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Price Five Cents

R. L. McClellan Rounds Out 20 Years Service W. L. Russell Finishes Twenty-Three Years In Business

Store Opened In Spearman June 16, 1921

Merchandising Store Handles Leading Line Of Advertised Goods

One of the youngest old men in business in Spearman, namely W. L. Russell, is celebrating the 23rd anniversary of entering business in Spearman. Mr. Russell is young in age but old in the matter of continuous business in Spearman, since he entered the business venture by buying the building and stock of his father, J. A. Russell, and opening up on his own June 16, 1921.

Mr. Russell moved a large wooden store building to Spearman from Old Ochiltree, and a fairly representative stock of merchandise, that featured standard brands of clothing and groceries. The building was on the lot north of Petit Garage. He built his present modern building in the fall of 1927 and moved into the new location Feb. 7th, 1928.

Russell has always tried to follow the policy outlined in his original advertisement which is reproduced in a page advertisement in this issue of the Reporter. This policy is to merit the patronage of his customers. He declares that it is a simple straightforward policy and has been of much benefit to him as he fought his way up from a young man in debt to his present place in business. Bill said he soon found that his customers wanted the very best the market afforded, and early in his business career he made contacts with wholesalers who handled nationally advertised merchandise with the background of Quality. He has the account of a large number of the leading lines of Dry Goods including the Stetson hats, Peters shoes, Jarman shoes, Classy Jean dresses, Franklin dresses, Arrow and Beau Brummel shirts, Interwoven socks, Gossard Girdles and Brassiers, Davis Dodson dresses, Dickie work clothes, Justin boots, Miker bags, Field and Stream coats and jackets.

In the grocery department the young business man handles most of the standard brand of products including the Del Monte line, Folders coffee, Maxwell House coffee and other well known brands of merchandise.

Friends of Mr. Russell declare that his serious venture into business came near costing him dearly. It is all a joke that can be laughed about now, but was not so funny back in 1921. After Mr. Russell tucked up his sign and opened his business June 16, 1921, we next read of him in the Spearman Reporter as follows:

"W. L. Russell, who came here recently and engaged in the mercantile business, suffered an attack of acute indigestion Monday morning and has been in serious condition all week. The attack came on suddenly while Mr. Russell was looking after business matters at the Postoffice, and several hours passed before he was able to be taken home. He is improving nicely at this writing and will soon be able to be up and about his business again."

"Of course his friends did not kid him at the time, but when William got back in the groove, his friends declare he had taken his entering business too seriously, resulting in indigestion. Bill stated this week that he was so sick he did not know whether he wanted to live at the time."

Mr. Russell has been through good times and bad, drouths and pioneering with the people of Hansford county. In looking back over his business career he declares that 1929 was the biggest year he ever had in Hansford county and his volume was better than \$125,000. He says he could not pick out the poorest year he ever had in Spearman, but rather thought several of the drouth years were pretty bad with volume of business between twenty and thirty thousand dollars.

Mr. Russell is mighty proud of the fact that the first customer he ever served in Hansford county is still one of his best customers. It is good old Daddy Cooke, ex Mayor of Spearman. At the time Mr. Russell opened his store Daddy Cooke was in business near him in the Spearman Motor Company, and he walked in as Bill unlocked the door and told him he wanted to be his first customer.

Mrs. Clementine Stewart was a Spearman visitor Monday.

23 Years In Business



W. L. RUSSELL
W. L. Russell, who has been a business man in Spearman just about as long as there has been a Spearman, is celebrating his 23rd anniversary in business. Through the aid of Mrs. Russell the Reporter was able to swipe a picture of the last photo Bill had made. We judge it must have been taken some 8 or 10 years ago.

1945 Wheat Goal 70 Million Acres

A national goal of 67 to 70 million acres of wheat for harvest in 1945 was announced today by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones. This compares with an estimate of about 67 million acres planted for this year's wheat crop, and with 15 million acres in 1943.

The goal is based on the estimated requirements for use in the 1945-46 year and on preliminary information from all wheat producing states as to their wartime capacity for wheat production in desirable balance with other crops, and without plowing up marginal land which should stay in grass.

The goal acreage will provide adequate wheat for food, and as much margin for livestock feed and industrial uses as can be produced in wheat more efficiently than in other grain or feed crops.

The national wheat goal is being submitted to the states through the USDA War Boards, along with suggestions for the establishment of individual state goals within the local determination of necessary crop balance to get the greatest overall production of grains.

Acreage of rye for harvest as grain in 1945 at a level comparable with the 1944 acreage—about 2,500,000 acres—is being recommended. This will provide for maintenance of rye production in areas where rye will produce more food or feed than alternative crops.

It is expected that the final state goals will be announced in about a month.

Elmer Elliott Announces For Representative Of The 124 Legislative District

I have been informed that interested citizens in the ten counties, comprising the 124th Legislative District of Texas, have filed for me as a candidate for State Representative. I would be most grateful if I did not appreciate very deeply this gesture of confidence. Since this has been done, I feel that it is my duty and obligation to enter the race, and, if elected, to serve the District to the best of my ability. Therefore, I am making formal announcement of my candidacy for this office.

I realize full well the responsibilities placed upon anyone who is chosen for the office, and at the same time the sacrifice necessary in order to give the time required to properly represent this District. This I am willing to do, if you, the citizens of the 124th Legislative District, feel that I am sufficiently qualified.

Most of my life has been spent in the Panhandle, and I feel that I know something of the problems confronting this area. For the past seventeen years I have operated the De Soto Hotel in Dalhart, and during this time, and also prior to this time, I have been

This 1944 Harvest Issue Of Your Paper

The management of your local paper does not have an apology to offer for this the largest harvest issue we have ever published. We do have a few explanations to make.

First, we did not receive a shipment of some 15 photo engravings from our Austin, Texas, engraver. These pictures were sent more than 12 days ago to Austin on basis of seven days service. Something happened, and of course we cannot present these pictures with the write-ups in this week's paper. Naturally they will be features in the next issue of the Reporter if they are not lost in shipment to your local publication.

Second, the manager of the paper has been working on this issue some three weeks. The bulk of the advertising was sold more than ten days ago. In view of the fact that Lee McClellan was celebrating his 20th anniversary in business in Spearman and Hansford County, a number of his friends were asked by the manager of the paper to extend congratulations to him on the occasion of his 20th anniversary. All asked did so, and their advertising carries the message in today's paper. We make this lengthy explanation because we found out just last Friday that Will Russell was celebrating his 23rd anniversary in business. Of course we have featured this fact in news stories, and we know that all merchants asked would have extended congratulations to him in their advertisements, but the fact is that the bulk of the advertising was already printed before we learned Bill was 23 years old.

The biggest handicap the management faced was the fact that Mrs. Buchanan, who is really responsible for most of the news, and all of the work at the Reporter office, was sick for two days prior to publication date. This may explain any shortage of society news, or the style of some of the social write-ups.

541 Acres Of Hansford Wheat Certified As Grade 1 And 2 By State

Happy Birthday

- June 20: Mrs. J. H. Nichols
June 24: Jerry Don Kern
June 25: Earnest Archer, Mary Sparks
June 26: Alene Lockard
June 27: R. D. Chamberlain, J. F. Gerber
June 28: Winifred Hoskins, Mrs. Archa Morse, Don Allen, Sandra Tucker
June 29: Sada Ruth Hoskins, Virgil Wilbanks

Showing At The Ellis Theatre, Perryton

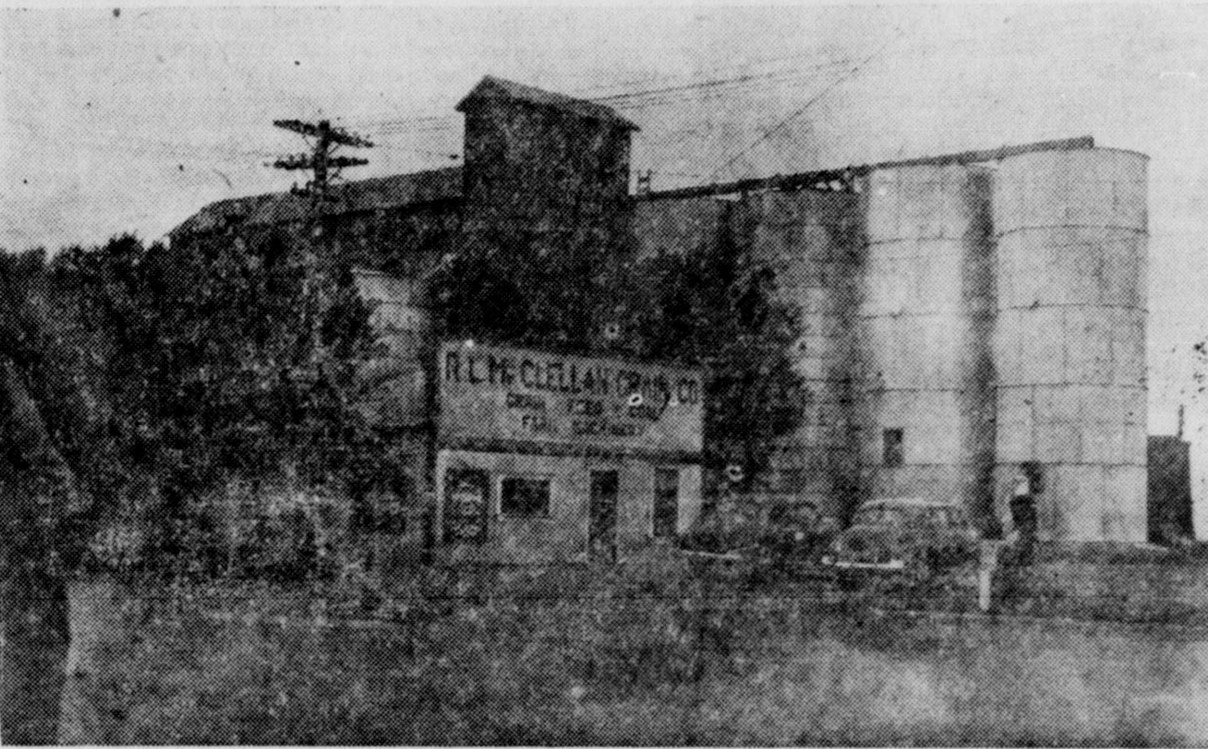
June 22-24: Kay Francis, Carol Landis, Martha Raye, Mitzzi Mayfair as the "Four Jills in a Jeep."
June 25-26: Lucille Ball, Frank Morgan, Ann Southern, 30 stars and three bands in "Thousands Cheer."
June 27-28: Margaret Sullivan, Ann Southern, Joan Blondell, Fay Bantier, in "Cry Havoc."

Elmer Elliott Announces For Representative Of The 124 Legislative District



engaged in the farming and ranching business, and in sales work. I am not a politician, and my business career is the only record I have to submit for your approval. If elected as your State Representative I have only one thought in mind, and that is to Dalhart, and during this time, and also prior to this time, I have been

Office, Warehouse And Elevator Of R. L. McClellan Grain Company, Spearman, Texas



The very latest picture of the R. L. McClellan Grain Company Spearman warehouse and elevator. This is the place Mr. McClellan began business 20 years ago June 18. At that time the office was a small affair, there were not any of the five or six warehouses that dot the landscape around the elevator, and the larger round storage tanks were not in evidence. Mr. McClellan has three warehouses directly behind the office building and an immense warehouse across the road. He purchased the old McKay building for use as a repair department for power farming equipment.

Ideal Weather Featured For Past Ten Days

Upholding the weather predictions of the country editor, U. S. Weather Observer, Fred Brandt turned in a weather report Thursday morning that will gladden the hearts of those wheat producers who have watched their production with fingers crossed. Just hot dry weather, with a small slow rain on the fifteenth of 55 inches. The rainfall was ideal with little or no wind, and reports coming in state that it did not do any damage, and perhaps did a bit of good to help fill out the late wheat. The country editor has been assuring one and all that their wheat was safe and that the production for the county would amount to six million bushels. The predictions were made as early as five weeks ago, when the country agent and wiser people than this editor shook their heads and began mumbling about wind, rain and hail.

The temperature readings for this harvest wheat ripening weather were:

Date	High	Low
June 13	89	55
14	88	57
15	86	59
.55 inches ideal rainfall		
16	90	62
17	90	63
18	89	63
19	94	66
20	—	61

Harvest Hands Land In Jail After Fights

As a result of a series of alleged drinking bouts four prospective 1944 harvest hands, who have been living in and near Spearman for a couple of weeks, will be AWOL when the season work opens.

According to Deputy Sheriff J. B. Cooke, who made arrests the first trouble began on Sunday, June 11. Two men were arrested and Joe Malone, resident of Cleburne, Texas, was charged with aggravated assault. According to the information from Deputy Cooke, the two men admitted having had drinks and were fighting. Malone cut a friend named Cannon from Shamrock, Texas, on the chin. The wound was slight, and Cannon was lodged in jail with Malone on charges of affray.

The second incident occurred at Gruver Friday evening, June 16. Deputy Cooke made the arrests and stated that as result of the fight H. Schuler, who gave his residence as Snider, Texas, had been cut on the left hip. The wound was deep and long and 90 stitches were taken. Schuler is in the Berger hospital. An alleged friend Ivan Smoot, also a former resident of Snider, Texas, is in the Stinnett jail awaiting action of the grand jury. He is held as a suspect on charges of assault to murder.

C. A. Gibner Ready To Help Returning Veterans Secure Work

C. A. Gibner, Hansford county reemployment committeeman, has just received a directive relative to the rights of returning veterans of the war in the matter of re-employment and seniority. The information is released to the press but it is so lengthy and the terms are primarily for men employed in industry. Thus, we have not published these rights, but they can be secured by contacting Mr. Gibner.

Clay says there is no question of reemployment of returning veterans in Hansford county. We could use all that ever left here if the army could spare them to come back to work.

Mr. Gibner is anxious to assist any of the returning veterans and invites them to consult him at any time.

Bill Miller Is Named Director Canyon Museum

W. J. Miller was notified this week that he was elected as a director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society museum, West Texas State Teachers' College, at Canyon. The election was at the annual meeting held at Canyon, June 14.

In accepting the responsibility, Miller stated that he was very interested in the work of the museum, and would call on his friends over the Hansford county area to help build up this historical museum.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Byron of Wichita Falls spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Glover. They were enroute to Denver where Mr. Byron will receive medical treatment.

Col. Billy Jarvis At Home On 30 Day Leave Of Absence After Two Years Service In Pacific

Col. Billy Jarvis, highest ranking man of either the army or navy from Hansford County, is home with his family for a thirty day leave of absence.

Col. Jarvis has been back in the states since April 17 of this year, but his duty tour required he report to his advance headquarters for reassignment. This required a matter of a few weeks. During most of the time he has been in the states. His wife and little son have been with him. He had never seen his son until this visit. The colonel arrived in Hansford County last Thursday, but spent the days until Tuesday of this week visiting his parents and his wife's parents. He made his appearance in Spearman Tuesday.

Billy has not changed a great deal. . . still the fine outstanding gentleman. . . and he does not look but a very few months older than his picture printed in this paper, which was first published just about fifteen years ago.

Col. Jarvis entered the service on call from the war department as a captain, reserve officer in June of 1941, and was assigned to duty with the 19th bombardment group, stationed at that time at Albuquerque, N. M. He remained with this organization and was enroute to the Philippine Islands Dec. 7 when the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was staged by the filthy Japs. His ship was returned to the states and Col. Jarvis was assigned to the 307th heavy bombardment group, featuring the heavy Liberator planes. He remained with this organization until last week when he was reassigned to the Blackland Air Field, Waco, Texas, where he will report at the end of his present 30 day leave of absence.

Billy entered foreign service Oct. 27, 1942. His organization



COL. BILLY JARVIS

spent some time in the Hawaiian Islands, beginning their combat missions over Wake Island and Midway. Later he was sent to the Southwest Pacific arriving there in January of 1943. The organization was in the Admiralty Islands and are now stationed somewhere in that area.

Col. Jarvis was executive officer and second in command of the bombardment group comprised 1800 men and officers. It was his duty to provide for all the needs of his men from clothing to hospitalization.

Our Hansford officer last visited in this county during the Harvest of 1942. He asked for an emergency leave for this harvest date, and his general, a personal friend granted the request and recommended reassignment in the states.

Hansford Firm Now Operates 5 Elevators

McClellan Buys Grain And Sells Farming Equipment In County

R. L. McClellan, who rounded out 24 years in the grain business in Hansford county this June, is celebrating his 20th anniversary in business. The successful business man has worked to increase his business from the 12,500 bushel capacity elevator purchased from Laske Grain Company June 18, 1924, to where he now owns and operates five large elevators in Hansford county with a total storage capacity of 220,000 bushels.

Lee is one of the home boys that has made good in a big way, and it can truly be said that he has virtually succeeded at every thing he has attempted except making the Old Hansford Band. He was one of the young enthusiasts who started the Old Hansford Band and bought the best clarinet the market afforded, but after many months of patient practice the bandmaster informed him he didn't have a tune in his make-up.

The business man was initiated into the grain business with the start of the industry in Spearman. The Spearman Equity exchange was organized by local business men and landowners in 1920 and young McClellan was placed at the head of the organization. He successfully managed the Equity until he purchased the elevator that gave him his start back in June of 1924. The Spearman Reporter dated June 13, 1928, has the following story of the beginning of this business man's venture into business.

"McCLELLAN BOUGHT THE LISKE ELEVATOR A New Company is Organized to Handle Grain, Cotton and Broom Corn—Begins Business June 18."

R. L. McClellan closed a deal with the Liske Grain Company the first of the week, by which he became the owner of the Liske elevator in Spearman, and the company which he has organized will assume the management of the same June 18. This new company with Mr. McClellan at the head will handle grain, cotton and broom corn, as these are the three leading commodities of the farms produced in the Spearman country. We predict a very successful future for the new concern. Mr. McClellan has resigned the position as manager of the Spearman Equity Exchange, his resignation to take effect June 18. The board of directors of this institution has not yet selected another manager. Mr. McClellan states he is leaving the Equity with considerable regret. He has been with this concern since it began business in Spearman, and has seen it grow from a small beginning to one of the largest and most successful businesses in this part of the country. A desire to own and operate a business of his own prompted Mr. McClellan to sever connections with the Equity and buy the Liske elevator. He is one of the town's most successful business men, is thoroughly familiar with the lines of business in which he is engaging, and we can see nothing but success in store for the new firm."

Apparently Lee stepped right into a bit of trouble, as we note from an article in the Reporter the next week after he had taken over the new company, that there was a shortage of freight cars over the nation, and predictions were current that thousands of bushels of golden wheat would rot on the ground. At the time the new business was born, the wheat was cut with headers, gathered in barges and thrashed. We note from newspaper items at this time that there was storage for only a small part of the estimated wheat crop, and then as now the local elevator man was expected to give the highest market price for the wheat and move it right out of the hands of producers, when he brought it into the elevator.

In the period of 20 years since Mr. McClellan ventured out into the business world considerable storage space has been added to his business, increasing from 12,500 to 220,000 bushels at the present time. In practically all the elevators automatic scales have been added to the original equipment, doubling the loading out capacity. The elevators are now equipped with double cylinder air

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THANKS A LOT VAN STEWART

Each week the country editor has been as busy as most any in Hansford County. It is quite a job to sell the advertisement to justify a 20 or 25 page paper, much less write news stories, do job printing and keep books.

Everywhere we go during the last few days, the first word we hear is something about the prospects for a bumper wheat harvest. That is fine and dandy, but there's another thing, much closer to everyone of us, that we like to hear discussed with at least one-tenth of the enthusiasm of the pre-harvest conversations.

We'd just like to hear a little more about how soon Ochiltree County is going to buy \$410,000 worth of war bonds in the Fifth War Loan. We'd like to hear people talking about how many bonds they've bought or are going to buy and not so much about how much wheat they expect to make.

