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Don't Name It! by "Honest" Bill Miller

This issue of the Reporter marks the 42nd Anniversary of your county newspaper. There are few other business enterprises in the county that have endured good times and bad, longer than your county paper.

The present publisher of the newspaper, Will J. Miller has been actively in charge longer than any other publisher or owner. However, Mister Miller has served as publisher for a shorter time than any other owner.

The late Oran Kelly owned and managed the paper for 11 years his tenure of office dating from 1917 to 1928. Next in line would be J. H. Buchanan, who owned and operated the paper for seven years. Miller has been Manager - Publisher of the paper since April 1, 1932, with a two years interruption during the last war. S. B. Hale, deceased, closely identified with the growth and progress of Hansford county for 30 years was responsible for the establishment of the present Spearman Reporter. The paper began publication under the name of the Hansford Headlight in 1907.

The first newspaper published in this county was the Farwell Graphic. Back in the early history of the county the little town of Farwell located near the Farwell Draw on the present Highway 88, made a bid for the county seat, when it was generally known that a county would be organized. With a newspaper going, owned and operated by R. M. Kelly, an attorney, who lived at Vicksburg, Mass., until his death a few years ago, it looked like the Farwell folk had all the advantages. Just how the Hansford settlement overcame the lead of the Farwell community is explained by old timers with the statement that Huff Wright was just "too smart for the Farwell bunch."

Publication of the Farwell Graphic started sometime in 1888 and ceased publication in 1889 when the county seat question was settled and Old Hansford became the capital of Hansford. R. M. Kelly, the owner Publisher of the Farwell Graphic visited Spearman in 1937.

Just a short time after Old Hansford was named the county seat, two men, Deffenbaugh and H. E. G. Putnam began publication of the Hansford Herald. We are informed by old timers that the equipment of the Hansford Herald was destroyed during the cyclone in 1890 and the publishers were unable to replace it. At any rate publication of the Herald ceased in 1890.

The Hansford Headlight was established in 1907 by the late Judge A. E. Townsend. The paper was edited and operated by Harry Purcell, of course guided by the late Judge Townsend, who was a real estate man at that time and helped to settle all of Hansford county.

When the present Reporter was established by the late S. B. Hale, it was first published at Guymon. Evi Wright, a newspaper man of Guymon, Oklahoma, at that time, Mr. Wright installed the usual printing equipment of that day and time, consisting of an old George Washington hand press, a snapper press for job work, and the proverbial shirt tail full of job and Advertising type. Porter Wright ran the paper for one year and sold it back to Hale. Mr. Hale operated the paper for a few months and sold out in July of 1911, to J. H. Buchanan, an old timer, who lives in Spearman. Mr. Buchanan operated the newspaper for approximately 7 years before he sold to a stock company of Old Hansford citizens including J. R. Collard, M. B. Wright, S. B. Hale and others. R. B. Quinn, then a newspaper man of Guymon, Oklahoma, was employed as editor of the Hansford Headlight, and Oran Kelly was employed as mechanical superintendent (he did all the work in the back end of the paper). Mr. Quinn did not live at Hansford and his work represented editorial contributions to the paper. The paper was operated under the above outlined co-management for 6 months when Oran Kelly purchased the newspaper from the Hansford stockholders. Oran Kelly owned the paper for 11 years selling the publication to the Nunn-Warren Publishing Company June 7, 1928.

Following the resignation of Oran Kelly as manager of the Spearman Reporter, because of ill health, J. Dave Cameron, former newspaper man of Childress, Texas now deceased, became Editor - Manager serving a little more than one year. Cameron was followed by W. I. Miller as Editor-Manager, which position he held until he purchased the business effective Jan., 1946.

There are a great many interesting incidents that could be told about the operation of this newspaper, such as the time when J. H. Buchanan printed an issue on wrapping paper and wallpaper, because the snow kept him from receiving his regular newsprint.

Perhaps the most thrilling experience the present publisher had in connection with the paper was the day

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Lion Club Members See Gibner Pictures At Noon Meeting.

Lion Club members enjoyed a real treat at the Tuesday noon luncheon, when pictures taken by Lion C. A. Gibner were shown as the program for the meeting. Lion Gibner and family, and Curt Lowe and family enjoyed an August vacation in Canada, spending much of the time fishing 25 miles from the nearest civilization. The Spearman visitors had to make much of their Canada trip into the lake country via boat as there were no roads in the forest. The pictures were outstanding in their scenic beauty, and Mrs. Gibner and Peyton showed up as real fishermen. Course Clay had the excuse that he had to take all the pictures, but finally admitted Peyton beat him had in the size and number of fish caught.

Pope Gibner Has Car Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Pope Gibner were victims of a two car collision Wednesday December 3, three miles South of Stinnett. Mr. Gibner recounted the cause for the accident as a blocked road. It seems the woman driving a Chevrolet car had pulled out to the right to allow the cars to pass before making a left hand turn. She evidently decided the road was clear, and made the turn completely blocking the road and stopping her car. It forced Pope to drive to the bar pit to keep from experiencing a head on collision. The Gibner car overturned 3 times and was badly damaged. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Gibner received serious injuries aside from shock and torn ligaments of Mr. Gibner's right arm.

Miss Vernon Has Freak Accident.

Miss Buena Vernon experienced a car accident Sunday evening Dec. 5, when the car she was driving went out of control and rolled over about 30 feet down Hansford hill. Something was wrong with the steering gear, and Miss Vernon was unable to direct its course. Miss Vernon received a broken finger and bruises as result of the accident, but no serious injury.

Weather And Market Report For Week.

Seventeen degrees was the low temperature for the week, on Dec. 5, with the high on December 1, of 57 degrees.

The weather report follows:

Date	Hi	Low	Rain
November 30	43	20	
December 1	57	23	
2	54	24	
3	70	25	
4	66	30	
5	51	17	
6	61	26	
7		22	

MARKET REPORT

Wheat, bu	\$2.09
Barley, bu	1.15
Milo, cwt.	2.10
Oats, bu	0.95
Rye, bu	1.49

Youngest Judge In The Country???

The article printed below was clipped from the Borer Herald. The story was featured on the front page of the daily paper, and a picture of Johnnie was carried with the story.

People who picture judges as old codgers with chin whiskers and bald heads have a surprise in store if they are called before his Honor John C. Lee, Hansford County Judge.

Judge Lee, who is more generally known around Perryton and Spearman as "Johnnie" boasts 24 years of age and became county judge at the ripe age of 23.

Johnnie's friends, and that takes in most of Hansford county's population, firmly believe he is the youngest judge in Texas if not in the entire United States, but the judge himself isn't concerned.

"If I'm not the youngest someone will yell about this story and then we'll know for certain."

