

One point behind W.T.'s 1st place . . .

## Lynx take second at Canadian

The Spearman varsity boys' track team placed second in team points at the track meet held in Canadian last weekend. West Texas had the first place team finishing with 105 points to Spearman's 104. Coming in third was Perryton with 90, followed by Fritch with 78, Wellington with 76, Canadian 62, and Shamrock 11.

Several meet records were set at the meet. Jerold Blain set a record with his time of 10:28:14 in the 3200 meter run, and Matt Tucker set two meet records, one in the shot put with a 58' 5 1/2" throw, and in the discuss with 159' 10".

The 400 relay team made up of Ron McCown, Chris Williamson, Tim Dooley, and Haskell Garrett

took fourth with a time of 46.02. Blain took first in the 800 with 2:06:63. In the 100 meter run Garrett took first with 11.17 and Chris Williamson sixth with 11.64.

In the 110 high hurdles Shawn Cook won second place with 15.25. Dooley took fifth in the 400 hurdles with 55.01. In the intermediate hurdles Cook took first with 39.74

in the 300 meters.

In the 1600 meter relay the team of Garrett, Cook, Dooley and Blain took a third place finish with a time of 3:33.93.

Lance Swan took a fourth place in the shot put with 44' 5 1/2". In the discuss Swan took second with 157' 10". And in the long jump Cook came away with sixth place with a 19' 6" jump.

The junior varsity team took fourth place with 68 team points. Fritch JV won first with 149 points, West Texas had 125 1/2 points, Canadian 110 1/2. Perryton was fifth with 46 points, Wellington 24, and Shamrock one team point.

Chad Riggins came away with first place with a time of 11:45.70 in the 3200 meter run. Jeff Hutchison was second with 11:45.72. In the 800 meter Brandon Baker took second with 2:15.9. In the 100 meter Mac Sheppard was fifth with 12.84.

In the junior varsity 110 high hurdles Brian Beck came in second with 17.94. Riggins and Hutchison were third and fourth respectively with 5:30.16 and 5:32 in the 1600.

The relay team of Beck, Edgar Nava, Baker and Sheppard took fifth in the 1600 relay.

In the boys junior varsity shot put Delwin Whitmire was first with a 45' 8 3/4" throw and third with a discuss toss of 116' 8". Jeff Wagner took fifth with 101' in the discuss.



Matt Tucker set a new meet record in the shot put at the Canadian Track Meet last weekend. He threw one 58' 5 1/2".

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## County stock show begins Friday at noon

The Hansford County Junior Livestock Show and Sale have been set for Mar. 17 and 18 at the Hansford County Barn in Spearman. Clubs participating in the show include the Spearman 4-H and FFA and the Gruver 4-H and FFA and the Morse 4-H.

The show starts with a 12 noon Steer Show on Friday, Mar. 17. Each exhibitor may show no more than one calf entry, one pig entry, and one sheep entry. The Lamb Show will follow the completion of the Steer Show.

On Saturday, Mar. 18 at 8 a.m. the Swine Show begins. At 1 p.m.

that day the judging contest will get underway. The auction sale will begin at 6 p.m.

Judges for the event will be John McNeill of Canyon and Jim McManigal of Happy. Announcer will be Carl Cooper of Gruver. Joe T. Venneman of Gruver and Ed Dear of Spearman will serve as ringmen. W.B. Dickenson from Olton will be auctioneer for the sale. Bookkeepers include Jimmy Greene, Monty Blackman and Roger Odgaard of Spearman, Alan Shields of Morse, and Mary Griggs and Cathy Boone of Gruver.

## SHS hosts TEAMS exams for exit level students

Spearman High School guidance counsellor, Margie Alford reports that registration packets are available for TEAMS exit level tests at her office located at 403 E. 11th.

These packets are for individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS test but have met all other graduation requirements. Individuals may take the section or sections not

passed.

Registration forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope no later than April 5.

Test dates for the TEAMS testing are scheduled for May 2 for English and May 3 for Mathematics at the Spearman High School Auditorium beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. For more information contact Margie Alford at 659-2584.

## Lynxettes capture second at track meet

The Spearman girls varsity track team came in second with team totals at the Canadian Track Meet last weekend. Perryton girls took first place with 175 1/2 points. Spearman had 105, followed by Sandford-Fritch with 80 1/2, Wellington 76, Canadian 49, West Texas 38 and Shamrock with 22.

Heather Murrell set two records at the meet, first in the long jump with a jump of 18' 11" and then in the 400 dash with a time of 1:00.21. Laci Lasater took third in the triple jump with 34' 9". Suzanne Sanders claimed a third place in the high

jump with 4' 10".

Haley Shieldknight was awarded third in the 3200 meter run with 14:08.34 and Shannon Holton was fourth with 14:11.86.

The Spearman 400 meter relay team took fourth place with 55.85. The team included members Mandy Lasater, Joy Gafford, Suzanne Sanders and Sonya Nitschke. In the 1600 relay, L. Lasater, Sanders, Holton, and Murrell claimed second place for Spearman with 4:13.73, which was less than one second off track meet record.

