

Junior Livestock Show, Sale Successful

The Hansford County Junior Livestock Show drew 220 of the county's best young farmers and cattlemen to the Gruver County Barn Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, to show and sell their animal projects.

After the show competitions, the gathering of community businessmen bid and paid a total of \$120,941.10 for the animal projects presented by the young people. According to Norma Jean Mackie, this figure is down from last year's, due to the fact that fewer steers were sold this year.

Following is a list of participants in the livestock sale on Saturday.

STEERS

Showmanship - Brandon Vanderburg
Grand Champ - Ashley Brown \$2540. - DGC Feeders
Reserve Grand - Brant Armes \$3327.50 - Gruver Farm Supply
First - Leslie Latta \$1590. - Winger Cattle Co.
First - Kelly McCloy \$1904. - First National Bank, Spearman
2nd - Jason Harnish \$1236. - DGC Feeder
2nd - Brandon Vanderburg \$1460.40 - Hansford Implement
2nd - Tom Kirk \$1710.80 - Morse Implement
2nd - Marty McCloy \$2744. - H & H Water Well
3rd - Leah Jo Mackie \$1480.50 - Winger Cattle Co.
3rd - Kevin Williams \$1788. - McCloy Feed Lot
3rd - Stacy Williams \$1927.50 - Boots Williams
3rd - Carrie Burton \$1692 - Davin Winger
4th - Paul Trosper \$1721.60 - First State Bank, Spearman
4th - Chris Brooks \$1521. - Palo Duro Feedyard
4th - Clancy Vanderburg \$1536. - Britt Jarvis
4th - Chris Stork \$1662. - 5 Star Implement
5th - Quentin Shieldknight \$2648.45 - 5 Star Equipment
5th - Shane Harnish \$1485.60 - Jerry Williams
5th - Cherlynn Thompson \$1750. - Gruver Redi Mix
5th - Kelly Shieldknight \$1890. - First State Bank, Spearman
6th - Brian Howell \$1475.50 - Spearman Bi-Products
6th - Cody Brooks \$1488.00 - Texas Beef Producers
6th - Chad Stork \$1683.50 - Williams Bros.
6th - Bruce Howell \$1584. - Billy Brown

LAMBS

Showmanship - Kevin Williams
Grand Champ - Tommi Latta \$2095.50 - First State Bank
Reserve Grand - Brandon Vanderburg \$643.50 - Gruver Equity
Breed Champ Southdown - Amber Roberts

\$395.50 - Continental Grain
Breed Champ Dorset - Michelle Cook \$488 - Hicks/Seagler
Res. Breed Southdown - Lance Sparks \$770 - Gruver State Bank
Res. Breed Dorset - Lexy Spivey \$500 - Mike McLain
1st Market Lamb - Kacee Smith \$535 - First State Bank, Spearman
1st Market - Sharlett Slough \$690 - Dutch Clawson
1st Market Lamb - Kevin Williams \$738 - Dutch Clawson
2nd Market Lamb-Jeryme Hunter \$588 - Gruver Ford
2nd Market Lamb-Mandy Kenney \$880 - J.M. & Deana Kenney
2nd Market Lamb - Chris Spivey \$600 - Dutch Clawson
2nd Market - Leslie Latta \$625 - Gruver State Bank
2nd Market Lamb - Bonnie Jarvis \$910 - Flint Rock Feed Lot
3rd Market Lamb - Marci Roberts \$508.50 - Bunkhouse
3rd Market Lamb - Cassie Butt \$620 - Crazy Corner Store
3rd Market Lamb - Greg Slough \$700 - Gruver State Bank
3rd Market Lamb - Jarrod Hoel \$575 - John Armes
3rd Market Lamb - Traci Scribner \$580 - Louis Schnell Electric
3rd Market - Mark Eakin \$630 - Mary Gentry
3rd Market - Jimbo Tucker \$524 - Caprock II
4th Southdown - Cori Lowe \$910 - Bart Thoreson
4th Dorset Market - Kelly Boone \$400 - Dennis Stedje
4th Market - Kathy Slough \$707 - Panhandle Spraying
4th Lamb - Joel Shields \$504 - Latta Sisters
4th Lamb - Shane Harnish \$480 - Britt Jarvis
4th - Kenny Slough \$504 - Growers Ag, Dumas
4th - Gaylon Slough \$635 - Dutch Clawson
5th - Holly Venneman \$416 - Mike McLain
5th - Kevin Spivey \$560 - Gruver Farm Supply
5th - Clint Venneman \$585 - Brad & Gyene Spivey
5th - Scott Stedje \$750 - Monty Cluck
5th - Chad Riggins \$598.50 - Spearman Auto
6th - Chad Gardiner \$583 - Ralph McCune
6th - Kyla Nelson \$690 - First National Bank, Spearman
6th - Brant Armes \$702 - Mike McLain
6th - Shannon Burke \$369 - Brown & Graham
6th - Leah Jo Mackie \$455 - KRDF
7th - Traci Martin \$490.50 - Pittman & Sons
7th - Jill Hoel \$575 - Linda Venneman
7th - Candice Pipkin \$840 - Johnny Pipkin
7th - Dawn McCullough \$615 - Dutch Clawson
7th - Matt Etheredge \$910 - McCloy Rodeo Co.