The Honorable A. F. Barkley, Hansford county judge for 12 years, died on October 11 and Johnnie was appointed judge the next day.

Lee was appointed by the county commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of Barkley and then was certified by the democratic nomination committee to place his name on the ballot of the general election. Johnnie won by an approximate two to one vote.

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CCC Loans Are Available Until Dec. 31, 1948.

CCC Loans and Purchase agreements are available on 1948 wheat until December 31, 1948. 251 CCC loans have been made covering 543,303 bushels of wheat for a total of \$1,085,262. 21 producers have signed purchase agreements on 164,883 bushels of wheat which guarantees them the loan price for their wheat if they want to deliver it to Commodity Credit Corporation next year. The date of delivery will be during the month of May, 1949.

Loans and Purchase Agreements are available through the Hansford County ACA office at the Court house in Spearman.

Obituary

Mr. R. M. Maize was born on December 13, 1884, in Girard, Mo. He came to Texas in 1900, and located near Old Hansford. He was married to Miss Tressie Brown December 24, 1913. To this union were born four children, two girls and two boys. Mr. Maize had been in very bad health for some time. He made a profession of religion in early childhood. Mr. Maize passed away at 12:50 a. m. November 30, 1948.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Clyde Maize, Spearman, Texas; Mrs. Charles L. Cox, Canadian, Texas; Mrs. Guy Shields, Santea, Kansas; Don Maize of Spearman, Texas, and three grand children.

Three brothers, P. M. Maize, of Spearman, Texas; F. Maize, of Borger, Texas, and Elmo Maize of Phoenix, Arizona.

Five Couples Leave For Farm Bureau Meeting Dec. 5th.

Ten Spearmanites left Monday evening for a grand two weeks vacation of "fun and travel". The local people making the trip are joining hundreds of other people of the nation in a national trek to the Farm Bureau national meeting to be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey next week. Those making the trip from this area include: Mr. and Mrs. Delon Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shedeck, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilbanks and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clements.

The party left Amarillo Monday evening on the special Farm Bureau train from this section. In addition to the four day sessions of the national farm bureau meetings, those attending from this area will make conducted tours of New York, Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada and Washington. The Spearman party expect to arrive back in Amarillo December 20th, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, who plan to leave the special train at Kansas City, enroute home to make visits in the state of Kansas.

Mrs. Delon Kirk will give special reports of the trip to the Reporter. We hope to carry the first article in next weeks newspaper.

Rosemary Holt Is W. T. Beauty

Rosemary Holt, junior from Gruver, was selected as one of 13 beauties at West Texas State College this year. The girls were introduced at a formal ball given Tuesday night by Le Mirage, college yearbook. Each beauty will be given a page in Le Mirage.

The beauties were chosen by the student body instead of being accepted by an outsider, as was done in the past.

Other winners were Polly Caperton of Amarillo, first place; Lora Hall, Plainview; Jean Morgan, Quail; Martha Bailey, Amarillo; Wilma Lee Francis, Silverton; Pat Sutton, Pampa; Mary Frances Colwell, Canyon; Rosemary Phillips, Hereford; Wilma Jean Jacobs, Hereford; Ruth Patman, CL; Dorothy Rushing, Floyd; and June Wimberly, Canyon.

Spearman Choir Sing Carols At Giant Parade

The Spearman high school choir, under the direction of Mr. Godfrey, went to Pampa Wednesday to participate in the "Flight of Santa Claus" parade.

The giant parade had 44 entries, with floats etc. The choral groups from all the surrounding towns were invited to attend and sing Christmas carols for the day. The Spearman choir has 24 members.

Mrs. Don Tipton left Amarillo by plane Monday morning to join her husband Sgt. Don Tipton, who is stationed at Falmouth, Mass.

Hospital Member- Ship Meeting

Dear Member:
Notice is hereby given that the annual membership meeting of the Hansford Hospital will be held in the District Court Room, Hansford County Court House, Spearman, Texas, at 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, December 15, 1948.

Business to be transacted at this time will be the election of 2 members to the Board of Directors, and any and all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

Retiring directors are Everett E. Vandenberg and Mrs. Josie Hays. Candidates for these vacancies will be announced by the nominating committee at an early date.

We urge that you be present & take a part in this meeting.

Sincerely yours,
HANSFORD HOSPITAL.

C. of C. Banquet Is Tonight

December 9th:
Beginning tonight at 7:00 P. M. the first of a series of Chamber of Commerce banquets will be held. The banquet will be at the Methodist church annex, prepared by the Methodist Missionary Society.

Program presentations will include an address by L. A. Wilkie, Service Director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, of Abilene. A musical program under the direction of Bobby Heard will conclude the program.

V. F. W. Dance In Spearman Sat. Nite December 11th

That man with the band is here again. Yes sir, Sparkey's Sparklers are dusting off their guitars and fiddles, and are ready for one of those popular Saturday nite dances, to be held at the Community Building, in Spearman, Texas, Saturday night, Oct. 11.

Sparkey's band has become the most popular dance band attraction in Hansford County, and the band always plays to a good crowd.

Come out Saturday night, and relax with Sparkey at the community Bldg. Dance starts at 8:30.

Boys Ranch To Give Program at Supper

The Black and Waka Home Demonstration clubs are sponsoring a box supper to be held in the Waka school house Saturday night December 11, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Boys Ranch will present the program for the evening, with 60 per cent or more of the proceeds going to the Boys of the ranch.

Everyone is invited to come to this supper and enjoy the interesting program and evening of fun.

PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE HANSFORD HOSPITAL PAST TWO WEEKS.

MEDICAL
Mrs. Vergie Seitz, Spearman; Bobby Joe Nollner, Spearman; Kathy Pattison, Spearman; Boss Hogan, Spearman; Mrs. Jewell Turner, Spearman; Barbara Ann Maxwell, Spearman; Mrs. Vivian Bayless, Gruver; Billy Barkley, Spearman; Wesley Calhoun, Gruver; Resetta Finley, Gruver; W. L. Hesser, Gruver; Mrs. Connie Dupuy, Gruver; Frank Novak, Jr., Spearman; Mrs. Billie Jean Smith, Spearman; Mrs. Pauline Oakes, Spearman.

ACCIDENT

Olin Williams, Spearman, Tex. BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Smith, Spearman are the proud parents of a boy, Danny Ray, born November 26, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Oakes, Spearman, are the parents of a boy, Alvin Coy, born December 5.

TURKEY SHOOT SUNDAY

The Spearman Gun club will stage a turkey shoot at the gun trap grounds north of the tracks, Sunday afternoon December 12. Shooting begins at 2:00 p. m. Everybody invited.

CORRECTION

In last weeks paper under the obituary of Mr. Holt, deceased, it was stated Mrs. Lizzie Grubbs was his only daughter. Mrs. Grubbs is Mr. Holts sister.