Our boys from Ochiltree County who are in the invasion, God grant they're safe, are interested in a good wheat crop in Ochiltree County... but they're more interested in getting this awful war over so they can come back home.

They're interested in seeing this Fifth War Loan go over with a bang to provide them with the weapons and supplies to whip those beetle browed Krauts and the slant eyed Orientals. Don't let them down! Put the boys, the war and the Fifth War Loan first and that wheat harvest second. That's the way the boys would like to have it.

And while we're on the subject of harvest, just a word of caution. We always have an epidemic of accidents at harvest time. People lose their balance. They run hog wild. They get hurt through carelessness. We've seen good harvests in this country where enough grain was wasted to make a pretty good crop in some areas. So just settle down, don't get excited, use a little common sense.

And that goes for the schedule of prices the farmers have adopted for combining and labor. Stay with the price schedule. It's fair and sufficient. If you want to add to inflation, then go ahead and pay more per acre for your combining, pay more than the agreed schedule for labor, and pirate machines, trucks and men from your neighbor.

Harvest labor is already showing up in Perryton, as are trucks. There comes word of combines that will be here when the grain is ripe. If this wheat goes on and makes, there will be plenty of work for all. There will no doubt be shortages of harvest labor, combines and trucks, but we've got a feeling that the Perryton area is going to get through this harvest a whole lot better than we're expecting.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The ideas expressed in the clipped items from Editor Miller of the Panhandle Herald, Guymon, Oklahoma, furnishes food for thought. We just wonder if this will work out to a REAL advantage.

It may take a number of years to accomplish it, but it begins to look like the farmers were to be relieved of much of their oil, and a part of the gamble that always occurs in the production of acreage crops. Most all of us have read of that armada of self propelled combines that have started in the southern wheat and barley fields, and are to wend their way northward even beyond the Canadian line, harvesting the farmer's crops at so much per acre graduated to production as they go. Many farmers will hesitate to take the chance against getting their crop cut just when they want it done, but many others will view the price of modern combines, and weigh the gamble. The yearly struggle for repairs and heart rending delays will be experiences that will readily be turned over to that armada, and the mechanics who will carry all needed equipment with them to hurry their work along. This will be the first year that such an enterprise has been carried on to any extent, and its progress will be noted with interest. If it proves practical, or even profitable, it may result in a revolution in methods of production.

If their plan of custom harvesting on a large scale proves practical, how about custom plowing and planting? Farmers who have been well equipped with machinery have been doing such work for their neighbors for years, and it stands to reason that armadas of plows and planters will follow in the wake of the harvesting experiment, if it succeeds. Advance agents of big concerns will be scouring the country for contracts, and the farmers efforts will be applied to special cultivation, small acreages, irrigation, pasturage and care for livestock, dairying, fruit and garden culture. Really, that don't sound so bad, but it will be another step toward the socialization of the nation that conservatives may object to. However, that is an enterprise, a service something like a chain of enterprises of other natures, and legitimate.

DON I NAME IT

By 'HONEST' BILL MILLER

Your country editor is offering a \$5.00 prize to anyone who can furnish a formula for curing a bad ankle in five to seven days. The county editor strained a tendon or some other portion of his ankle some 3 weeks ago. It has been better and not so good from time to time, but at the present time it is terrific... and I only have a few more days to get in condition for the 1944 Harvest.

Some of the cowboy drugstore farmers are unkind enough to say that I am stalling and do not want to take my turn on a truck during harvest. That is not the truth... and I know positive that I do not have the gout or Jake leg. It's just one of those things that happened, and I am as sorry as can be if I am physically unable to run a tractor or truck thru the harvest season. It is not a frame-up, and I can secure a technical description of this leg injury from Dr. Gower and prove that Perry Hawkins and Bill Gandy are wrong when they insinuate that I just don't want to make the harvest.

One thing that I want to emphasize is the fact that if anyone wants me as a truck driver I ain't gonna hold out for no \$18.00 a day. I ain't worth no eighteen bucks even if I could work two days, but if my foot—excuse me—my ankle gets so I can tolerate the weight of my body on it, I will work from dawn to dusk for eight dollars a day. Virgil Wilbanks has offered me a job driving a truck, but I ain't sure I want to work for him. Virgil is a softie, and he is too kind and considerate. Chances are he would have Nellie bring us out lunch in the middle of the afternoon, and maybe let me buy a soft drink at town when I was delivering wheat to the elevator. What I want is some one that is really hard boiled and expects WORK out of their help. I want to get rid of about 26 pound of fat during the harvest season... and if my ankle will only recover so I can make it.

Just talked with county agent, Joe Hatton. He says Hansford county does not have a farm wage board, and that the farmers of this area tried the idea of setting labor prices and acreage cutting prices. Joe declares Hansford wheat producers did not abide by their agreement, and paid what ever they wanted to pay for labor, so it was a waste of time to meet and make agreements as to prices paid.

Far sighted farmers are making desperate efforts to increase their storage space. Just talked with Perry Hawkins and said he bought two of the last 5 large storage grain bins the government had to sell. He believes the storage will pay for one of these bins this year and when the war is over and conditions get back to normal Perry plans to build a rent house with surplus graineries. Smart thinking, I call it.

I'm no seer, but I'm telling you for sure that when the wheat harvest gets in full swing and the trucks begin to rumble, it will be a real job to get within two blocks of an elevator. That, of course if we get a lot of combines in from other sections of the state. This means that farmers will have to resort to piling the wheat on the ground and taking all the risks. I'm pretty sure the elevator is not going to buy your wheat and pile it on the ground and then rehandle the wheat for the small margin of 3c per bushel. So make your plans to store as much wheat as possible. Chances are that we will have the garages of the county full of wheat again.

When William Marion Glover reads this line he can reach down in his pocket and bring the country editor \$3.00. Mr. Glover came in in a dither last Friday and just before he collapsed he made the statement that it always rained or hailed within three days after he planted feed, and he was just from the field. I assured him that there would not be a drop of moisture for three days, and to take it easy. In an unguarded moment he de-

... would bring me in a dollar a day for three days if it didn't rain or hail. Thanks a lot Marion, just bring in the money in currency. Don't make me come after it.

When Van Earl Steed of Groom, Texas reads this line he can sit down and place a one dollar bill in the mail and send it to me. Van was not quite as easy as William Marion. He thought he was jumping on a cripple. The heavens above was dark with clouds, lightning was flashing, every thing was rocky, except that it didn't really SMELL like it was gonna rain. Van Earl had been invited to eat a big steak dinner with R. E. Lee. The country editor was also included in the invitation. Van was uneasy and courteously expressed his thanks for the prospective meal but stated that it was agona rain rails and snails within a couple of hours. Seeing a chance to get out of paying for the meals Eck took one of them South Texas looks at the sky and agreed with Van. I was not a gona be cheated out of a free meal so I told 'em positive that it would not rain that night. Eck made some rapid calculations and figured it would be cheaper to pay me off than buy meals for 5 people and said "If it don't rain before morning I will pay you one dollar. Van Earl used his Scotch caution and said he would pay me a dollar provided I would give him one if it did rain as much as a quarter of an inch. We ate... it didn't rain. Eck paid all the bills including the dollar he handed me. All that remains to close this deal is for Van Earl to mail his dollar bill... and let this be a lesson to those who doubt that your country editor knows the weather.

Personals

Mrs. Don Tipton and Mrs. Louise Jarvis of Amarillo were visitors to the Palo Duro Park and Canyon, Texas, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brandt and family.

Mrs. Owen Pendergraph and daughter were visiting and shopping in Spearman Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Kilgore of Pampa with her niece and nephew of New York City visited Mrs. Dick Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hoskins and family Sunday.

Political Announcements

The following announcements for public office are made subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 22, 1944.

- For District Judge JACK ALLEN
For District-County Clerk FRED J. HOSKINS
For District Attorney W. L. McCONNELL
For County Judge A. F. BARKLEY
For County Attorney T. D. Sansing
For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector: FRED LINN, J. B. COOKE
For County Treasurer: MRS. MARY JONES
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: ALBERT JACOBS, F. W. MAIZE, A. L. JACKSON
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2: ROY C. CHASE, VIC OGLE
For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: FRANK WALLIN, Gus Olson
For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: COY HOLT

Classified Ads

WANTED: Reliable man or woman to succeed Charles Hudson as Releigh Dealer in Pottter county, 1500 families. Experience not necessary. A fine opportunity to step into old profitable business where Rawleigh Products have been sold for over 30 years. Big profits. Products furnished on credit. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXF-702-162SR, Memphis, Tenn., or see Paul Roach, Spearman, Texas. 29-31p

LOST: Brown billfold containing Rainbow badge, cash and other items. Reward offered. Arlys Womble. 25-21p

LOST: Eye glasses and case. Believe visitors in Gruver. Glasses in red leather case with Dr. L. D. Porter stamped on case. Get in touch with Henry Roper. Liberal reward. 25-21pc

IN THE MARKET for stock hogs, from 75 to 160 pounds. Must be good. See R. H. Holton. Phone 103. 2823p

FOR SALE or trade: 1937 Ford

half ton pick up with grain bed. F. M. Shawver, Box 141, Keller, Texas. 27-62t

THREE FOURTH TON G. M. C. pickup for sale. 1936 model. Henry Turner, Stinnett, Texas. 28-p1t

FOR SALE: 16 foot Rumley combine, on rubber. Good condition. See L. S. McLain. 25-61t

ESTRAY NOTICE: Strayed from pasture near Coy Holt ranch, Jersey milch cow, branded 3 on left leg. Notify Claude Sheets, Spearman. 27-1t

FOR SALE: 1940 Dodge Truck, long wheel base, two speed axle, 8-25x20 tires, two ton. 27-P-2t

WANTED—to become acquainted with a middle aged lady, between age of 40 and 50 years, with matrimony in view. I am a man just past middle age. Have been hard working honest man all my life. Can furnish references. Get in touch with this newspaper. 27-P-1t

WE HAVE a large supply of truck, pick-up, & passenger tires. Also truck and pick-up wheels. Open day and night. The Tower Service station, Shamrock, Texas. 25-4t-c

FOR SALE: 1938 International 1/2-ton pick-up. Mortor in excellent condition. Priced for quick sale. Joe Hatton.

NOTICE: Classified, display advertising and news columns close about noon every Tuesday. Please arrange for advertising early; also bring in your news items promptly. 33-tfb

FOR SALE — Good 1939 GMC 3/4 ton pickup, large grain bed, four new tires. See R. D. Purnell, nine miles East of Wheeler, Texas

Advertisement for 'Sensational Charm-Kw!' hair product. Includes image of a woman's face and text: 'PERMANENT WAVE... 59¢'.

Advertisement for 'MEMORIALS' by J. H. NICHOLS, Representative Standard Marble Co.

Advertisement for 'EGGS' by O. C. RANEY, Rhode Island Reds For Setting.

Advertisement for 'General AUTO REPAIR' by BUD BEESON, All Work Guaranteed.

Advertisement for 'REAL ESTATE LISTINGS' by L. S. McLain, Hansford Grain Company.

JOB PRINTING—Place your order as far in advance as possible. It takes time to produce printing. It's a manufacturing job. Spearman Reporter, Phone 10. 33-tfb

Advertisement for 'Daley Glass Shop' Headquarters for Picture Framing.

Advertisement for 'Paints—Varnishes' and 'Wallpaper' by Daley Glass Shop.

Advertisement for 'Glass for Your House or Car' by Daley Glass Shop.

Advertisement for 'Daley Glass Shop' in Perryton.

WE ARE PREPARED TO HANDLE YOUR WHEAT STORAGE

We want to express our appreciation for your patronage in the past... and to assure you that we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

Due to our storage facilities we will be able to handle your crop promptly and without delay—and, as always, you are welcome at HARDIN'S

LICENSED UNDER FEDERAL WAREHOUSE ACT

We Want To BUY OR STORE YOUR WHEAT Or Handle Your

GOVERNMENT LOAN WHEAT

HONEST WEIGHT

FAIR TESTS

WE PAY YOU WHAT YOUR WHEAT IS WORTH

Hardin Grain Co.

W. A. Ellsworth, Manager
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS
W. A. Ellsworth, Agent

Advertisement for J. E. GOWER, M. D. and FRANK M. TATUM, Attorney at Law.

Advertisement for Townsend Drug, PHONE 123, Spearman.

Advertisement for DR F. J. DAILY, DENTIST, X-RAY.

Advertisement for Boyer & McConnell, Attorneys-at-Law.

Advertisement for T. D. SANSING, Attorney and Counselor At Law.

SAFE BANKING FOR HARVEST MONEY

C. C. C. WHEAT LOANS

First State Bank solicits your C. C. C. Wheat Loans and we welcome the opportunity to handle them. Patronize a local financial institution.

We have given satisfactory service on these C. C. C. loans in the past and want to handle them for you in 1944.

HARVEST SERVICE

Your home town bank is your friend at harvest time and all through the year.

During the rush of the busy harvest season, First State Bank has the opportunity to prove its friendship by giving you just as efficient service as it is possible for the personnel to give. We have anticipated your banking needs, and have always tried to meet our responsibilities, not only at Harvest time, but all through the year.

Our banking service is more or less professional, yet we try to make our institution a friendly organization that takes pleasure in extending courtesies to our customers.



SAVE PART OF YOUR 1944 HARVEST

Congratulations To R. L. McClellan

This Bank Joins Other Business Firms Of Hansford County In Extending Congratulations To R. L. McClellan On This The 20th Anniversary Of Entering Business At Spearman, Texas.

BUY INVASION BONDS DURING THE 5TH WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN IN HANSFORD COUNTY

FIRST STATE BANK

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

OFFICERS

J. B. COLLARD, President
E. A. GIBNER, Vice President
D. D. MOORE, Vice President & Cashier

DIRECTORS

H. B. HART
J. R. COLLARD
P. B. HIGGS
C. A. GIBNER
HAZEL LOWE GIBNER

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Where The Tall Corn Grows And Grows



The picture above represents a harvest of the past that has not reoccurred during the 12 years the present management of this paper has lived in Hansford County. We know that very few people plant and cultivate corn. Perhaps it could be raised successfully in the Palo Duro Valley, maybe it would require a bit of irrigation. The main thing that eliminates corn for this section of the state is the fact that it requires entirely too much work. Corn must be plowed a half dozen times, and it is usually harvested by hand. In the Panhandle of Texas we do not teach our children that they must work from light until dawn—and we cannot hire help to raise corn and cotton. We are rather lazy except the few months of the year required for planting and harvesting small grain.

20 Years Ago In Spearman

Saturday, June 7, will be a big day when a crowd of 3,000 to 5,000 people gather in Spearman to see the Ku Klux Klan parade, to hear the Klan lectures, and to see the big Klan moving picture show.

A ball team from Hooker, Okla., came to Spearman last Friday afternoon and attempted to break the winning streak of our boys, but failed in the attempt.

Misses Winnie and Della Dacus are here from Canyon this week, guests of their sister Mrs. Red McCroy. The girls will spend a short vacation here and return to Canyon for the opening of the summer session of the W T S T C.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan on Thursday May 29th, a fine girl, named Virginia Aeesee. Leland Close is sporting a new Star roadster.

Ernest Burnett, a first class baker, arrived in the city the latter part of last week and made arrangements to reopen the city bakery.

Miss Alene McMurray returned the latter part of the week from Brownwood where she has been attending Daniel Baker College.

June 14th, Eldred Sheets and Lloyd Andrews will sell out a bunch of horses and mules at auction sale in Spearman. Col. Ed Littleton will auctioneer, which will be held at the O. Wagon yard and sales barn.

Mrs. Lawrence Gruver and

Mountains Of Wheat On Ground



We may see a reoccurrence of the scene pictured above this year. According to the best information available we are due to harvest close to six million bushels of wheat in Hansford County. There is approved storage space for only two million bushels, and if the railroads do not send in sufficient cars to take up the surplus wheat, it may have to be piled on the ground as it was back in 1928. We have had many harvest seasons with wheat piled high around the local elevators.

Mrs. D. L. McClellan were Monday afternoon callers at the home of Mrs. Clinton Wilson and Mrs. A. F. Shapley.

The play given under the auspices of the local Order of Eastern Star on last Friday night was well attended and every one there seemed to enjoy the play immensely.

Plans are underway for a big picnic Monday, June 23, to be held at the C. A. Hitch ranch on the Coldwater. A complete program of this celebration will be found elsewhere in the Reporter.

Hansford county stock judging team, composed of Dowling McMurry, Roy Nolmer, D. C. Gamble and Chester Hughes, accompanied the county agent to Chil-

dress Friday and won a first prize in the contest.

Henry Dacus and R. L. Davis have undertaken quite a task in the way of conducting an auto passenger line. They will run a car each day from Amarillo to Liberal and from Liberal to Amarillo. The distance is about 200 miles.

Miss Zella Davis returned from Shattuck Wednesday where she spent the past two weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Hall.

Billy Christian, was here from Plemmons, Texas, Tuesday. Mr. Christian says the new town is coming along at a satisfactory pace and will eventually make a good town.

New Books At City Library

The Spearman Public Library has received several new books. They are listed below:

While Still We Live, MacInnes; Waters Over the Dam, Kroll; Case of the Sulky Girl, Gardner; Bedford Village, Allen; There Was No Yesterday, Avery; No News from Helen, Golding; The Broken Arc, Mejneng; Melody in Darkness, Stephenson; No Sad Songs for Me, Southland; Angel in the Rain, Quentin; Stormy Hearts, Cleves; Doctor's Wife, MacNamara; Nurse Merton, Logan; Student Nurse, Hancock; The Apostle, Asch; Body Fell in Berlin, Takin; Thunder Mountain, Gray; Joystone Manor, Dunaway; Say Goodbye to Katherine, Corliss; Texas Sheriff, Cunningham; Song After Midnight, Miller; Mo-

Author Jordan, range manager for W. T. Coble, held an old time round up and branding last Saturday. Among the cow hands from Spearman who assisted with the work were Misses Alene McMurry, Jessis Mowery, Bessie Barkley, Mary McMurry and Rebecca Lynch.

S. J. Allen, county attorney of Ochiltree county, father of Jack and Walter Allen well known attorneys of Perryton met his death at about 8:00 P. M. last Friday striking his head against the pavement falling from a truck and will eventually make a good three hours later.

ther Mason, Aldrich; Bulldog Roots, Strut; Leave her to Heaven, Mrs. C. P. Sisley of Los Angeles, Timoanogoes Cave, a national monument in Utah, had 12,021 visitors during 1940. Drummand Returns, McNeile; Of Williams; Eternal Mountain, California, sister of Mrs. Mary Cooper is visiting in Gruver. Human Bondage, Maugham; Tap vert; Storm to the South, Strobel.

1944 Harvest Greeting

We have been serving the people of the north west part of Hansford county for many years. We have tried hard, and have succeeded formerly in having nearly everything you needed for harvest. Frankly 1944 is a slight exception. Our armed forces have made such a demand on the supplies of the nation, that we have been short at times of some items you have needed. You have been patient, because you know we have tried to get the merchandise.

But at this time we believe we have a most representative stock of merchandise, perhaps an improvement on the 1943 harvest season. You know that we will be available to serve you with your needs at all hours of the day and night during this busy harvest season that is approaching. We know that you will have the largest task you have ever attempted in this coming prospective bumper crop of 1944. We count ourselves as one of you, and we are ready to give you every service and every courtesy possible during this trying times.

We sincerely appreciate the harvest and the year round business we have received from hundreds of customers of this area, and we will continue to strive to be worthy of this confidence.

P. H. WESTERFIELD

Dry Goods—Shoes—Groceries—Meat—Frozen Food—Lockers

Phone 22

Gruver, Texas

1944 HARVEST GREETINGS

This North Plains neighbor of Hansford county wheat producers has had the opportunity to extend greeting through your local newspaper for about 12 years.