Murrell also took a first place in the high jump with 5' 6", and in the 400 meter hurdles with 16.36. L. Lasater took third in the 100 meter hurdles with 17.47.

Other varsity girls placing in the meet were Krista Kirkland with a third in 1600 run with a time of 6:27.33, and H. Shieldknight with 6:36.72 for fourth place.

Laurie Lieb took a fifth place in the 100 dash with a time of 14.13 and Carla Greene took sixth in the 400 dash with 1:07.23.

## Miss Hansford pageant set; deadline nears

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is reminding young ladies of the Mar. 24 deadline to enter the Miss Hansford Beauty Pageant.

There will be five age groups accepted in the pageant. Four of the groups will limit the number of entrants to ten, but the Miss Hansford age group is unlimited in the number of entrants.

Little Miss Hansford category is open to girls between the ages of four and six. The Junior Miss Category is for those six to nine years of age, and Pre-Teen Hansford for girls 9 to 12, and Miss Teen for girls 12 to 16. Miss Hansford category is for young ladies between the ages of 17 and 21. Ages apply as of Jan. 1, 1989.

Each entrant is responsible for their own sponsor. Entry fees are \$35 for Little Miss, Junior Miss and Pre-Teen, and \$50 for Miss Teen and Miss Hansford.

The Miss Hansford Pageant will be held April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Mae Wofford is publicity chairman for the event. Questions can be answered by calling 659-5555.

## Spearman delegation to travel to Austin, meet with legislators

A delegation of 12 Spearman people will be traveling to Austin on Mar. 21 to attend the Texas Chamber Legislative breakfast and meet with elected officials to express the views and concerns of people of this area.

Those making the trip are Don Townsen, Jim Murray, George

Young, Richey Thompson, Robert and Cora Queener, Jim Shirley, Johnnie Lee, Pete Fisher, Larry Butler, Wilson Buchanan, and Jackie Pearson.

The group will be visiting the Capitol on Tuesday. The delegation will be returning to Spearman on Wednesday, Mar. 22.

## PDRA board meets; discuss proceedings

The Palo Duro River Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, Mar. 14 at the PDRA meeting room located at 511 S.W. 11th in Spearman. The meeting was open to the public. The PDRA board will meet in executive session at 2 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 17 in the meeting room of the PDRA.

The purpose of the first meeting that was open to the public, was determination of various properties in eminent domain proceedings and regular order of business of the PDRA. The executive session will be pertaining to eminent domain proceedings, including amount of and the character of interest in land, other properties and easements to be acquired by condemnation.

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Heather Murrell set a meet record in the long jump at the Canadian Track Meet last weekend with a jump of 18' 11".

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## Council accepts cable contract

The City Council of Spearman met Tuesday evening, Mar. 14 at the City Hall to discuss items on the agenda.

After consideration of the minutes from the previous meeting, council met with Mission Cable president, Jay O'Neal. Mission Cable and the City of Spearman came to agreement for the company to begin service to the Spearman area effective 3/14/89. The closing of the current Spearman Cable TV service is expected to be within three weeks.

Included in the agreement with Mission Cable is the company's pledge to rebuild equipment from the head tower throughout the cable system; install a line from the City Hall to the Junior High Campus, and from the Junior High to the High School to the tower site to provide a public educational power outlet to the schools; to provide 21 channels within six months (if three channels are approved by the FCC); to meet with performance standards; to have performance reviews every five years.

Next on the agenda for councilmembers was consideration of two

change of orders with Depaw Construction Company. The first was an apron extension and general aviation wash area for the Spearman Municipal Airport improvement project in the amount of \$56,230.25. The other is an overlay of runway overrun and turnaround on the south end of the airport for the amount of \$11,503.25. Both items were tabled so councilmembers could obtain more information on the projects.

Councilmembers were to consider providing sewer service to a tract of land at the corner of West 7th Ave. and Highway 207 at the city's expense. The item was tabled due to developers' not being present.

Later, councilmembers discussed the mechanical condition of the type III 1981 Ford ambulance. Councilmembers requested more information from the EMS Service about the ambulance and will include the item on the next agenda.

Members of the council then appointed an election judge for the 1989 city election. Cathy Beck was appointed to the position with Pearl

Pierce serving as assistant. The election is scheduled for May 6 with polling at the Spearman High School.

Before closing the meeting, councilmembers approved a ground lease with Buster's Aerial Dusters at the Spearman Municipal Airport. The business will build a hangar at the airport for their spraying operation.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Mar. 28 at the Spearman City Hall.

## Museum to receive item, new exhibit

Workers of the Hansford Stationmaster's House Museum will be receiving a large item that will be located temporarily at 30 S. Townsend. It is a Vietnam display that commemorates the three Hansford County men that died in that war. The display includes names and postcards of George Gibner and Lynn Buzzard of Spearman and Bobbie Ray Williams of Morse.

The museum is also planning several new exhibits for the near future. One of the museum's major projects in the works is the possible erection of a replica of Fort Zulu. The fort was the first permanent settlement north of the Canadian River in Hansford County. It was the first post office in the area and a trading post.