NOTICE

The Mary Lee Sunday school class will have their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. E. Lee, December 20.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. W. E. Caldwell

Last rites for Mrs. W. E. Caldwell were held Saturday December 4 in the Union Church of Spearman. Rev. Albert Durham officiated at the memorial services assisted by Rev. Ray Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist church.

"Grandmother" Caldwell, had been in failing health for the past several months. She passed away Thursday December 2, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvino Richardson of Spearman, where she had resided during the long months of illness. Mrs. Caldwell died at the age of 87 years.

Henrietta L. McLamore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLamore, was born at Center, Shelby County, Texas, on September 26, 1861 where she grew to womanhood. She was united in marriage to William E. Caldwell on March 29, 1882, at Center Texas. To this union there were born four children, one girl died in infancy, and the other three still survive and are: Vernie W. Caldwell, J. Simoleon Caldwell and Mrs. Alvino Richardson all of Spearman, Tex.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and family moved to Scurry County, Texas, in 1890, and from there to Hansford County in 1898, settling on the Palo Duro Creek in the northwest part of the County, where they lived until 1904 when they moved to Hansford. Mr. Caldwell passed away in 1916, and Mrs. Caldwell continued to reside at Hansford until about 1925 when she moved to Spearman where she lived until her death, December 2, 1948 at the age of more than 87 years.

In her early years, Mrs. Caldwell united with the Presbyterian church, and was a faithful worker in the church of her choice, or in other churches serving the community in which she resided. She was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church at Spearman, and a regular attendant so long as her health permitted. She was also a charter and active member of both the Rebekah Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star at Spearman.

In addition to the children above named, Mrs. Caldwell is survived by 8 grandchildren and 11 great grand children; and by three sisters, Mrs. Cora Baines of Eastland, Mrs. Ida McIntyre of Houston and Mrs. Emma McCoy of Dallas, and by a host of friends.

Grandma Caldwell, as she was affectionately known by her many friends, will be missed, not only in the home, but in the church & in the community, for truly this community has been richly blessed by the life of this good woman.

Band Concert To Be Held December 11.

A group of parents, patrons and children gathered in the local school auditorium Monday night December 6 to hear a short band concert.

After the concert a business session was held and officers for the organization were elected. Plans were discussed for future improvement of the band.

Under the direction of Mr. Godfrey, a short band concert will be given down town Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m., December 11th.

The group hopes to have a good representation to hear the band and note the progress that has been made in the short 2 months of rehearsals.

Industrial Building Now Underway

The Reporter is unable to confirm the rumor that Hamilton Co. is constructing a large mud plant for use in oil well drilling; The Texas Company is constructing a supply house in Spearman. However something is going up on the lots East of Porter Elevator, and it is a large building that is alleged to be the mud plant. Another large building apparently a warehouse is going up North of Paul Roach home, and the other other alleged supply house was supposed to be constructed either North or South of the DeJot just off the highway. Maybe we can make an official report next week.

NEW CITIZEN IS 1940 MODEL

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Oakes are the proud parents of a nine pound 1940 model son, named Alvin Coy. The new citizen was born December 6th at the Hansford hospital.

Box Supper

Teen Town announces a Box supper and Christmas party for members only to be held December 20. Proceeds will go for further Teen Town equipment.

Announce Deep Oil Test To Be Made On J. R. Collard, Section 7, in This County.

Announcement carried in the Amarillo Daily News Sunday and confirmed by J. R. Collard of Spearman reveals that a deep test for oil will be spudded in this county on Section 7 S. A. and M. G. R. Y. survey in the immediate future. According to the information given this newspaper by J. R. Collard, owner of the land, the test will be slated within 2 weeks if weather conditions permit. The test will be financed by the Gulf Oil Corporation, according to Mr. Collard. The location is 660 feet from the North line of Section 7 and 1900 feet from the east line of Section 7. Mr. Collard owns 800 acres in the block under the lease by the Gulf Oil Corporation. The acreage represented in Sec. 7 and section 189 on West. The test according to information from Mr. Collard is for not less than 8850 feet, or granite. Of course there is a possibility that the test could and will go deeper. Since this would be determined by formation as the hole approaches bottom hole depth.

This new test, first of many prospective deep tests in Hansford county is located approximately 9 miles from Spearman by air line, but a little more than 11 miles via highway and dirt road. Section No. 6, adjoining Mr. Collard on the North is owned by O. L. Williams.

This location of the first deep test for oil by a major Oil Company settles the question that has been uppermost in the minds of Hansfordites for more than a year. Just about this time last year the Spearman Reporter offered \$10.00 prize for the information or guess as to where the first deep test for oil in this county would be made. Several guesses were made in the neighborhood of the present location, such as Irvin Hester acreage, Jess Edwards and Edgar Womble acreage, but fortunate for the country editor no one guessed the exact location.

The Sunday story in the Amarillo newspaper indicated that a wildcat test was being made by the Humble Oil and Refining Co, which was an error. We quote the paragraph from the Daily newspaper "The other good news for Hansford County was the announcement that the Humble Oil and Refining Company's No. 1 Jackson in section 166 Block 44H and T. C. Survey, had struck gas at 2,950 feet. It was reported making 1,940,000 cubic feet of gas with some water."

The error was in the implied thought that this was a wildcat well. It was strictly a well drilled for gas, and the location is in Section 44, Block 1, Washington R. R. Survey. If you look at a Hansford map you can locate the gas well by counting down from the Northern boundary of the map four and a half sections, and 12 sections from the Eastern boundary of the map four and a half sections, and 12 sections from the Eastern boundary of the map. The location of this gas well is virtually 25 miles North of the new location of the Gulf No. 1, J. R. Collard deep test in Section 7.

Unconfirmed rumor has the price for royalty in the neighborhood of the well as \$100.00 per acre offered, with no one selling.

A check of a three county area including Hansford, Roberts, Sherman counties indicate the new location of the Gulf would be in a Northwest trend from the two deep tests made by Phillips in Roberts County, the No. 1 Carruth and No. 1 Jenkie. Both these tests were tight wells, but considerable excitement was created before the two tests were abandoned, and we understand the Rig for the Carruth test remains up at the old location. However the new location made by Phillips in Sherman County on the Boney land would not be in a direct Northwest trend from the Carruth No. 1, but would indicate the trend South of the old Northwest trend of Carruth No. 1.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MR. NICHOLAS CALVIN HOLT

Funeral services for Nicholas Calvin Holt were held in the Gruver Methodist church Friday afternoon December 3rd at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Charles Pike, pastor, officiated assisted by Herbert Hurdus. A large crowd gathered to pay tribute to a grand old gentleman. During the last fifteen years he had made his home with his son Coy Holt.