It is a custom we enjoy, since it enables us to tell our friends in the adjoining county that we like them, and that we want them to visit with our store when they are in Borger.

You have an excellent furniture store in Spear-

man, and we know that you receive good service and quality merchandise. We say to you, make your purchase of home furnishings at home. If the occasion arises when you do have to go outside your own county for some special item of home furnishings that might not be stocked in your local store, come to Lindsey's in Borger. We are fortunate in having a few items such as floor coverings that are scarce during the war emergency.

To those readers who live in Hutchinson county, and who are accustomed to shopping in Borger as a matter of Geography, we invite you to continue to make Lindsey's your headquarters.

This large north plains store maintains a store and warehouse full of quality merchandise. We pride ourselves on having what the customer wants and selling at reasonable prices.

LINDSEY FURNITURE COMPANY

Borger, Texas



BEHIND THIS SCENE IS THE 1944 HARVEST

Here in Hansford county we have a tremendous obligation. We have a harvest that bids fair to surpass any we have ever produced in the history of wheat farming. We are a cog in the machinery that provides our sons and brothers with food that they may fight for the victory, which will insure countless thousands of harvest seasons for prosperity, and relieve the world of the corrupt, brutal yoke of tyrants who seek to enslave the population of the entire world.

This organization takes pride in the fact that we have always cooperated with the customers in order that they may gain the very finest results from the harvest of their labor. We have conditioned the machinery in our elevator and made every possible improvement so that you may get as prompt service as possible.

You will find that you have an organization here that is working hand in hand with the fighting forces of the Allied armies. We realize that every move we make is a part of the great invasion that makes it possible for our future to be free and independent.

We want your wheat. We assure you that you will this season, as you have in the past, receive the highest market price for wheat that is sold on the open market, and will be given every courtesy and prompt service if you choose to secure a government loan, and store your wheat in our bonded warehouse storage.

— We would indeed be unmindful of our pleasant past if we did not take this occasion to thank the people of Hansford county for their patronage of the past. It has been a great item of pleasure in our lives to deal with such fine people.

BUY INVASION BONDS DURING THE 5TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

J. H. GRUVER & SON

ELEVATOR

V-BELT EQUIPMENT FOR COMBINES

GRUVER, TEXAS

Rodeo To Be In Amarillo July 1-2-3-4

AMARILLO, June 20. — Again this year rodeo fans of the Southwest will have five opportunities to see their favorite arena attraction here during the first four days of July.

Again this year the rodeo will be sponsored by The Tri-State Fair with Bentler Brothers as directors, but there will be more specialty acts than ever to provide a two and a half hour program with calf roping, bull dogging, bronc riding and bull riding as the main events.

Cash prizes of more than \$2,000 have been posted for the contest. It is an open show with no barred except those blacklisted by the Cowboys Turtle Association.

There will be night shows at 8 o'clock on Saturday, July 1; Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4. There will be two matinees

Is This Our Spearman?



The above picture, printed for the first time in the Reporter has been identified as the Santa Fe station. However, our sleuth says there ain't but one flue on the Santa Fe station, there never has been two. It is just possible that the second flue belongs to another building, cause this sure is the Santa Fe station.

at 2 o'clock on Sunday, July 2, and Tuesday, the Fourth of July. Admission, including tax will be \$1.20 for adults; 60 cents for children. Box seats will be 75 cents extra.

Officials of The Tri-State Fair have announced enlisted men will be admitted for 60 cents each, including tax.

8 Tons a Man Per Month
Eight tons of food and equipment are required to supply each fighting man in the Central Pacific for a month; the soldier in the Aleutians requires 25 per cent more.

Pre Harvest Scenes In And Near Spearman, Texas



Before the combines harvest the golden grain thousands of acres of land must be plowed. When the Panhandle of Texas began planting small grain in a big way, they started with the massive tractors that pulled a gang of disc plows as pictured above. The second picture represents the influence of oil on Hansford county. There was a time when most of the timber and oil supplies for wells this side of the Canadian river were trucked out of Spearman. We are told the above picture represents some large oil trucks with oil rig timber and supplies.

Only 15,500,000,000 ounces of silver have been produced in the world since the discovery of America.

Mess "Tools" From Scrap
A substantial part of the Army's mess equipment, including cups, knives, forks, spoons, and trays is being obtained from stainless steel scrap left over from manufacture of other articles, and from "off heat," or rejected, ingots.

HARVEST GREETINGS

This business firm that has witnessed many harvest seasons in this area, is indeed delighted that you wheat producers face the prospects of harvesting one of the best crops of small grain that has ever grown in Hansford and adjoining counties.

You have done well to produce this crop under the handicaps of war emergencies, and we know you have made many sacrifices in doing so.

WE ARE READY

To serve you in your needs for additional food during the harvest season. You know from past experience that you receive only the very best of merchandise at this store.

Buy canned goods in case quantities. It will save you precious time in making purchases during the busy harvest season.

BURRAN GROCERY & MARKET

R. E. BURRAN
SPEARMAN, TEXAS

This business firm of Spearman joins other business houses of Gruver and Spearman in extending harvest greetings to the customers and friends throughout this area.

Largely speaking, we are like the other firms, we find ourselves shorthanded to take care of the business that is given us. However, we do manage to take care of the larger volume without lowering the quality of our work.

We take this occasion to thank the customers who have made it possible for us to grow and prosper. We especially want to thank the customers of the north west part of the county for their patience in the service we are compelled to give them as result of lack of transportation. We do try to keep the out of town orders right up to date, and so far we have not had complaints from our customers.

We trust this 1944 harvest will be saved and that it will turn out to be the largest harvest ever combined in Hansford county.

CAMPBELL TAILOR SHOP

JOHN BERRY



1944 HARVEST

This Gruver business firm joins other business houses of Hansford county in extending greetings of appreciation to the customers, who make it possible for us to remain in business.

At this harvest season we are all very busy, and the demands for supplies taxes the limited supplies in our line. We do want you to know that we take a pride in searching the market, and stocking the necessary items that are of benefit to our customers at this and other harvest seasons. We are candid to tell you that we do not have as complete a stock as would please us, but we do have the best available. Fortunately SERVICE is not rationed. We have our supply, and to the extent that we will give you the very best available we want to assure you that we will serve you thru this harvest.

Your patronage in the past has been a source of much pleasure to the management of this business. We have endeavored to please you, and we want to take this occasion to thank you one and all for your liberal patronage and cheerful association.

BACK THE ATTACK, BUY INVASION BONDS, DURING THE 5TH WAR LOAN DRIVE IN HANSFORD COUNTY

Gruver Lumber Company

Frank Fleck, Manager

Ready For Harvest BUY

YOUR FUEL FOR HARVEST HERE

We invite the wheat producers and small grain farmers of north west Hansford county to make our service station their headquarters for the 1944 harvest season.

Our customers have used our products, grease, lube and fuel in increasing amounts in recent years. We believe the fact that we have tried manfully to give worthwhile SERVICE is the reason for this increase in business . . . We pride ourselves on the fact that we have many satisfied customers.

We know that you realize that all business firms are short of help, just as you wheat producers are short of labor. We do hope that you KNOW this business firm will do all that is humanly possible to meet the demands of our customers.

Come in today and figure with us for your need in fuel for the 1944 harvest. Your neighbor is probably a customer of this station and can tell you that we try to take care of the business, and see that the customer is given service, quality products.

OUR THANKS

Are extended the patrons of this business who have made it possible for this business firm to grow from a small beginning until we handle a very large volume of business for this section of the country. We know that no finer people live in the nation than those of the north west part of Hansford county, who make it a pleasure to do business in the county.

Again we say thanks for past patronage, for your patience with us during this war emergency, and for your friendly cooperation.

We want to congratulate you on having brought this wonderful crop to the stage where it is nearly ready for the combines. We believe and hope that you will harvest the finest crop this year that has ever been harvested in Hansford county.

J. C. HARRISS Service Station

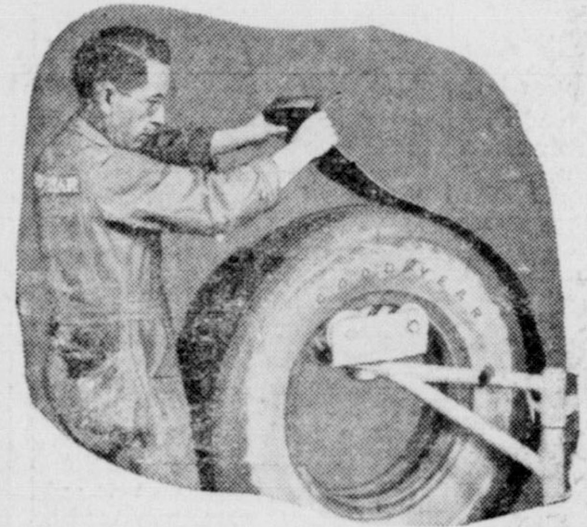
Gruver, Texas

How Far CAN You Go?



A lot depends on how you treat your tires. Keep speed down and caution up—and stop in regularly at TIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS for a real check-up. We'll do our expert best to keep you rolling. Keep coming to

GOODYEAR EXTRA-MILEAGE RECAPPING KEEPS 'EM ROLLING



Get a recapping job that will give you the longest and safest run for your money! Here at TIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS we use Goodyear methods and Goodyear materials—and that means you get back a husky, handsome recapped tire that's plenty tough and trustworthy. Come in soon . . . we'll tell when to recap.

Size 6.00-16
(you furnish recappable tire)



SPECIAL! Truck Tire Recapping!

Our careful inspection shows when to recap



Depend on us for fast, efficient, reliable work. Tested Goodyear Recapping retains original tire shape and balance—adds thousands more miles of useful service. See us in time!

BUY WAR BONDS AND BUY FOR KEEPS



LOW COST . . . HIGH VALUE

★ AN OFFICIAL TIRE INSPECTION STATION ★

Lakeview Tatler

The much looked for sneep shearer's have visited this community as the sheep go baa baa black sheep have you wool on the back that the farmer has several bags full.

John Sim is very much improved and can be seen about the yard. Yesterday while I was doing my evening chores about the chicken houses I heard a very musical voice looking about I saw one of the Sim's daughters whose home is away down in Georgia trying to drive the Sim cows in. I suppose the cows like myself could set and listen to a Georgian talk all day and not but in, or move an inch for the cows would not go to the house they finally went into a lake of water staying just near enough the edge to hear while they switched their tails and chewed their cuts. . . . hearing the daughter talking as though she was speaking to an individual I looked and there came her sister. . . . road with a Yankoy voice it took the Yankoy voice and a couple dogs to drive those cows home.

The writer went with Sam to the W. M. Leck ranch where Lawson Leck, Leck's son. Lawson has a good garden by the side of the house. He has the garden tools on the front porch where they are convenient to get. . . . he also has a cow that gives so much milk he just milks a large bucket full then stops milking. Lawson uses the cream divides the milk with a hog, the hog continually grunts for the cream.

Levina Heath from Hollis, Oklahoma is visiting in the Herman Mitchell home.

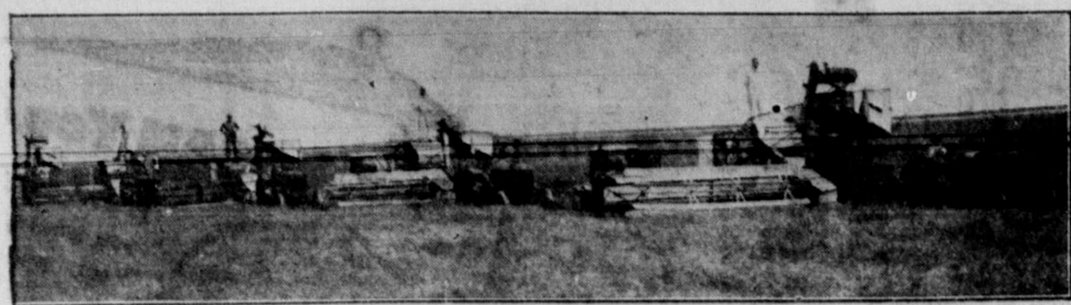
Ida Wickham from Wichita, Kansas is visiting in the J. A. Kip home. She intends to stay for several months.

The Kenney's eventually found a clock key that fits their clock. They were tired of a ghastly white face setting on the desk about a tick in it.

The Women's Council of the First Church of Spearman met in the home of Mrs. Dennis Reed. Now what a treat, Mrs. Randquist served hot light bread buns, butter, jelly, angel food cake and iced punch. Rev. and Mrs. Bastion were present.

Callers in the Pipkin home the past week were Rev. and Mrs. Cornell. They were on their way to Roswell, N. M. to hold a revival. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bailey and children from Cave Springs, Mo. also spent the night in the Pipkin home. Mr. and Mrs. John Pipkin and daughters were Sunday din-

The Modern Way Of Harvesting Small Grain



The Panhandle country is perhaps the only large vast portion of the nation left that is thinly settled. Often one operator handles as many as fifteen to thirty sections, and plants and harvests small grain, usually handling feeder cattle in connection with his farming operations. When harvest comes around and the grain is dead ripe, it must be combined rapidly or risk loss of quality and quantity of the crop. Above we see a picture of a large operator who has five combines in operation. From the picture one judges these to be the large combines one judges perhaps the extension attached so that each combine cuts a swath of 18 to 20 feet in width. This means near a hundred feet wide cut from the field each time the five combines rounds the field.

Feed And Ensilage In Hansford County



Guests with their parents in the Pipkins. Little Orlene Fullerton is on the sick list.

The Pipkins have been very busy building a new wall for the gate to their house also have fenced in a flower garden north of their house the lilly pond has beautiful lillies blooming in various colors. J. W.'s room has been recently paper a very beautiful blue with new curtains at the windows also a new bedspread. . . . a very lovely room.

Ed Beck has been bustling around at their new place have landscaped their yard with various varieties of evergreens and trees, built cement walks from house to different buildings about the yard. . . . picket fence in dose front yard.

The Sam Nitschke farm home lawn is being mowed and trimmed for the return of the Nitschkes' family through harvest.

Mrs. Ruth Nitschke and Maylee were shoppers in Spearman one afternoon last week.

Wilson Brandt of Hutchinson County is here this week visiting his brother, Fred Brandt and sister, Mrs. H. P. Bailey; also other relatives and many friends. Wilson was a resident of old Hansford and was manager of the Cator Hdq. Co. He is employed by the Santa Fe Railroad Co. as Demurrage Agent in Hutchinson County.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleck and Jean of Gruver were business visitors in Spearman Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. G. F. Miller and son, Kenneth of Emporia, Kansas, who are visiting the home. Mrs. Miller is a sister of Mrs. Fleck.



Another one of the pictures formerly used by W. S. McNabb to tell the world that harvest was not limited to small grain in Hansford County. It looks mighty good doesn't it.

BUY WAR BONDS!

Blodgett News

Mrs. Hila Robinson, Mrs. Ada Wildhagan and Mrs. Edna Bauerfield, daughter of Mr. Sims are visiting in the J. F. Sims home. Mr. Sims is recovering from a severe illness.

Kathleen Kenney spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Blodgett.

Max Church is attending the Youth Convention of the First Christian Church at Ceta Lake this week.

Mrs. Verna Kenney, Maxine and Bryan spent Thursday evening in the John Kenney home.

Pvt. Ralph Blodgett visited home folks over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nitchke and Mary Lee were transacting business in Spearman, Friday.

Earl Church has been papering several rooms in the H. M. Blodgett home.

Mrs. John Kenney called in the J. F. Sims and S. J. Powell homes Tuesday.

Miss Helen Kenney and Miss Nadine Deck are working at the Army Air Field in Amarillo.

Mrs. J. M. Blodgett and Miss Kathleen Kenney visited in the W. M. Deck home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Archer, Sunray were shopping and attending to business in Spearman Saturday.

John Douglas called at the John Kenney and Verna Kenney homes Monday. He was hunting a man to shear his sheep.

Mrs. Claude Jackson and children were shopping in Spearman Saturday.

Miss Dela Beth Upthegrove, who has spent several weeks visiting her folks returned to Amarillo where she is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bastion were dinner guests in the Blodgett home Wednesday and attended the missionary meeting at Mrs. A. D. Reeds home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Beck and children and John Kenney went to Perryton Wednesday for combine repairs.

Mrs. Verna Kenney and Mrs. W. Y. Williams visited recently in the Artie Williams home near Big Bend, Texas.

Mrs. John Kenney, Kathleen and J. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Church and Max attended the children's day program at the First Christian Church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Wilmeth and daughter, Florence of Gruver were shopping in Spearman Thursday.

Mrs. R. L. McMannis and daughter, Patricia of Kingmen, Kansas, are making an extended visit in the Carl Hutchinson home. Mrs. McMannis is a sister of Mrs. Hutchinson.

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A NEIGHBOR SAYS "HELLO FRIENDS"



PLACE YOUR 1944 HARVEST BACK OF YOUR NATIONAL FLAG

Every since the Panhandle State Bank, Borger, was founded in January of 1936, the management has had the pleasure of saying at harvest

"HI NEIGHBOR"

We believe we know you well enough to suggest that you place your 1944 bumper harvest behind the National Flag.

Your sons and your neighbors sons will depend on your successful harvest for food, while they are locked in the struggle for freedom.

We learn that you have prospects for the largest harvest in the history of your county we sincerely hope that these prospects will materialize.

Many of our Hutchinson county customers trade in Spearman, and are interested in activities in Hansford county. Some few customers find it more convenient to do their banking at Borger because of distances. We welcome these accounts and assure you that we will always give you safe conservative banking service.

Panhandle State Bank

BORGER, TEXAS

R. L. Grimes, President
Geo. F. Crow, Vice President

David M. Warren, Chairman
R. E. Bayless, Cashier

Your CHEVROLET Dealer Says:

"It's doubly important to you to get this Double Service Feature-NOW!"



"DE-SLUDGE" your car engine

Slow wartime driving promotes "sludge." . . . Our complete "de-sludging" operation will—

1. Give you better gasoline economy.
2. Restore complete lubrication to all vital parts of your engine.
3. Eliminate corrosive and damaging chemical deposits which contaminate your lubricating oil.
4. Increase oil economy and in many cases eliminate oil pumping.
5. Improve the smoothness of engine performance.
6. Prolong the life of your engine.



Service your car BRAKES

It's doubly important that wartime driving be safe driving. . . . Our expert Chevrolet mechanics will—

1. Put your braking system in efficient operating condition.
2. Make certain hydraulic fluid is at proper level.
3. Inspect brake lining, and supply new lining if needed.
4. Inspect brake drums, and service them if necessary.
5. Check and service emergency brake.
6. Help you and your family to have maximum driving safety.

Come in for these vital services—today!



"FIRST IN SERVICE"

McCLELLAN CHEVROLET CO.

Spearman, Texas

GRUVER MOTOR CO.

Gruver, Texas

BUY MORE WAR BONDS—SPEED THE VICTORY

HANSFORD HARVEST TESTS

Wheat was received by R. L. ...

... took the first load ...

... took the first load ...