If the museum receives enough donations, the replica will be erected at 26 S. Townsend where an old house belonging to the museum has been sold and is being relocated. Donations for the Fort Zulu project are being accepted at the Stationmaster's House Museum.

Museum personnel are reminding teachers and students that March and April are Museum Months for schools. They encourage students to come view the museum exhibits during this time.

## SJH girls' teams capture first place at Canadian

Both the seventh and eighth grade Spearman girls track teams placed first in team points in last weekend's Canadian Track Meet.

Spearman eighth grade girls gained 144 1/2 points. Perryton came in second with 130 1/2 points, followed by Sanford-Fritch with 85 1/2, Canadian 63, West Texas with 60 1/2, Wellington 24, Sham-

rock with 20.

The eighth grade girls had three out of the first four places in the triple jump and the long jump. Shea Crawford captured first in the triple jump with 30' 10". Michelle Garnett was second with 30' 9" and Mary Cook was fourth with 30' 7".

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# Adobe Walls: Texas' best-kept secret?

by JEAN ANN BEHNEY

**Reporter's Note:** Our family's battle finding Adobe Walls did not make us less interested in the site's historical significance. After our visit to Adobe Walls, I did some reading on the subject which would have made the trip more meaningful. I suggest [hindsight always makes a person seem so smart!] that those planning a trip out to Adobe Walls first read the wonderful article "Indians vs. Buffalo Hunters at Adobe Walls," by Lowell Harrison, available at the Hansford County Library. It would be better yet to take a xeroxed copy of this explanation with your group to Adobe Walls to read on-site. Secondly, get some explicit directions from someone who has driven out to Adobe Walls within the past month! After our "adventure," I found out that even natives of this area get lost on the way to Adobe Walls. One person told me, "I haven't been out there in about 12 years, and that time, somebody shot at us!" The excitement of Adobe Walls lives on . . .

by Jean Ann Behney

It was a picture-perfect Sunday afternoon in Spearman, Tex. The weather was warm, the breeze pleasant, and sky a joyful blue. "Let's go someplace!" the wife and mother exclaimed. "How about Adobe Walls?" the husband and father suggested.

Both newcomers to the Texas Panhandle, the couple had heard of this historical site but had never gone to see it. Armed with the vaguest of ideas of Adobe Walls' historical background and some seemingly clearer road directions, the enthusiastic parents coaxed their small children into the family

mini-van and set off on a grand adventure.

Mother explained cheerfully to the kids as they headed out that they would not be seeing cowboys or Indians or, for that matter, any wall. "But we will be where an important battle took place and we'll see some monuments," she promised. "Does Daddy know where 'Dobe Walls is?'" asked the 5-year-old. "Of course I do!" Father assured. Minutes later, Wife murmured, "Shouldn't we be seeing a sign pointing the way pretty soon?" This turned out to be the afternoon's oft-repeated query, which changed in tone to dubious, then fretful, then frantic, then utterly weary.

There was that first sign. "See?" Husband declared triumphantly. "All we do now is stay on this farm road." They did, coming to a crossroads with no further indications of what to do. "We must just go straight," Wife reasoned, "or surely there'd be another sign." A Dead End sign appeared, but the family assumed Adobe Walls was located there. The Dead End was just a Dead End, so Husband slowly backed and turned toward a nearby house.

This being Sunday and four p.m., everyone was home, but no one, apparently, was awake and a large, growling dog patrolled out front. Hastily, the mini-van crossed the yard and left the other side. This road was the start of a large circle the vehicle then made to end up back at that crossroads.

"Are we there yet?" the four-year-old sat up and inquired, rubbing her eyes. Her parents were sitting at the crossroads pondering their next move, and the

stopping had awakened her. "Almost!" Mother said gaily. Father squinted at the roads and took a left turn this time. The child slumped down on the seat once again and appeared to go back to sleep. Her older sister, who had been chirping, singsong, "We're going to 'Dobe Walls!" for the last 25 miles, became ominously silent and the baby, trapped in his carseat, put his fingers in his mouth and looked out the window in resignation.

This road led to another ranch home complete with sleeping (one assumed) occupants and dog surveillance team. Husband could not rouse anyone to get directions, so it was back to the crossroads again. Once there, the five-year-old said, "Do you really know where 'Dobe Walls is, Daddy?" Father started to laugh in a rather wild way, so Mother soothed, "Of course. It is very near here, sweetheart. We just have to figure out which way to turn."

The van turned back north to the nearest home with human, living inhabitants in evidence. (This was many, many miles away) A woman in her front yard seemed unsurprised at the parents' request for directions. "Oh, you turn left at the unmarked road down there and immediately go right again at the next unmarked road," she said with a smile. "Then you go about 14 miles on down that..." Fourteen miles? Gately, Husband thanked her and headed out to the road. Wife said petulantly, "We've already been in the car an hour and you told me not to bring any food for the kids..."

The next 14 miles were exciting, in a way, because the family actually did encounter some wild, blood-thirsty, yipping Indians...in the back seat of their car. All three children were awake and clamoring to get out. The road went from pavement to gravel to dirt. The speedometer dropped from 55 to 35 to 15. There were no more ranch houses or barbed wire fences or other signs of civilization. The rocks, patched with odd out-thrusts of coarse grass, looked like jeering faces.

