 16th, Lieut. Otto Erlanson of the Chicago Police Homicide squad accompanied me to the office address of Lawrence. We found the office locked and vacated. Thru the courtesy of the office building manager Thor B. Lochen, we entered the office seeking possible finger prints. We learned from the manager that the office space had been leased to Robert E. Lawrence on January 7th by Russell Ginter, now in the Army at Fort Casey, Washington. Lawrence leased on month to month basis, paying \$25.00 rent in advance. He gave as reference the names of O. L. Brown, 2532 Ardmore Ave., Chicago, and C. R. Van Eck, 460 North East Union, Grand Rapid, Mich. Office records showed that Lawrence had phoned March 22nd giving up the office, stating he could not make a go of the business and he was leaving for New York.

By late evening I was one of the most discouraged cowboy Sheriffs Texas ever claimed. I planned to make checks on the reference addresses given by Lawrence, but I was just about whiplashed and I knew it. A phone call from my Deputy J. B. Cooke at Spearman, put new life in me. As he unfolded the information he had for me, I recognized a bit of as fine detective work as they produce in the bigger cities. Cooke and District Attorney W.

L. McConnell had found a Dodge car, 1937 model registered at the Eldorado Tourist Camp, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 17th. The registration was for Fred Hamlin, East Chicago. He scoured the country side for a further trail, and at Nara Vasa, New Mexico, a small village, he found the only tourist camp had recorded Mr and Mrs Robert E. Lawrence as guests March 18th. The small camp did not have license numbers, but my boys doubled back to Albuquerque and compared the hand writing of Fred Hamlin and Robert E. Lawrence to find them the same.

It was only a short time after the phone call that I was in conference with Miss Helen Hess owner of the car bearing the license number phoned me from Texas. Miss Hess told me she had loaned the car to the husband of a good friend Mrs Orrin J. Brown. She stated Brown had made arrangements to get the car on March 7th for the purpose of visiting one of his "quail farms" in Kentucky. He had borrowed the car on several occasions before, the lady stated, but he had never given it such a grueling trip as on this occasion she said. Attendants at her garage had checked the speedometer when the car had been returned at midnight March 21st and reported to her that the car had been driven 5,700 miles. The attendants reported that a fender had to be straightened and that Mr Brown attempted to bribe him to turn back the speedometer reading 4,000 miles. This fine lady expressed the utmost confidence in Mrs Brown, but admitted she had become suspicious of the actions of Mr Brown in the last few weeks. She further informed us that Mrs Brown had reached a point of marked distrust to her husband and had discussed with her the possibilities of employing a private detective to ferret out his clandestine activities.

I arranged thru Miss Hess for an interview with Mrs Brown, and her sister Miss Auweiler, who I learned lived in the apartment with the couple.

From talking with Mrs Brown and her sister, our suspicions that Orrin J. Brown and Robert E. Lawrence were one and the same person were confirmed. These kindly trusting, domestic ladies of German nationality were shocked when they realized the full extent of infidelity of their husband and brother-in-law. Bit by bit we presented them a picture of the man who they had trusted. The Chicago Police Department Bureau of Identification recorded that Orrin J. Brown, had been a guest of the government at Leavenworth, Joliet and San Quentin, the larger portion of his mature life.

The official record broke down the last thread of confidence these ladies had in their missing husband and brother-in-law. They talked freely with us and pieced together facts that pictured this man, as just launching a career of marriage to rob his wives of their earthly possessions.

To Be Continued next week with the final installment.

**MRS CECIL CRAWFORD HONORED WITH PINK AND BLUE SHOWER**

Mrs Jack Whitson and Mrs Archa Morse were joint hostesses to a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs Cecil Crawford at the Morse home Thursday afternoon.

The honoree was seated at a table beautifully decorated in pink and white, from which she received her gifts.

Entertainment for the afternoon consisted of contests. Prizes were won by Mrs Floyd Mitts, and Mrs Olin Williams.

Lovely refreshments which carried the pink and blue motif were served to Mesdames C. E. Kiker, Floyd Mitts, Gus Newcomb, Medlin Patterson, Booky Kizzar, Vance Close, J. Close, Ed Close, Joe Novak, R. V. Converse, Frank Davis, Frank Kirkman, F. K. Bannister, Olen Williams, Verna Kenney, Lizzie Benningfield, the hostesses and the honoree Mrs Crawford.

Gifts were sent by Mrs Jacobs Mr and Mrs Otis Patterson and Mrs Aubrey Sparks.

