

Waterfield Guest Speaker For PTA

by Jean Ann Behney

State Representative Dick Waterfield of District 88 was guest speaker at the Spearman PTA meeting Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Following a brief business meeting led by PTA President Kim Brock, Waterfield was introduced by PTA Secretary Judy Hutchison. Calling school funding reform a "tough, tough issue," Waterfield predicted that the upcoming battles in Austin for a good bill will "make worker's comp look like a Sunday school picnic" by comparison.

Waterfield told those in attendance that over 30 bills have been developed in response to the State Supreme Court's demand for a more equitable system of financing Texas schools. "Most of these bills do not go well for schools like Spearman," Waterfield, a resident of Canadian, said.

He mentioned that he and Spearman Superintendent Larry Butler flew to Austin a few weeks ago where they met with Dr. Billy Walker, who is the executive director of the Texas Center of Educational Research. Walker is also on the Governor's Task Force on Public Education. (This task force has been appointed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House to submit a plan for the reform for education in the State of Texas).

Using available data and Walker's computer, and assuming the local share for school funding will go to 40% and per pupil expenditure will increase from \$1500 to \$1700, the men determined that Spearman's school district would lose just over \$38,000 under the basic reform plan.

He added that 15 of his school districts would lose state monies under this type of reform package. "Dumas would lose something like \$260,000!" Waterfield said.

Waterfield has 37 school districts in his congressional district, more than any other district in the state, he said. "But they're good school districts with great teachers where the school is the center of the community, yet we get painted with the same brush down in Austin (as inner city schools, Houston schools, etc.)," Waterfield said.

According to Representative Waterfield, one of the biggest worries about the school reform act is that the state will mandate changes but not pay for them. He cited House Bill 72 as an example of this situation. "The question is, 'Is the State going to fund education?'" Waterfield said. "The climate is not that way in Austin."

Waterfield favors "a little more creative way of taxing" to raise monies for education. He stated that he does not favor additional property taxes and would be reluctant to tap specific industries for more taxes. He does not believe a state lottery will be the answer sought by the lawmakers because it would provide no "instant money" and adds, "I think we'll see a franchise tax and a push for a new 'sin' tax." "Sin" taxes, he explained, are those put on liquor, beer and cigarettes.

"The task force wants education changed up completely," said Waterfield. He said this group wants to put education in a business set-up with a CEO-

(Chief Executive Officer) type person at the helm and regional offices overseeing the school district's. According to Waterfield, the task force wants an appointed State Board instead of an elected one and for the Legislative Education Board, made up of the appointees of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House, to "have more clout." He pointed out that this would take control of education away from educators.

"I like the (elected) State Board," Waterfield said. "There are some things I'd like to change in the State Board," he added, saying that he thought candidates for it should not run as Democrats or Republicans but without party affiliations, as in local school board elections.

One aspect of the school reform act that Waterfield called his "pet project" is changing from the "ten step" teaching salary schedule to another system. He said the steps need to be extended or redesigned for the experienced teacher so that teachers don't get to a level beyond which there is no salary advancement.

"The main thing I hope we get out of it is that we educate our children," Waterfield said. He explained that education bills typically get done in the "last five minutes" of the legislature's session in spite of the fact that education comprises as much as 55 per cent of the state's budget. He opposes a "band-aid" approach which would temporarily solve the school funding problem.

"I will go for a bill for education if it's a good deal," commented Waterfield, "but not if we band-aid this problem again!" He said he will not vote for an education bill that does not eliminate the ten step system.

In summary, Waterfield said, "I do want to be a part of education reform."



Spearman PTA honored its founding members in a special reception on Monday, Feb. 12. This reception was timed to coincide with the National PTA's Founder's Day. The National PTA was founded on

Feb. 17, 1897, making this month its 93rd birthday. The Spearman PTA was begun in 1920, according to Theresa Kirk, reception chairperson and PTA secretary. All those who held PTA offices between

this date and 1974 were invited to be recognized at Monday evening's reception. They included [back row, l-r] Virginia Trindle, Hazel Stumpf, Verna Jarvis, Altha Kirk, Athalie Traylor, Marie Beck, [front

row, l-r] Helen Fisher, Byrnic Callaway, Mary Brock, Freda Sheets, Dolly McWhirter and Mary Schumann.



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Fire Causes Injuries, Damage

by Jean Ann Behney

The Spearman Fire Department was called to the far southwest corner of Ochiltree County shortly after noon on Monday, Feb. 12 to fight a grass fire raging out of control.

Three Spearman fire trucks arrived between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. at the J.M. Kenney place, where Ass. Fire Chief Dale Moyer reported his group discovered a burning pickup, a barn on fire and a grass fire. Two Perryton units and two Gruver units were summoned to the scene to assist the Spearman firefighters. "The fires were contained by Gruver and Spearman, and our unit assisted in the grass fire," reported Junior Luther of Perryton's fire department.

The fire started when Verlin and Edward Beck's burning of some maize stubble on the south side of Farm Road 281 spread out of control, driven by suddenly gusting winds out of the southwest. The Becks' pickup stalled in the heat of the fire surrounding it, and the men had to cross through the flames to escape. By the time firefighters arrived, the two men had been taken to Hansford Hospital Emergency Room, where both were treated for second degree burns on their hands and faces. Edward Beck was admitted to the hospital, where he remains in good condition.

Moyer said the Spearman firefighters remained on the scene until about 5:30 p.m. when the fire was completely extinguished.

Five Spearman firefighters were treated in the Hansford Hospital Emergency Room for eye injuries caused by soot and smoke. Dr. Laurence Behney reported, "Most of them are fully recovered."

According to Ochiltree County Sheriff Joe Hataway, a small barn on the Kenney property containing an old pickup and a tractor burned, as well as two small stacks of hay and the Becks' late-model pickup truck.

Trosper Wins Award

Dallas Trosper, a Spearman High School student, has been selected as one of the Outstanding Volunteers for 1989 by the State Department of Human Services.

Dallas was nominated for the department's youth award by Rachelle Jones, children's protective worker in Borger, for his work in initiating and forming the "Foster Children of Hansford County" fund. He was able to collect nearly \$1,000 through his volunteer efforts to help foster children.

Because of his efforts, children will now receive Christmas and birthday gifts, not only this year but in future years. Dallas has arranged for this fund raising for foster children to be an on-going Boy Scout project.

Dallas, with the help of the Spearman community, is an excellent example of what volun-

teers can do to make a difference. This outstanding young man will be recognized at an award presentation ceremony on February 22 in Austin at the DHS State Office.