"I don't think Daddy really knows the way to 'Dobe Walls," pouted the oldest child. Her baby brother amused himself by pinching and pulling the hair of both sisters. Father's smile of reassurance was rather grim. Mother scabbled hopefully in her purse for chewing gum.

They came to a fork in the road. There were no signs. The couple looked at one another helplessly. Husband deliberated briefly and took a fork which led to...nowhere. The second fork was tried and several miles later, there was a small red sign at a second fork announcing "Adobe Walls" with an arrow that seemed to point to both roads! Another sign warned cars to stay off the "private" road to the ranch and to keep to the "public" road. They looked at the identical dirt roads morosely. Their children were throwing peanut brittle at one another, temporarily entertained. The mini-van swung right. Wrong. This road led to a lovely meadow and some hills in the distance, as well as a private airport in the middle of a field.

Nevertheless, the family clambered out for a brief stretch and exploration. The children decided to climb the "mountain," so an impromptu hike began. Halfway up the hill, Wife gasped, "Do we really need to be doing this?" and shifted her 27-pound son to the other arm. "We may be able to see Adobe Walls from the top," Husband threw over his shoulder with

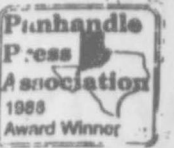
irritating logic.

From the top, they saw nothing, but the parents stood in the startling quiet just drinking in the surroundings. Their children were completely happy now. The baby sat eating sand while his sisters raced to their parents to show them red cacti and long feathery grasses. Then the girls wandered off and discovered holes in the sandy soil as well as something else.

"Even if they are snake eggs, the snakes in them aren't big enough to hurt us," one sister cajoled the other. "So let's pick them up and put them in the car to take home." Mother's brain suddenly computed this conversation and tore over to deliver her offspring from...The objects in question appeared to be little black jelly beans. Snake eggs? Her daughters stirred them with a stick. Mother eyed them warily then realized the "eggs" were located near the holes leading to the animal's homes. Hurriedly, she pulled the girls away and started them back down the hill, explaining, "I don't think those are eggs, girls." "Then what are they?" the kids demanded. "Then what? Huh, Mom?" Mother toyed briefly with a plausible lie before sighing and saying, "That's the animals' outdoor bathroom." The children were quite impressed.

Grumbling, with socks full of burrs, the family got back in the car. They had now been "on the way" to 'Dobe Walls for over two hours. Husband drove to the private airport and insisted on investigating each road there. All were airplane runways which stopped abruptly in the middle of the field. "We're never going to get to 'Dobe Walls in my whole life," the oldest child complained, and she began to cry. Father was too busy concentrating on the driving for hearty reassurances, because the hump in the road the vehicle straddled threatened to tear off the muffler at any given moment. Mother was too busy being

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depressed to cheer up anyone else.

Then a pickup truck bumped towards them on the road. "People!" exclaimed the five-year-old in astonishment. The parents exchanged a look. "Do you suppose they'll know where Adobe Walls is?" Mother asked almost fearfully.

They did. Back to the fork and a right turn later, the road led straight to two small monuments surrounded by grazing cattle. As the family got out, the cattle looked more and more nervous. "Cows!" shrieked the children. Ignoring their parents, who were pointing the way to the monuments, they gleefully chased these poor creatures, who would rather have been buffaloes pursued by hunters at that moment.

Husband and Wife examined the monuments and drank in the surrounding serenity at the scene.

On the way home, the oldest child piped up, "Today was an

adventure, wasn't it Daddy?" Before he could respond, the four-year-old said, "And all that time, I thought 'Dobe Walls was a STORE!" Their little brother had to have his say as well, so before another word was pronounced, he sang out "Cow poop, cow poop!" That was the adventure of Adobe Walls, the historical site which is Texas' best-kept secret.

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12:00 Noon Grand Opening of Show  
All Directors, Ag Teachers, County Agents, FFA Chapter Presidents, 4-H Club Chairman and FFA Sweetheart report to arena.

12:15 p.m. Judging Steer Show

2:00 p.m. or immediately following steer show Judging Lamb Show

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**SATURDAY**  
March 18, 1989

8:00 a.m. Pens and stalls must be clean and rubbish removed

8:00 a.m. Judging of Swine

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## TEC office in Perryton is accepting applications for positions in Spearman

The Texas Employment Commission Perryton branch is currently taking applications for two positions that are open in Spearman. One is a clerical position and the other a manager trainee with agricultural background.

Positions are also open in Perryton for cook, waiter/waitress, agricultural delivery person, manager trainee with agricultural background, equipment operator, and weed sprayer. Applications for any of these positions may be made in person at 417 S. Amherst in Perryton.

The Texas Employment Com-

mission follows all equal opportunity guidelines.

## Catholic Ladies schedule bake sale

The Sacred Heart Catholic Ladies Guild will be having an Easter Bake Sale on Mar. 22 at the Thriftway Grocery Store between 8 a.m. and noon.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for a scholarship fund to be given to a Spearman High School student.