**MICOU NEWS**

Mesdames Clint Bennett, Litch Sparks, F. K. Bannister and Mr E. S. Uptergrove went to Shattuck Saturday to visit Mrs Lizzie Keith who underwent an operation there. Last week Mrs Uptergrove, Mrs Bannister, Geo. Whitson and Bert Keith visited Mrs Keith. We are glad to report that she will be coming home this week.

Mrs Cecil Crawford, Dona and Marilyn and Mrs F. K. Bannister visited Sunday afternoon in the G. C. Newcomb home.

Mr and Mrs Medlin Patterson and children and Mr and Mrs Ed Close were visitors in the J. Close home Wednesday eve.

Mr and Mrs Vance Close, Va Nell, Mr and Mrs J. Close and children were Sunday dinner guests in the Jake Lamb home. Afternoon visitors were Mr and Mrs Bud Jackson, Betty and Barbara.

Mrs A. J. Curtis and son who have been visiting her parents Mr and Mrs Frank Davis of the Medlin community left just recently to join her husband at Houna, La.

Mr and Mrs Carl Hutchison attended the Fat Stock show at Amarillo.

Mrs Medlin Patterson and daughter Joyce, visited with Mrs J. B. Patterson Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs J. Close were Berger visitors last Saturday.

F. K. Bannister and sons R. C. and P. K. were Sunday visitors of Mr and Mrs Frank Kirkman.

Archa Morse assisted in auctioning a sale at Dalhart Friday.

The F. K. Bannister family is quite busy taking care of two hundred chicks. They are also planting about 200 trees for wind breaks.

Our St. Patrick Day this year is quite different from some passed. Instead of a dirt storm we were blessed with a fine snow. The ground was white and still snowing when folks got up Tuesday.

**R. V. Converse Say**

Just now it is a cinch for that bumper crop we have been expecting. This last spell of snow sure did the trick so if April and May will give us the right kind of a break we can make it. However there is the green bugs, hail, and rust, yet to come but some way we may miss them.

The administration is now commencing to show signs of life in the action they are taking in reorganizing the chiefs in the Army and we can now look forward to some action besides retreats. The Russians are commencing to make Hitler yell just a little and as the Russian Army drives deeper the more we can expect Hitler to yell and so it will go from now on the circles will commence to tighten for Hitler first, than Japan, a good many expect Japan to try to take some of the coast line from Russia in order to stop the Russian Army going into Germany. This may work but this writer thinks any attempt to attack Russia will find the Army ready and the result will be a defeated Jap army.

Congress increased the debt limit to 130 billion. There has been no effort made to convince people that we are going bankrupt strange isn't it only a few years ago Dr Townsend proposed a pension for all over 60 years of age and there was wholesale fear that the pension if enacted would put an end to everything. From the agitation, Congress was made pension minded for themselves.

Yours, R. V. C.

**ALL OUT ON THE FARM FRONT**

Cedar Seedlings for Windbreaks—Cedars are available from the Forestry Service for windbreaks at production costs. If you want some ordered call by the County Home Demonstration Agent's office by Saturday, 21st.

Victory Garden—Mr Rosborough, Extension Specialist, is in District 1 this week in interest of gardening. He said "It's not too late to plant strawberries here. Use the Gem, Mastodon, or Progressive Strawberry for this county."

Scrap Metal Rally, Monday, March 23 at the Court House at 8:30 p. m. there will be pictures by International Harvester shown and progress in the scrap metal program discussed. This scrap metal program is the responsibility of every member of each family in helping win the war. Come and bring the family.

District Agent Visits, Miss D. Leggett was in this county Wednesday morning for a conference with your HD Agent. She was glad to learn the number in Hansford county who were planning gardens "Every family should have some kind of a garden this year so their families will be properly fed. I'm afraid transportation difficulties will make vegetables hard to buy in this county, since most of them are shipped in. Although you have the money to buy them with, if they are not available Hansford families will suffer for lack of proper diet."

Fabulous Facts, American farmers will produce in 1942 hogs enough to make a solid procession two abreast, snout to tail, clear around the world.

New Bulletin, A new publication of Extension Service has been received for distribution L-19 Guide for Controlling Vegetable Insects. When seeds shoot stalks above the earth, the bugs begin to bite. A little sickness may strike the sprouts. That is no time to hunt around for some insecticide or a spray gun. Prepare for this in Advance!