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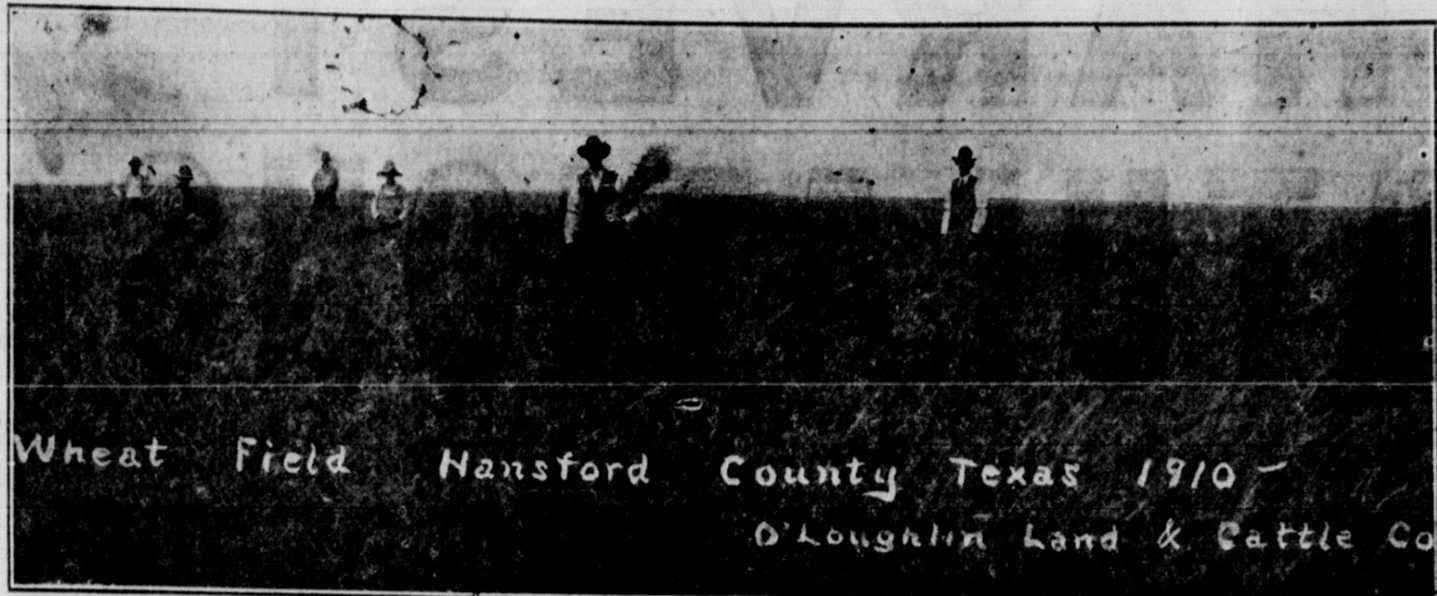
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If Mr. McNabb Could Have Lived To See 1944 Wheat Crop



Wheat Field Hansford County Texas 1910 - O'Loughlin Land & Cattle Co

One of the pioneer boosters of Hansford County, and for that matter the entire Panhandle of Texas, was W. S. McNabb, Re Estate operator who had an office in Spearman for many years.

age of 15 bushels per acre.

Geo. Francis of Kimball community is making a wheat average of 20 bushels.

Dave McClellan of Gruver Tuesday morning reported an average of 7 and 8 bushels.

W. A. Ellsworth, manager of the Hardin Grain Co., Monday said he was having difficulty in getting ready for harvest as he needed an elevator man and also an office man.

Charlie Tucker, manager of the W. B. Johnston Grain Co., said that his firm had recently shipped out 60,000 bushels of wheat and would be ready to handle the harvest.

Producers Grain Corp. of Amarillo has leased the old Spearman Grain Growers elevator and will

open it with E. D. Goodnight as manager. Some government wheat remains to be moved before operation can begin efficiently, Goodnight said.

Mrs. T. S. McMurry of Beeville, Texas is here on a visit with her mother and sisters, Mrs. M. B. Wright, Mrs. R. W. Morton, and Mrs. S. B. Hale. Mrs. McMurry has many friends in Hansford County. For a number of years she was cashier of the First State Bank of Hansford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Smith of Elk City, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris of Phillips, Texas, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Riley.

Mrs. C. P. Archer and little daughter, with Mrs. R. B. Archer, Sr., are visiting this week with Pvt. Charles P. Archer who is stationed at Camp Fanning, Tyler, Texas.

First Wheat In 1938 Sold At Gruver, Texas

To Arthur Wallin of Gruver goes the credit of having brought the first load of wheat to any Spearman concern in the 1938 crop.

Records show that the only time this record of early grain production by June 20 has been beat since 1918 was in 1921 when Finis Maize harvested his first wheat June 16.

The first loads of 1920 wheat crop were sold the first week of July. The grade was very good, the tests running from 60 to 62 pounds per bushel.

In 1927 Kiff White sold McClellan Grain Company the first

grain of the season at \$1.25 per bushel with a test of 58. The grain was brought in June 23. On June 22, 1938 C. Chase wheat farmer of the Kimball Community sold the first wheat of the season to the Farmers National Elevator. The top price of 35 cents per bushel.

Mr. Wallin says the same land will make from 40 to 50 bushels this year.

Mrs. Oran Kelly and Mrs. H. C. Brown, Jr., spent the week-end in Emporia, Kansas, visiting Aviation Cadet Howard W. Kelly.

Registered Tenmarq Wheat



Jom Jones planted some registered Tenmarq wheat in 1938. He had a good turn out on this wheat. In the picture the country editor is looking at a batch of wheat pulled up from the field that measured four feet in length. Rex Sanders says he has some five by five wheat this year. Five foot tall five inches wide at the base of the wheat stool.

READY FOR HARVEST

Your home town Cafe, where most everyone meet and eat, announces ready for the RUSH 1944 bumper harvest of small gain.

We have made arrangements to feed a larger number of the workers during harvest, and as far as our facilities will permit, will continue to prepare lunches.

The management takes this occasion to congratulate the wheat producers of this area on having brought their bumper crop to this harvest stage, under the adverse conditions of war emergencies. You have done a fine job and we are proud of you and HANSFORD COUNTY.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT

BURL'S CAFE

Spearman, Texas

We all know that we are working under some handicaps in the matter of power farming equipment, but your local Chevrolet, Baldwin, Avery dealer has been supplementing the stock of this establishment, both in car, truck and power farming replacement parts for the past 15 months.

We have filled our large display room and warehouse with the tools and equipment we know you will need during the 1944 harvest.

Never before in the history of this business have we stocked such a wide variety of needs for farm and home. Some of the items you have not been accustomed to see in our display room includes:

HIGH PRESSURE LUBRICATORS

- Tool Boxes
- Grain Scoops
- Garden Hose
- Garden Hoes
- Diaphragm Type Barrel Pumps
- Assortment of Hand Tools Including—
- End Wrenches
- Box End Wrenches
- Socket Wrenches

- Hammers
- Chisels
- Punches
- Grease Guns, various types
- Model A Motor Block Assembly for Baldwin Combines
- WICO MAGNETOES For any make of tractor or combines

GRUVER V BELT COMBINE CHANGE OVER UNITS

We stock and take orders for these change over units for any make of combines. This is a Hansford County manufacturing business that has proven of great benefit to wheat producers of the Southwest. It is the only manufacturing business in this county.

32 VOLT WINDCHARGER

We have windcharger units with batteries on hand and ready to install.

KRAUSE PLOW PARTS

We have a large stock of KRAUSE plow parts. Make your replacements now so that we can reorder accordingly.

JUST RECEIVED

New stock of seat covers for Chevrolet passenger cars. If we do not have your model in stock we can order it for you.

CHEVROLET AND GLOBE BATTERIES for cars and trucks. We have a large stock on hand.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Mirrors Best Quality Manufactured

TO BALDWIN AND AVERY COMBINE OWNERS

We want to urge you to make a check up of your repair needs and file them with us NOW.

We have our bins full of replacement parts for these combines and it is just about as large a replacement stock as we are allowed to keep on hand.

McCLELLAN CHEVROLET CO.

1944 HARVEST CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE WHEAT GROWERS OF HANSFORD COUNTY FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

You've done a great job in bringing the wheat crop to such fine prospects for a bountiful harvest under the handicaps of war emergencies.

You have had trying times, with young men in military service, with machinery being rationed, with repairs hard to get, and skilled help a thing of the past.

You have depended upon your John Deere dealer for replacement parts for your power farming equipment, and you have depended upon our repair department to help recondition your farm machinery. Sometimes we have been unable to give you everything you wanted, but we do not believe we have ever let you down. You have made two harvests under war time handicaps, and you know that your John Deere dealer has worked early and late to cooperate with you in keeping power farming equipment producing. You should know after the many years that we have been in business in this county that we will do all that is humanly possible to make your harvest this year as successful and economical as possible.

John Deere machinery is so well constructed with quality material, that we do believe it has shown up to advantage during this extreme emergency. You hardly ever hear of John Deere power farming equipment going to the junk heap. You just keep on repairing and using this quality machinery.

Right now our big job is backing the invasion that bids fair to helping shorten this war. You and your John Deere machinery is a big factor in the victory that is sure to come.

Should you find at the last minute that you need additional repairs . . . check with your John Deere dealer at once. Do not delay an hour, as our supply bins are being emptied, and it requires some time to place emergency orders for needed parts.

Invest In Home Comfort - Good Living With Womble Furniture
Hundreds Of Articles In Stock

WOMBLE HARDWARE CO.

Cooks Quality Paint And Wallpaper

REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS FOR SALE

10 CHOICE REGISTERED DOMINO RETURN BULLS

FROM 14 TO 24 MONTHS OLD

SEE THE BULLS AND LET THEM TALK FOR THEMSELVES FOR BREEDING QUALITY TO MAKE TOP RANGE BULLS

Visitors Always Welcome To Visit My Hereford Farm At Any Time.

NOLAN HOLT

15 Miles South, 2 Miles West
SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Wheat Producers Ready For Harvest Fifth War Loan Bond Sales Are Lagging

\$40,143.50 In Sales Reported Through Monday Announce Contest Between Spearman And Gruver

Hansford county's fifth War Loan drive to sell \$385,000 in bond and back the invasion that bids fair to end the war in Europe, is dragging. As in the Bible days we are "all with one accord" making excuses. Most of them sound logical, and it is true that every effort and practically all the energy of the county is centered on saving the prospective bumper wheat harvest of 1944.

Chairman Art Turner, who is himself involved in activities that cannot be postponed, reports that he is not much discouraged as result of the poor start that is recorded.

Turner stated Monday that this county could only take credit for the sale of \$39,143.50 in bonds through Saturday June 17th. He also informed the newspaper that he would not be able to make a report before press date, but stated positively that he had information that led him to believe that approximately \$25,000.00 in additional bonds would be sold and recorded Monday June 19th.

The campaign began Monday, June 12 and will continue through Saturday, July 8th. Thus there are a little more than 18 days left for Hansford county to follow its previous example, namely over-selling their quota from 36 to 51 per cent.

In making his report Chairman Art Turner divided the sales of E bonds as follows: Gruver, \$1,406.75; Post Office, \$1,650.00; Bank, \$22,068.75; for a total E Bond sales of \$25,125.00. Other sales of bonds, other than series E, amounted to \$14,018.50, and was credited to Bank by Chairman Turner.

Turner said there was a bit of friendly rivalry between Spearman and Gruver in the matter of Red Cross donations and bond sales. Gruver took all the honors this year in making more Red Cross donations than Spearman, and Turner hopes that it will arouse the fighting spirit in Spearmanites to take the honors in the bond sales contest. He plans to keep an accurate record of the two communities and publish results as bonds are bought in Gruver and Spearman.

HARVEST NOTES

From Dan Shrader of Gruver we learn of the heaviest yield of barley reported so far in Hansford County. It was 70 bushel barley which came from Hitchland and was sold at the Hitch elevator in Hitchland. The test was 45, according to Mr. Shrader. The Gruver elevator man said he had not bought any barley himself so far.

Lee McClellan reported having purchased three car loads of barley from Bill Etling. The grain was loaded at the McClellan Bernstein elevator and made a yield of 65 bushels per acre, tested 45 and Lee said he contracted for the grain in advance of delivery and paid the agreed price of \$1.10 per bushel. That's not hay, when land will yield near seventy dollars an acre revenue in one year.

Porter elevator of course had a little edge on buying the first barley that was cut in the Spearman elevator. It was the barley of R. L. Porter, made a yield of 55 bushels per acre, and by agreement with himself made in advance of harvesting. Mr. Porter is alleged to have paid a dollar and a dime a bushel for this grain. Porter reports barley being delivered by Dennis Reed, Clarence Alexander and Mr. LaMasters. He did not know the yield of the fields being cut at the time we go to press.

E. J. Copeland, local manager of the Perryton Equity Exchange (consolidated with Spearman Equity Exchange), Morse, Texas, reports having purchased 2 car loads of barley from W. T. Womble. The yield was 53 bushels per acre and the test 46. The first of this grain came into the Morse elevator Friday of last week.

Barley That Made 55 Bushel Yield On Porter Farm



This is a photograph of what turned out to be the first small grain harvested in Hansford County. It is a field of barley produced by the work of R. L. Porter. Confidentially we believe it made 60 bushels, but Mr. Porter will not allow me to publish my beliefs. He declares he got the highest market price for the barley and sold it to one of the popular grain men of Spearman. We are not sure but think he talked Mrs. Porter into paying him a dollar ten cents a bushel for that barley. That's not hay when you produce \$60.50 worth of grain per acre on land that might have sold at one time for as low as \$35.00 an acre. Mr. Porter has purchased the old Spearman Grain Growers elevator, and is using it exclusively for barley. It is not official but we understand he has contracted to purchase more than a hundred thousand bushels of barley in this area, already.

DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB

The Dahlia Flower Club met June 19 in the home of Mrs. Paul Roach, and were served a lovely breakfast by Mrs. Roach.

Mrs. Eldridge gave a very interesting lesson on flower arrangement.

Mrs. Roach discussed the different kinds of vases to use.

Miss Vera Campbell of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. V. L. Davidson of Tyler, Texas, were guests.

Mrs. Bastion and Mrs. Hoskins and Mrs. Gibner won first place in flower arrangement.

Roll call was answered by "My Native State Flower," by Mesdames Gibner, Maize, Shedeck, Richardson, Womble, Eldridge, Hoskins, Bastion, Allen and the hostess, Mrs. Roach.

Next meeting will be July 3rd with Mrs. Maize.

LAWN PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Glover were host and hostess to a group of young people at a lawn party Friday evening. The party was held in honor of Miss Allenez Blackburn, niece of Mrs. Glover, who is visiting here from Alibone, Texas.

Those present were Misses Betty Jean Clement, Betty Lee Da-

Congressman Gene Worley Predicts 25 Per Cent More Civilian Production Soon

The big news this week in Washington was the bombing of the Japanese mainland. Most officials in Washington knew that the B-29, the Super-Fortress, was in production but no one knew just how effective it would be in actual combat operation. The successful bombing of the Japanese Mainland has proved its worth and a new phase of the war against the Japanese has begun. Undoubtedly the high octane gasoline which supplied these Super-Fortresses came from Texas and perhaps from the Texas Panhandle plants. While the names of those who carried out the raid are not known at this time there's bound to be many Texans among them.

Texas' contribution to the war in every respect either equals or surpasses the contribution made by any other state in the Union. This is one reason war bond sales scrap metal, scrap paper, waste fat, and rubber drives have always been high in the Lone Star State. Incidentally Members of Congress from other states have often expressed the fear that Texas might make a separate peace but the Texas Congressmen have assured them such rumors were unfounded.

Labor shortages for farms and munitions and other war plants is exceedingly tight. For the past several weeks I have urged the War Department to be as lenient as possible in granting furloughs and passes to the military personnel stationed in the Texas Panhandle in order to help in the bumper wheat harvest. They have offered every co-operation in doing this where the plan would not interfere with the war program. Their reasons for not releasing military personnel in wholesale lots is because the war training program would be delayed or seriously affected.

It is possible that civilian production will be increased 25 per cent just as soon as the military successful (over) crop share leaders are sure the invasion liberation is successful. The military officials say the Nazi made two mistakes when (1) they failed to attack the several thousand ships which participated in the invasion and (2) failed to throw their demoralizing air force against our beachheads. Mr. Arthur is working up a major offensive in the Pacific with the Philippines as an early objective. The success of military operations will depend on unqualified support on the homefront. So back the Fighting Fifth War Loan Drive and buy an extra Bond today.

Have your car lubricated every 500 to 1000 miles—oil and grease slow wear.

vis, Doris Marie Hester, Bodil Blackburn, Bernice Vernon and Allenez Blackburn. The young men were Bobby Heard, Carl Craig Hutchinson, Don Cooke, Dub Davis, Norrel Wilson and Billy Jack Glover.

Unidentified Wheat Near Spearman



This field of wheat somewhere within a radius of six miles of Spearman will forever remain unidentified. The country editor spoke to the owner and offered to write a big story about 50 bushel production, provided the producer would buy a big steak supper. He blew his top and said in substance, I owe plenty of money and if you put a picture of that wheat and a darn lie in the paper about how much I will make you will have to settle with me. He stalked off mad as a setting hen, and I ate a hamburger.

GRUVER W. S. C. S.

The Womens' Society of Christ, a Service met with Mrs. M. F. Barkley on Thursday for the fifth session in the study "God and the Problem of Suffering." This lesson dealt with the suffering of Jeremiah for his people, and was given by Mrs. D. L. McClellan. Mrs. M. F. Barkley read the scripture for the lesson and Mrs. Gene Cluck read a poem "The Divine Companion." For the devotional Mrs. C. H. Winder read a story about how one woman overcame her sorrows. Mrs. R. H. Browder gave a poem "God Had a Job for Me." Mrs. Ernest Sluder and Mrs. L. H. Gruver sang "Dear God and Father of Mankind."

Those present for the meeting were Mesdames Noble Watson, L. H. Gruver, Ernest Sluder, R. H. Browder, C. H. Winder, D. L. McClellan, Floyd Cline, Gene Cluck, J. C. Harris, I. W. Ayres, W. L. Harris, Mrs. Ella Long, and the hostess.

The next meeting, and the last lesson of this study will be Thursday, June 22, in the home of Mrs. C. H. Winder.

At the outbreak of World War I, four machine guns were considered enough for a battalion, whereas immediately prior to Pearl Harbor we had stepped the number up to 30.

Many Readers Send Renewal For Newspaper

Total Of Fifty Eight Have Renewed During Month Of June

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS
Robert H. Hughes, San Francisco, Calif. (gift of father, Carl Hughes).

Elmer D. Elliott, Dalhart, Tex.
Pvt. James P. Linn, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, (gift of father, Fred Linn).

Virginia White, Spearman, Tex.
Elmer Longley, Spearman, Tex.
Pfc. Dayton N. Barkley, San Francisco, Calif. (gift of father M. F. Barkley).

H. M. Grazier, Gruver, Texas.
Mrs. W. O. Swain, Spearman, Texas.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS
Leroy Murray, Gruver, Texas.
F. W. Boney, Morse, Texas.
E. L. Morrison, Gruver, Texas.
Joe Knutson, Gruver, Texas.
W. K. Johnson, Oakland, Calif.
Ernest Corson, Waverly, Kans.
Carl M. Archer, Spearman, Tex.
Orene McClellan, Dallas, Texas (gift of father, L. S. McClellan).
Bill Russell Jr., Temple, Texas.
O. K. Pendergraph, Spearman, Texas.

Mrs. R. F. Sime, Casa Grande, Ariz.
With eight new subscribers and eleven renewal subscribers this week the June record for the Reporter climbs to a new high of fifty-eight subscriptions handled thus far this month. This is the best record so far this year, but the management anticipates a larger turnover later in the year when the renewals come due in large numbers.

The Reporter management has been extremely busy this week taking care of this the largest Harvest Edition of the paper ever published in Hansford County. We are especially grateful to the readers for their cooperation in furnishing information for feature stories that appear in the paper. Of course the merchants of Spearman and Gruver have made possible this large issue with their liberal advertising.

In regards to the features in this issue of the paper, the management has found it very difficult to secure the pictures of the present harvest would like to have published. However, we plan to take time out during the harvest and have a series of pictures of harvest scenes that will not only be of interest to local people but will boost this country throughout the nation. Just as this issue will boost the Hansford wheat country in this and foreign countries.