Mr. and Mrs. David Tucker

## Cowan-Tucker wed

Sandra Lea Cowan and David Lee Tucker were united in marriage on Mar. 2 at the World Famous Chapel of the Bells in Las Vegas, Nev. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cowan of Balko, Okla. Mrs. Buck Tucker, and the late Buck Tucker, are parents of the groom.

The bride was dressed in a street length black silk dress with shimmering white dots. She carried one long-stemmed red rose surrounded with baby's breathe and tied with a white ribbon.

The groom was attired in an off-white tuxedo jacket with black cummerbund, tie, and pants. He wore a red rose boutonniere.

A reception was given for the couple, by the bride's parents, at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Perryton on Mar. 11. Wedding cake and punch were served. The color theme of mauve and dusty blue was carried out.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Balko High School and a 1986

graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She is employed by First National Bank of Perryton.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Spearman High School. He is employed by Equity in Perryton.

The couple are at home at 1613 S. Jefferson, Apt. 36, Perryton, Tx.

## Local church hosts guest speaker Mar 22

Dr. Kent Harold Richards will be speaking at the First United Methodist Church Bible Conference, Monday, Mar. 20, through Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 7 p.m. each evening.

The theme of the conference is "Reviving The Bible In You." On Monday evening Dr. Richards will be speaking on, "An Entrance to Scripture For Worship." "Israel's Psalms And Christian Worship" will be the topic for Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening will conclude with "The Movement of Worship." A nursery will be provided.

Dr. Richards is Professor of Old Testament, at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo. He is an ordained United Methodist Minister. He is a leader in the work of the Society of Biblical Literature, a popular teacher, and a highly respected scholar. One of his current publications projects is a book on Hebrew poetry.

Dr. Richards is married and has two college age daughters. He is an avid snow skier. On winter weekends one can find him on the slopes as an instructor for the Winter Park Handicapped Ski Program.

## Nugent says Texas oil production total lowest in 45 years

Reflecting turmoil in world oil markets and continuing decline in drilling for new reserves, Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent said preliminary figures show Texas' crude oil production in 1988 sank to the lowest level in 45 years.

"Not since the nation was embroiled in World War II, has Texas seen annual crude oil production in the 700 million barrel range," Nugent said. "Yet that is the sobering production level we struggled to make last year."

Preliminary figures peg Texas' 1988 crude production at 698,224,360 barrels, the smallest annual production recorded by the Commission since 1943 when the state's oil wells pumped 587,436,000 barrels. Nugent said the 1988 total represents a 25 million barrel drop from the previous year. "And our daily production rate lagged one half million barrels a day behind what we were able to achieve just three short years ago," he said.

"There are no surprises in these numbers," Nugent said, "save for the sheer magnitude of the loss in producing capability they reflect. The evidence of our decline has been constantly before us over the last few years, written in the rust of stacked drilling rigs and the musty ledgers of the state's bankruptcy courts."

The 10-year Commission veteran see 1988 OIL, p.4

## 7th boys finish second in Canadian track meet

The seventh grade boys' track team came in second place in the Canadian Track Meet last weekend with their team total points of 60. The eighth grade boys' track team came in sixth at the meet.

Perryton's boys' seventh and eighth grade track team took first in team points in each grade.

Perryton's eighth graders had 115 team points while their seventh graders had 240 total points.

In the eighth grade meet, Fritch came in second with 102 points. Wellington had 91 points for third place. Following close behind was Canadian with 87, then West Texas 56, Spearman 35 and Shamrock with 10.

In the seventh grade meet, West Texas was third with 59, Wellington 41, Fritch 38, Canadian had 21, and Shamrock 15.

The seventh grade team of Brandon Vanderburg, Jason Varnon, Victor Lopez, and Kory Brown took second place in the 400 relay with 51.99. In the 100 meter dash Vanderburg took third with a time of 12.75. He also qualified to be in the finals of the 200 meter dash, but he could not compete because of a pulled muscle.

In the 110 meter hurdles Varnon came away with third with 20.56. Dee Mayfield was fourth with 20.56 and John Holt seventh with 22.1. In the 200 meter low hurdles Varnon took fourth with 32.64, and Mayfield was fifth with 33.0.

In the 1200 meter run, Toby Thompson came in sixth with 4:38.3. Clay Scribner was sixth with 4:39. In the 1200 relay, the team of Lopez, Brown, Brett Coates, and Cass Lasater took third with a time of 4:34.95.

On the eighth grade team, Junior Tercero of Spearman took eighth place in the 100 meter dash with 12.93. He also took third in the long jump with 17' 9". Lonny Gallegos and Roman Arnold tied for fourth place with a jump of 16' 9".

In the 200 meter dash, Tercero was fifth with a time of 26.22, and Gallegos was seventh with a time of 26.93. In the 800 meter run, Cody Pipkin captured first with 2:19.59. Pipkin was second in the 1200 meter with a time of 3:51.34. He also came in second in the high jump with a jump of 5' 4".

## Obituary

### Donald H. Ladd

Donald H. Ladd, 70, died Friday, March 10, in Amarillo.