8th - Kim Venneman \$715 - Dan Ralston
8th - Clay Scribner \$595 - Cluck Feed Lot
8th - Ramon Hinojos \$500 - Joe T. Venneman
8th - Richard DeSantiago \$472.50 - Bort Agency
9th - Lena Harbour \$833 - H&H Water Well Service
9th - Shelley Stedje \$882 - Bort Agency
10th - Carla Greene \$922.50 - First State Bank, Spearman

SWINE
Showmanship - Clint DeArmond
Grand Champ - Brant Armes \$2125 - H&H Water Well Service
R. Grand Swine-Autumn - \$630 - Gruver Agri. Ind.
Breed Champ - Amanda Anderson \$535.50 - Monte Black
Breed Champ - Clint DeArmond \$372 - Hansford Imp.
Breed Champ - Ashley Wagner \$896 - Hansford Implement

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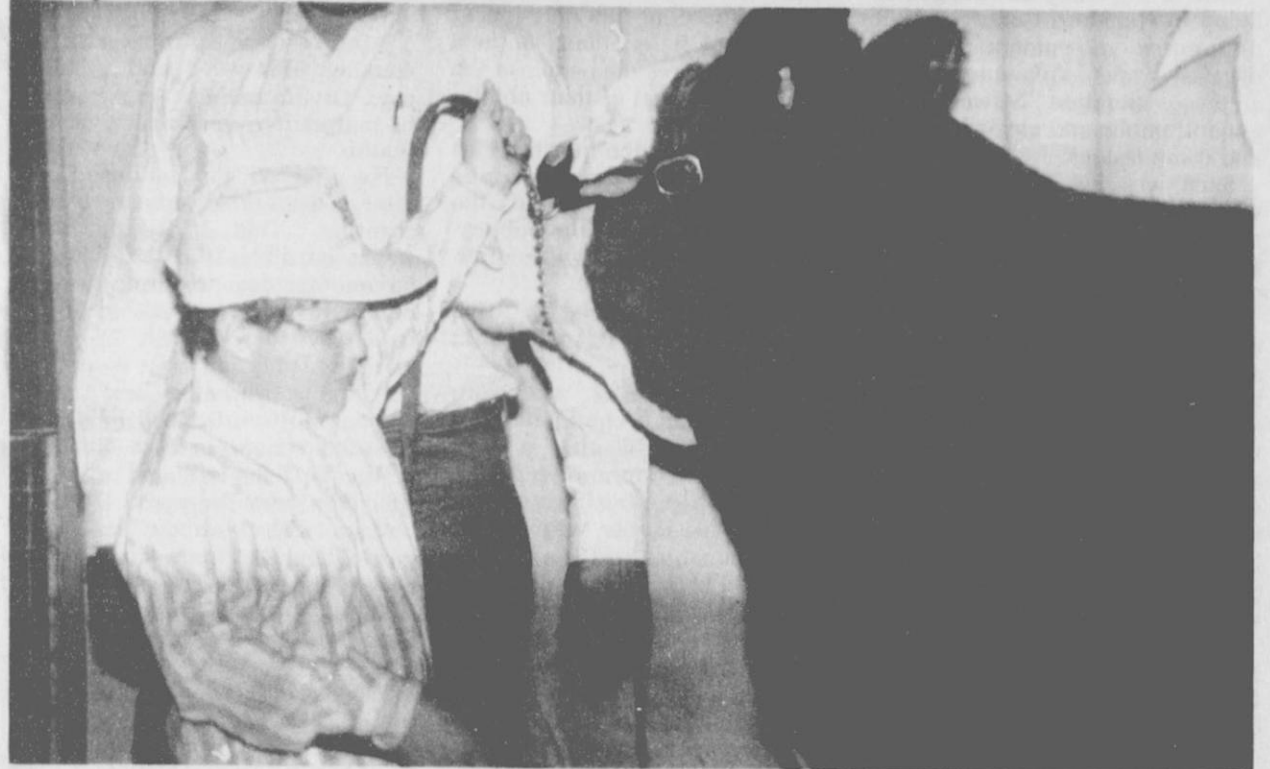