The many floral offerings testified to the esteem in which he was held.

The choir sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and Mrs. Jim Cator sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells."

The following gentlemen served as pall bearers: J. L. Cator, Lloyd Andrews, Alfred Henderson, Curtis Lowe, A. L. Holland and P. H. Westerfield. All of them long time friends of the family. Interment was in the Gruver cemetery with Boxwell Bros.

Co. in charge.

Nicholas Calvin Holt was born in Tennessee August 6, 1862. Most of his life was spent near Rosebud, White County, Ark. He was a working farmer all his life. He is survived by five sons, Coy and Cecil Holt of Gruver, Dr. C. Zeno Holt of Los Angeles, Calif. Harvey Holt of San Antonio and Sherman Holt of Texhoma, Okla. One daughter, Mrs. Ora Mitchell of Amarillo, who preceded him in death, her daughter, Mrs. Faye Siler of Sacramento, California, who was reared by Dr. and Mrs. C. Zeno Holt, also of California; a sister Mrs. Lizzie Grubbs of Gruver, 16 grandchildren and two great grand children. In addition a number of other relatives and many friends mourn his passing.

Among the out-of-town people who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Linton, Tom and D. T. Linton of Los Oramos, N. M.; and Mrs. May Vorhies of McAllister, Oklahoma.

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NEWS

*** County ***
Agricultural Agent
Texas A. & M. College
Extension Service

By County Agent Zack Jagers

Do you want your Ranch Scales Tested?

Some ranchers have found that they were losing as much as 50 lbs. per head on 800 pound steers when sold over their ranch scales. You can get yours checked free, by an official checker from the State Department of Agriculture. If you would like to have this done, let me know.

Questions and answers on the 1948 Income Tax Law:

How are market livestock which were bought this year, or earlier, and sold this year handled? "On market animals you buy, don't deduct them until you sell them or they die."

Is the Farm Residence counted as Part of the Farm Business?

No. Neither depreciation nor operating expenses are deductible on the farmer's residence. The tenant house and bunkhouses for labor are part of the cost of operating the farm business, and are deductible.

Is the value of the board furnished hired farm labor deductible?

That part of the board coming from products raised on the farm is not, but the groceries and items purchased are.

Can a farmer deduct the cost of operating the family car?

Only to the extent the family car is used in farm business.

If a crop is damaged or wiped out by hail, flood, or in other ways, can the estimated loss be deducted?

No. The expense of producing the crop has already been taken care of by the deductions of operating expenses by depreciation.

Can land be depreciated?

No, but terraces, contours, and other land improvements that are not permanent can. Maintenance work on terraces, contours, etc., can also be deducted as operating expenses.

A QUIZ ABOUT CATTLE

Answer to last weeks questions

5. (b) More than one-third of the veal and beef supply comes from the dairy industry.

6. (b) The kind of meat gaining most in total consumption has been veal.

This weeks questions:

7. Of the total distribution of meat in 1947, export and shipments abroad amounted to:

a. Less than 2 per cent?

b. More than 2 per cent and less than 5 per cent?

c. More than 5 per cent.

8. Per capita consumption of meats (dressed weight) for 1948 is estimated at: a. 145 pounds?

b. 155 pounds? c. 165 pounds?

H D Notes



BY VIVIAN VANCE

When it comes to picking out flowers and shrubs for landscaping the home, it's a good time to be choosy. You can afford to be, because some plants look better in certain areas than other plants.

These colors in flowers or the berries or blooms on shrubs may clash with each other, and produce a gaudy appearance rather than an attractive one.

There's one thing that will help decide for the home shrub grower just what plants to choose, and that is the soil on which the plants are grown.

Some flowers and shrubs have to have careful attention all the time. It doesn't take long for some to become choked out by the weeds and grasses, or for insects or diseases to knock them out. Hardy, well established shrubs will fight off these pests and live

Baked Sweetpotato
Cranberry Salad
Whole Wheat Bread
Egg Custard-Milk - Coffee

Vets May Apply For Life Insurance.

A veteran of World War II who served at any time between October 8, 1940, and September 2, 1945 inclusive, is eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance, whether or not he took out such insurance while in service or has since let it lapse.

He may get term insurance or any of six permanent plans available; ordinary life, 30-payment life, endowment at age of 65. No one may at any time hold more than \$10,000 worth of government insurance, including U. S. Government Life (W. M. L.) Insurance.

Term and permanent policies which have been allowed to lapse may be reinstated within three months from date of lapse, provided the insured is in as good health as the time of reinstatement as he was when the insurance lapsed. He must furnish the necessary information to establish that fact, preferable on VA Form 9-352- or 353.

After three months of lapse, a physical examination is required. This will be given without charge at any VA regional office or hospital.

Term insurance may be reinstated by paying only two monthly premiums in arrears with interest is required.

For further information on Veterans Benefits contact A. L. Wilson, Jr., County Service Officer.

Spearman Lynx Play Lubbock Westerners Tonight In Berger Tournament.

Tonight at 7:00 p. m. (Thursday December 9) the Spearman Lynx little team in the Panhandle will tangle with the powerful Lubbock Westerners, at the new Frank Phillips College gymnasium in Borger, Texas.

From all indications the Westerners are favored to blast the

little Lynx clear out of the smoky city, but Coach Head and his mighty mitts just aint gonna let them get away with murder, especially as the Lynx already have two wins behind them to no defeats.

The winner of the Lubbock - Spearman game plays Amarillo Saturday afternoon at 3:15 p. m. The loser of the Lubbock - Spearman game plays Dimmitt at 2:00 p. m. Friday afternoon. My predictions are that Spearman will tangle with Dimmitt Friday afternoon, and probably wind up their stay in Borger, as the Dimmitt team is apt to be the winner of the tournament. So in either case Spearman will get to play two games, as it is a double elimination tournament.

There are so many good teams in the tournament, that it just isn't possible for the Spearman Lynx to go to the finals. Here is a list of the teams; every one of them good clubs. Borger, Quanah, Spearman, Amarillo, Childress, Lubbock, Phillips, Dimmitt, Stratford and Pampa.

After the Spearman game on Thursday night, the Pampa Harvesters and the Stratford Elks will tangle (8:15 p. m.) If your blood pressure can stand it, at 9:30 p. m. the Amarillo Sandies will clash the Childress Bobcats.

What an evening of real classy entertainment for Hansford fans. A chance to see what the Lynx can do against Lubbock, and a chance to see what the Stratford Elks have this year. Don't miss it.

Football Team Honored With Banquet.

The Spearman High football team, Coaches and several guests were honored with a banquet supper, Wednesday evening December 1, at the Methodist church annex. The host and hostesses for the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Floyd and Mrs. Gwenfred Lackey.