Services were Tuesday in Union Church with the Rev. Bill Miller, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were in Sunnyside Cemetery in Vici, Okla. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Ladd was born in Mutual, Okla., and moved to Spearman 33 years ago from Dumas. He married Dorlain Nicholson in 1938 in Woodward, Okla. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was employed with Diamond Shamrock for 10 years and also operated Ladd Trucking Company in Canadian until his retirement about four years ago.

Survivors include his wife; a son, C. Alan Ladd of Dallas; a daughter, Joy Rex of Pampa; two brothers, Mearl Ladd and Dean Ladd, both of Vici, Okla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### T.O. Lesly

T.O. Lesly, 65, died Sunday, March 12, 1989.

Services were Tuesday, Mar. 14 at the Church of Christ with John Scott, minister, officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Lesly, born in Paducah, had lived in the Spearman area since 1962. He married Vernetta Conner in 1940 at Lubbock. He was a Merchant Marine veteran of World War II. He was a farmer and a member of Church of Christ. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Farmer's Union and American Agriculture Movement. He was preceded in death by three sons, Richard Lesly, Tom Otis Lesly and David Lesly.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Linda Thrasher of Canadian and Hazel Shieldknight of Spearman; three brothers, Glen Lesly of Spearman, U.L. Lesly of Lordsburg, N.M., and Wilbert Lesly of Houston; two sisters, Ruth Copland of Colorado City and Lettie Cooper of Morton; and 10 grandchildren.

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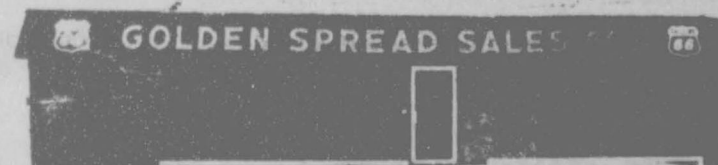
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# Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Riding tall in the saddle were the members of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association from Hansford County last Saturday at Floydada at the first rodeo for the spring season.

Winning a first in ribbon roping and 8th in calf roping, was Clint Patterson. Kelly McCloy won a 2nd in team roping and Joel Prowl was 3rd in calf-roping. All three represent the Gruver Team.

Clint and Shanna DeArmond both participated, but had a little hard luck.

Julia and Randy Billingsly of Lubbock visited Beth and Ray Phelps, and Ruth Bryan over the week-end. They were accompanied by their son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Billingsly and their son, John, from Dallas.

Frantz (Curley) Ferguson, of Stinnett, was a guest in the home of several relatives during the weekend. They were Hollie and Earl Riley, Don and Lynanne Maize, Idela and Willis Randall,

and Pearl Pierce.

Joyce and Carroll Harper are beaming with justifiable pride over another of their grandsons. Brant Armes won a steer championship at the Houston Livestock Show last week to add to the family honors. Brant lives in Gruver.

Tina and Elmon Jacobs are back from wintering on the coast at Port Aransas. During February, the area experienced a very rare cold spell with rain turning to ice. Roads and schools were closed for a couple of days.

Elmon's perennial understanding with the Purple Martins warranted his return on Thursday. After the spring cleaning, he opened the houses, and sure 'nuf, in a couple of days, the Martin Scout arrived and signaled his approval, so the balance of the flock is expected soon.

A happy event at the home of Phillip and Lynna Renner was the arrival of Rhett Reed on March 9. He was born at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Clarence and Elois Renner; Glen Mackie and Norma Jean Mackie, and great grandmother, Mrs. Viola Hutton, all of Spearman.

Rhett Reed will have no shortage of care, training, and love with sisters and brother - Randie,

7 years old, Ronda, 11 and Reagan, 13.

Judy Martin attended the morning pre-nuptial shower at Vega Friday in the home of Mrs. Marge Cook. The honoree was Mary Ann Martin, bride-elect of Roger Morris. Rajan Trafton of Amarillo joined Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheets Jr. attended the Southwestern Hardware and Implement Show in Ft. Worth last week. The inclement weather, snow, sleet, ice caused the cancellation of the last day of the show and delayed the Sheets return trip.

The Little Reata Rodeo held in Dumas last week resulted in Clint DeArmond's winning a One in a Go, and standing 3rd in the average in roping. Just now he is high in the series.

Little Miss Kate Allison, 2 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Patton made her family debut Sunday in Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ware and Todd hosted the family of Mrs. Jewell Pearson at a dinner in their home.

Those attending, in addition to Kate Allison, were the Pattons and children of Clinton, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Kingle Pearson with Christi and Kyle of Perryton; and from Spearman - Mr. and Mrs. E.Z. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pearson and Mike, Jerry Pearson, and Denise Ware, of Stinnett.

Charolette Jackson and Loretta Cook made a business trip to Oklahoma City recently. On their return trip in Elk City, they called on Terry and Nancy Graves, formerly of Spearman. The Graves are well settled in their new home. They stated that they will miss their good friends in Spearman and extend greetings. Friends in Spearman were pleased to hear from them and look forward to a visit from them.

At the Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Canyon on Thursday night, in connection with the Centennial observance of Randall County, several Spearman residents were recognized as descendants of Randall County pioneers.