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Hansford County 4-Her proudly displays this steer for the judge at the Livestock Show.

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

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Graham To Tour With Choir

ABILENE - Mechelle Graham of Spearman is one of 44 members of the Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir who will be touring churches and schools in Texas and New Mexico March 30-April 5.

The first concert will be at Lee High School in Midland, at 11:30 a.m. on March 30, for members of Lee and Midland High School choirs.

The HSU musicians will sing, also on March 30, at the Taylor

Memorial Baptist Church, Hobbs, N.M.

On Sunday, April 1, the choir will sing at two churches in Lubbock, including the Indiana Baptist Church during the morning worship time and at the Highland Baptist Church during the 6:30 p.m. service.

They will sing at Denver City, Lubbock, and Idalou on Monday, April 2. The first stop will be the Denver City High School at 9:30

a.m. The second performance will be at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock's Coronado High School, and a 7 p.m. concert will be held at the First Baptist Church of Idalou.

Audiences in Canyon, Amarillo, and Plainview will hear the musicians on Tuesday, April 3. They will sing at 9:15 a.m. at Canyon High School, at 12:30 p.m. at Amarillo High School and at 4 p.m. at Wavland Baptist Univer-

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24 hour
Prayer Service
659-2911

WEATHER			
	High	Low	Preci.
Fri.	57	33	0
Sat.	68	29	0
Sun.	55	42	0
Mon.	61	26	0
Tue.	78	37	0
Wed.	75	48	0
Thu.	43	43	0

Holt School Marker Dedicated

by Mae Pape Wofford

On March 16 the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker was held at the Holt School House at 5:00 p.m., with more than 100 in attendance.

This two-room school house was constructed in 1916, replacing a one-room building built in 1901. The total bond issue was for \$2,000. Classes were held through the 1934-35 school year for students through the 7th grade, when the students transferred to Spearman schools.

Benjamin Calvin Holt donated five acres of land for a school and two acres for a cemetery. He was the father of O.C. Holt, Fred Holt, Meryl Holt Farrington, Newton Holt, Maudie Holt Marshall and Nolan Holt. The lumber and other building materials for the structure were hauled from Texhoma, Okla.

The building has remained a community gathering place; the site of religious services, weddings, funerals, showers, quilting bees, box and pie suppers, plus many other activities.

Following the meal, catered by Ivy's Hungry Cowboy, a time sharing reminiscences by many past and present residents brought back many fond memories. Babe Pendergraft told of have about 25 ladies coming for a quilting and completing four quilts in one day.

Coleman Archer of Waco, Texas gave an interesting summary of the events his mother had related to him concerning the years she taught school at Holt.

Meryl Farrington was recognized as the only surviving teacher of the Holt School that was present. Meryl lived with her parents just west of the school and walked to work, so Mr. Holt built a stile for her to get over the fence, and it became a favorite playground of the students.

At the dedication Nolan Holt, president of the Holt Cemetery Association, made the welcome address.

Following the salute to the U.S.

and Texas flags led by the youth of the area, Rosa White Pace, chairperson of the Hutchinson County Historical Commission, recognized the county officials present.

A summary of getting the Holt school marker was given by Anita Holt Eisenhauer. Anita and her assistant, Olive (Babe) Pendergraft, spent many hours of research and interviews in order to get the historical designation. A book is available for a \$25.00 donation to the Holt Cemetery Association, and can be obtained from Nolan Holt.

A proclamation and presentation of the marker was read by Hutchinson County Judge Tom Wicker. County Commissioner John Bayless assisted Judge Wicker in the unveiling.

The marker was accepted by Nolan Holt, and a prayer by Larry Holt followed.