Dallas Trosper

Ellsworth Announces For Justice Of Peace

Gary Ellsworth has announced his candidacy in the Republican Primary for the office of Justice of the Peace.

A third generation Hansford County resident, Ellsworth, 40, is a self-employed house renovator and painter who also works at the Lyric Theatre. Upon graduation from Spearman High School in 1967, he attended West Texas State for two years and was graduated with an associate's degree in Commercial Electronics from Amarillo College's School of Vocational Arts in 1974.

After owning and operating an electronics sales and service shop in Amarillo for five years, Ellsworth moved to Dallas in 1980. His work experience there included heading renovation projects of apartment buildings in East Dallas and managing seven convenience stores.

Since his return to Spearman in 1986, Ellsworth has been involved in several church and community projects. He is youth minister at First Christian Church, where he is also a member and area board representative, and he is the adult supervisor for the high school 3-D Club, an organization dedicated to keeping youth drug-free. He is also associated with Families in Action, the local drug awareness/prevention program for parents, and has attended four conferences

of the Texas War on Drugs.

Ellsworth is the lay director for the Golden Spread Emmaus Chrysalis, a nondenominational spiritual growth and renewal organization for youth, and member of the Spearman Lion's Club.

He has a 12-year-old daughter, Jana, who lives in Houston.

Citing his community involvement and varied work experience as strengths he would bring to the position of Justice of the Peace, Ellsworth commented, "I would bring an open mind and a sensitive heart to this office. I am able to communicate with many different kinds of people. Good communication leads to people's cooperation."



Gary Ellsworth



Dr. and Mrs. Martin MacNeill visited Spearman from Utah last weekend. Dr. MacNeill was in Spearman for interviews concerning the possibility of his

setting up a medical practice here. They were guests at a reception and potluck meal Saturday evening.



Members of the FHA at S.H.S. delivered valentines to the residents at Hansford Manor on Monday. This is one of several projects the group is doing this week as part of National FHA week. Other events occurring during the week will include teacher

appreciation on Wednesday, a social and supper on Thursday, and a helium balloon release on Friday. FHA members include [l-r] Haley Lair, Tracy Thompson, Dana Barker and Gwen Benson.

WEATHER

	High	Low	Preci.
Fri.	55	25	
Sat.	60	30	
Sun.	71	32	
Mon.	78	43	
Tues.	52	33	
Wed.			

Club News

RAINBOWS AND RANGLERS

Six squares danced to the calls of Murry Beasley, "the Oklahoma Cowboy" from Texhoma, Okla., on Thursday, Feb. 8 in the Hansford County barn.

Visitors from Borger were Charley and Lois Williams and Morris and Ada Creel. Attending from Fritch were C.A. and Wilda Brown and Shorty and Leola Albert. From Dumas were Ray and Wilma Pershall and Joe and Kathy Irwen, and from Dalhart were Bob and Lural Enns and Harry and Mary Reynolds. Attending from Booker were Jack Clarke and George Brown.

Visiting from Elkhart, Kan. were Cecil and Maudie Stewart;

from Guymon, Okla. were Ross and Robba Bryan; from Goodwell, Okla. were Lester and Peggy Miller; and from Perryton were James and Norma Burris, Carol Highfield, Raymond Hesseil, June Kindy, Ed and Lois Merydith, Wayne and Glenda Bryant, Howard and Nancy Barkley, Landrum Osborne and Janet Broxson.

Members present included Joe and Wanda Archer, Alvin Byers, Benny and Joyce Byers, Tommie Dickey, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Donald Newman, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Carol Short, Gwen Shuler, Worley Smith and Johnny and Virginia White.

The group's next dance will be a "Mainstream Dance," with Tom McGee from Booker calling.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

It was of great interest to many here to learn that on Thursday Mike Ladd emplaned at Miami, Fla. for Ecuador.

Mike has enlisted in the Peace Corps and has finished his processing in Atlanta, Georgia. He will go to Quito, Ecuador where he will study the language before going into the field. He wasn't sure exactly what type of program would be assigned to him.

Mike was very active in high school here, then attended Baylor University at Waco where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He earned his Masters Degree in business administration at Tulane University in Louisiana. Later he studied in the Washington, D.C. area doing post graduate work in computers. Mike definitely is qualified for any area where his expertise might be needed.

He expects to call on other Spearman residents now living in Quito - Mike and Bonnie Shrode.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Stump are his grandparents, and his mother is Sandy Drake of Waka.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley were in Oklahoma City last Tuesday for a consultation with an eye doctor for Earl. They were accompanied by Anne and Pat Northcutt of Amarillo.

Fortunately no serious injuries resulted from an accident last Wednesday when Nancy Dooley struck a steer on Highway 207, two miles south of the blinking light. She, her daughters Ashley and Courtney, and Tiffany Rex were enroute to Stinnett to attend church about 7:30 in the evening when the accident occurred. They suffered some bruises and abrasions but did not require hospitalization. The car was extensively damaged. It was reported that the steer was owned by Mr. Blanton.

Janice Black of Brady has been in Spearman a few days recovering from an accidental injury received in an encounter with her dog.

Her mother, Ivan Allen, drove to Brady and brought her back to Spearman after medical treatment in Amarillo.

She returned to Brady with her mother and Maxine Banister during the weekend.

Don and Gloria Knox returned late Sunday evening from a weekend in Odessa. They were guests in the home of their son, Danny Knox and his family. The important event that required their presence was the 7th birthday of grandson Lee Isaac.

Guy and Idros Shields of Santa, Kan. were weekend guests of her brother, Don and Lynanne Maize and Jami.

Other callers on Sunday and sharing dinner with them were Hollie and Earl Riley.

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That old adage "The more things change, the more they stay the same" came to mind on Monday evening at the P.T.A. meeting, details of which will be found elsewhere. The early part of the meeting was a presentation of some old yearbooks to the Station House Museum, and the recognition of former presidents. In scanning the old yearbooks and hearing the presentation by the reception chairman, Teresa Kirk, one is aware that the basics do not change - some of the problems change, the personnel changes, the buildings change, the methods change, but the concern of the parents and the teachers for the welfare of the children is still evident, the intention of the administration to properly educate and influence the students is still strong, and the desire of all groups to cooperate for the common good is still there.

The "has-beens" express their appreciation for the courtesies shown and for the time and effort of the members and officers of the P.T.A.

An appalling tragedy was narrowly averted Monday afternoon when Verlin Beck and his son, Edward were burning some maize stubble north of their home, which is east of Spearman.