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**HANSFORD COUNTY**

**I CUT MY SUGAR I CUT MY COAL—BUT NOT MY FISH BAIT FOR WAR**

That old tune about the alcoholic blues has found a counter part in the feeling of this writer, one of the ardent fishermen of Hansford county. This week when the sun was the hottest the writer started on a fishing trip to Palo Duro creek. Not one shop or cold storage vault in Spearman had any liver for fishing. The writer could not even get kidney, and the fact that not one fish was caught can be blamed on the fact that the hooks were baited with 40c a

pound beef. They can cut out alcohol, cut down on my sugar, and I won't growl—but this war just ain't going to cut my fish bait—I'm protesting.

**SPRING MEETINGS SET**

A schedule for spring district meetings of the Texas Home Dem Association, organization of more than 40,000 rural club women, has been received by Helen H. Swift, chairman of the association's advisory committee composed of members of the Extension Service home demonstration staff. The schedule has been prepared by officers of the association: District 1 will meet in Amarillo on May 7th.

Principal feature of the meet will be a check-up on the progress of the Association's "all-out nutrition for defense program" adopted at its convention last fall.

**OSLO NEWS**

Morning Worship at the Lutheran Church next Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday in Lent, will begin at 11:30 a. m. (War Time) Sermon Theme "There shall be Fulfillment of the Things Spoken unto Her" Luke 1:39-45.

The Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a. m. The Confirmation Class will meet at the parsonage at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday. The Lenten Services will be held at the Church as follows: Friday evening, March 20 at 8:30 p. m. Sermon Theme Forsaken of God. Friday evening March 27 at 8:30 p. m. A Communion Service. Sermon Theme, A Garden As Well As A Cross. Let us keep Lent by putting our pennies in the Penny-a-Meal-Containers and also by attending these Services. The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday afternoon of next week (March 26) with Mrs Robert Alexander, H. C. Hjortholm, pastor.

**OSLO NEWS**

Raymond Reising, whose home is at Clifton, Texas, but who has been employed in the Consolidated Airplane factory in California, visited friends here for a few days this week. Last summer he was employed by James Stedje. He went from here to Clifton for a brief visit with parents and other relatives and friends there. He expects to be called into the Army service very soon.

Leona Knutson was a week-end guest of Reba Bennett who lives near Gruver. Pastor and Mrs Hjortholm returned from their trip to Norge, Okla., and Clifton, Texas on Wednesday of last week. The Circuit meeting which they attended at Clifton was a very good meeting in spite of the fact that a feeling of sadness prevailed because of the burning of the two dormitories at Clifton Junior College on Sunday afternoon, the first day of the meeting. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to continue the school, although the outlook is not bright for doing so. It will be very difficult to continue if a dormitory for girls cannot be built.

Ole Knutson, who was injured in the nose and lower lip when he stumbled into a barb wire fence in the dark recently, is improving rapidly now. The Emil Knutson family at-

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tended the Rubinoff violin recital recently presented in the Amarillo Auditorium. They were much pleased by the marvelous playing of this artist.

Bill Johnson, who recently underwent an operation at Saint Anthony's hospital has returned to his home here and is convalescing nicely.

Jodie Knutson has returned to take up his work with Emil Knutson after a months stay at his home in Cranfills Gap, Texas.

Betsy Dahl spent last Sunday at her home here. Selma Dahl visited friends at Lubbock, during the week-end.

Pastor and Mrs Hjortholm were supper guests at the Emil Knutson home last Sunday evening. The measles and the mumps have claimed many victims among both the young and old in the community recently. None of them have been critically ill. We hope that the coming of Spring will banish them from the community.

**BLODGETT NEWS**

Mr and Mrs Hollis Gossett and children attended the Fat Stock Show Thursday.

Mrs J. F. Sims and Mrs Ada Wildhagon were Spearman shoppers Friday. They visited in the Blodgett home on their return home.

Otis Patterson took a load of hogs to Amarillo recently.

Mrs W. M. Deck spent Friday with Mrs Schubert.

L. P. Brown is visiting his daughter at Stinnett. Mr Brown is feeling better at this time.

Henry Fuller and children, Kenneth Keith and Dorothy spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mrs J. M. Blodgett.

Mr and Mrs Mearl Beck and Mrs Ralph Blodgett went to the show Saturday night.

Mr and Mrs Frank Novak were Sunday guests in the Dennis Reed home.

Mr and Mrs Edd Beck visited in the John Kenney home Sunday evening.

Mrs E. S. Uptergrove accompanied Mrs Henry Keith to Shattuck where Mrs Keith underwent an operation.

**LAKE VIEW TATTLER**

Mrs Dennis Reed spent Tuesday afternoon in the John Sims home. Mrs Sim and daughter, Mrs Wildhagon spent Thursday afternoon in the S. J. Powell home. Mrs Ralph Blodgett called in the Sim home and the S. J. Powell home the first of the week.