Mike Holt then told of the

maintenance of the school house over the years by members of the Holt Community, and especially the Home Extension Club. Mike and Doyle Jackson were commended for the actual labor of installing the marker, and the many hours of skilled labor they have provided over the years. It was called to attention that most of the rural school buildings have long since disappeared or are now in ruins.

Mary Fern Terry, secretary, and Raymond Kirk, custodian of the cemetery records, were recognized for their years of service. A summary of the improvements to the cemetery grounds was given by Doyle Jackson, which included the flag pole, water well and other items.

Herb Kirk was awarded the prize for being the oldest person present (other than O.C. Holt,

who donated the prize).

Maudie Holt Marshal received the award for traveling the greatest distance, and seven year old David Holt was recognized as being the youngest person there.

Jan Holt, president of the Home Extension Club, gave a short summary of some club activities that have been held at the Holt school in order to maintain the building and grounds.

Wally Berner recognized the school board members who had the foresight to deed the five acres of school ground to the Cemetery Association.

Anita Eisenhauer announced that an application has been made for a National Registry marker.

The Holt school house has the distinction of being the longest continuous voting place in Hutchinson county.



Representatives of the 20th Century Club and Randall Saur of the Rotary Club were at City Hall Tuesday to help plant one of the three trees donated by their clubs and the Lions Club. 20th Century ladies were [left to right] Anita Anthony, Dorothy Woolley, Margorie Curtis, and Frances Stump.

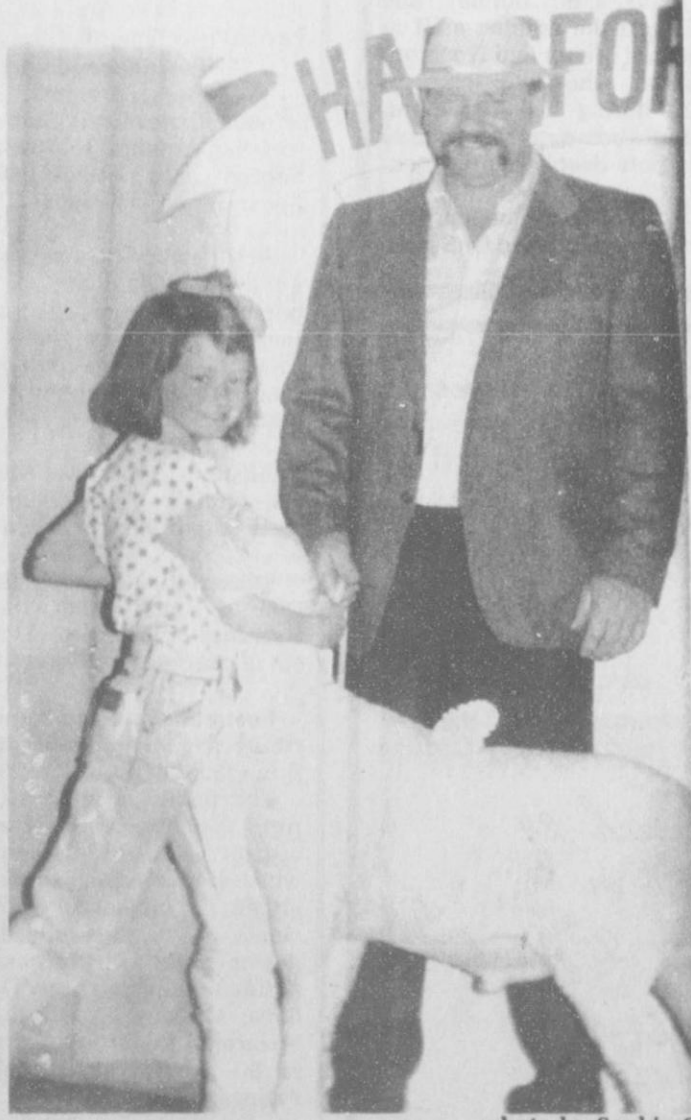


photo by Sophie Garrett

A proud young lady displays her award winning form for the buyer of her lamb.

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

One of the many advantages of living in Hansford County is that differences in opinion can be discussed and explanations ease a tense situation between the general public and elected boards and commissions.

Such was the case last week when the Hansford County Commissioners appointed a successor to Raymond Gilley, the courthouse custodian, who is retiring.