When they lit the fire, what little breeze there was would take the fire in a safe direction. Suddenly the wind shifted and increased, and the fire raced toward them. To escape, they jumped in the pickup and left but the rapidly advancing fire jumped the road right behind them. When the dense smoke prevented their going forward, they turned around to get through it, but shortly the intense smoke smothered the motor and the pickup wouldn't run. Their only chance was through the fire, which they knew was a short distance. They were burned on exposed areas, but their clothing protected them somewhat. Even their hair was singed. Adrian Thompson with Enron came and took them into Spearman to the hospital.

The fire continued and burned a barn on the Blodgett place and some equipment belonging to J.M. Kenney. The Spearman fire department prevented the Blodgett house from burning. The fire was extensive and the total acreage is not known. The Becks escaped severe smoke inhalation, possibly because of the strong wind.

Hospital Notes

Sat. Feb. 10

No admissions and no dismissals

Sun. Feb. 11

No admissions and no dismissals.

Mon. Feb. 12

Admissions were Caleb Shults, William Lapham, Harold Kelly, Edward Beck, Myrtle Henderson, and Thelma Wright.

No dismissals

Tues. Feb. 13

Admissions were Verlin Beck. Dismissals were Thelma Wright and Myrtle Henderson.

Texas

It's Like A Whole Other Country.



Sheila Stevens of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Herrera of Gruver announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Rhonda Stevens and Oscar Herrera. The couple will be united in marriage Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spearman. Friends and family of the couple are invited to attend. They plan to make their home in Las Vegas, Nev., where Herrera is a Security Specialist in the United States Air Force.

Obituary

Mrs. E. A. Greever

Mrs. E. A. Greever, 101, died Friday Feb. 2.

Services were Monday, Feb. 5 at the Apostolic Faith Church with the Rev. Leland Grimmer, pastor, and the Rev. Jacob Regier, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Greever was born near Alba, Mo. She married Edwin Adams Greever in 1911 at Alba, Mo. He died in 1975. She moved to Ochiltree County in 1911, where she lived on a farm five miles south of Waka until she moved to Spearman in 1974.

She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church and was a pastor in various Apostolic Faith

Police Files

by Joe Raper
Chief of Police

Over a period of several weeks, the Police Department has received several complaints about traffic on Main Street and Hancock, where people are traveling one direction and turn across the street to park or they are parked and back out across the street.

Some people may not be aware of a city ordinance that prohibits this type of driving, and some people simply choose to ignore the law.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the citizens of Spearman for their cooperation in obeying this law. The Police Department has enforced this law in the past and since such a large number of complaints have been received, more time will have to be dedicated to enforcing this law until compliance is assured.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



churches in the Hansford County area. She had written and published five hymnals and a book of poetry. For several years she wrote inspirational articles in *The Spearman Reporter*. Survivors include a son, W.R. Greever of Spearman; a daughter, Kathleen Sutton of Spearman; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Hometown News

Staff Sgt. William T. Monk has graduated from the Air Force noncommissioned officer leadership school.

The sergeant studied techniques of leadership, management and supervision.

Monk is a corrosion control specialist with the 12th Field Maintenance Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

He is the son of Angela A. Monk of 710 McKenzie, Stinnett, Texas.

The sergeant is a 1978 graduate of Stinnett High School.

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Watching Washington

In a recent issue of *Fortune Magazine* there's a picture of a smiling Texan in a McDonald's with his lunch order. He faxed the order in.

The article itself talks about how the fax machine is revolutionizing business, but then it gets to the real point. Like the TV or VCR the fax machine is an American invention—but foreign countries now produce almost all of them. Some blame American business. But high interest rates and resulting weak investment are to blame as well.

I want to see American innovations like these result in more jobs for American workers, more opportunities for American families.

The economic success of many of our foreign competitors like Japan—or Germany or Korea—are the result of policies instituted by America after World War II. We wanted them to succeed. And could there be any more triumphant vindication of the American approach than events of the last few months in Berlin, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Rumania?

As we enter the 1990s it is becoming increasingly clear that the challenges of the decade will be more economic than military. In order for America to be ready for these new challenges we need to rejuvenate and rebuild our economy.

Our national debt has nearly tripled over the last decade. Just the interest payments on it last year took the personal taxes of all taxpayers west of the Mississippi. Our foreign debt has tripled. In just three short years, we went from the world's largest creditor to its largest debtor nation.

Real interest rates—rates minus inflation—soared to record levels in the 1980s. Our prime rate is 10.5 percent compared to 9 percent in Germany—and 4.9 percent in Japan. The amount America invested in its economy dropped 25 percent in the past decade. And our productivity growth averaged a bare one percent, half or even a third less than in countries like Germany and Japan.

How can we do better? We must adopt policies to lower interest rates in order to boost investment. How can we compete abroad with countries whose cost of capital is less than half the American rate?

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I am proposing this year that the committee develop a comprehensive package of savings and investment incentives. That package will certainly include my proposal to restore and expand the Individual Retirement Account, or IRA, that was curtailed by the 1986 Tax Reform Act. We'll also take a look at other initiatives such as the President's Family Savings Account Plan.

Creating a savings incentive in the tax code would stimulate the economy and drive interest rates down. New studies have shown that IRAs are effective incentives to save. The Bentsen IRA would allow individuals at least a 50 percent tax deduction for contributions to an IRA account. It would also allow withdrawal from an IRA not only to pay for retirement—but also a first home or an education.

I would expect the committee to also consider a cut in the capital gains tax as part of the comprehensive effort to boost savings and investment in this country.

Increasing savings and investment will enable America to meet the economic challenges we will face in the 1990s. Having the capital there to back up the inventions of America's entrepreneurs—like the fax machine—will help ensure plenty of good paying, challenging jobs for American workers in the years ahead.

Hansford Happenings

An All School Reunion meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. at IV's Hungry Cowboy. All ex-students from all Spearman High School classes are urged to attend.

An area sheep meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hansford County Barn. The meeting, sponsored by Hansford County Extension, Panhandle Sheep and Wool Association, Perryton Equity, Farmland and Bovatec, is open to anyone interested in sheep and wool production. The meeting will include a hamburger supper and various demonstrations. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Spearman Equity at 659-2420, the Extension office at 659-2136 or Sam Karber at (405) 361-2398.

The Bureau of the Census still needs applicants for jobs taking the census, especially in Spearman and rural Hansford County. For information contact the Bureau of the Census, 3501-H W. 45th, Amarillo, TX 79109, telephone 354-3700.