Coach Garland Head made an excellent speech, summarizing the year's football season. Other talks were made by Coach White, Grade school coach Clabaugh, Principal Peters and Billy Miller of the Spearman Reporter sports department. All of the guests emphasized

and the good sportsmanship shown by the Spearman team this year. Several mothers of players were in attendance.

Spearman Girls Play Darrouzett Here Friday

Coach White's girls from Spearman High will play the follett girls team at Follett, (tonight) Thursday December 9, and the Darrouzett girls at Spearman Friday night. The girls game at Spearman Friday night Dec. 10

SAM POST SAYS:



"Make no mistake about it, I'm a tough guy—hard as nails—just like I had to be when I followed that Star-Spangled Banner overseas. No room for mushy sentiment in my make-up!"

"All the same, when I drive past the Scout Camp evenings and see 'em haul down Old Glory, a couple of butterflies always start fluttering around in my stomach. It does things to me."

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will be a double header, A and B team games. Visitors in the Otis Dry home last week were their little 4, B. Velma and Virginia Dry, old twins of Anson, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Haslewood of Lubbock visited with Mrs. Dana Haslewood last week.

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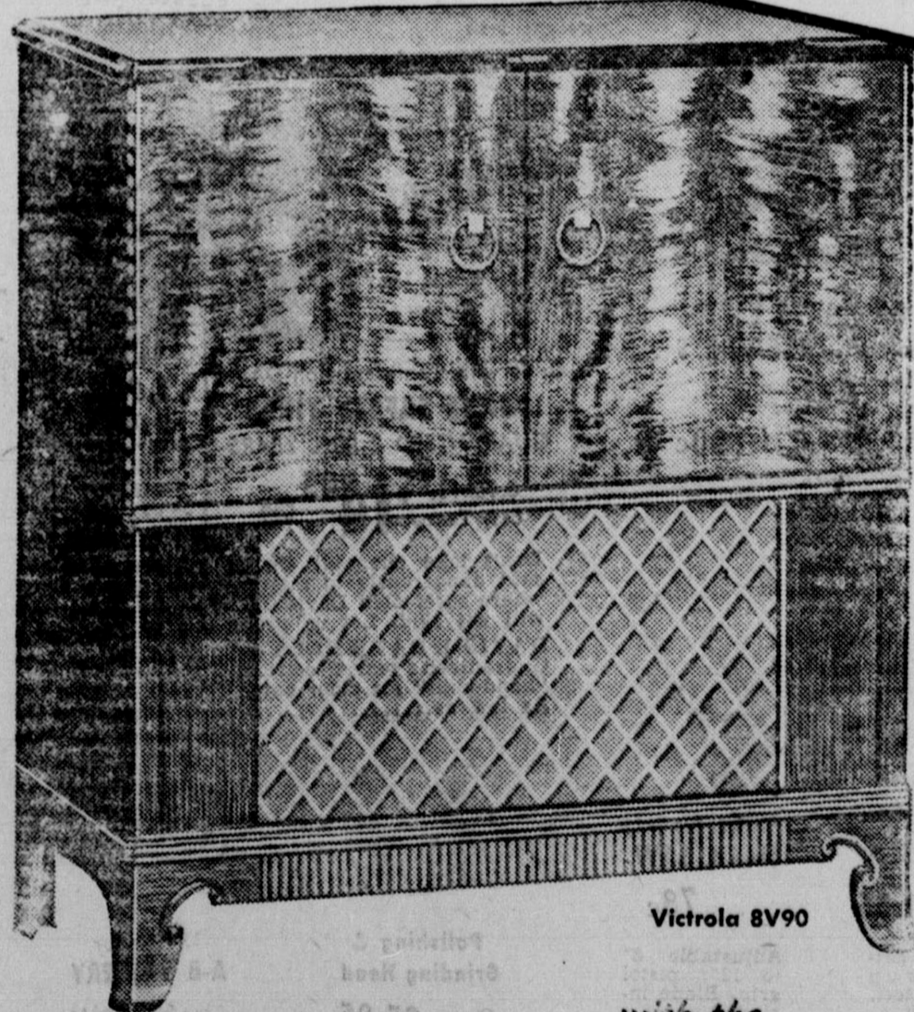
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SOCIETY NEWS

Clubs Parties Socials

Miss Hutton, Mr. Mackie Married November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hutton announce the marriage of their daughter Norma Jean to Glen Mackie, son of Mrs. Will Mackie. The couple were married in Panhandle, Texas on November 23, Judge O. R. Beddingfield officiating at the marriage ceremony. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mackie graduated from Spearman high school. Norma Jean has been employed at the White House Lumber Company with her father for the past two years. They will be at home in Spearman, where Mr. Mackie is engaged in farming activities.

Engagement Announced

This week Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Orrill of Peryton, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marguerite, to Mr. L. M. Womble, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Womble, Spearman. The wedding will be an event of early December and will be in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

Mackies Entertain Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mackie and family were host and hostess to a dinner in their home the past Sunday. Guests enjoying the feast included Messrs and Mesdames: Joe Day and daughter; Glenn Mackie; Jim Haden and family; A. F. Gorman; Mrs. W. L. Mackie; Joanne and Margie; Mrs. Fred Linn, all of Spearman, and O. J. Hoel and family of the Oslo community; Harvey Dawson of Stinnett; Edward Ogle and family of Berger and Fred Womble and daughter of Gruver.

Mrs. Garnett Hostess To Spearman H. D. Club

The Spearman H. D. club met in the home of Mrs. B. J. Garnett Nov. 26 with five members present including Mesdames: Willis Peters, Carl Hughes, V. R. Billingsley, Ike Baggerly and hostess. Painting Christmas decorations

was the program for the day. Each member took part in the decorating.

Girl Scout Council Meeting

At a meeting of the Spearman council of Girl Scouts, held in the school building Monday evening, it was decided to hold the girls training course in the district court room at the court house, Wednesday December 8. Miss Beckett, the girl scout executive from Oklahoma City will be here to conduct the training course. The acute shortage of local leaders is a primary factor to be considered in Spearman, but it is hoped that this shortage will be overcome in the near future.

Christmas Party Enjoyed By Class

The Euzilian Sunday School class enjoyed a class party. Monday night, December 6th. The party was given in the home of Mrs. Jim Neely. Mrs. Rue Sanders favored the group with a piano solo. The group sang Xmas carols and exchanged gifts. Following the class business, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. A wonderful time was had by all attending. Those present included: Mesdames, Don Woodward, Dwight Huchison, Craig Hutchison, Oscar Donnell, Gerald Peters, Harold Jennings, Ray Stevens, Pete Fisher, Pete Vernon, E. E. Preston, Rue Sanders, Glen Hiller and the Co-hostesses, Mrs. Jack Woodward, Rev. Ray Stevens and Mr. Jim Neely were special guests.