Walter Emmick of Pampa and Junior Laney of Fredrick, Ok. were caught in the snow storm Saturday. They trudged their car along until they got in the neighborhood of the Blodgett school then they were stuck as the roads in this immediate territory are not graded, the center being the lowest part of the road. Dennis Reed came to their rescue and pulled them out. They had no more trouble as long as they were in Hansford county.

Mrs John Sims and Mrs Fred Wildhagon spent Friday afternoon in the writers home late in the eve they went to the Gossett home for Leona Emmick.

The Gossett family spent all day Thursday in Amarillo at the Fat Stock show.

Sunday the Gossett family ate dinner with Mr Gossett's sister and family in Stinnett. Stopping at the Powell home in the afternoon for Leona Emmick.

An enjoyable time was had on Sunday afternoon in the Powell

home with these guests Mr and Mrs Dan Nitschke and daughter, Bertha May, Katherine, Marylee and Genevieve Olsen and Anita King, music, songs, and pie with whipped cream were enjoyed by all. Little Marylee was the most popular girl all afternoon, she is a darling.

Mr and Mrs Dan Nitschke shopped in Perryton Thursday. S. J. Powell lost one of his registered hampshire ewe's this week she lay down in the field in a grassy place and turned her back and her back being so broad she could not turn over and get up.

The writer would like to buy a few geese and a gander if she knew who had them for sale.

Miss Genevieve Olsen and Anita King had Sunday dinner in the Dan Nitschke home.

Mrs Everett Clement and Mrs

Doff Daniel were Perryton shoppers Saturday.

Roy Flowers celebrated his 6th birthday the 13th by visiting at school all day, Willis King is another little man that had a birthday Saturday the 14th being his birthday.

The John King family shopped in Spearman Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Orval Fullbright and daughter spent the night with Mrs Fullbright's folks the Pipkin family Friday night, Geo. Pipkin was seen window shopping in Spearman Saturday. The Pipkin family all shopped in Spearman Tuesday.

Senna Bell Pipkin is anxiously waiting for gardening time as she has cabbage plants ready for transplanting.

Dan Nitschke has returned home from a business trip in Kansas, he and Mrs Nitschke mo-

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tored to Perryton the first of the week. Mrs Nitschke and son spent Friday evening in the Dan Nitschke home.

Mr and Mrs Ed and Clyde Hester were shoppers in Perryton Saturday.

Mrs W. M. Deck spent Tuesday with Mrs James Reed Spearman. Mr Deck transacted business in Perryton Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Lester Howland hauled a load of lambs to Oklahoma City for Olan Williams. Mr and Mrs Loyde Carter Pampa visited in the Olan Williams home Sunday.

Helen Kenney spent the weekend with Nellie Hamilton in town of Spearman.

Edward Beck and son visited in the W. Y. Williams home Monday afternoon.

Mrs McClellan visited Mr and Mrs Branham Sunday.

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**DANGER**

**SCHOOLBOY KILLED WHEN KITE STRIKES HIGH VOLTAGE LINE**

Jerry, a 10-year-old grade student, met instant death by electrocution here late yesterday afternoon when the wire string of a kite he was flying came in contact with a vacant high voltage power line at the rear of West lot near the ambulance crew and power company employees, called to the scene immediately after the accident. Applied artificial respiration for three hours but were unable to revive the boy, who apparently received the full force of 6,900 volts.

Jerry and several companions had been flying the kite for about 45 minutes when it dived suddenly and allowed the wire string to fall across the 6,900-volt line that passes up the alley between Third and Fourth Streets. There was a flash at the moment of contact and

*Do not fly kites near Electric Lines*



**BOYS AND GIRLS—PLAY SAFE**

**Follow These Safety Suggestions**

Kite flying is a healthful sport and lots of fun, but danger lurks when kites are flown near electric lines. Don't run the risk of death or serious injury. Follow these precautions and be safe:

- 1 Fly your kites in open fields as far away as possible from electric power lines.
- 2 Do not use wire or metallic kite strings.
- 3 Do not climb poles to retrieve tangled kites.
- 4 Do not use metal kite sticks or wooden sticks bound with wire.
- 5 Do not fly kites with wet string or in wet weather.
- 6 Do not poke sticks at kites caught in wires or try to pull them down by their tails

If you see a kite caught in an electric line, call our office at once. Our employees know how to remove kites without endangering anyone or causing an interruption to electric service.

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