"Quilters," starring Candy Boxwell of Spearman, will be presented Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spearman High School auditorium. The Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center of Spearman is sponsor for this Amarillo Little Theatre production. Palo Duro Players theater group will provide assistance with a stage crew and ushers for the play, and the Palo Duro Players, along with the Thirtysomething youth group, will be selling tickets. Hansford County residents are urged to mark the date and time on their calendars and plan to attend the play.

Spearman High School Chorale is now selling "BoosterShades" to show its support for the Lynx and Lynettes. Lynette fans are encouraged to obtain these shades and display them in their automobiles as the Lynettes head into the playoffs. Shades sell for \$5.00 each, and all proceeds will go toward Chorale's spring trip. BoosterShades are available from any Chorale member, or at Kids' Stuff, First National Bank, J.G.'s and Cates Men and Boys Wear.

Hansford Heart Association will host its annual fund raising banquet Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gruver. Anyone interested in becoming a Gold Star or Silver Star Sponsor for the Hansford Heart Association is encouraged to contact Teresa Barkley at 733-2395, or Mary Dixon (during office hours) at 659-3711.

Count Begins Soon

Very soon the 1990 Census will begin—the counting of every man, woman, and child living in the entire United States. The count determines congressional representation as well as the allocation of billions of dollars of Federal, state and local funds for many programs, including health, welfare, housing and education. The Census is the foundation for economic planning at every level: many businesses use census statistics for research, advertising, and marketing.

Counting people dates back to colonial days, when the need for a census was soon discovered. The Constitution (Art. I, Sec. 2) states, "The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by law direct."

Because representation in Congress is vitally affected by the Census count, battles have already begun in an effort to influence the procedure. More than one attempt has been made on the floor of the House of Representatives to exclude undocumented aliens from the Cen-

sus count, even though they use local and state services, just like anyone else.

APRIL 1ST IS CENSUS DAY: The 1990 count will be a "do-it-yourself" census taken largely by mail. Every household will receive a census questionnaire through the mail shortly before Sunday, April 1 -- Census Day. After a couple of weeks, residents will be further contacted, if their forms have not been returned.

Processing and tabulation of the more than 106 million questionnaires will occur in seven processing centers between April and October of 1990 in order to report the count for each state to the President by December 31, 1990, as required by law.

Then, by April 1, 1991, just a year after Census Day, the Census Bureau will make available to state officials the small-area counts needed to carry out redrawing state and local election districts and legislative boundaries.

Texas is expected to gain three members of the U.S. House of Representatives, which will further increase our state's influence in Congress during the next decade.

THANK YOU

The family of Mrs. E.A. Greever would like to thank all our friends for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and food during the illness and death of our Mother and Grandmother.

A special thanks to Dr. Sangalang and the nursing staff of Hansford Manor for your excellent care of her.

May God bless each one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Greever
Robert and Stephen Greever
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reynolds & Jan
Mr. and Mrs. David Batson, Troy & Heather
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Panhandle Events

THE TEMPEST - ALT

On March 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 8:00 p.m. The Amarillo Little Theatre will be presenting "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. Preview night featuring reduced ticket prices will be Thursday, March 1 at 8:00 p.m.

This classic tale, one of Shakespeare's last works, is a comedy that will entertain people of all ages. What should prove exciting about this production is that Director Allen Shankles has set this play in the 21st century. The updated version will feature futuristic sets, costumes and special effects, while keeping the dialogue and story line intact. The result will be an exciting new look for a centuries-old play.

Tickets are available at Amarillo Little Theatre by calling 355-9991 for reservations. Discounts for Students and Senior Citizens are available. Group rates are also available.

Spring Fling-PSU - Goodwell

Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Okla. will hold its "Spring Fling '90" Friday, March 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Hughes Strong Auditorium on the PSU campus.

Spring Fling '90 is PSU's all-campus visitation weekend for high school seniors and junior college transfers for the 1990 spring semester. The event is sponsored by the PSU Admissions Office. Registration deadline is Monday, March 12.

More information can be obtained by calling (405) 349-2611, ext. 374.

FIRST UMC - PERRYTON

First United Methodist Church of Perryton has announced that Dr. Kenneth Wyatt will be guest speaker Sunday, Feb. 18 during the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.

TEXAS AUDITIONS - CANYON

Auditions for the musical drama "TEXAS" are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 at West Texas State University in Canyon. The director needs to fill 140 salaried positions including 32 singers, 14 actors, 25 dancers, six instrumentalists and 16 technicians. Auditions will be held at Mary Moody Northern Hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with dancers at 4 p.m. Auditions are open to anyone age 18 or over. More information, audition brochures and reservations for the show are available by calling 806-655-2181 or by writing P.O. Box 268, Canyon, TX 79015-0268.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To put dates on this calendar, please call the Spearman Reporter Phone 659-3434.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 *SHS Basketball Panhandle There JV & Varsity Girls & Boys *Jr. High Basketball West Texas 9th Grade Tournament *Groundhog Day *Flame Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	3
4 * Attend the Church of your choice	5 * Rotary Meeting *Hansford Showtime Car Club 7:30 p.m. *Jr. High Basketball vs. West Texas Boys There Girls Here	6 *SHS Basketball Highland Park There JV & Varsity Girls & Boys *Defensive Driving Course 6-10 p.m. Home Demonstration Club Room *Lions Club	7	8 *Rainbows & Ranglers Square Dance Lessons 8 p.m. County Barn	9 *SHS Basketball West Texas Here JV & Varsity Girls & Boys *SHS Basketball White Deer Tournament JV Girls & Boys	10
11 * Attend the Church of your choice	12 *Spearman PTA 6:30 p.m. *Blood Drive 3-7 p.m. Parish Hall *Abraham Lincoln's Birthday *Rotary Meeting	13 *Lion's Club	14 *Valentine's Day *C of C Women's Division Executive Board 12:00 p.m. Chamber Office	15	16 *Hansford Heart Association Banquet 7 p.m. First Baptist Church Gruver	17
18 *Attend the Church or your choice	19 *Rotary Meeting *Presidents' Day	20 *Lion's Club	21 *C of C Women's Division Meeting 12:00 p.m. Home Demonstration Club Room	22 *George Washington's Birthday	23	24
25 *Attend the Church of your choice	26 *Rotary Meeting	27 *Lions Club	28			

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Basketball Roundup

JV LYNX

In their second game of the White Deer Tournament, the Lynx junior varsity beat the Wheeler JV by a score of 34-31. Scoring in the Saturday, Feb. 10 game were

Russell Shaver 18
Justin Boyd 8
Koss Jarvis 7
Brian Kidder 1

In their third game of the White Deer Tournament, played Saturday, Feb. 10, the Lynx JV were undone by the Claude JV, 39-41. JV Lynx scoring included

Mark Eakin 10
Russell Shaver 10
Justin Boyd 7
Brian Kidder 6
Darlan Hawkins 2
Ross Jarvis 2

JV LYNXETTES

Kirkland Helps Tech To Winning Season

by Cayla Eaton

Krista Kirkland, a 1989 graduate of Spearman High School, played one of her final basketball games of the season Tuesday, Feb. 13 as a freshman at Texas Tech.