The speaker was Grant Teoff, Baylor University coach, who made an inspirational talk to the more than 500 in attendance. The 1988 outgoing president of the Chamber of Commerce and M.C. of the occasion was Buddy Messer, formerly of Hansford County.

Peggy and Alton Ellsworth, with her brother, Robert Gabel of Amarillo, were recognized. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Oldham came to Canyon in 1899.

Ruth Hill also was extended an invitation and accompanied by her daughter, Betty Jean Gwin of Angel Fire and her sister of Canyon, enjoyed the occasion. Betty Jean remembered attending the 50th anniversary, when as a little child she rode on a float. Ruth's grandparents, Judge and Mrs. James M. Vansant came to the county in 1894.

James Lair and his son, Matt, were also introduced. James' grandparents, Judge and Mrs. L.C. Lair, settled in Canyon in 1891.

Family members of Rhoda Overton report that as of Tuesday morning she is recovering from major surgery, which she had on Monday morning, in Hansford Hospital. Her daughter, Nancy Thompson of Utopia, Tx. and her

son, Larry Overton of Port Arthur, are at her bedside.

Patients admitted to Hansford Hospital since last Tuesday are: Margaret Paige, Roy Kimbrell, Ernest Bones, John McClarnen, all of Borger; Virginia Taylor, Robert Staton, Gruver; Leo Meek, Dumas; Ruby Simms, Harrison, Ark.; and from Spearman - Wm. Johnson, Ruby Heath, Rhode Overton, Alvira Rodriguez, Sadie Sutton, Georgia McLeod, Marguerite Jenkins, Arthur Alston, Enrique Guzman, Sheila Fewell.

Is that rumor true--that the women's libbers have asked churches to recall their song books --in order to change the work Hymnal to Itnal?????

Ministerial Alliance sponsors community Holy Week services

First Christian Church, will be the site of the Holy Week Worship Services this year. The church is located at 29 S. Bernice Street. March 20 - 24 will be the dates to mark on your calendar, 12:00 noon is the time. Services will conclude at 12:55 p.m. to allow travel time for those who need to get back to work.

A light lunch of soups and sandwiches will be served each day.

Five different ministers will speak at the devotional times:

Monday: Todd Dyess, First United Methodist Church;

Tuesday: Leland Grimmer, Apostolic Faith Church;

Wednesday: Bill Miller, Union Church;

Thursday: David Nuckles, Assembly of God Church; and

Friday: Nathan Hansen, Oslo Lutheran Church, Oslo Community.

A nursery will be provided. Join with us in the celebration of this Holy Week in the life of the Churches of our community.

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said the agency will be taking the pulse of the state's oil and gas industry later this month when it convenes its annual "state-of-the-industry" hearing in Austin.

Nugent said senior officials from all segments of the industry - independent producers, refiners, major oil companies, pipelines, industry associations and the like - will gather at the Austin Crest Hotel March 17, Saint Patrick's Day, to tell the three Railroad Commissioners what they see for the industry in 1989.

Senior oil execs to speak at hearing

The Railroad Commission will hold its annual "state-of-the-industry" oil and gas hearing Friday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin Crest Hotel, 111 East First Street at Congress, in Austin.

Senior officers of companies and associations in the oil and gas industry are expected to deliver their assessment of the present condition and outlook for the industry to Chairman Kent Hance and Commissioners John Sharp and James E. (Jim) Nugent.

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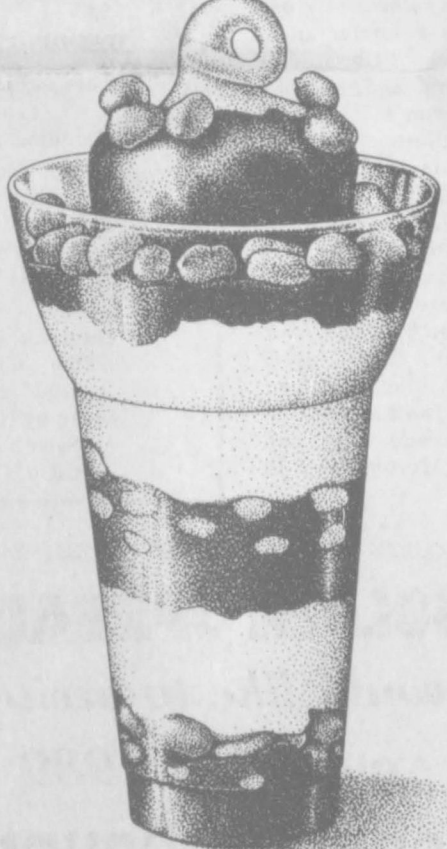
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### Art show set for March 19