Interesting Meeting Held In Home of Mrs. Rosenbaum.

The Hansford County Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Ted Rosenbaum, on November 23, with six members and 3 visitors present.

Mrs. Willis Peters and Mrs. Otis Kizzar who were Hansford county representatives to the Texas H. D. meeting in Temple, were present and gave a very interesting and detailed report of the meeting.

Mrs. H. M. Shedeck, club member, will accompany Mr. Shedeck to the Farm Bureau meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Shedeck will attend as a delegate.

Mrs. Keilman, from Wisconsin, who is a visitor in the Rosenbaum home for several weeks was a club visitor.

After the meeting adjourned delicious refreshments carrying out the Thanksgiving theme were served.

Ernest Wilmet has been confined to his home the past week, due to illness.

Mrs. Fay Bunker is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilmet.

Mrs. Lottie Bastion left Sunday afternoon for Topeka, Kans. Mrs. Bastion plans to enter the Security Benefit Hospital there for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Martin and sons, Mrs. Lillie Bowling and Mrs. Sophi Martin left early Sunday for Jack county, Texas where they will visit Mrs. Martin's sister and other relatives.

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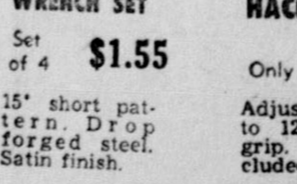
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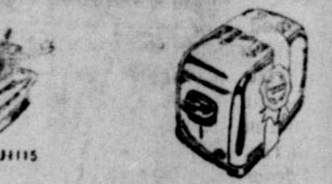
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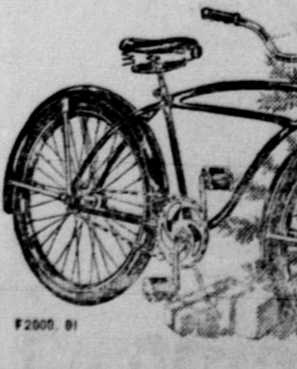
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This & That



AROUND GRUVER

The Chamber of Commerce met last Thursday to plan for this year's Christmas Celebration...

We have been asked by Mrs. Ed Rafferty of the Park committee to give the following information...

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McMillan of Marietta, Oklahoma are visiting their son Arnold McMillan...

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore will be leaving in a few days for East Texas where they will spend the winter...

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Holt have gone to Austin to spend a week or more visiting with Elizabeth and Comfort...

Quite a caravan left here Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. Noble Watson who are making their home near Pringle...

Did you know we had an artist in our midst. Mrs. Everett Sulins is a very gifted person...

On the sick front—There has been quite a number of children down with mumps, but most of them are on the way to recovery...

Mrs. Doris Pinkerton was taken to an Amarillo hospital last week suffering from appendicitis...

Mr. B. E. Mahan who underwent a serious operation at the Hansford hospital last week is now doing fine and is well on the road to recovery...

Dr. C. Zeno Holt entered the Hansford hospital last week for a rest. The doctor has not been at all well lately...

Mrs. Claude Beck received an urgent call from her home Sunday afternoon informing her that her mother was seriously ill...

Guy Wright who drives the mail truck between here and Amarillo had another accident last week...

We, along with a lot of other Gruver folk journeyed to Stratford last week to see our boys and girls play basketball...

NEW ARRIVALS — We have some brand new citizens in this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ray McClellan are happy over the arrival of a new son...

Have just been to Hansford hospital and found a lot of Gruver folk. We had intended just to visit Mr. Mahan, but we found Mr. and Mrs. Loy Heller...

Spearman Football Team Downs Gruver 19 to 7

Playing a much better game than anyone anticipated, the Spearman Green Hornets and the Gruver Red Birds...

The Gruver Team, praised by the Spearman players for their good hard tackling, and their passing blasted the Spearman town team the first half, leading at the intermission 7 to 6...

In the third quarter, facing a strong wind the Spearman Hornets drove to the Gruver 28 yard line...

line, on a 35 yard pass from Wilson to Garland Head, and on the next play, a quick pass to Irvin Davis was completed...

The Gruver defense stiffened, and for three downs, the Spearman team drove only to the 7 yard line. With 4th and 3 yards to go, big Al Tucker took his shoes off and blasted down to the three yard line...

Spearman kicked to Gruver, and behind the magic arm of Bill McClellan, the Red Birds looked like they were going to tie up the game...

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Skinner spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting Mr. Skinner's brother in Eastern Kansas...

I wish to take this method of thanking my many friends who sent cards and flowers during the illness and death of my father...

Gruver Town Team Shades Stratford And Cactus

Playing the most thrilling game played in Hansford County thus far this year, the Gruver Town Team eased by the Stratford club 66 to 64...

The 2 point win was in an overtime period, and Billy Lee McClellan was the deciding factor of the game...

The following boys played for Spearman in the game Saturday. Garland Head, Paul Robertson, Jimmie Crawford...

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they played Follett Panthers on Thursday night of last week, for their opening home game of the 1948 basketball season.

The first quarter saw the luckless Lynx knot the count with Follett 8 to 8. In this same quarter Don Buckner, now playing for the Follett team fouled out...

In the third and last stanza the Lynx put the blast to the visitors, and routed them in promising fashion, the final score being 45 to 29, favoring the Lynx.

The B game from the standpoint of both schools furnished the excitement for the evening. They battled four quarters, but Joe Lackey pulled the exciting game out of the fire...

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rafferty, Jr., are happy with a new daughter. The Ed Rafferty's are the grandparents in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heath are the proud parents of a son. Mrs. Heath did not do too well at first, but she is making a good recovery...