Krista and her teammates hosted Houston Tuesday at the Municipal Coliseum in Lubbock. She has been described as one of Tech's most effective outside shooters.

Kirkland has averaged 5.5 points per game during the last six games. She, along with teammates Farst, Schilling and Hobbs, accounted for 56 points and were 20-of-43 from the floor when they dominated in a 76-45 win against Texas Christian last Saturday.

The Raiders, 14-8 overall and 7-4 in Southwest Conference games, will try to continue that surge throughout the rest of the

team won their third game of the White Deer Tournament, played against West Texas. Final score in the game was 46-33, and JV Lynxettes scoring included

Brandi Schneider 7
Cindy Melton 6
Michelle Garnett 6
Lori Lieb 6
Carla Greene 6
Shannon Holton 5
Holly Jarvis 4
Melody Schumann 4
Sonya Nitschke 2

Varsity Lynxettes

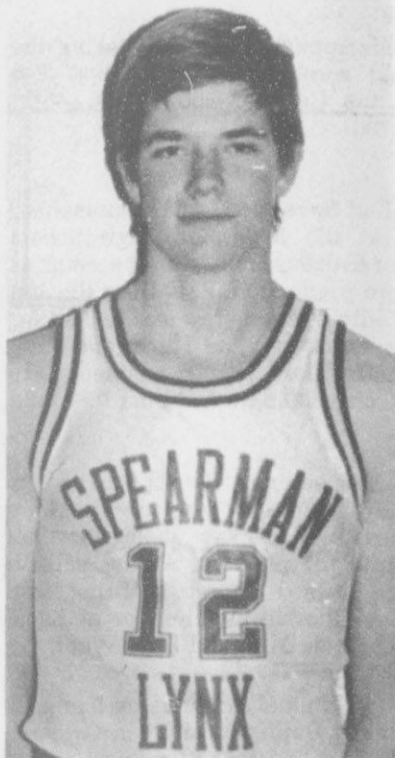
The varsity Lynxettes came away with a victory over West Texas in their last district game. In front of their hometown fans the Lynxettes outscored W.T. 42 to 34. The scoring for the Lynxettes is as follows:

Michelle Cook 2
Bonnie Thompson 1
Laci Lasater 7
Jill Lusby 4
Mendy Lasater 4
Vonda Benson 4
Laura Pearson 2
Tamri Townsen 4
Kyla Nelson 14

Varsity Lynx

The varsity Lynx ended the district basketball season with a loss to West Texas, 44 - 67. The scoring for the Lynx is as follows:

Khris Kelp 2
Cody Pipkin 2
Chris Strawn 5
Dallas Trosper 2
Clint DeArmond 4
Brian Beck 4
Chad Riggins 2
Alan Howell 5
Tim Kizziar 7
Joel Shields 11



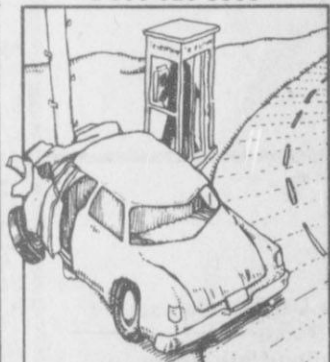
Playing his last home game for the Lynx basketball team was senior Clint DeArmond.

MENS LEAGUE

Week three of the Activity Center's Mens League play included: Game 1, Stan's Raiders 47, Last Place 33; Game 2, Donahue Ditching 81, Spearman Coaches 46; Game 3, Gruver 55, Rodger's Ramblers 48; Game 4, Enron 44, Church of Christ 33. League standings after three weeks:

Donahue Ditching	3-0
Enron	2-0
Stan's Raiders	2-1
Gruver	2-1
Wild Bunch	1-1
Spearman Coaches	1-1
Rodger's Ramblers	1-2
Last Place	0-3
Church of Christ	0-3

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A message from this newspaper and the Texas Department of Public Safety

Lynxettes Take Second

With their victory last Friday night against West Texas, the varsity Lynxettes finished district play in second place. They now move on to bi-district competition against Wellington on Friday, Feb. 16 at Tascosa Activity Center in Amarillo. The game will start at 7:30 pm.

In an interview Lynxettes' coach Jim Kirkland said the team felt some disappointment in not finishing first in the district. He was quick to add that past Lynxette teams have done better in the state tournament when they finished second in district instead of first. "The road is open to get to state, we just need to travel it," he concluded.

The first step on that road is a win over Wellington. The Lynxettes met Wellington earlier in the season, in the finals of the Canadian Tournament. They lost that game by a substantial margin. Kirkland believes his Lynxettes are a better team now.