We hope you service men who receive this issue of the paper will show it to your buddies and tell them that we have room for a lot of fine people here in the country of OPPORTUNITY. There will be a large number of people who want to come to Texas after the victory is won. We Texans want them, but we want to choose the very finest people possible for our future neighbors. Be thinking of these facts and let them see from this harvest issue of the paper that this is the ONLY country with a gilt edge future. Tell them that there is no country in the world that will produce the price of the raw land in crop production in one year, except here in the Panhandle country. Tell them they can get wheat and barley land in Hansford County for about \$35.00 to \$50.00 per acre, and that we have records of some land producing more than \$60.00 per acre in small grain right here in this county this harvest. Let's sell Hansford County to the world. We really need to double our population the first year after victory, and let this wonderful country come into its own.

In the meantime, do not forget to pay your subscription promptly. We MUST have subscription money in advance. You pay all your periodical and daily papers in advance, and you must pay your weekly newspaper in the future.

Mrs. J. F. Horn left Wednesday for Kerrick, Texas, where she will reside temporarily with her grandchildren in the home of Bill Ruth.

Wheat Producer Back Home



One of the young men who made mighty good wheat back in 1938 turned out to be a splendid soldier. Lt. J. D. Amen, is back home at Gruver. Notes under the cut line for the picture predicted 30 bushel yield. It didn't do that well, but J. D. made enough in 1942 to send back \$10,000 for war bonds.

Grandpa McClellan Plants First Wheat Ever Harvested In Hansford County In 1904

The wheat industry in Spearman had its impetus in 1904 when Mr. L. S. McClellan and Mr. J. A. Deahl planted the first wheat to be harvested and thrashed in this section of the country—Hansford County. "Right Then," says Mr. McClellan, "Spearman territory had its beginning as a great wheat center."

Mr. McClellan came here 41 years ago with a Mr. Yeats, both of whom were interested in the cattle business. However, Mr. McClellan saw a small patch of wheat which Mr. J. H. Doolin planted mowed and cut for his cattle, after seeing several patches of oats, he remarked that if this country was not best suited to small grains he would like to know what it was good for. He believed the country too cold on the flats for cattle.

The first wheat crop was sowed in 1904, and all the returns went for seed for the next year's crop. The seed for this first crop was bought in Guyton, for \$1.50 a bushel. Mr. McClellan planted a small land of 20 acres in newly broken sod, and had a yield of about 15 bushels, while Mr. Deahl in old ground averaged around 20 bushels on 30 or 35 acres. The straw was cut with a binder and bound into bundles. A Mr. Cline brought his thrasher 20 miles from Hitchland to thrash the crop. Mr. Cline and Mr. McClellan had been friends in Hill County or he might not have been so successful in securing a thrasher.

When asked if he still likes wheat farming, he says he doesn't know as he does not farm, but that if it rains this is the best country in the world, so far as he is concerned. The best he has found in his travels from Hill County to 7 miles west of Altus, Oklahoma, Mr. McClellan thinks that the citizenry as a whole are more up-right and industrious.

"If I had plenty of money, I wouldn't know where to go," he smilingly remarked, "for this is the country I could love best of all." At 81, a picture of good health, Mr. McClellan can boast of having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Jan. 12, 1938 and of having a family of 56 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and in-laws, in which there had not been a single death.

Mr. McClellan believes that a active life is the best way to keep young and happy, and so he still finds enjoyment in working.

LT. SAMUEL ARCHER MISSING IN ACTION

Lt. Samuel O. Archer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Archer of Lubbock, formerly of Canyon, has been missing in action over Germany since May 8, according to a telegram from the War Department to his parents. He was engaged as a navigator in the Army Air forces with base in England.

Lt. Archer entered the service in February of 1943. He received his training at the Hondo Army Air Field, and has been overseas about a month. Formerly a school teacher at Shallowater and Seagraves, Lt. Archer received his degree from West Texas State Teachers College.

Lt. Archer was a graduate of Spearman High School with the class of '36 and was valedictorian of his class. The Archer family were residents of this community before coming to Canyon in 1936.

Big Problem Is Storage For '44 Grain

Expect Yield Of More Than Six Million Bushels This Year

Hansford county wheat producers are on the threshold of what looks like the largest wheat production ever recorded in the county. Most everyone is busy making last minute preparations for the rush of work that will accompany the coming harvest season. Machinery is being conditioned for the final test, and supplies are being laid in so that all the time available will and can be used for harvesting the grain.

In the various wheat reception centers, Spearman, Gruver, Morse, McKibben and Bernstein, elevator employees are making the last adjustment on machinery in preparation for handling the large volume of business that is anticipated.

All elevator men announce ready, but each says that he does not have the help he would like to have available in facing the job of taking care of the anticipated six million bushels of the golden grain it is hoped will be harvested before the end of July. Truly these men have a large job before them. Experienced help is very difficult to secure, and any kind of help is getting scarce. Most elevator officials believe they will handle their big job because they have a few experienced employees that will go all the way to take care of the responsibility of this year's harvest. New help, inexperienced girls and young boys and old men are in training at this time, ready to do their bit in the harvest work.

In the case of wheat producers, they are depending a lot on the labor that is following the wheat harvesting over the grain belt area. They expect many combines from out of the county with full crews to make their appearance when the wheat is ripened. Many have already contracted with combine owners for full crews of help. In the meantime, the local labor office has been opened at the Home Demonstration Room, and through the AAA office help will be rationed out to those who are short of labor. The big job is to get experienced help. There seems to be a surplus of 15 and 16 year old boys, but few combine and tractor men that have had many years of experience.

Predictions of production varies. Many now believe that we will cut an average of 25 bushels of wheat for the acreage seed. This would bring the total production in the county above the six million mark. There are positively a large number of fields that will produce 40 bushel wheat with favorable weather conditions, and several rather timid optimists even predict a few fields of rank wheat will tip the scales above 50 bushel average.

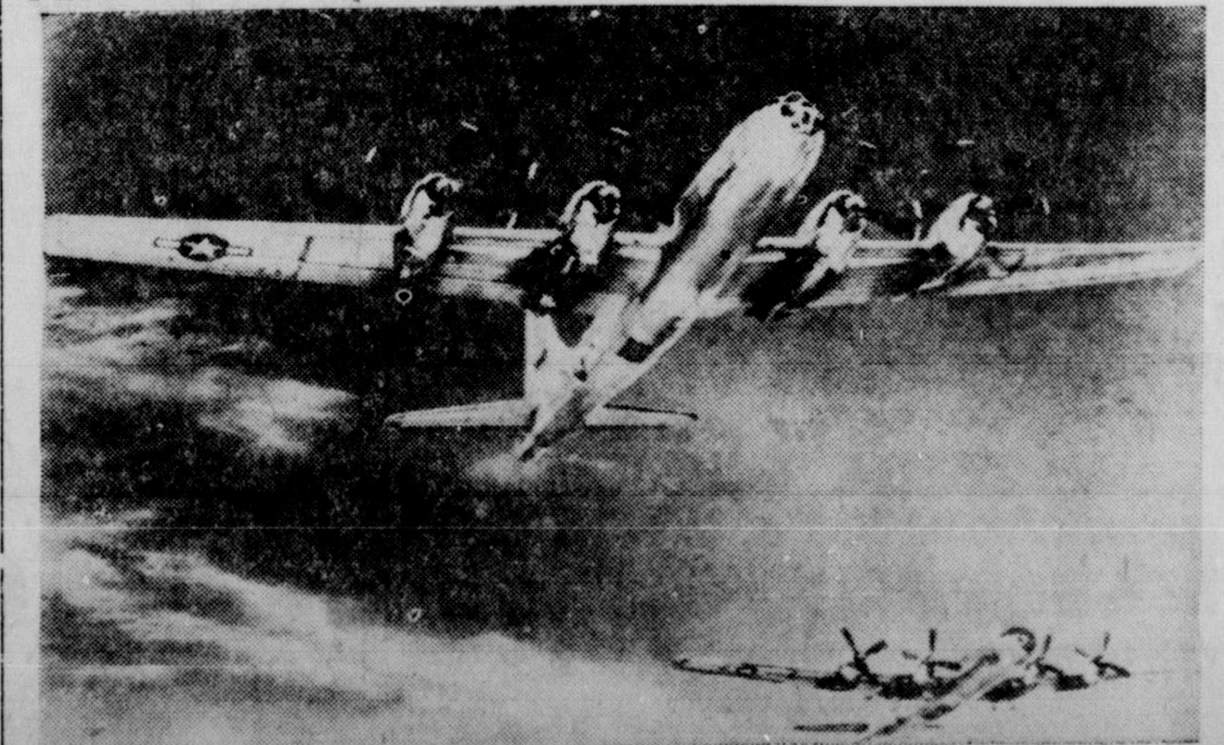
One of the big problems for producers and elevator men alike is the matter of storage. With the favorable weather conditions that have been prevalent this week, it looks like six million bushels of wheat, and with only a scarce two million bushels approved storage in the county, it becomes evident that a lot of the golden grain will be piled on the ground as it was in 1926. In an interview with H. L. Heard, local Santa Fe agent, we learn that there is just about enough cars spotted to take care of the full swing of harvest for five days. Heard stated that the big problem, in addition to cars, was the fact that they could not secure train crews for transportation. He believes there will be one train daily both ways on this branch, which will mean that a lot of the 1944 crop will have to be held in storage.

CHICK NEILSON IS PILOT IN AIRLINE TRANSPORT SERVICE

Milton Neilson, who has been an instructor in the Canyon Aviation Service training students from the College Detachment, has been accepted by the American Airline as a pilot candidate for the A. A. Transport Command. He is in Fort Worth for instrument training and will report to New York for transition training.

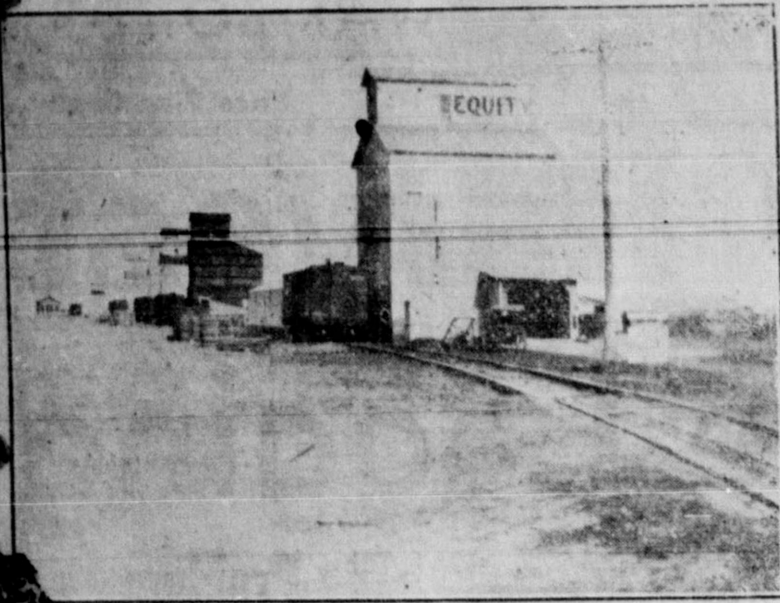
Milton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Neilson, a student of the Spearman schools, graduating with the class of '33.

First Picture Of Super-Bomber !!!



Here's the first picture of the B-29 Super-Fortresses such as have bombed Japan today (June 15). Engineered by Boeing, Bell and Martin, they have a 18-cylinder aircooled engines of 2,200 HP each, have a top speed of 300 MPH and can fly over 30,000 feet. They bristle with 50 machine guns and have been deleted from photo for security reasons. S. Army Air Force photo.

Early Picture Of Elevator Row



This is an early picture of Elevator row in Spearman. The photographer was looking East along Highway 117 and caught the elevators that were in service at the time the picture was taken. The first elevator is that of the Perryton Equity Exchange (consolidated with Spearman Equity Exchange). The second also belongs to the Perryton Equity Exchange having been purchased this year from the W. B. Johnston Grain Co. The third is the McLain elevator and the fourth is that of R. L. McClellan Grain Co. Hardin elevator is next and in between the present Hardin elevator and what used to be the Spearman Grain Growers elevator. R. L. Porter built an elevator, bringing the total along elevator row to seven. In the picture the old grain growers elevator is shown, but it now belongs to R. L. Porter, who purchased it this year.

The First Beardless Wheat



Doubtless Lee McClellan would deny that he ever featured the beardless wheat in this county. That, because this county now has a rather excellent rating for planting and harvesting wheat that is high in protein and easy to mill. We learn this year that the big mills frown on the beardless wheat because it is difficult to use. However, there is still a bit of the whiskerless grain raised in the county. It has the reputation of standing the drouth a bit better than the other wheat. The two pictures here are fields of R. L. McClellan back in 1938.

Miss Betty Lou Ellsworth of Amarillo visited her parents over the week-end.

USE PHILLIPS 66 THIS HARVEST

For more than 15 years the people of this territory have used PHILLIPS 66 Products for regular farming and for harvest supplies.

Make 1944 no exception to the rule. Use PHILLIPS 66 for fuel and for lubrication and get the usual satisfactory service.

May your harvest turn out successful. With best wishes from your Phillips 66 dealer.

F. E. MITTS

PHILLIPS 66

Spearman

... of Mr. and Mrs. John Sim's daughters are at home for their mothers and fathers birth day, and dads day . . . Mrs. Hila Robinson of Georgia. Mrs. Lum Bauerfrifen of New Orleans. Lt. Bauerfine is some where in England, and Mr. and Mrs. Wildhagon of Perryton.

The Pipkin family transacted business in Perryton Tuesday . . . Senna Bell spent several days with friends in Spearman last week.

The Sam Nitschke family are back among the rest of we country folk for harvesting. Luther is going over the combines placing new parts where needed, not very boys the age of Luther can repair combines and handle machinery like Luther there isnt a lazy bone in that boys body.

Mrs. John Kenny, Sam and Maud Powell stopped in the Mr. and Mrs. Green home in Farnsworth Saturday afternoon. Never in my life have I seen so many useful and ornamental fixtures tables, what nots, light fixtures, dressing tables seats, bath room fixtures, arched doors oh just everything even to the bath tub was made by Mr. Green. Mrs. Green seems to figure out just what she wants then Mr. Green soon has the job done. I mentioned to Sam, Thelma and I were thinking of kidnapping Mr. Green he over

Wheat That Turned Out Good



This field of wheat harvested in 1938 by Clarence Winder was not so rank, and did not look like 1944 wheat, but it beat the pre-harvest estimate of yield by 5 bushels. Clarence said 15 bushels, and he sold 20 bushels per acre from the field.

heard the conversation and remarked he was never going to fix another house for another woman, so we readily decided we didnt want to go in the kidnaping business.

Mrs. Green has what I would call a miniature park south west of their house with a lilly pond among all the shrubs she has been working and digging around in the mother earth for three years to accomplish the beautiful cool looking place she has. Mrs. Green is a real artist in home decorating

at the J. E. Green home they are very proud of the finished work they have accomplished together.

Rusty Smith in trying to describe a beautiful bouquet of schasta daisies a friend of Marthas brought to her from Wichita Falls has told about pretty white sun flowers said friends had brought to Martha. The first white sunflowers he had ever seen.

The Smiths have added a very pretty heavy lattice work to their frontporch which adds very much to an already good looking house.

The writer has nearly run her feet off this last week and half several old hens hatched quit a number of chickens putting them off with the chickens the old biddies began fussing over their children which ended in fights so one by one the writer began to throw the sisters out in a braking up pen finally there was just one hen with eighty four chicks, and eighty two with another old hen. I thought the trouble would be over when I left just one hen with eighty some odd chicks but I learned they needed a little extra cover nights one old hen would look at her brood reach back like she was trying to pull up the cover then look at me and make a fussing sound. I also learned their father had deserted them even before they hatched, now on top of helping to put them to bed I am having to support the said gang. I cant find time to gather fresh

Gone With The Wind



J. Jones, one of Hansford's good farmers, who stated that his wheat had "Gone With The Wind" back in 1933, proved it paid dividends to starve and stick with Hansford soil. This was one of the truly good wheat crops JAH has raised during the past 10 years.

vegetables from the gardens for our own meals due to running after and supporting all those dadyless chicks, looks like he might have scratched up an extra worm for them on dadays day but some fathers are that way the kids belong to their maw.

As to Dads day I would like to say I am thankful there has been a day set aside as dads day. Dads have never been given the praise they should have audibly for is it not dad that toils and works

and pays the bills for the little Jonnies and Sally's doctor bills, their school bills, their food, the clothes they wear and the many many things it takes to make a child's life happy and rounded out, doesn't dad build the home in which they live, and isnt it sad when one of the little fellows pass away to see dad as he sheds a quiet tear and loves the little fellows to him, supports his weeping wife with his strong arms.

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MAY YOUR 1944 HARVEST BE BOUNTIFUL

This is the greeting we extend to the wheat producers of Hansford and adjoining counties . . .

And truly the prospects are bright for the largest production of small grain ever harvested in this area.

We are told by experienced producers that the biggest hazard confronting wheat producers at this time is hail and fire.

WHY TAKE A CHANCE ON THE CROPS GROWING IN YOUR FIELD?

Investigate and see how economically you can buy fire insurance on growing crops. Come in and let us explain these policies for GROWING CROPS.

Policies Carried Only In Old Line Sure Pay Companies

YOUR HOME
Has never been destroyed by fire—YET!
But if it ever is, would you be are to stand the resultant LOSS???

INSURE TODAY—
Don't wait for the unexpected—it does not wait for you!

WE JOIN—
Other merchants and business firms of Hansford county in extending CONGRATULATIONS to R. L. McClellan on this the occasion of his twentieth anniversary in business in Hansford county.

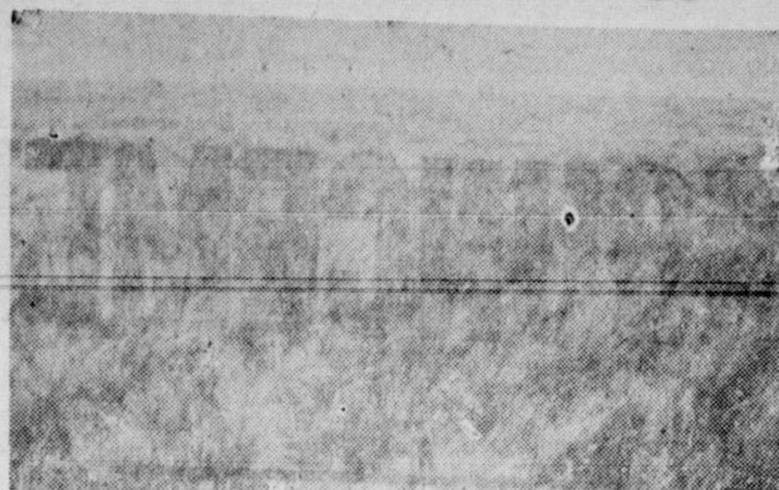
Hansford Abstract Co.

P. A. LYON, Manager

VIEW TATTLE

(Continued from Page 2) ... all extend to her their sympathy ... he stands with his shoulders square, his teeth set firmly together and only his men friends know just how deep his sorrow is ...

H. S. Wood Wheat In 1938



This field of wheat turned out a production of 26 bushels per acre.

Bill Gandy's 22 Bushel Wheat



Next to Rex Sanders, Bill Gandy can predict more wheat failures than anyone in this county. Back in 1938 William was walking the streets and declaring this wheat was not worth harvesting but he sold 22 bushels per acre from the field.

R. V. Converse Says

I have just learned that the OPA will meet this week with the joint livestock committee, for the purpose of forming some kind of a program to try to stop the expected glut this fall in the cattle market. It seems that OPA wants to force cattle liquidation now instead of after the range cattle have had the benefit of the grass now available. They are talking of lowering the price of lower grades of cattle so that there will be sufficient margin in feeding to induce feeders to fill their pens. This is all out of line. What they should do is raise the ceiling on fat cattle enough to offset the rise in corn from 72 cents to \$1.16 the ceili-

ng to be doing all O. for the red rust on the the rain does not seem aged it any. There is and that is that we induced plenty of straw, if could be saved it would be a great help in wintering cattle and other livestock this winter. R. V. CONVERSE.