Many concerned citizens genuinely felt that the court made a mistake in selecting a person from outside the county. Several local men had applied and with the current economic situation, the feeling was that the decision was unfair. Some felt that those who live here, pay taxes here, have children in school here and plan to reside permanently here were entitled to the position.

A discussion with the county judge and commissioner clarified the reasoning behind their decision.

The judge and commissioners carefully scrutinized and discussed their applications, which included ages and possible length of employment. Then the court reluctantly came to the conclusion that the Hansford County citizens and tax payers' interest would best be served by accepting the non-resident's application.

They would have much preferred to appoint a local person, but though that might be the first consideration, it was not the total consideration. Technical experience with electrical and mechanical training outweighed the objections.

Both the judge and commissioners will welcome any ques-

tions or comments from any person regarding this decision or any other. It is their earnest intention to serve the people of the county to the best of their ability.

For some time the question has been asked why the Spearman Reporter doesn't combine the three weekly issues of the publication into one complete and county-wide weekly paper.

It is being announced by Mike Hulett, editor, that this will begin on April 5th.

He and his able staff are enthusiastic and confident that they will be publishing a very interesting and informative paper.

The newspaper business is new to Mike - his career was in the field of education, and in a big city at that. So he has ventured into a completely contrasting way of life but insists that he is enjoying it and learning all aspects as fast as possible.

The neighbors will make every effort to cooperate with him in his new career and keep an eye on his adjustment to rural living.

This column will welcome any items from old friends and neighbors in Morse and Gruver - just call 659-3468 when you have a new in-law, have a new baby, have an accident, have an operation or have a secret glimpse of neighbors' misbehavior (which won't be printed-) just call.

Anita Eisenhower and son George left Saturday to return to their home in Corpus Christi. They had been in the home of her parents, the O.C. Holts, since last Wednesday.

The purpose of their visit was to attend the Holt School historical monument marker dedication last Friday.

Another guest of the Holts was his sister, Maudie Marshal, of Houston. She left Saturday also.

Seven-year-old Gary Cates was denied even the fringe benefit of missing school last week even though he suffered a broken arm. He was jumping on the trampoline and somehow fell on his arm in such a manner that he broke both bones in his wrist.

Gary, a student in the first grade, is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Gary Cates.

After many years of experience working with wood and a table saw, Orville Latham, in a second of inattention, very nearly lost a thumb.

He severed the tendons and after considerable surgery is recovering. This happened two weeks ago and is expected it will be another two or three weeks before full use is restored. Probably by then it will be well enough to play golf - but there is a question as to whether it will ever recover sufficiently to handle any household chores or lawn mowing.

Guests of the Lathams over the weekend were Terry and Deanne Latham with Matthew and Megan. They are from Kingfisher, Okla. and were here for the wedding of her sister, Denise Baker.

Wasn't it a thoughtful gesture for the Crawfords, formerly of Spearman, to remember their Aunt Maxine on her birthday with the ad in this issue. They all live so far away and far apart-so used this means of brightening her day.

How fortunate for Spearman and Hansford County to have a performance of "The Quilters" right here, available for all to attend.

We are indebted to Candy Boxwell for persuading the group to come here. Many are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to witness Candy's acting ability and see if all the critics' raves about her are justified.

It will be staged Saturday, the 24th, at the high school auditorium at 7:30.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mildred Lewis would like to express our thanks for all your prayers, visits, flowers, cards, telephone calls and kind words during her stay in the hospital and after she came home.

Mildred, Frank, Linda Lou Van and Kathy Amanda Lewis



Bridal Shower

Honoring

Teresa Tindell

Bride-Elect of

Michael Dodson

Saturday, March 31

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Home of Vernon & Sandy Morris

403 S. Endicott

Given By Hostesses

Baby Shower

Honoring

Amber Danielle Comp

daughter of

Dwayne & Beatrice (Logano) Comp

Monday, March 26

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Home Demonstration Building

309 N. Bernice

Given By Hostesses

Happy Birthday!

With Love

To Our Favorite Aunt

Maxine Panister

From The Crawford "Kids"

Mike & Family

Donna & Family

Marilyn, John & Family

Kathy, Sonny & Family

Cheryl & Family



Obituaries

Gertie Sparks

Gertie Sparks, 78, died Thursday, March 15.