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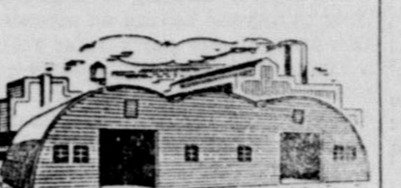
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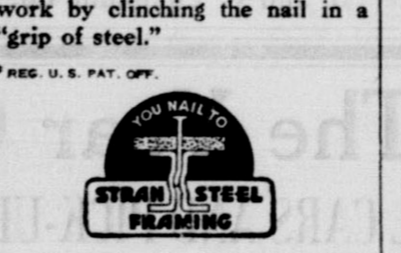
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

The unknown heirs of Abel Loftin, Emily Loftin, Jeremiah Loftin, Elizabeth Ann Loftin, Mary House, Ann Hagerly House, Nellie Blythe House, Lillian Louise Loftin Long, A. James Loftin, Mary Cleveland Haggerty Loftin, Sarah Louise Loftin House, Ruben E. L. House, Edwina Louise Duncan, Edward Blair House, Nellie House Randal, Susan Jane Loftin Terrell and Andrew J. Terrell, deceased, and their heirs and legal representatives:

and the nature of said suit being as follows: Plaintiffs allege that Edwina Louise Duncan, also known as Eddie House Duncan, and also known as Mrs. J. M. Duncan, died, leaving a will, which has been duly probated, devising real and personal property under certain conditions to Nellie House Randal and Edward Blair House; that the proper construction of said will is in doubt, and is uncertain, in view of the deaths of Nellie House Randal and of Edward Blair House within ten years from the death of the testatrix. Plaintiffs allege that certain assets, including cash, personal property and real property, as described in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Original Petition, remained on hand from the assets bequeathed by Eddie House Duncan at the time of the deaths of Nellie House Randal and Edward Blair House, such real property consisting of:

Two acres of land in Brazoria County, Texas, subject to an oil and gas lease in favor of Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, said two acres described as follows: One acre in Block 7 of the H. Master-son Subdivision of 157 acres of the D. B. Damon Tract in the A. Darst League, and one acre being Lot 5 of J. C. Walker and B. B. Cain Subdivision of a twenty acre tract in Lot 6 of the J. P. Mills Survey, in Brazoria County, Texas, all as described in lease dated July 29, 1919, recorded in Volume 155, Page 182 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Tex. and being lands originally owned by Eddie House Duncan, or set aside for the beneficiaries under her will.

A 160 acre tract of land in Hanford County, Texas, described as the NE 1/4 of Survey 89, Block 2, Abstract 45, C. H. & H. R. R. Company Lands, certificate No. 33432, patented to Fred P. James, Assignee, subject to an oil and gas lease in favor of Stanolind Oil & Gas Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in James M. Webb Survey, Abstract 915, Leon County, Texas, containing 329.44 acres, more or less, subject to Buffalo Pooling Agreement and lease in favor of Lone Star Producing Company, and including Mrs. J. M. Duncan No. 1 Pool, the fractional interest in the entire pool being approximately .02309.

Each of the Defendants to whom this citation is addressed may have an undivided interest in the above lands and other assets, but from the pleadings it is impossible to state the nature or extent of any such interests. Plaintiffs pray that the Court construe the will of Edwina Louise Duncan, determine and define the assets now on hand which are governed by the terms of said will, and adjudicate the names of the owners of said assets and their respective proportionate interests.

Plaintiffs ask judgment against Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Lone Star Producing Company & Sinclair Prairie Oil Company for oil payments and royalties due from said corporations to the parties to this suit from the oil and gas produced from the lands above described, and Plaintiffs pray for all other relief which may be proper under the allegations of the Second Amended Original Petition.

Spearman Independents Play at Stinnett Tonight
The Spearman Independents play Stinnett Independents in another league game at Stinnett on Thursday night at 8:00. Spearman has won both league games played this season defeating Texoma Gas 57 to 28, and Perryton 45 to 24.
Stinnett is reported to have a very strong team this season, and the Spearman team will be without the services of All Stars Big Al Tucker and Garland Head. The Spearman Club is two and three deep in every position of very capable boys, and this promise to be a very good game.
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Your friend **CONNIE DAY.**
Mrs. M. L. Gates and son Don visited in Amarillo last week.

Defendants in the hereinbefore styled and numbered cause:— You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the 01st District court of Dallas County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County, in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Tex. on the first Monday after expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock in the morning, A. M. of Monday, the 17th day of January, 1949, and answer the Second Amended Original Petition of Elizabeth Goodman Young, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nellie House Randal, deceased, and Sam D. Young, Plaintiffs, versus Effie Hall Lewis, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Edward Blair House, deceased, and others Defendants, in which Elizabeth Goodman Young, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nellie House Randal, deceased, and Sam D. Young are plaintiffs, and those persons are defendants who are in the beginning of this writ named above in this citation, as those to whom it is directed, and also the following namely, Effie Hall Lewis, Independent Executrix of the Will and Estate of Edward Blair House, deceased, Effie Hall Lewis, J. E. Lewis, Marie Loftin McGinley, E. McGinley, Lamar Loftin, Mrs. Edie Loftin Lyons, P. M. Lyons, Alfred Loftin, Jr., Jere B. Loftin, Jr., Sawie Loftin, Mary Sue Loftin McKay, Catherine Loftin Hawkins, Stewart D. Hawkins, James Smith Loftin, Jr., Sophia Loftin, Louise Loftin Nenny, W. Nenny, Elizabeth Loftin Bell, Henry Bell, Betty Randal, Martha Goodman Herman, Dean Herman, Josephine Goodman Lipscomb, Huber S. Lipscomb, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Lone Star Producing Company, Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, Solomon Casseh, Jr. Administrator with will annexed of the estate of Eddie House Duncan, Mrs. James Loftin, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Loftin, deceased, are Defendants, which Second Amended Original Petition was filed in said Court on the 5 day of November, 1948.

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We wrecked the old Cranston press. That old time drum cylinder press had caused this writer more grief than any other piece of equipment we have ever used. When the Company located the large Scott book press we now use, the writer made a trip to Panhandle to get permission to wreck Satan. The writer phoned back the good news that we would wreck OLD SATIN and instructed Harold Reed to have a sledge ready so the country editor could strike the first blow that would begin the destruction. With the times the writer had crawled under Old Satan to prop him up and make him print, the editor thought he could strike one blow that would collapse the old press. Most of you remember that I hauled back and hit one mighty blow, missed a solid part of the press and broke the handle out of the sledge hammer.

Among the employees of the Reporter who have gone from Spearman to make good in a busy world are:

Arnold Wilbanks, successful real estate man of Lubbock, Texas, Edwin Reed, Journeyman printer, Seattle, Wash., Clyde Hazlewood, plant superintendent at a printing concern in Amarillo; Edward Bradford, linotype operator, Lubbock, Texas, Harold Reed, Printer, Job Man and Mechanic, now employed with the Reporter. And, last but not least, the one and only Preach Paul Loftin. Loftin is now working with Van Stewart, Publisher of the Ochiltree County paper, in Perryton.

One member of the Reporter staff is a sort of a dollar a year man. He is J. D. Wilbanks. When machinery gets out of order, J. D. has proven the only man available to put it back in working order. He in-

stalled our press and folder, and keeps our linotype in running condition. J. D. worked regular with the Reporter during his high school days.

At the present time Harold Reed and Billy Miller do most of the work in the back end, assisted by the country editor and Mark Crawford and Larry Reed. The last two mentioned are officials "Devils" and live up to it.

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Young Judge

Johnnie graduated from Gruver high school in 1943 and for three and a half years served in the 4th Marine division. For 16 months he was overseas serving in Salpan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. And was wounded twice.