Britain's "human torpedo" has a blunt nose acting as a break-water protecting the crew of two. Powered by electric batteries, these craft dive under their targets, where the explosive charge mounted in the nose is detached and fixed to the enemy ship. Time fuses are then set, and the crew drives away.

CHICAGO — It was a long—some 225 miles—ride home from college for Carlee Baur and Sue Robertson. The two girls, students at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, arrived home after a week of travel, on bicycles. They said they decided on the bicycle ride in order to give train seats to service men.

RIVINGTON, Wyo.—An 11 year old went job hunting at the farm employment bureau which had advertised for veteran farm laborers. "Can you milk cows?" he was asked. "Well, I guess so, I did when I was a kid."

DETAIL FOR TODAY



When three or four men from an organization are sent out to form the nucleus of a new outfit, this is called a C.A.D.R.E. Men who leave on a C.A.D.R.E. usually can expect a raise in grade, even if they do dislike leaving the bunch, and can expect further promotion if they stay on the ball when they start training the recruit members of the new outfit. CADRES usually arrive at some brand-new camp, and find nothing but desolation in the still unfinished areas. The three pictured above probably are wishing they were back on KP with the boys from the old outfit.

Paid Ed Out Of Debt



This barley was plenty good back in 1938. Ed Close even admitted that it might make 70 bushels to the acre, until he was told that the picture was to be published in the Spearman Reporter. He paid a dollar to get his estimate changed to 30 bushels per acre. Said that if his creditors knew he made 70 bushel barley they would expect him to pay up. Evidently Ed paid off, as he still does a good job of farming in Hansford County.

**WE ARE READY TO SERVE YOU DURING THE
1944 HARVEST SEASON**

We believe that we can give you as fine a service as it is possible for business to give that is handicapped by the lack of sufficient help to do the very best.

We trust that you have already given us your order for replacement parts to repair you Minneapolis and Moline power farming equipment.

However, we have a rather representative stock of repair parts in our repair bins. We will of course try to take care of any emergency work you are compelled to do.

Minneapolis power farming equipment is the best on the market today, and we know that you will get excellent service from your machinery.

In Our Repair Department

In our repair department we believe we have the best REPAIR ENGINEER, in BERT KEITH, that can be found in this territory. Right now we are swamped with repair work, but our staff is working day and night to clear our floors so we may be in a position to take care of the harvest rush for repairs.

We Urge The Wheat Producers

of Hansford County to prepare today for the HARVEST that is in the offing. Now is the time to come in and check over the line of repairs we have in our bins. While we are safe in saying that we have the largest stock of repairs we have ever handled, there is just a possibility that the repair or replacement part you need might be out of stock, and we would have to take time that would cost you money to get these parts. We urge you to make the check-up. Just find out what you need and if we do not have it in stock we can order it out now and expect to get service. If you wait until the drain on reserve stock is being depleted by calls from all over the nation, you might fail to get your farm machinery into harvest work at all.

We take this occasion to thank our customers for their splendid patronage of the past, and ask their continuance on the basis of our providing the worthwhile service and quality products you have received in the past.

**MATHEWS & CRAWFORD
IMPLEMENT CO.**

Spearman, Texas

A Good Harvest

That is what Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company, sincerely hopes for all our friends and customers. We hope that the average yield far exceeds the bright prospects that now confront the people of this area. This harvest is a bit different from many of the past harvest seasons when we have come out in the harvest newspaper to list the items we recommended you purchase to improve your home and farm buildings. This year, as it was last year, we cannot make that suggestion sincerely, because of the demand of building material for our armed forces and defense plants. However, when you need anything in the building line, come to us. We will endeavor to serve you to the best of our ability . . . and we are learning how to substitute and virtually manufacture building material out of the stock we have in our yards. We were fortunate to get four car loads of lumber this year, but at the present time our stock is mighty low.

GLIDDEN'S PAINTS
This is one item that has not been materially effected by the war emergency. It is the very best sort of insurance to paint your buildings inside and out, so that they will last. We are not positive just when the market will open up, and you will be able to purchase all the lumber you need . . . so paint and preserve what you now have.
FOXWORTH GALBRAITH LUMBER CO.
R. N. Jones, Manager Phone 126

WASHINGTON, June 21
Judge Edward C. Eicher today denied a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal for the 29 defendants in the mass sedi-

tion conspiracy case at the opening of the trial, now in progress. The trial, now in progress, still is in the preliminary

NEWS

The German high command was waging a seemingly losing battle against widening of the Anglo-American bridgehead in France as the second invasion week-end pointed up striking events elsewhere on the global war front.

The appearance in Japanese home skies of the B-29 super bombers had a definite grand strategy bearing on Allied hopes of cutting the struggle short against Japan as well as Germany.

Flying from bases in China the 29's broke all bomber records for distance and speed as well as striking power. Just how far they flew to accomplish their first major war mission is undisclosed. But the attack left Tokyo in no doubt that the Japanese home front is now vulnerable to repeated and devastating assaults from the air.

It is now being proved again in France, as it was in Russia and on every great battlefield in history, that the infantry still is the queen of battles. All the rest of the vast equipment of modern armies is designed to help the infantry do its decisive job.

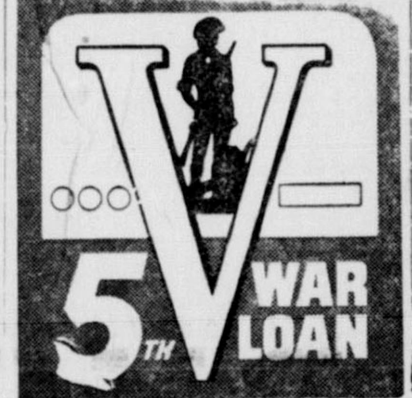
There was something else under proof in Normandy at the week-end. That Nazi ability to contain the Allied bridgehead in France without resort to strategic reserves in men and planes.

Once the Normandy beach fronts are punctured in sufficient width and depth to set ashore powerful Allied armies and equipment it seems clear that the foe must either join battle with all he has soon or relinquish a huge segment of France.

While informal estimates from the front say up to a third of all German troops available in the west have now been brought into action in Normandy, that probably means only tactical reserves.

It remains to be seen whether they will risk an ultimate stand or fall back sweepingly to interior and shortened and better articulated fronts.

Passenger cars are being scrapped or retired at the monthly rate of 150,000.



Harvest Greetings

TO HANSFORD COUNTY FARMERS

Every since Spearman was founded White House Lumber Co., has been in business here and has extended Harvest Greetings to Hansford county Farmers. And for the third time during World War II, we do the same with the hope that when harvest comes around in 1945, we'll have a world at peace.

Farmers, our stocks are limited due to war emergencies, but you'll be able to find more supplies here than you believed possible.

May your harvesting be accomplished promptly and you overjoyed at the results.

Plenty of Paints

Sherwin-Williams and New Method

Asphalt Roofing

Wallpapers

Make White House Lumber Co., your headquarters when you come to town.

- Sewer Tile, No. 1 glazed (with leveling knobs) make Comparison
- Fence Posts
- Asphalt Roofing (Green & Red Slate)
- Granaries
- Lumber
- Shingles
- Asphalt Shingles
- Brick Siding
- Insulation (keep cool)
- Windows and Doors
- Sheetrock
- Cement and Plaster
- Lime and Stucco
- Waterproof Cement for Cisterns
- Termite and Blue Bug Killer
- Bolts and Nails
- Wallpaper & Canvas
- Paints and Glass
- Hardware
- Deadening Felt
- Field Fence

White House Lumber Company

SINCE 1898

Ed Hutton, Mgr.

Spearman

ANNOUNCEMENT

We have reconditioned the Wheat Pool Elevator, and have converted it into a barley and oats house. We call to your attention that these two commodities are selling above parity. We are anxious to handle them for you. In our big elevator, we will handle wheat as usual, either for sale or storage.

We have a large stock of long fiber, 100 per cent hemp binder twine, containing no cotton or jute. It will give better service.

R. L. PORTER GRAIN & SEED CO.

1944 HARVEST NEEDS

We believe that we have proven by our past years of service to the producers of this and adjoining counties that we can and will take care of your harvest needs in the line of:

Power Farming Equipment Fuel—Incidental Harvest Needs. A few replacement parts for farm machinery, most any item on today's market for cars and trucks. Many items for farm homes, car service, washing, greasing, cars, trucks, a fair line of tools for repair work.

COOPERATION

Pays big dividends, hundreds of you readers have cooperated to build this your business, which has completed more than a million and a half sales in this area, returning near a hundred thousand dollars back to the stockholders in patronage dividends during the past 10 years, tell your neighbors of the advantage of

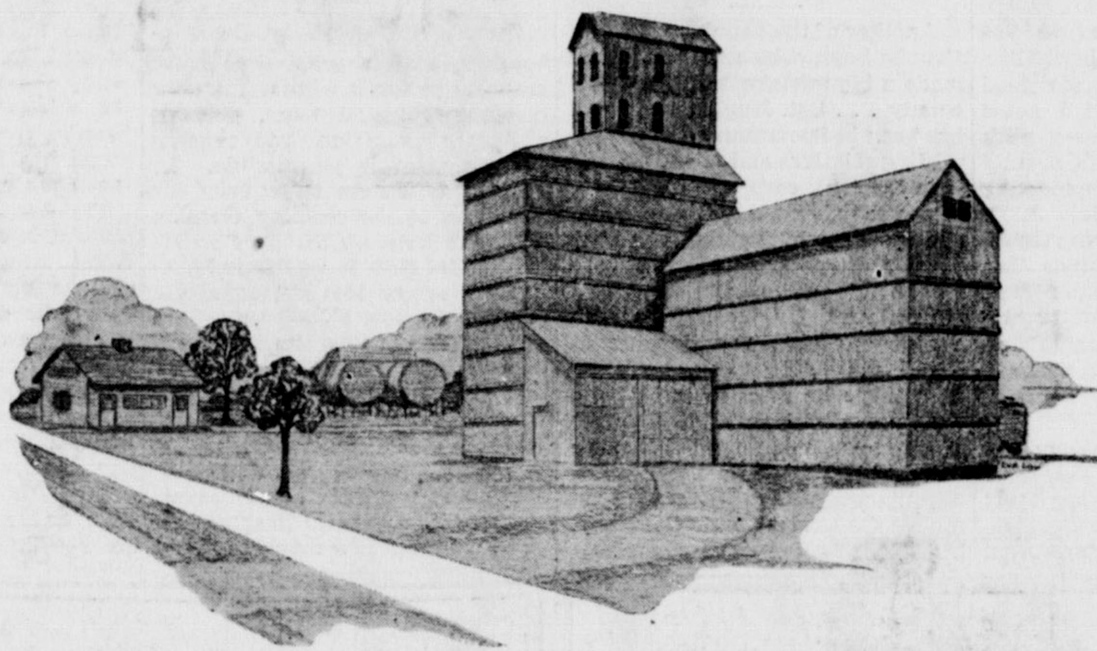
COOPERATION

CONSUMERS SALES COMPANY

Spearman, Texas

4 LARGE ELEVATORS IN HANSFORD COUNTY

COMPLETE HARVEST ELEVATOR SERVICE AT
SPEARMAN, McKIBBEN AND MORSE



FEDERAL LICENCED WAREHOUSE FOR STORAGE
BONDED STORAGE

GOVERNMENT WHEAT LOANS

We handle all the details for you. Bring your wheat to the Equity and you are sure to be satisfied.

PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS

You know that you receive back part of the money taken in by your own cooperative organization.

FEEDS

Our feed business is constantly growing. Equity feeds have the quality and prices are right. Join our large list of satisfied customers.

PERRYTON EQUITY EXCHANGE

Consolidated With Spearman Equity Exchange

ELEVATORS AT

Spearman, Morse, McKibben, Waka, Farnsworth, Lord, Perryton, Twitchell, Huntoon.

They Are Reaping Turkey Crop As It Sows



The above picture is one of W. S. McNabb's idea of how to sell Hansford County. At first glance it seems that he has rounded up a flock of turkeys and has a couple of combines all ready to do the job of harvesting the feathered flock. However, Mr. McNabb didn't overlook many bets. You will note the windmill in the picture, which indicates plenty of water. The two combines are just a background to remind the prospective buyer that this country is diversified, and that it is the country of vast opportunity.

TODAY

Yesterday, mindful that optimism over the war is non-professional these days, it was suggested rather cautiously here that Germany may not be so tough as advertised.

Then came Mr. Churchill's talk of early victory, turning the cautious into pikers.

Now, having long felt that America...

Learn from Dad Rex Sanders that Rue (Sheriff) Sanders is in the state and is a hospital patient. Sheriff will likely be sent to Dallas or Wichita Falls and when he gets on his feet a bit he will come home for a furlough. Rex and Mrs. Sanders are the happiest people in the state. Rex said Saturday that he was a gonna stop all harvest activities to welcome Sheriff back home, even if the bank didn't like for him to do so. We will all join in welcoming back this popular Hansford County boy... harvest or no harvest. Rue has completed more than half his missions, and was placed in the hospital as result of an old knee injury. The army did a rather difficult operation, and it is taking quite a time for it to mend.

old man here in the office. Make it around as soon as you can Dwight. Anyway, we are delighted to have you back in civilian harness, and maybe you will have a chance to rest up a bit after the harvest season.

We learn also that Lt. J. D. Amen has been released to inactive duty and is back in civilian clothes. J. D. made a dandy good record in the army, and I guess that he has been too busy with his wheat crop to make it around to see the old man. Be expecting you in as soon as possible J. D. And while I think of it, I'm mighty proud of you buying bonds like you did in all the campaigns. That ten thousand you bought in the third loan drive was a mighty fine thing for you to do. Do it again if you can.

Can't say for sure, but am expecting to learn that our own Col. Billy Jarvis will be home for a few days in the near future. Give you the positive dope next...

Another of the popular Hansford County boys, who now admits he made a big mistake in leaving this county... Sgt. Hugh Hazlewood, has been in Spearman several days visiting relatives and friends. Hugh is in the tank corp of the 13th armored division. He has been doing about a year of training at Camp Perry, Ohio and Camp Beale, California. When he has completed his furlough, Hugh will return to his organization, now located at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas. Hugh says he aims to come back to Hansford County as soon as the war is over, and never expects to leave again. Prior to his entrance into the army Hugh was parts man for the Chevrolet Motor Company, Lubbock, Texas.



Americans are great bandwagon-hoppers, with a great deal more enthusiasm for a winner than for blood, sweat and tears, perhaps a deeper excursion into reasons for optimism is permissible. Many observers have been incredulous at the seeming German ability to keep up the pace indefinitely. In 1939 it was quite generally assumed that she could not possibly support a long war. That she has been doing the seemingly impossible is all the more reason that she cannot continue, that the Western Front adds the final unbearable ounce to her load. Pilots report widespread German use of horse-drawn transport in France. That means bombing and raw material shortages have seriously cut motor output, or that Germany is terribly short of gasoline, or both. If this were 1940 you could hardly find a horse among any reserves Hitler was expecting to move on sudden notice. The number of foreigners impressed into his Atlantic Wall Legions may and probably does mean reserves of Germans for a last ditch fight nearer home, but it also means the enemy is grabbing up twigs and gravel to continue a fight he started with a finely tempered sword. The Germans claim 8,000,000 men. Half of them must be in supply service or are occupying troops. More than two million, probably three, are seeking some means of stop...

ping the Russians. Der Fuehrer is out-manned. Before the war Germany had everybody buffalooed about her air force. Reports said she had 10, 12, 15, even 20,000 fighting planes. It is doubtful now if she ever could have put up more than 5,000. Desrite talk of "reserves" for final defense of the homeland, there is good reason to believe the Luftwaffe, on a percentage basis, is about where the RAF was in September, 1940. And the Allied fliers aren't going to quit. Such auguries could be cited all day. Perhaps the Germans can make it tough, very tough, sporadically. But Mr. Churchill probably knows a lot of other...

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LUTHERANS PLAN POST WAR PROGRESS

Delegates representing 538 congregations and preaching stations with a total of 1,460,203 souls will assemble from June 21st to June 30, at Saginaw, Michigan, for the 39th national convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states.

Meeting in the historic Saginaw Valley of Michigan, where the Franconian Lutheran colonists a century ago brought the Gospel to the American Indians, this Triennial Convention of Lutherans has chosen for the theme of the convention the famous request of the Chippewa chief to the first Lutheran missionary, the Rev. F. August Craemer, "Teach my people the truth." (Kikinoama nindandish-nabemi iu tebeuein!) These "Pilgrim Fathers" of the Lutheran Church were part of a vast migration movement of Lutherans, who in order to escape religious persecution and to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, came to America approximately one hundred years ago. Since that time the remarkable growth of the Lutheran Church in all states of the Union, Canada, South and Central America has been one of the thrilling stories of the Christian Church. During the last three years since its last convention the Lutherans of the Missouri Synod have continued to forge ahead, so that now they count 1,007,085 communicants and 214,097 men who govern the congregations in their voting assemblies. Lutherans of the Missouri Synod are leaders among Protestants in the educational field and have established a nationwide system of 1210 private Christian Day Schools with an enrollment of 73,422 children. Sunday school number 3888 with a total enrollment of 268,751 children.

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WHAT THE BOYS IN SERVICE ARE DOING

Do your darndest to be a good soldier, but don't let soldiering make you forget that you are a gentleman and a Christian. "It may be necessary to kill, but never necessary to like it. "You will live in tough company and see suffering, cruelty and coarseness and hardness of every kind: don't let it get the better of you. "Wat: is hell, but a soldier does not need to be a devil. "The world is going to need a lot of men with ideals and decency and morals, after the war is over. Pray God that you may be of those men to build up what war and crime has torn down. "God bless you." Rev. Forrest L. Eastman, Rector St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Woodsville, N. H.

We learn this week that Sgt. Dwight Hutchinson has received a medical discharge from the army and is back home. However, Dwight has evidently been busy helping his father prepare for harvest. He has not reported to the...

READY FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

Your Air Conditioned Rexall Drug Store Ready To Meet Every **HARVEST**

AND SUMMER NEEDS. We maintain a clean, fresh stock of drugs and merchandise at all times. The large patronage you have given us insures a quick turnover and **FRESH** Merchandise at all times.

HEADQUARTERS

For everybody during the harvest. Come in often for anything that we can do for you.

VISIT OUR FOUNTAIN

The meeting place for the people of this area. Our sanitary fountain is hot weather headquarters.

NOTHING BEATS A SPEARMAN DRUG THICK MALT

ANIMAL HEALTH HEADQUARTERS

Complete line of supplies for every animal. Livestock and poultry are valuable. You should keep adequate supplies on hand.

Spearman Drug Co.

BRUCE SHEETS
The Rexall Store AIR CONDITIONED Phone 12

READY FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

Your Hansford County friendly grocery joins other merchants in extending harvest greetings to wheat producers of Hansford county and trade territory.

We believe you are entitled to congratulations on bringing the small grain crop to the present prospects of a bumper production under the handicap of the present war emergency.

YOUR FRIENDLY STORE

Has prepared for the busy harvest season, and will give you the service and cooperation you deserve.

We suggest you buy your supplies in large quantities and save valuable time.

STRICKLAND & BOSTON

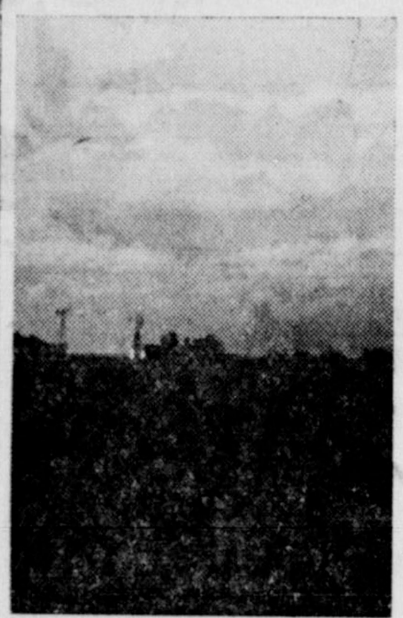
GROCERY—MARKET—PRODUCE
Spearman, Texas

Harvest Queen Of 1944 Wheat In Hansford



Mrs. A. J. Wilbanks, officially named the Harvest Queen of 1944 by the county editor. This despite the fact that it took about an hour's time to persuade her she should pose for this picture in the wheat field that she modestly declares will make 30 bushels per acre, and the county editor estimates will make 40 bushels. A former Spearman Reporter employee, J. D. Wilbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J., is responsible for the fine showing of 1944 wheat. J. D. was out fixing up some farm machinery at the time the picture was taken.