Born in Dixie, Okla., Mrs. Sparks was a longtime Gruver area resident. She married Burnie Sparks in 1929 at Canadian. He preceded her in death in 1965. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Glenabelle, in 1950. She was a member of the Methodist Church of Gruver.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Jean Mullins of Ozark, Ark.; three sons, Lavoe Sparks, Jerry Sparks and Dean Sparks, all of Gruver; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 17 from the United Methodist Church in Gruver with the Rev. James Terry, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Bros. Funeral Home of Spearman.

Lilly Mae Newingham Shaull

Lilly Mae Newingham Shaull, 90, died Monday, March 19 at Hansford Manor.

She was born in Arbelia, Mo. and moved to the Waka area in 1920. She had lived in Waka and Spearman since that time. She married Bill Newingham in 1918 in Kansas. He died in 1950.

She married Walter Shaull in 1956 at Lamar, Mo. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Spearman and was a 50 year member of Order of Eastern Star of Perryton. She was a past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star and a past Noble Grand for the Rebekah Lodge. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman.

Survivors include three daughters, Marie Coates of Sulphur Springs, Ark., Golda Mae Duniho of Waka and Lilly Hines of Hobbs, N.M.; one son, Billy Newingham of Alexandria, La.; one stepdaughter, Gladys Murray of Sulphur Springs, Ark.; a brother, Amos Miller of Lamar, Mo.; a sister, Lois Rogers of Emporia, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 22 from First United Methodist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Waka Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Bros. Funeral Home of Spearman.

Club News

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club began a new year with a Spring Luncheon. Hostess Mrs. Billy Baker's lovely new home was decorated in spring pastel colors.

After a meal of chicken and wild rice with assorted vegetables and a fresh fruit compote with sugar cookies, the members held their first meeting of the year.

In-coming President Lorene Kunselman presided over the business. Club members decided to continue with a scholarship for a graduating senior. The deadline for the senior to apply will be Wednesday, May 2, 1990. Seniors may apply through Mrs. Allen Alford at the high school or by contacting Scholarship Chairman Wanda Brown.

The Home Tour Committee headed by Dickie Allen reported the tour will be May 20 with four or five homes on the tour. The committee promises more information on this later.

Mrs. John Trindle won this month's contest with a home grown arrangement and Mrs. Don Hergert won with a borrowed arrangement. The following members attended the luncheon: Mesdames Newell Allen, Wally Berner, John Brown, Lloyd Buzzard, Gordon Cummings, Irvin Davis, Kenneth Evans, Roy Flowers, Ed Haner, Garland Head, Don Hergert, Nolan Holt, Doyle Jackson, Don Kunselman, Marcus Larson, Don Smith, Tom Sutton, and John Trindle.

The next meeting will be April 5 in the home of Mrs. Roy Flowers at 9:30 a.m.

TOWN & COUNTRY

Town and Country Extension Club met March 20 at the home of Melba Olson. The meeting was opened by members answering roll call to "the most cluttered place in my home." Everyone enjoyed the program on porcelain flowers, given by Kay Loomis of Country Stitches.

The club members voted to have October for their month for bingo at the Hansford Manor. Members will be donating pennies and nickles for "Pennies for Friendship, Nickles for Leadership" to help at 4-H camp and to help leaders go to international meetings.

Members present were Darlene Baker, Carma Darton, Janie Kunselman, Laura Mackie, Annette McIver, Jeanie Laughlin, Melba Olson and Rhonda Reichen.

The club will be having an Easter bake sale Wednesday, March 28 at Thriftway from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A wide variety of tasty desserts will be available to eat now or freeze for the Easter

THANK YOU

The family of Ward G. Spivey would like to thank those who sent flowers, cards and food during the loss of our loved one. We would also like to thank Drs. Behney and Viola and the nursing staff at Hansford Manor and Hansford Hospital who took care of Ward during his stay there. Your kind expressions of caring are deeply appreciated.

The family of Ward G. Spivey

holiday. The club extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining. Those interested should contact the agent at 659-2030 or contact any club member. The club supports 4-H and has a variety of interesting programs.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3 in the home of Laura Mackie with the program on Texas Law.

DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB

Ruth Mary Whitson was hostess to the Dahlia Flower Club in Louise Archer's home. The president, Marjorie Curtis, conducted a short business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave a detailed report. An interesting program on Spring Gardens and Flowers of Texas was given by Louise Archer.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Sada Hoskins, Marjorie Curtis, Hollie Riley, Sammie Bishop, Ethel Ellsworth, Jewel Turner, Wanda Smith, Louise Archer, and Ruth Mary Whitson.