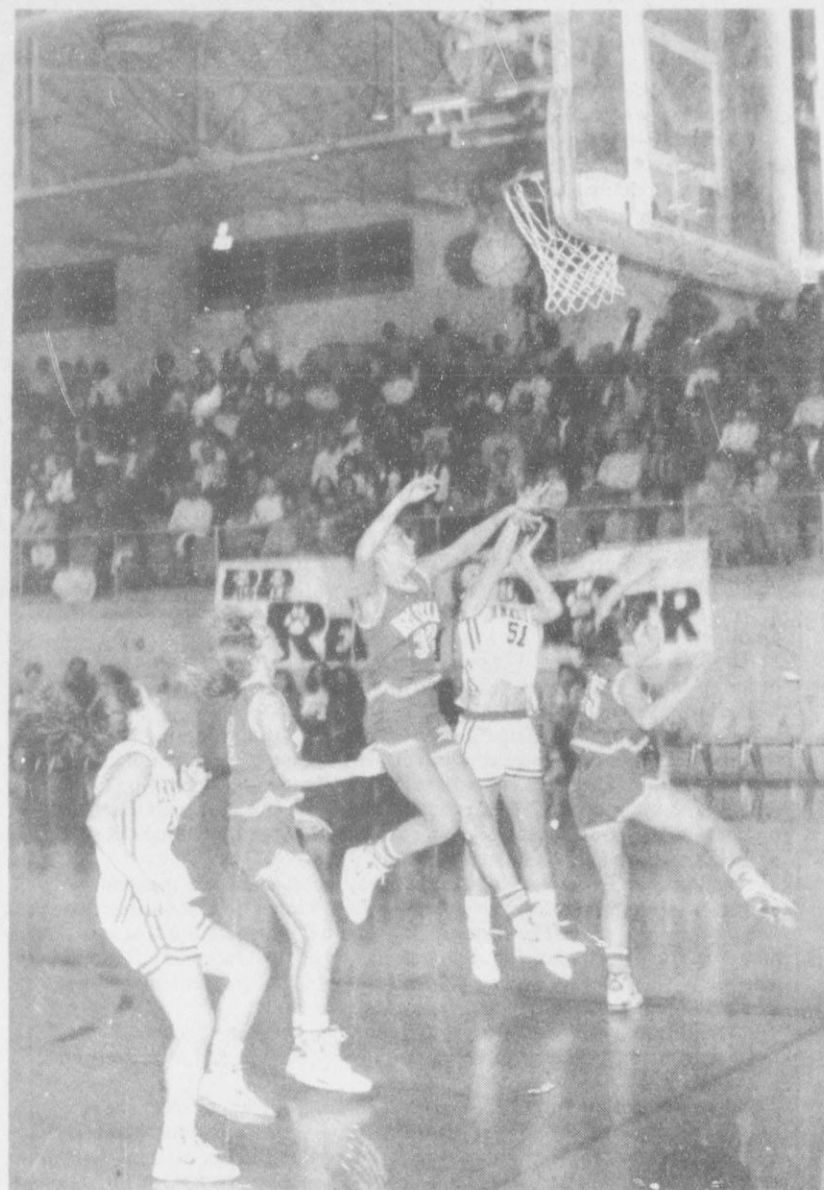
"We were a good defensive team. It carried us through the early season," he commented. He further stated that his team has been getting better offensively as the season progressed.

The Lynxettes will have a whole week of practice to get ready for the Wellington game. During the practices, the girls will be working on changing to different defenses smoothly in addition to working on the posting game on offense. Kirkland's game plan calls for a full court press defense that collapses into combination man-for-man and zones as the ball crosses mid-court. On offense, the Lynxettes will try to get the ball in to the low posts and have them go to the basket for the lay-up or a foul and free throws.

When asked what the keys to victory over Wellington are Kirk-

land responded, "The kids must be focused on what we want to do. They must be ready to react, not

think. We must keep them off the boards, cut down on our turnovers, and make our free shots."



Tamri Townsen releases her shot just before a West Texas defender can block it. Mendy Lasater [21]

move toward the basket to cover the rebound.

Commission Meets

The Texas Rural Economic Development Commission held its first meeting in Austin to begin work in developing recommendations to revitalize rural Texas and expand agribusiness industries.

State Representative Dick Waterfield (Canadian) authored House Bill 438 creating the Rural Economic Development Commission during the 71st regular legislative session.

The commission consists of nine appointed members including Representative Waterfield who was appointed by House Speaker Gib Lewis. Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is the commission chairman.

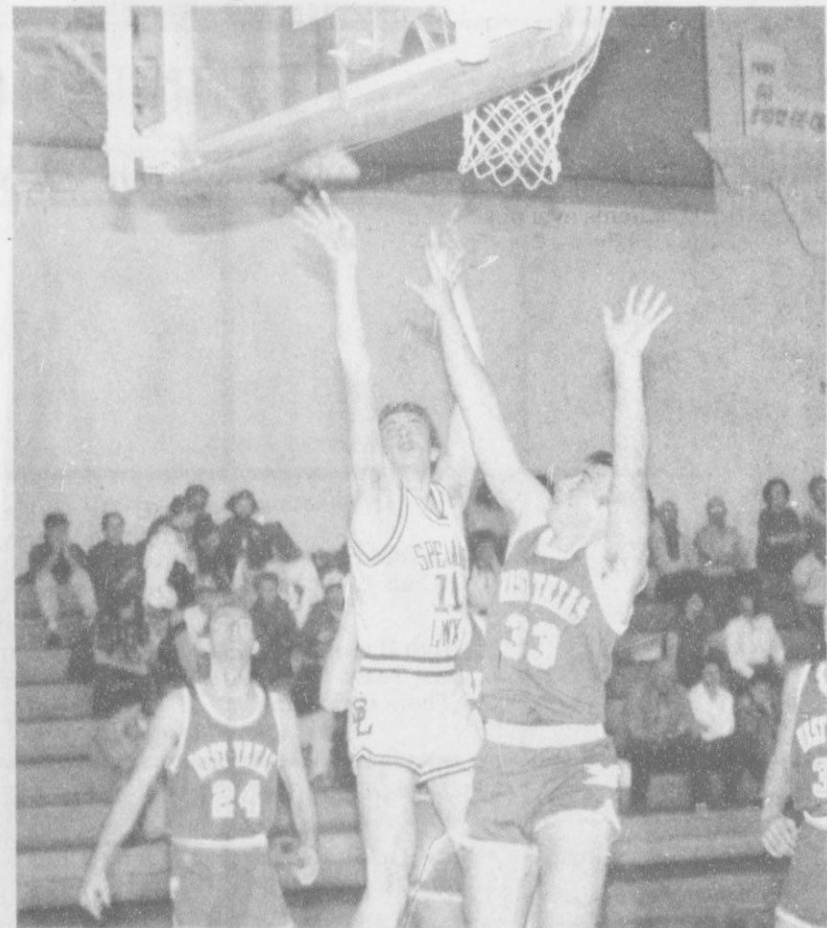
Other panhandle members of the commission include Joe Cook of Perryton and Marjorie Cone Kastman of Lubbock.

Recently appointments by the commission members were made for a task force. Cheryl Pink of Amarillo who is currently the economic development specialist for Southwestern Public Service will serve on this task force. Greg Ingham, city manager of Leveland, and Ron Mertens, President of the Board of Commerce and Industry in Wichita Falls, were also appointed to the task force.

Task force meetings are scheduled for February 26 in Lubbock, February 27 in Amarillo and March 2 in Wichita Falls.



In 1948, RCA Victor introduced the 45 rpm record, giving it the code name of "Madame X."



Cody Pipkin [11] puts up a shot over a West Texas defender in Fridays Varsity Lynx game.

Gun Club Holds Shoot

The Hansford County Gun Club held a junior - adult rifle shoot on Sunday, Feb. 11. About 25 junior and adult shooters came to the range, just off Highway 15 midway between Gruver and Spearman.