G. K. Wilmeth Wheat



We are very sorry this picture turned out so badly. Mr. Wilmeth is the only subscriber to the Reporter this year that paid two years in advance and we really wanted to give his wheat crop a good boost. However, in addition to the fact that we wanted the nice home in the picture and practically left the wheat out of focus. The engravers misread instructions on an entire batch of pictures and we have much smaller picture than were ordered. . . . but guess one should be delighted to get any kind of service during war times. One of the reasons we made this picture of Wilmeth wheat north of Gruver was because it looked like 40 bushel yield, and we learn from Mr. Wilmeth that he grazed it to the ground up until May first of this year. The wheat was literally four feet tall at the time the picture was made, showing a growth of practically four feet in a period of 45 days. Remarkable—isn't it?

Mr. and Mrs. James Cator and daughter were in Spearman from their ranch home near Gruver Saturday.

Oslo News

There will be no morning worship at the Oslo Lutheran Church next Sunday June 25. The pastor will be at Norge, Okla., to conduct Services at that place. The Sunday School will meet at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Jack Christofferson will be in charge. The Luther League will meet at the Emil Knutson home next Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m.—H. C. Hjortholin, pastor.

Pfc. Orville Sagen, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jensen, and his wife, were guests in the Jensen home from Sunday until Wednesday of last week. Pfc. Sagen is stationed at the Air Base at Salina, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and little son, were dinner guests of Mrs. Clara Stedje at her home here last Saturday.

Miss Ruth TeBest, who is employed as office assistant by Dr. Smith in Guymon, spent the week end with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moen, Pastor and Mrs. Hjortholin visited at the Moen home on Saturday evening.

The children who have been attending the Bible School at the Oslo School presented their closing program during Services at the Oslo church last Sunday. School continues this week at Oslo, but because pastor Njortholm, the teacher, could not be present next Sunday the program was given

Ready For 1944 Harvest



Reading left to right you will see John Jr. and Pete Cotter on tractor No. 1 and Margaret and Vernell Cotter on tractor No. 2. We know there is a labor shortage, and we really do not believe that Pete and little Miss Vernell will have to drive tractors this harvest, even though Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cotter, their parents do need help plenty bad. Mr. and Mrs. Cotter are the parents of seven fine children and live northwest of Gruver. They are just completing a tile home with a full basement. It is a nice 5 room modern house, and shows what can be done in the way of constructing comfortable homes in war time.

in advance of the closing day.

After practicing for the Bible School closing program at the church last Sunday, Amelia Johnson, Ruth Hill, and Camilla Olsen were invited down to the parsonage for refreshments. Because the afternoon was warm, the cold drink was very welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jensen and Elvira, and Pfc. Orville Sagen and wife called at the Emil Knutson and Clara Stedje homes and also at the parsonage on Monday after-

noon of last week.

Deris Dahl drove to Snyder, Texas, last week end to bring her sister, Betsy, home. Betsy has been employed in an office at that place, but she will now be at home to assist with the harvest.

The wheat is looking very good here. Harvest may begin next week, but it will not be in full swing until after the first of next month.

Pastor and Mrs. Njortholm called at the Jensen home last

Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell and Mrs. John Kenney were shopping in Perryton Saturday. On her return home we had the pleasure of visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greene of Farnsworth. They live in a basement, but it is built to perfection and has every convenience of a house built on top of the ground.

Mrs. Ruth Gowen and children, Shirley, Pat and R. D., are spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Blodgett. Mrs. Blodgett went to Amarillo Saturday after them.

Miss Kathleen Kenney spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney.

J. M. Kenney left Saturday to go to the Pioneer camp near Ceta Lake to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and J. M. called at the E. W. McJunkin home Tuesday.

Dennis Reed is harvesting his barley this week. Edd Beck is combining for him.

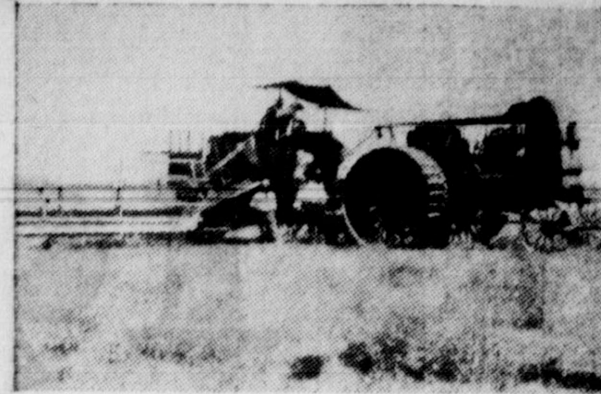
Mrs. Edd Beck has been on the sick list recently.

Meta Blodgett transacted business in Perryton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Upergrove visited in the J. F. Sims and J. M. Paulson and Mrs. Lewis Johnson homes in Guymon last Friday.

Mrs. Lars Hill and children visited Sunday p.m. at the Knute Hill home.

Ready To Market In One Operation



This odd looking contraption with five men grouped around it is that piece of machinery R. L. McClellan proudly advertised as a Harvester Thresher that would bring your wheat from field to market in one operation. The front section with an inverted airplane front and wheels that weigh about 6 tons each is what was then called a modern tractor. The deluxe awning did not come with the f. o. b. shipment but was an original idea of Lee McClellan's. We feel sure that it did not take five men to operate this monstrosity, but that all of the men in the picture with clean shirts were just city slickers out sightseeing. To tell the truth this forerunner of our modern combine looks like it was kinda high off the ground, but maybe it got the job done back in them days when they only harvested 10 bushel wheat and had lots of time on their hands. This was the first combine that ever came to Hansford County. It was purchased by Wayne and Jim Edwards, father and uncle of our Jess Edwards.

Blodgett homes Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Church were shopping in Perryton Tuesday.

ROSE WALKER CIRCLE

The Blanche Rose Walker Circles met in the home of Mrs. D. D. Moore Wednesday, June 14. Mrs. Cooke gave the lesson which was taken from the Book of Luke.

Those present were: Mesdames T. B. Windom, Bill Wallis, J. L. Edwards, J. Gill, W. D. Cooke, Fred Brandt, W. H. Gandy, James Reed, Miss Altha Groves and Mrs. Moore. A short business session followed.

Buy War Bonds!

WALLS

GUYMON, OKLA.

WARNS

be careful and cautious with the tires you have. Get every mile out of them.

YOU FARMERS

Don't overload your trucks during harvest. If you blow out a tire you may not find another and have to lay your truck up.

TRACTOR TIRE and TUBE SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Check those TRACTOR COMBINE TIRES more often than you do your car tires. If she leaves you marry another one brother if you blow tires you have out, you may not find another one anywhere, not at Bro.

WALLS

So Be Careful Careful Brother

FAMILY STYLE MEALS

As a means of helping out during the coming busy harvest season we have arranged to serve

FAMILY STYLE MEALS

during the harvest season.

Always, of course, you will receive the best of short order service here.

We Prepare Lunches

Plenty of Room at The

PEKOE CAFE

Spearman, Texas

ALL ABOARD FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

YOUR I. H. C. DEALER IS READY TO SERVE YOU

The Spearman Hardware with other merchants and business firms in extending congratulations to wheat producers of Hansford and adjoining Counties.

FOR YEARS THIS STORE HAS BEEN HEADQUARTERS FOR HARVEST

REPAIRS

Especially for the old reliable McCormick Deering and International Harvester Power Farming Equipment.

We hope you have already ordered the repairs you need, but if you have emergencies now or during the harvest, we will always do everything we can to give you service.

For hardware see the Spearman Hardware. We try to keep what you need.

HELP IN THE HARVEST

Hansford county needs every available able bodied person to help in the harvest. Won't you volunteer your service, even for part time work. You will be well paid for your efforts. Help take the place of the hundreds of fine boys in the military service.

Leave your name with the county agent or the U. S. Employment agent who will have an office in the home demonstration room. These two offices are cooperating to furnish labor to various Hansford farmers.

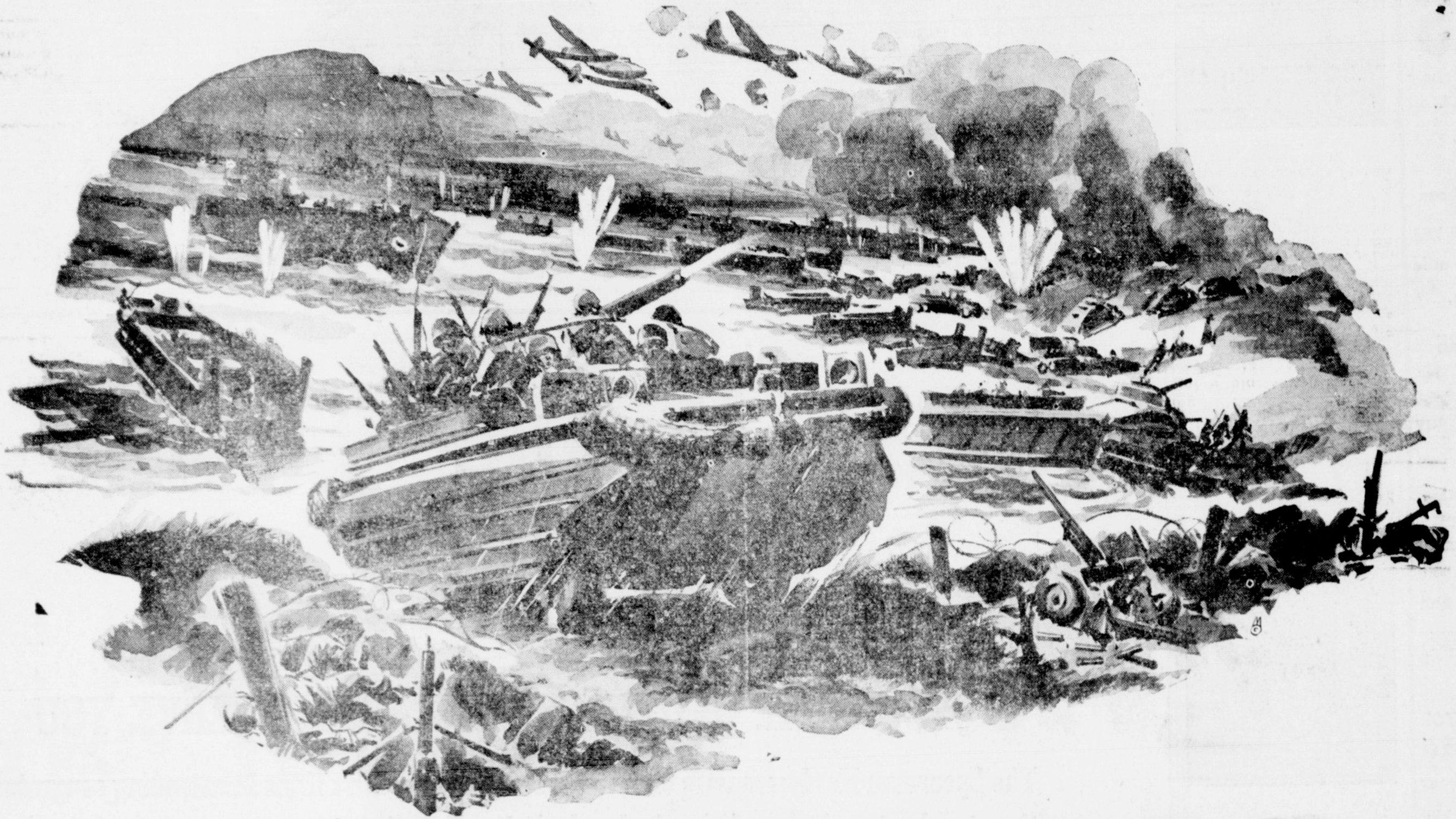
YOURS FOR GETTING THIS BUMPER HARVEST HARVESTED

Congratulations To R. L. McClellan On His 20th Anniversary In Business In Hansford County

SPEARMAN HARDWARE

Authorized I. H. C. Dealer

1944 HARVEST



UNWASION

IT'S A DIFFERENT HARVEST

Here in Hansford county we have literally oceans of wheat blowing in the breeze, awaiting the invasion of the combines to turn this 1944 wheat production into food for the fighting men of the Allied nations and the starving populations of the entire world.

Hundered of thousand of Allied troops are making harvest. It is a different harvest. These sons and brothers of ours are not listening to the hum of a tractor motor, and converting their harvest into new homes and more comfort for their families. They are hiding behind the meagre protection of a blasted out tree, or scurrying into fox holes like the hunted animals of our forests. They are making the supreme sacrifice that you and your children may have thousands of additional harvest seasons similar to this 1944 bumper harvest.

WE CAN HELP THESE BOYS . . .

This organization has done all in its power to facilitate the successful harvest of this years wheat and small grain crop. We have worked early and late to place our modern equipment in the very best condition so that there will be the minimum amount of delay when your truck loads of golden grain begin coming to the elevator for its initial trip towards the food that will feed the fighting Allied nations.

We pride ourselves on the class of service we have given customers in the past, and we believe that you will find every member of this organization ready to give you the cooperation you need to insure the ultimate aim of all good citizens . . . namely the transformation of this wheat into food for the Allied nations population.

WE WANT YOUR WHEAT

Whether you secure a government wheat loan or sell on the open market. Of course you know you can get the highest market price and guaranteed correct weight.

We Urge You To Buy Invasion Bonds

During the 5th War Loan Drive. Let's help bring the war to a victorious end.

KIMBELL MILLING CO.

HITCHLAND, TEXAS

Dan Shrader, Manager And Agent
For Texaco Products In Hansford County

GRUVER, TEXAS

Former Hansford Citizen Wins Prize From Amarillo Paper With Letter To Editor

June 11, 1944

EDITOR: I am sure that America will be like the war is over and you are again so I am going to try you so that you can put mind at ease and have a head for the great task now you.

My dears, along with your in uniform, have written headlines for a greater America. You have hands across the seas, and look back to the east or west you are picture the lovely things in this that you have left behind are very dear to you. You hold to love your country; it was big and good and the of the world. That is still that was why you were more willing to go when your asked you. You knew then America was no fairy tale or believe and it isn't now; it is when you see it once you sit alone in your bloody, rain-drenched foxhole, or your silent guard duty post, we small hours of the dark you are afraid of the us, yet you are ready and will anxious to meet it. But are thinking of home, friends, loved ones. You are thinking America and just what it holds when you return. The coming when you boys and will lay aside your uniforms, you will never lay aside your and the horrible things you been through and endured those who did not see fit to a helping hand. These men never be free, even though never comes another war, will be slaves unto them, trying to forget, and will find in chains of their own. But you men who have the good fight will be free you can pity them. I know, the bigness and kindness of hearts. No one can point the finger at you. They can point with pride to a good soldier I ask you not to become and bitter but take it as only a soldier takes what is dish to him. Thank God all men are not reared to even in the smaller things. But we do have such peo.

ple in America, today, and we had them when you left. We will have them when you come back. We will always have them. Bit your country is still the greatest in the whole wide world.

We know the road home lies across the frozen terrain and broken cities of foreign lands. Broken bodies will lie beside your pathway. But you shall return to a land of peace, to a world of peace where you can settle down in contentment and blessed relief, and golden opportunity. We shall have a peaceful world, for suffering humanity will have made it so. Our form of government will be stronger than ever before in the history of this nation. The four freedoms will be the foundation of all things good, and all things good are God's. Because you have fought to make these things come true, they cannot, they will not fail.

America will welcome you home; it is yours. You have fought the good fight. It is mine, you have given it to me.

Take heart, my dears, believe in America. It is good, but it can and will be better in the years to come. The return of you and your buddies will be America's reconstruction.

Never be afraid to come back to America. It is still America. Yes, my dears, the future of your country holds great promise. There will be a strong world built out of the chaos of war. We will take hold of the new advantages with a

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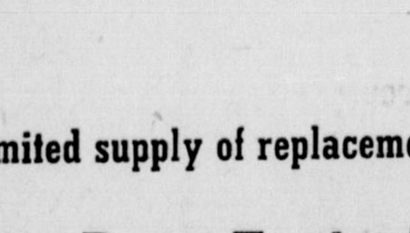
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firm grip, the new life will be here for us, and I know we will go forth to meet it, with peace in our hearts. Trust in America, as it is trusting in you. America will not let you down. Carry on. God bless you and keep you always.

MRS. J. V. GERBER
(A husband and only son in the Army.)

Sterling P. Miller 1944 Wheat Field



This picture of the wheatfield just west of the Sterling P. Miller farm home in northwest Hansford County does not do justice to the looks of the wheat. It is just like other wheat that was visited during two half days by your country editor... mighty good wheat... and we expect it to yield about 40 bushels per acre.

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However, Rosson carried a group of men out to see a field that he had condemned because of red rust... but when he was offered a thousand dollar margin to hold the crop on basis of a ten bushel yield he backed down.

GARNETT'S HAVE GUESTS

Mrs. S. T. Morris returned this week from Norfolk, Va., to spend the summer months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Garnet. Other members of the family visiting this week are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Garnet and son of Wicket, Texas, and Ensign Howard Garnet of New York City, who will leave next week for a port of embarkation.

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Chaplain Of Liscomb Bay Writes Here

U. S. Naval Air Station Lakehurst, N. J.

Mrs. Ada A. Dougherty:
My Dear Mrs. Dougherty:
I was the Chaplain on the USS ISCOMB BAY at the time she was sunk by the Japanese torpedo fire in Gilbert Islands on 24 November, 1943. It has long been my desire to communicate with the next of kin of my many friends who were my shipmates.

In my work as Chaplain I came to know nearly all the men on the ship, if not by name, by sight. We had one of the happiest ships in the navy which was due to the many fine young men like your son James Michael who comprised our complement.

It may interest you to know that our last Protestant Sunday service was held on 7 November, as was the last Catholic Mass, with confession and communion administered at that time. I conducted daily morning prayer for the Protestant men up to the time the ship was hit, but November 7th was the last opportunity we had of having a Catholic Priest aboard to say Mass.

There is so little I can say to compensate for your great loss, but I feel, and I sincerely hope that you feel, that it matters little where or when we live or die—but how we live and how we die. In this case I know your son, James, was doing what he thought to be right in his own heart, and this is what counts in the sight of the Almighty God. I somehow feel that his life was:

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McClellan

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have been increased from five ton to fifteen ton dial scales with long platforms.

In looking back over the years, Mr. McClellan believes that 1926 was his greatest year. He shipped 600 car loads of grain from the one elevator, which was the only elevator he owned at that time.

Mr. McClellan built the large elevators at Morse, Gruver and Bernstein in 1929 and added the one at McKibben in 1931.

Back in 1930 and 1931 when some of the present war pilots such as P. D. Brockus, Arnold Richardson and the late hero, Pete Smith, were getting their training here in Hansford county, Lee McClellan was one of the boosters that hoped finance the plane and hanger, and though he kept quiet about it, he did take flying lessons. Proof of his prowess in this line is gained from an article appearing in the May issue of the Wheat Growers Advocate. It stated:

"SPEARMAN, April 21—R. L. McClellan, prominent grain buyer of Spearman is using an airplane to visit farmers and make purchases of grain. The past week he visited Bernstein and Gruver, accompanied by P. G. Stevens, plane instructor, to make purchases of wheat. It is reported that Mr. McClellan will shortly buy a plane pumps and new dumps for long wheel base trucks. Truck scales

the article said:
"Dealer R. L. McClellan of Spearman, Texas, does not believe in luck. That is, he does not believe in bad luck. All of the silly notions about the 13th being unlucky only make him smile. When one of the shipments of Model "L" tractors was received this summer, it was found there were 13 in the lot. This did not worry him, for he sold all of the unlucky lot and more than half as many again to his good customers in Hansford county.