The next meeting will be with Hollie Riley at Kay's Cafe on Monday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS

Saturday, March 17 - Ida Shubring Sunday, March 18 - None

Monday, March 19 - None

Tuesday, March 20 - Edith St. Clair

Wednesday, March 21 - Mary Murrell

DISMISSALS

Saturday, March 17 - Gordon Collins

Sunday, March 18 - Lillian Whitford

Monday, March 19 - None

Tuesday, March 20 - None

Wednesday, March 21 - Marie Crawford



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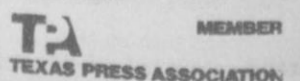
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Spiritually Speaking

by Pastor Lealand Grimmer
Apostolic Faith Church

In the book of Jeremiah, the 18th chapter, we find a good lesson in life. The passage tells of God speaking to Jeremiah and encouraging him to go down to the potter's house and watch as the potter wrought a work on the wheels.

Jeremiah noticed the vessel was marred, or undesirable, as the vessel was finished. So as the clay was soft and pliable in the hands of the potter he was able to rework the same clay and make it into a more desirable vessel.

So the Lord spoke to the prophet saying the He (God) is able to remove the mars from a man's life. We, at one time or another allow things to happen to us that make us less attractive as

Christians than what God wants us to be.

May God help us to be so pliable in His hands that He can remove the undesirable mars from our lives.

Sometimes when we know or are shown the need to have changes made in our lives, the enemy of our soul tells us that God doesn't care enough about us to want to help us, but that is not true. II Chro. 16:9 tells us that the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong to help us if we want Him to.

God's love is so great toward man He can and will do anything for us that needs to be done to make us pleasing to Him. May we take advantage of His love to help us live the kind of Christian life God is pleased with.

God Bless each one.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor

What ever happened to the saying "keep your business in town, support your local community"? Was it just another campaign promise made by politicians running for local offices to pacify the voting public?

Our own county commissioners chose to take their business

elsewhere. They overlooked many able applicants who live here, raise families, and pay taxes. They hired a man from outside of our local community to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of our county courthouse. Surely in all of Hansford county they could have found one person who could restore some of the dignity that our courthouse has lost due to years of neglect.

As concerned citizens and taxpayers we should ask our commissioners if they are truly voicing our opinions. After all that is why they were elected, and is taking local jobs away from local residents really helping our community?

If you are concerned talk to your commissioner. They need to know how you feel.

Sandra Barfield



Larry Butler, Superintendent
Spearman I.S.D.

SISD Sayso

From listening to radio and television, and reading newspaper articles, one would tend to believe the legislature is going to bless public schools with an enormous amount of new revenues by which we operate the school systems. However, the information that is released from both the House and Senate is exactly what they want released. The "fine print" and the implications remain conveniently hidden and silenced.

For some period of time, I have tried to make the public aware of what really is transpiring in Austin within the legislative confines. As the end of the first special session draws near, I will once again point to some rather alarming segments of proposed legislation. These are areas that the everyday citizen does not hear, read, or see!

Senate Bill 31 has been passed to the House. It is packed with political trade-offs, none of which will benefit Spearman or Gruver schools. The biggest factor affecting our schools will be funding. We are neither rich nor poor, so we in turn will suffer the most. For the funding period, Spearman schools will lose over \$42,000 in state funds. Gruver loses even more, to the tune of \$82,000. This leaves the local districts in a bind. Trustees must go to the taxpayers to recapture the loss, or drop

programs. If programs are dropped, the quality of education goes down. Where does this money go that we do not receive? You guessed it, to other schools across the state! By playing "Robin Hood," the legislature can force their problem back to local taxpayers.

The other major point of contention is that of placing restrictions on the amount of money local communities may raise to provide the quality of education a particular community desires. For many years Spearman has gone the extra mile to maintain a superior educational system. The community and people throughout the state are aware of our progressive educational system. Now, legislation threatens that existence by placing a "cap" on what can be spent for local enrichment.

These are only two of the "hidden" points in school legislation and reform. If the final legislation passed this spring contain these two injustices, you will have experienced another step in the gradual removal of local control.



by Rita Curtis

Library Book Notes

ON THE LIGHT SIDE--

Jettie Davis's collection of swizzle sticks is on display at the library through March.