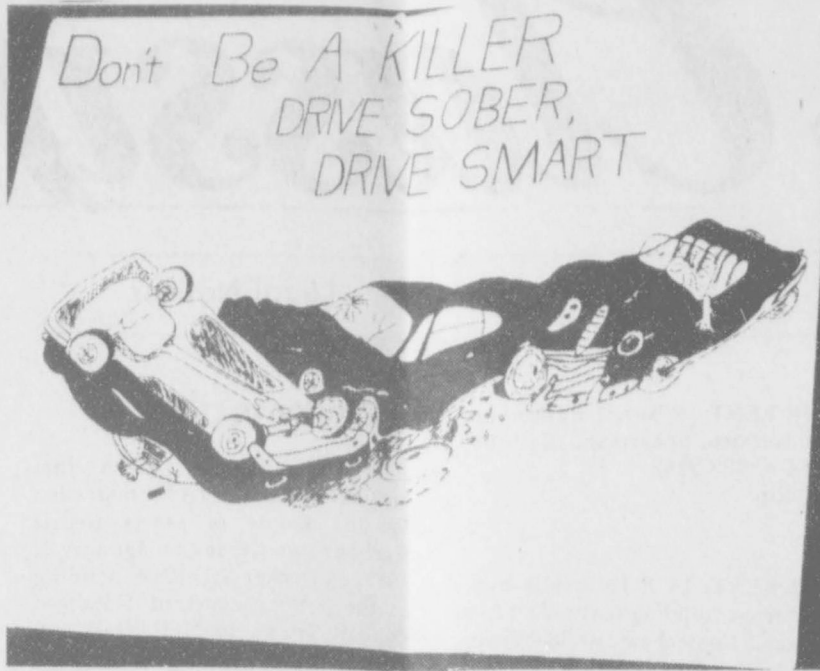
The public is invited to attend Tri-City Porcelain Art Club's Show and Sale on Sunday, Mar. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hospitality Room of the First State Bank in Spearman.

Admission for the event is free. A drawing will be held, with tickets selling at \$1 a chance, for hand-painted porcelain eggs.

### Two youth give voice recital at Baptist Church

Maranda Loomis and Clint Patterson will present their senior voice recital at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Mar. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to attend.



John Barnes, grandson of Spearman resident, Eva Adkison and the late Arthur Adkison, recently won first place with this poster in the Heartland Kansas Chapter of Mother's Against Drunk Driving Poster and Essay contest. He is the son of David and Darla Barnes of Kansas City, Kan. He entered the seventh through ninth grade category and won a 13" color TV for his efforts.

## Club News

### MORSE BASS CLUB

Morse Bass Club will hold a meeting Thursday, Mar. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Morse Community Building. All members are urged to attend.

### GOLDEN SPREAD CENTER

Mark your calendar for some of the best talent Spearman has to offer. Plan to listen to the Golden Spread Center Radiothon on KRDF-FM on April 13, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Golden Spread Center Board would like to thank all the generous people of Hansford County that have made donations to the Center during the past radiothons. These donations have helped to provide many services and activities for senior citizens.

### RHO RHO

by Janie Kunselman

Meeting number 556 of the Rho Rho Sorority was held Mar. 9 in Tina Wilmeth's home. The pledges completed their final training test.

After a luncheon, roll call was answered and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The next meeting will be Mar. 21 at Jan Williamson's home. Beth Raper made a motion to donate to the Miss Hansford contest. The motion carried.

Wanda Archer gave an informative talk on "Proper Nutrition for Women." The meeting was adjourned.

Members present were: Tina Wilmeth, Barbara Townsen, Pat Cudd, Denise Donnell, Elaine Morris, Becky Beedy, Leslie Cazares, Samme Goehring, Kristi Ramon, Beth Raper, Laura Deer, Patti Schnell, and Janie Kunselman.

## Lodge sponsors Egg Hunt

The Spearman Moose Lodge will be sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, Mar. 18, at 10 a.m. All the children in Hansford County are invited to this hunt. There will be three age

groups with prizes in each group. Also, the Moose Lodge will be participating in the "Great Texas Trash-Off" on April 1. They will be cleaning 2 miles of Highway 207 South.

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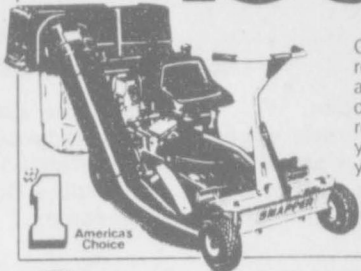
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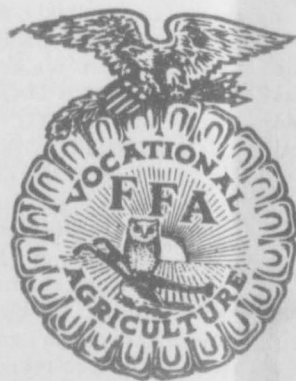
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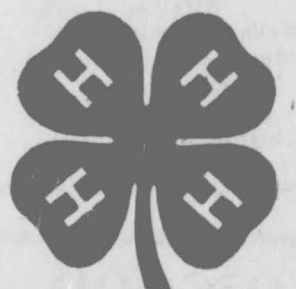
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## March 17 & 18 at the County Showbarn in Spearman



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Leslie Latta, Spearman 4-H .....Lamb

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS**  
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Randle Renner, Spearman 4-H .....Steer  
Jennifer Burnam, Gruver 4-H .....Barrow  
Lynette Williams, Spearman 4-H .....Lamb

**COMMERCIAL STEERS**  
1988  
Wylee Maupin, Gruver 4-H .....Steer  
Cody Pipkin, Spearman 4-H .....Barrow

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