Top three finishers in the junior division were Clint Sasser, Kory Brown, and Keith Winegarner.

The top shooter among the adults was Buddy Hopper, match winner. Other top finishers were

Frank Edward (AA scoped), J.L. Musick (AA open), Bruce Bailey (A open), Richard Sasser (A scoped) and Terry Porter (A scoped).

The gun club holds pistol shoots the first and third Sunday of every month. They will hold future rifle shoots the fourth Sunday of every month.

All interested shooters are welcomed to come out and participate.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **Original Petition to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for protective clothing and footwear for the municipal firefighting service will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, at the office of the City Manager up until 2:00 p.m., March 6, 1990, and then publicly opened and read.

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All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope of the type of bid being submitted.

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Intentions to Drill

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)
J.M. Huber Corp., #20 Lucas (607.9 ac) Sec. 7, --, J.M. Swisher, PD 3500'

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)
J.M. Huber Corp., #21 Lucas (607.9ac) Sec. 7, --, J.M. Swisher, PD 3500'

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Diversified Production Services, Inc., #5-18 Terry Thompson 'A' (160 ac) Sec. 18,44,H&TC, PD 2700'

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Diversified Production Services, Inc., #6-18 Terry Thompson 'A-2' (160 ac) Sec. 18,44,H&TC , PD 2700'

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Diversified Production Services, Inc., #12-18 Terry Thompson 'A-3' (160 ac) Sec. 18,44, H&TC, PD 2700'

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & SCHULTZ Lower Morrow) Zinke & Trumbo, Ltd., #1-120 Stewart Trust (645 ac) Sec. 120,10,HT&B, PD 8750'

SHERMAN (WILDCAT & TEXAS HUGOTON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Bivins 'Y' (652.8 ac) Sec. 17,3-B,GH&H, PD 3450'

Application to Plug-Back

LIPSCOMB (SKUNK CREEK Hepler & SKUNK CREEK Cleveland) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Schultz '716' (640 ac) Sec. 716,43, H&TC, PD 10280'

Application to Re-Enter

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Gifford Operating Co., #2-56 Edwards (320 ac) Sec. 56,A-4, H&GN, PD 13940'

Gas Well Completions

HANSFORD (EAST SPEARMAN Douglas) Strat Land Exploration, Inc., #3 Morton, Sec. 114, 4-T,T&NO, elev. 3098 kb, spud 12-3-89, drlg. compl 12-10-89, tested 1-23-90, potential 4300 MCF, rock pressure 1210, pay 5088-5098, TD 5126', PBD 5120'

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) New London Oil, Inc., #2 Purdum Unit, Sec. 901,43,H&TC, elev. 2693 gr, spud 10-14-89, drlg. compl 10-28-89, tested 12-26-89, potential 1190 MCF, rock pressure 1416, pay 7520-7781, TD 7865', PBD 7849'

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Caprock Engineering, Inc., #2 Bart 'B', Sec. 88,7,I&GN, spud 2-17-84, plugged 11-29-89, TD 3386' (oil) --

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Caprock Engineering, Inc., #1 Hodges, Sec. 250,B-2,H&GN, spud 7-12-84, plugged 12-2-89, TD 3550' (oil) -- Form 1 filed in Kim Petroleum Co.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-130 Barrett, Sec. 130,3,I&GN, spud 1-24-84, plugged 1-17-90, TD 3500' (oil) --
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Sidwell

Oil & Gas, Inc., #6 Latham, Sec. 153,3,I&GN, spud 11-12-83, plugged 1-26-90, TD 3550' (oil) --
HEMPHILL (GEM HEMPHILL Lower Douglas) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #3-93 Forgy '93', Sec. 93,41,H&TC, spud in May 1977, plugged 12-14-89, TD 8380' (oil) -- Form 1 filed in Gulf Oil Corp.

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) B&B Farm Industries, Inc., #2-182 Anvil Park 'A', Sec. 182,41,H&TC, spud 9-26-81, plugged 10-21-89, TD 7110' (gas) --
HEMPHILL (CAMPBELL RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dyco Petroleum Corp., #1-13 J.W. Campbell, Sec. 13,1,I&GN, spud 10-9-77, plugged 12-20-89, TD 11975' (oil) -- Form 1 filed in Hoover & Bracken Energies

HEMPHILL (CAMPBELL RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dyco Petroleum Corp., #1-36 Campbell, Sec. 36,1, I&GN, spud 3-23-78, plugged 12-7-89, TD 12000' (oil) -- Form 1 filed in Hoover & Bracken Energies

LIPSCOMB (NORTH COBURN Lower Morrow) Maxus Exploration Co., #1 Gilbert Hill, Sec. 433, 43,H&TC, spud 1-19-64, plugged 1-18-90, TD 11160' (gas) -- Form 1 filed in the Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp.

OCHILTREE (LOCKHART Basal Morrow) Woods Petroleum Corp., #1 Walton, Sec. 1026,43, H&TC, spud 5-18-82, plugged 1-12-90, TD 9450' (gas) --

Best Buys For February Listed

COLLEGE STATION--Best buys at meat counters in February will continue to be poultry and some classes of seafood, since beef and pork supplies are limited, said Dr. Dick Edwards, a food marketing expert with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Edwards said a number of cuts of beef and pork will be featured in food advertisements this month, however, including chuck roasts, round steak, sirloin, pork chops and picnic roasts.

"Both chicken and turkey will be among good buys," he said. Look for specials on whole chickens to be about 49 cents a pound in most cities each week, with a few priced at about 39 cents a pound. Turkey specials will range from 60 to 75 cents a pound. Farm-raised catfish will be featured frequently in February, Edwards said.

Seafood items featured this month will include scallops, ocean perch, turbot and shark, as well as medium shrimp priced at less than \$3.50 per pound, and orange roughly and hake from New Zealand, ranging from \$2 to \$4.50 a pound.

Edwards said lettuce, spinach and broccoli from California and Arizona, which were not affected by the December freeze, will be available in normal supply.

Domestic greens, such as collard, kale, mustard and turnip greens, weathered the cold without severe damage and will be available in good supply and occasionally put on special.

"Imported fruits from Chile are arriving at local markets just in time to supplement the losses from the devastating freeze that hit both Texas and Florida," Edwards aid.

Included will be peaches, plums, nectarines, raspberries and grapes. The latter item sparked a great controversy last year, when two Chilean grapes laced with cyanide were found in Philadelphia, Edwards recalled.