"But this energetic dealer does not sell tractors only, for in addition to the tractors he sold better than 30 combines and several car loads of Westland Disc Plows and Grain Drills.

Dealer McClellan is one of the VERY BEST dealers in that section of the Lone Star State where Case products are so popular. The whole countryside is literally covered with Case machines, all of this machinery is being sold through his efforts. In fact, he services about 125 Case combines in his immediate territory at the present time and this number is growing by leaps and bounds each year."

Lee has filled just about all the civic offices in the various organizations of Spearman and Hansford county. He is now the president of the Hansford County Chamber of Commerce, and Vice President of the Texas Grain and Feed Dealers Association. He is past president of the Panhandle Grain Dealers Association, and a member of this organization's Board at the present time. McClellan served as Alderman for the City of Spearman from the time the city was organized until the commission form of government was adopted. He helped write the original city charter, and is again back on the city job as Commissioner, serving his third term. He has served on good road committees in the pioneering days of the county and had a bit of experience in county office when he served as District and County Clerk from 1912 to 1920, retiring without ever having an opponent. Lee has been a member of the board of Stewards of the Methodist church off and on for 20 years and has served as Sunday School superintendent.

Wheat Harvest Is Here Again

And Just Remember That We Want Your Wheat

We will pay you the very highest market price at all times and give you speedy and efficient service that will enable you to save time and money... by speeding your harvest.

Storage Service

Our Contract With The Government Has Been Renewed And We Will Issue WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS AGAIN

We solicit your business and assure you prompt service on your warehouse receipts. We believe we will have ample storage for farmers if we are able to get cars for interval shipment of wheat. We will make every effort to handle wheat offered.

Hansford Grain Co.

Lester McLain Bonded Storage

Willys
builds the rugged
Jeep
V Light Truck
V Passenger Car
V Light Tractor
V Power Plant

FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

We have a limited supply of replacement parts for
Allis Chalmers Power Farming Machinery
and the
Oliver Combines And Machinery

We will do our best to cooperate with you in the matter of securing repairs in these two lines of power farming equipment now and during the harvest season.

We take this opportunity to thank our customers for their patronage in the past, and to assure you we will always try to give you the best service possible.

R. D. CHAMBERLAIN
Spearman, Texas

READY FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

WITH 5 HANSFORD ELEVATORS READY TO SERVE YOU AT SPEARMAN --- GRUVER MORSE--BERNSTEIN--McKIBBEN



Bring Your Wheat To The Elevator Most Convenient To You
GOVERNMENT STORAGE

WE WANT YOUR WHEAT

We mean it when we say we want your 1944 wheat. This firm has been in business long enough that every Hansford county farmer knows that he will receive a square deal here.

Our five elevators are located so that nearly every farmer will be able to bring his grain to us. In addition to the large elevator at Spearman, McClellan Grain Co., has several storage tanks.

No McClellan Grain Co., transaction is closed until the customer is satisfied. This means that our service is fully guaranteed. We stand ready at any and all times to make good.

WHEAT LOAN IS \$1.48

1944 Wheat Loan is \$1.48 bushel basis No. 1 hard grain, Gulf points, or practically \$1.26 bushel to wheat grower.

Top market prices, good service, honest weights, fair tests
—try us for your 1944 harvest.

BUY BONDS DURING THE 5TH WAR LOAN DRIVE STAND BEHIND THE BOYS THAT
ARE MAKING THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

R. L. McClellan Grain Co.

SPEARMAN—GRUVER—BERNSTEIN—McKIBBEN, TEXAS

20th ANNIVERSARY IN BUSINESS IN HANSFORD COUNTY

To The Finest People In The World

On this the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of business in Hansford county I feel a deep obligation to the finest people in the world.

I know that your confidence, your cooperation, your patronage during the years has been the greatest and will remain the finest asset of this business.

This business has prospered, due to your patience and understanding cooperation. It has grown from a small beginning, not into a large corporation, but just a friendly business that has always tried to please the customers, and to pay those who work with us a fair and just share of the profits. It is not a large business, as business goes, but it is a friendly business and we are proud of the people who make it possible for us to service our friends at Spearman, Morse, Gruver, McKibben and Bernstein. These are the loyal employees of this firm, and their efficient help has built what good will and volume of business we now enjoy

We do not find appropriate words to express our thanks to the people of this area. You have been kind, cooperative and considerate. We can only say to you that we will continue to try and give you even better service in the future than we have in the past.

CONFIDENCE...

—Business is built upon CONFIDENCE. No business can possess the confidence of a community unless it has established that right through many contacts, and over a long period of time.

CONFIDENCE—once established—is the sure anchor of the Ship of Business—spelling safety to those within the business—and security to its patrons. The interests of both are identical.

Because we stand upon the threshold of a new season, we feel that it is an opportune time to thank our hundreds of patrons for the CONFIDENCE attested by their liberal patronage during our 20 years of fair dealing—and to reiterate that our every act in the conduct of our business will be towards meriting that CONFIDENCE.

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WE WANT YOU KNOW...

that we are like you on the farms and other business firms of this county... we are short of the help we would like to have to make our service more pleasant and efficient. WE ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW, that we will do all that is humanly possible to give you the same prompt service and courteous treatment you have received at this place of business during most of the 20 years we have been in business.

DISTRIBUTORS

Nationally Known Line
Case Power Farming Machinery...

Featuring

- Case Tractors on rubber
- Case Combines
- Case Wheatland Plows
- Case Grain Drills
- Case Harrows
- Case Binders
- Case Rakes
- Case Balers
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- Texas Cow Chow
- Goat Chow
- Dog Chow Chkrs
- Rabbit Chow Chkrs
- War Time Sow and Pig Chow
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- War Time Cattle Chkrs
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- Texacream All-Mash Starter
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- Baby Chic Scratch Grain
- Texacream Dairy Feed
- Economy Cow Feed
- Texacream Cattle Pellets
- COAL Hard and Soft

SEED

- Garden
- Field

R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO.

Gruver News

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Garrett went to Amarillo Wednesday to meet Mrs. Garrett's mother, Mrs. Sally Bunt. Mrs. Bunt is well known here and has many friends. She will be their guest for several days.

Mrs. Gene Cluck received word Sunday morning that her mother was very ill. Mrs. Cluck accompanied by Laddie Gene left at once for her mother's home in Groom.

Dwight Browder and his family are visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Browder. Dwight's home is in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Garrett spent the week-end with their daughter Mrs. Carl Archer of Spearman.

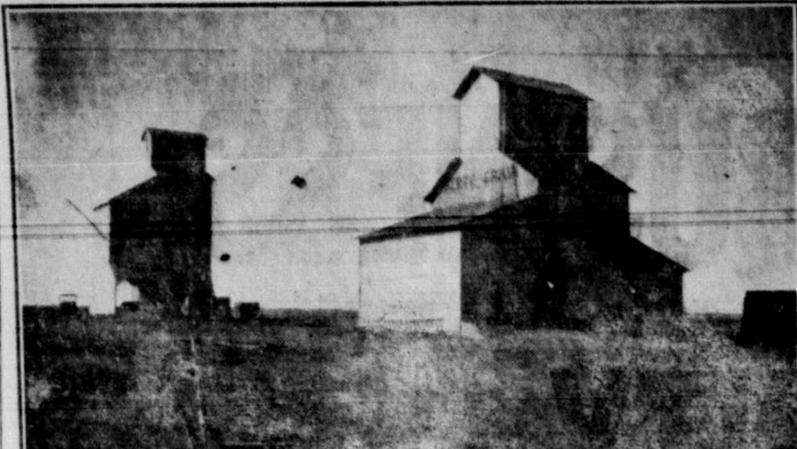
Mrs. Ella Long, sister of Mrs. Mauchy Barley, is visiting in their home, and among other relatives here. The den Harris family, the Will Harris family and the R. W. Harris family.

PhM 2-c Lon Gross and his wife left for San Diego, Calif., on Wednesday, where Don is stationed at the Naval Hospital. Don has been in Gruber on a short furlough. His brother, Keith, who is stationed in Kansas, was also home for a few days. Mrs. Josephine Cross Fletcher is back at home after spending a short time in California with her husband, Gene Fletcher, who is in the Navy. All of them visited together in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cross.

Here is a quotation from a letter recently received from Pfc. Don Sayre, who is in Hawaii: "When I was in school I always thought of the Red Cross as something that caused the teacher to give a student a quarter so the room would be 100%. But now I know differently. They have given us coffee and doughnuts, cigarettes and a kit containing toilet articles."

An ante-nuptial shower was given to Mrs. Walter Fox, nee Luella Browder, at the home of Mrs. Dave McClellan, on last Friday afternoon. The home was beautifully decorated with variety of cut flowers. While the guests were arriving, Mrs. Gay Fletcher entertained with a number of piano selections. Mrs. Roy Murrain poured punch, Miss Rosalie Hughes presided at the guest book. Mrs. Dick Goodall gave two appropriate readings; Miss Lucille McClellan, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Slu red, sang one of the bride's favorite songs, "His Eye is on the Sparrow;" and Mrs. Mary Fletcher read a poem she had written in honor of Luella. Mrs. Speck Cator presented the gifts to Luella's mother, who accepted them in the absence of the bride who was unable to be present. Lovely refreshments of punch and cookies

The Sixty



Fred Brandt who came to this county when there were mountains all around Spearman, failed to identify the above picture. He was positive that it represented two of the early elevators of the county, and that the pictures were not taken at harvest time, because there was not any activity around the elevators. Can you readers identify these elevators. A one-dollar prize will be given the first reader who can give identification.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Advance students of Robert Louis Barron were presented in a violin concert at the Amarillo College auditorium, at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night. An orchestra ensemble accompanied several numbers, and piano accompaniments were provided by Margaret Harris Heiny and Russell Curtis.

Students who appeared on the program were: Barbara Jean Daily of Spearman, who played the first movement of DeBeriot's Concerto No. 9 in A Minor and "Romance" (Svendsen); Wilson McClellan of Spearman who played "Scene de Ballet" (DeBeriot); Charles Furr who played "Theme and Variations" (Hartmann) for saxophone and orchestra.

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This Picture Is Self Explanatory



AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION, "Somewhere in England"—Pfc. Chester N. Cook, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cook of Perryton, Texas, is now overseas, helping to "keep 'em flying" with the Aircraft Section of a large Air Service Command depot "somewhere in England."

Pfc. Cook and the men of this section help to keep our combat planes the best in the aerial battles being fought in the skies over Germany by adding the most up-to-date improvements to ships after the new inventions are perfected.

Pfc. Cook is one of the men recently commended by Lieutenant General Carl Spaatz, Commanding General of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, when production at the depot was increased by over 100 per cent.

Before entering the army, he was employed by the Hansford Grain Company of Spearman.

Mrs. Guy Cooper and Betty Ann, Mrs. Guy Gruver and Marlene of Gruber, Elaine and Don Dietrich of Perryton, were visiting in Spearman, Friday.

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City Farmer Is Real Wheat Man North Of Gruber



Gay Fletcher, city farmer of Gruber not only has a wheat field that looks good, but old Gay looks like a real farmer in this picture. Don't suppose he knows how to work, but he is such a fine fellow that he has loyal people working for him that make him a success. Just in case you have not identified him, he is the one that looks like a farmer. The other man in the picture standing about six feet from Gay holding the growing end of wheat is a city boy. Gay has about four sections of wheat that was so heavy with grain that it was bending over. We counted lots of 3 grain 21 mesh straws of wheat when this picture was taken. What I like about Gay is that he will admit his wheat is good and that he expects to make 40 bushels per acre off four sections. Guess he don't owe anyone money.

Mrs. Walter Gillispie and daughters of Morse were in Spearman Thursday on their way to visit Mr. Gillispie, a patient in the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

BUY WAR BONDS

Vern Osborn Harvests First Of Bumper 1942 Crop June 18th, 1942

To Vern Osborn, prosperous and enterprising farmer of south east Spearman, goes the honor of bringing in the first load of 1942 wheat to Spearman. Mr. Osborn brought the wheat to the W. B. Johnston Grain Co. managed locally by Charlie Tucker.

Tucker stated the wheat tested 61 and was averaging 20 bushels per acre. The wheat was early blackhull.

Osborn has delivered one railroad car of wheat to the Johnston elevator so far this week.

The wheat was brought to Spearman last Friday noon.

R. L. McClellan Jr. bought in the first load of 1942 barley last Wednesday morning.

R. E. Lee brought in a load of wheat from the W. G. Lee farm south of Spearman to the Hansford Grain Co. Saturday night. Eck said the wheat was testing 60 and making about 20 to 25 bushels per acre.

Rain Sunday night put a "wrench" in the 1942 harvest. However, most farmers admitted that they could not start cutting wheat before Tuesday of his week, until today and Friday.

The extent of the damage done by the Sunday moisture is not known. Some producers say that the biggest damage was the delay since every hour delayed now may prove costly.

Conservative estimates for the yield in the Spearman area is slightly less than 3,000,000 bushels since information coming from the northwest part of the county indicates no 20 bushel wheat.

The most serious situation confronting the wheat producer of this and all Panhandle areas is where to go with the wheat when it is harvested. Practically all terminal and local elevators in the county are bulging with grain.

In past years much wheat has been stored in railway cars, but due to the demand for War transportation, this is out of the picture. No elevator can obtain a car

Westerfield Wheatfield



According to the notes in the county editors book, this field should be that good looking grain under the management and ownership of city farmer Mickie Westerfield. I sure don't remember seeing a house in the background when we shot a picture of Westerfield's wheatfield. If this isn't it then I don't know who it belongs to, but do know it is Hansford County wheat. If Mickie is as good a farmer as he is a merchant, he should have top production. I'm telling you he has one of the nicest looking stores in this section of the state and man alive he tires me to death just watching him work.

There is a great surplus of wheat today, nearly two and one half years supply, if not another grain is combined. Every grain however, must be saved, for the day of peace when wheat from this county and others will be shipped to every country in the big world.

70 Year Old Brings In First Wheat

J. E. Corsen, who lives 6 miles south of Spearman brought in the first load of grain from the Spearman territory to this city just after noon today (Thursday) June 23. The grain was stored at the L. McClellan Grain Co. elevator. Mr. Corsen not desiring to sell on the present market. The wheat tested 58, and was averaging 10 bushels to the acre. The first load was cut around the edge of the field and represented the poorest yields, according to Mr. Corsen.

Corsen lives in Pampa, is 70 odd years old and does most of the harvesting himself.

W. S. C. S.

Mrs. H. H. Jones was hostess to the Women's Society of Christian Service, Wednesday June 14. Mrs. George Buzzard presided during the meeting, which opened with a prayer by Mrs. Gene Richardson. The topic of the study was "All of Life for Christ," with Mrs. D. B. Keim and Mrs. Buzzard conducting the lesson. Other members present were: Mesdames R. N. Jones, F. J. Daly, H. P. Bailey, R. L. McClellan and J. E. Elriddle.

Mrs. Tom Jones returned to her home in Gruber this week. She is recovering from an operation which she had two weeks ago at St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

BUY WAR BONDS

This it appears certain that much of the 1942 wheat will have to be stored on the farm and every available space. Barns, garages, buildings, houses and even empty schoolhouses.

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At Your Service DURING THE BUMPER 1944 HARVEST

Harvest customers are always appreciated HERE. We have done our best to build up our stock for the harvest with auto and farm machinery parts. Piston rings and hundreds of parts to keep machinery, trucks and cars in operation during this the most bountiful harvest Hansford county has ever enjoyed.

Shop WESTERN AUTO FIRST as our quality is HIGH and our prices are always RIGHT.

Farmers of this area, we rejoice that you are on the threshold of the 1944 harvest season with prospects of the largest crop of small grain ever harvested. We trust we will be able to save this wheat, and that you will be repaid for your labor and at the same time help feed the Allied armies and starving citizens of the foreign countries, whether members of our Allied nations or enemy nations.

PAINT—WALLPAPER

Two of the nations products not rationed and apparently we have an ample supply. We know that you take pride in your home and property. It is not only a comfort, but it is the best sort of insurance to redecorate your property. Paint will preserve your lumber . . . and we do not know now when we will be able to get ample lumber for future improvements.

GIFT DEPARTMENT

When you want gifts, come to this store. You will find dozens of beautiful gift items. Our business in this department is increasing because we stock practical gifts that give pleasure.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

Home Owned

T. R. Shirley

HARVEST GREETINGS TO THE WHEAT PRODUCERS OF HANSFORD COUNTY

This old time Gruver firm takes a pleasure in extending greetings to the wheat producers, who we understand, face the prospects of harvesting the largest production of small grain ever harvested in this county.

AT YOUR SERVICE DURING HARVEST

Your Chevrolet dealer and John Deere power farming distributor for the northwest part of Hansford county will truly be ready to serve you with every possible need during the coming 1944 harvest season.

We have worked hard to provide the needs of our customers for the forthcoming harvest, and we believe we have quite a representative stock of merchandise.

It is needless to say that you will find the personnel of this business firm, ready to cooperate with you day and night during this busy harvest season.

Gruver Motor Co.

Ted McClellan, Manager

CHEVROLET PRODUCTS

JOHN DEER POWER FARMING EQUIPMENT

23 Years In Mercantile Business In Hansford County

W. L. RUSSELL
General Merchandise.

I have bought the entire stock and building from my father, J. A. Russell, formerly of Ochiltree and will open for business in Spearman Saturday, June 18th.

I earnestly solicit a part of your business and will endeavor at all times to merit the same.

Harvest time is here. Come in and let me figure with you on your harvest supplies.

My terms will be CASH, and for this reason I can sell you merchandise as cheap as the market will permit.

W. L. RUSSELL
Yours For Better Service

Here is a reproduction of the first advertisement published by this business 23 years ago. This business opened in Spearman June 16th, 1921. Today we can say no more than we did 23 years ago, we appreciate your business, we will endeavor to merit the same.

WE WOULD BE UNGRATEFUL

If we did not take this occasion of our 23rd anniversary in business to THANK THE FINE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA for their patronage and cooperation throughout the years we have been in business. Candidly, we came here with very little worldly goods, and our finest resource was willingness to work hard, and try to please the customers we were able to secure. Your patronage has built this store from the small beginning with a rather scant stock of general merchandise into the present store, with modern fixtures, and a stock of clean merchandise that we believe is most representative for any city the size of Spearman or larger.

You have been kind to us, and we appreciate it very much. We have always tried to stock the leading brands of merchandise and secure the very best the market afforded for the fine people of this area. We are proud of the fact that we still maintain the fine lines in clothing, groceries and of course, we now have added a market to our grocery store.

READY FOR THE 1944 HARVEST

We are ready to take care of your needs during this the banner harvest of all times for this area.

We rejoice with you in that you have brought this years small grain crop up to the time it is nearly ready for the combines. You have done this under adverse conditions, with the young men of our county in the military service. You deserve much credit for your work and sacrifice. You will find this store of quality merchandise both in the grocery and dry goods departments.

We have scoured the markets to provide you with the very best that can be purchased. You know from past experience that when you buy at this store you will receive quality merchandise. We have built our business on this policy, and we will continue to hold to it, not only thru the harvest season but so long as we are in business.

Come in and see what we have for your harvest needs. We will keep a complete stock of work clothes for the harvest season. We have a warehouse full of groceries in anticipation of your additional needs during this coming busy season. We suggest that you make your canned goods purchases by the case and save valuable time.

W. L. RUSSELL

Dry Goods

Groceries
Spearman, Texas

Market