When queried about his discharge and what he did after it he answered with a slow, sly grin, "June 29, 1946 I was discharged, came back home and messed around for about a month".

When he got through the "messing around", county officials and friends promoted him into taking the service officers job in October of 1946.

Then Barkley died and Johnnie held both jobs from October 12 to November 12 when A. L. Wilson, 22, of Spearman took over the county service job.

He says that he "hasn't had the county judge job long enough" to know whether or not he likes it.

"He'll probably serve this one term and then go back to school unless "something changes my mind." He might major in law, and has a stack of books to study from, and agriculture is his second choice.

Johnnie's been commuting from Gruver to Spearman ever since he

obtained the county service job but moved Sunday November 21 and will live only five blocks from the court house with his attractive wife the former Jo Ann Hoskins whom he married September 1, 1947.

What type of honor did he graduate from high school with? Johnnie claims he was the "dumbest kid in school" but an observer said "if he were so dumb he would not be here."

Johnnie appears to be a typical little above the average American with a goal in life and he is headed for it. He really would like to know if he is the youngest county judge in Texas or the United States because it's the "principal of the thing."

Of course if he isn't, Johnnie asserts that he doesn't care but it would be nice to claim the title.

Young Married Women Meet

The Young married women of Spearman were honored recently at a tea in the Jack McWhirter home. The tea was held by the Jonquil Flower club for the purpose of organizing a new flower club.

Mrs. Jack McWhirter and Mrs. J. W. Gibner welcomed the guests. The decorative appointments featured the club colors of green and yellow. The beautifully ap-

pointed serving table was centered with an arrangement of chrysanthemums. Bouquets of flowers decorated the rooms.

Mrs. Buddy Womble presided at the tea service. Mrs. R. W. Harbour presided at the guest book, and Mrs. Pete Fisher presented each guest with a miniature mum.

Mrs. J. W. Gibner explained the functions of a flowerclub. The following officers were elected by the group: president, Mrs. Barbara McClellan; vice president Mrs. Craig Hutchison; secretary reporter, Mrs. Lois Shieldnight; treasurer, Mrs. Irvin Davis. Mrs. McClellan appointed committees to select the club colors and flowers, constitution and by-laws and programs for the year.

Guests attending were the Mesdames: Lois Shieldnight, Velma Sanders, Barbara McClellan, Dickie Robinson, Jo Larson, Mary Lee Smith, Bill Jackson, Irvin Davis, Craig Hutchison, Johnny Vernon, J. T. Hendrix, Jo Ann Lee, Barbara Schnell, Silvia Robertson.

Members attending were the Mesdames: J. R. Keim, Richard Shedeck, Homer Beck, J. W. Gibner, R. W. Harbour, Buddy Womble, Ralph Blodgett, Dick Holton, Wayne Hutchison, Dick Kilgore, Elmo Latham, Pete Fisher, Jack McWhirter.

Home Science Department

Mrs. Wayne Hutchison was hostess to the Home Science Dept. of the Twentieth Century Club at the regular meeting Thursday - December 2, Mrs. O. C. Holt, chairman, presided.

Mrs. Ralph Blodgett discussed the Art of Glass Making in America. Mrs. Ray Phelps showed pictures and gave an interesting account on Sandwich Glass.

Members present were Mesdames: C. F. Bastien, Ralph Blodgett, C. A. Castleman, Fred Holt, O. C. Holt, Dwight Hutchison, Buster Kirk, M. W. Lackey, Norris Meek, Ray Phelps, T. R. Shirley, J. E. Womble and Wayne Hutchison.

Gruver W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Gruver met with Mrs. Charles E. Pike, Thursday December 2nd.

We sang "The Morning Light is Breaking".

Mrs. Brotherton led our devotional with scripture reading Rev. 7-9 to 17 followed by prayer.

We had the conclusion of our study by Mrs. A. W. Evans.

We had a review of the entire study. The first part "An airplane Trip" was given by Mrs. Will Harris.

The second part, "Women in Alaska," by Mrs. F. R. Wallin.

The third part, "Bridging the Gap, and Rosie," by Mrs. M. F. Barkley.

Those present were the following Mesdames: Bill Erling Jr., A. L. Evans, Curt Lowe, Hes Frazier, M. F. Barkley, Will Harris, W. A. Shapley, K. Garrett, A. R. Bort, C. A. Winder, L. D. McClellan, F. R. Wallin, Bill Gufford, J. E. Sider, Mother Hart, and Mrs. A. E. Pike.

Western Auto Store

Central Texas on an extended business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Chambers, former residents of Spearman, have moved back here to their home in this city. They have lived in Amarillo for the past year or more.

WESTERN AUTO STORE OPENS IN SPEARMAN SATURDAY DEC. 11.

A new Hamford county business. The Western Auto Associate store will open for business with some special Grand Opening bargains for Hamford people.

The store plans a couple of fine gifts for two of the visitors on opening day Saturday Dec. 11. The gifts will be given away at 3:00 p. m. Saturday.

Floyd Mitts, popular Spearman citizen, is owner of the new store. Mrs. Mitts will assist Mr. Mitts at the new store.

Spearman Basketball Teams Win from Stinnett.

Both the girls and boys A basketball teams of Spearman won victories in games played at Stinnett Tuesday evening. The girls won their game with a score of 29 to 26. The half time score was Spearman 21 and Stinnett 7. In the third quarter Nancy Lee who was not feeling well was pulled for a rest, and the Stinnett team came near catching up with the Lynxettes. Miss Lee went back into the contest in the final frame and the nine point margin was won.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown entertained Monday evening honoring the birthday of Mr. L. P. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee left Wednesday morning for Wichita Falls, Dallas and other parts of

the second quarter the team did not click and the end of the half saw the score 14 to 16 in favor of the Lynx team. The third quarter saw the Lynx forge ahead with a score of 31 to 21. Final count was Lynx 41, Stinnett 28.

Stinnett's B girl team won from Spearman with a score of 29 to 12.

LOST: Pair of Glasses in Gruver Cafe. Inside address: W. H. Good Liberal, Kansas. Finder notify Tom Allen, Spearman, Texas. 52-11-C

Feed of Badgers

Badgers feed on ground squirrels, prairie dogs, mice, birds, eggs and sometimes insects.

Menaced by Accidents

Accidents are the greatest menace to the lives of American children of pre-school age, according to Metropolitan Life Insurance company. In a study of 775 death claim records of insured children who died in accidents in 1946 and 1947, the company found that burns and conflagrations accounted for 213, or 27 per cent of child accident fatalities, second only to motor vehicle accidents, which accounted for 34 per cent. Of the 213 children who died from fire, more than half were trapped in burning buildings.

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