"The scare halted supplies a while last year, but also had a long-term beneficial effect. Now, all supplies that arrive from Chile undergo a much more stringent inspection for tampering and unwanted chemical residues," he said.

Consumers also will find fewer and more expensive tomatoes, cabbage, squash, green beans and sweet corn at produce counters as

a result of the freeze, Edwards said, as well as limited citrus offerings from areas other than Texas and Florida.

"In some cases, consumers may have to turn to canned or frozen products to satisfy their vegetable needs," he said.

Cold weather food items such as canned soup will be among best sellers in February, along with nonfood choices such as cough and cold remedies.

For St. Valentine's Day gift-giving, most supermarkets also

will feature cards, candy and a variety of floral offerings in their selections. Flower arrangements that focus on carnations, mums and tulips will be plentiful, as well as a large selection of container plants.

For shoppers who wish to capture the essence of Valentine's Day with roses, these should be priced from \$12 to \$15 a dozen. Edwards cautioned that supplies of roses will be sold very quickly at these prices, so consumers should shop early.

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by Roy Harris
Superintendent
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What ever happened to the good ole preachin' preachers? You know, the ones that could preach you into hell and out again all in one sermon. Modern seminary-educated preachers need to loosen up some. Too often they are academic and dull.

In my opinion, a fellow shouldn't call himself a preacher until he has mastered such things as yellin', pulpit poundin' oratory, cryin', "hallelujah" shoutin', actin', and story tellin'. If a preacher can't demonstrate all these attributes in one sermon, he isn't a real preacher - a minister maybe, but not a preacher. Being theologically sound is OK, but "goodness" don't sound like a textbook.

As a young boy, I thought going to church was exciting! The excitement was due to the fact that the preacher always put on a grand performance every Sunday. When he described "Hell," he would put me on a skewer, roast my hide, and turn me golden brown. His Jezebel, Nero, and Herod were not misguided instruments of the devil. They were down and dirty villains - the kind you hissed and booed. The Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, and Paul he described were masculine, hairy-legged, hairy-chested heroes. Ester, Ruth, and Mary were beautiful courageous women. Preachers would paint word pictures so vivid that I would feel I was standing in the Holy Land and was a part of the action. I was right up there in that sycamore tree with Zaccheus watching the Lord come down the street!

I heard an old preacher by the name of R.G. Lee tell how Jezebel

fell from her wicked balcony bursting like a ripe watermelon. He described how the dogs licked the blood off her ribs as they stuck through her skin.

If you have ever studied Michelangelo's religious paintings, like the ones on the walls and ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, you will have some idea of the graphic language real preachers use. I can still remember the hot rage I felt when one preacher portrayed the gloating of Salome holding up a silver tray dripping blood from the head of John the Baptist.

Not all preachin' is blood and gore or fire and brimstone. With equal eloquence, a good preacher could describe in beautiful words the strong loving God seeking to reconcile his wayward children. After one sermon on "Sin," I remember how guilty I felt for shooting out window glasses of a neighbor's chicken house with my B.B. gun. A good preacher could make you really examine yourself.

Some of the best preachers I ever heard were "missionaries."

Foreign missionaries were the best because they had colored slides. When I was young, there was no T.V. and the movie theater was only open on Friday and Saturday night. So, when a missionary came to town with colored slides, it was rare entertainment. These missionaries were the tough kind. They rode horseback, drove Land Rovers, and paddled canoes into the deep dark jungles of the world to bring the word of God to the poor ignorant inhabitants of the country. Boy, what an adventure!!!

Good preachin' requires just the right blend of enthusiasm, acting, and language (not too sophisticated). The preacher must know when to shout and when to whisper, when to laugh and when to cry. Most of all, he must know his people. Using all of his skills, he must encourage the development of the spiritual side of their lives.

Rock stars do it. Cheerleaders do it. Businessmen do it. Politicians do it. Why can't preachers do it. What? Get excited!!!

FLBA Offers New Rates

PAMPA - Long-term loans for the purchase of rural real estate are available from High Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) at a fixed interest rate of 7/8 percent for 15 years.

The program was announced today by local FLBA President, Robert R. Williams, Jr.

The loans have a fixed interest rate for 15 years and generally may be amortized for longer

terms, with no prepayment penalty. At the end of the 15-year fixed-rate period, the interest rate will convert to the Farm Credit Bank of Texas variable rate.

Loans are available to qualified buyers for new purchases only. A one percent fee will be charged on all loans closed.

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WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION
FOR SOME PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

Dear Commissioner Nabers, I read in the newspaper about the new Payday Law which is going to be administered by TEC, and I have a question. The article said that employers cannot withhold any part of an employee's wages unless authorized to do so by a court, state or federal law, or the employee himself in writing. Employers were cautioned about this last part because, I take it, many employers withhold from paychecks for things like insurance, uniforms, or wage advancements without getting written permission from the employee. What could happen if an employer did not have this written authorization but withheld from an employee's paycheck, anyway?

L.G.
Rowena, Tx.

Dear L.G., Technically, the employee could bring a wage complaint against the employer under the new Payday Law...and win. This would mean that the employer would have to pay the full amount of wages and try to recoup the amount the employee owes him through some other kind of legal action. Employers who make a habit of advancing wages or making loans to employees stand to get burned if they have only a verbal understanding with the

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employee that those funds will come out of the next paycheck. Keeping in mind that any deductions must be for a LAWFUL purpose, employers should write up a list of those items which are commonly deducted from an employee's paycheck and have every employee authorize those deductions in writing.

Dear Commissioner Nabers, I recently bought a business and was advised by the TEC that I would have a 2.7% unemployment tax rate because that is the entry level rate for a new business. I know for a fact that this same business had a .64% tax rate last year and would quite likely have qualified for the minimum 1990 rate of .29% because there were no claims filed. Why isn't it possible for me to carry on with this lower rate since my predecessor is no longer in business at all?

M.W.
Houston, Tx.

Dear M.W., If you had bought this business prior to September 1, 1989, you would automatically have received the predecessor's good unemployment insurance experience. However, the law was changed to do away with the mandatory transfer of tax rate when a total acquisition of a business occurs, except under very limited circumstances. I am sending you a brochure from my office which explains this in more detail.

This was one of those laws which cuts both ways. You could just as easily get bad experience from a predecessor as good. Businesses which got saddled with a predecessor's bad rate felt that they should not have to pay for someone else's bad management practices. In some cases this provision was working as a disincentive to economic growth, so the legislature changed it. The disadvantage, as you are seeing, is that good experience is no longer available to a successor either.

Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers represents all Texas employers. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 TEC Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Tx., 78778.



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