Jettie, an avid collector of antiques 'n things, began accumulating swizzle sticks 12 years ago because she claims, "I thought they were pretty." She purchased most of her collection from a lady from New York.

Most of Jettie's sticks are of glass, and others are metal or plastic. Some have pretty glass blown figures on one end.

Swizzle sticks, which are rods used to stir drinks, have been around in one form or another since the early 1800's. A form of swizzle stick was used in the late 1800's and early 1900's to stir lemonade and ice tea.

Anyone wishing to enhance their knowledge of these unique collectibles may be interested in learning that there's an International Swizzle Stick Collectors Association.

NEW TALKING BOOKS--

A new group of Talking Books

has arrived at the library. These are books on cassette tape which may be checked out for 2-week periods. The books are on a variety of subjects. Some are fiction, some nonfiction. There are titles for both children and adults. Check one out and listen to a book the next time you drive to and from Amarillo.

NEW BOOKS--

Just a few of the new titles at the library are: *Bourne Ultimatum* by Robert Ludlum, *Fifth Garfield Treasury, Making Of The Atomic Bomb, Spartina* (Winner of the 1989 National Book Award), *Disappearing Through The Skylight, T-Factor Diet, Morning Glory and Bitter Sweet* both by LaVyrle Spencer, *Harmful Intent* by Robin Cook, *America In The Global '90s*, by the Kiplingers, *Habits Not Diets, Smart Medicine, Mortgage Manual and Reader's Digest Consumer Advisor: An Action Guide To Your Rights*.

Good News: The library now owns all of Larry McMurtry's books.

Hometown News

SAN MARCOS - Duane A. Barker of Spearman is among 1,584 students whose 1989 fall semester grades earned places on the dean's list at Southwest Texas State University.

To qualify for the academic honors listing, an undergraduate student must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester while taking at least 12 semester hours of course work.

UT M. D. Anderson Hospital
Cancer Information Service
1-800-4-CANCER

NOTICE OF TARIFF CHANGE TO CENTRANET® SERVICE

GTE Southwest Incorporated gives notice of its proposed tariff changes to CentraNet® service, which is a Central Office-based service that provides PBX-type features to multi-line business customers and is currently being offered in all company wire centers where such facilities exist to provide the service.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas approved a generic tariff for CentraNet® service up to 100 lines in Docket No. 7652. The proposed tariff revision would establish specific rates for CentraNet® service involving 101 to 400 lines. Other proposed revisions involve the rate applicable to changes, additions, or deletions to the data bases and a new rate is proposed for additional trunks.

The names of the three CentraNet® packages have changed from Standard, Premium, and Deluxe to CentraNet® 1000, CentraNet® 2000, and CentraNet® 3000, respectively. Direct Call Pickup has been added to the three CentraNet® packages while Multiple Call Park and Shared Speed Call 30 have been added to CentraNet® 2000, and Speed Call 30 and Call Forward Busy/No Answer Split have been added to CentraNet® 3000. Flexible Night Answer and Automatic Route Selection also have been added as new optional features.

The proposed changes and new service offerings have been assigned Docket No. 9251, and pursuant to Section 43(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act will become effective June 23, 1990. Rates for service will be applicable to customers who subscribe to the service as well as existing customers. Therefore, there will be no effect on any other rates of the company. The company's gross annual revenues will increase by approximately \$399,600, or less than one percent annually.

The proposed rates are on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and are available for public inspection at the offices of GTE Southwest Incorporated. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. The deadline to intervene in this docket is 3:00 p.m., April 9, 1990.

A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletype-printer for the deaf.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					*Texas Independence Day	*SHS Track Perryton meet JV & Varsity Boys Varsity Girls
4	5 * Rotary Meeting *Political Forum SHS auditorium 7 p.m.	6 *C of C Customer Relations Seminar 7-9 p.m. First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall *Lions Club	7	8 *Chamber Brochure Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. *C of C Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Chamber office	9 *C of C Membership Meeting 11:30-1:00 Parish Hall *Flame Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	10
11	12 *Rotary Meeting	13 *SHS Golf Girls at Booker *SHS Tennis vs. Gruver Here *C of C Ambassadors Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber office *Lion's Club	14 *SHS Golf Boys at Booker *C of C Women's Division Executive Board 12:00 p.m. Chamber Office	15	16 *Hansford County Stock Show *SHS Track At West Texas Jr. High Boys & Girls JV and Varsity Boys Varsity Girls *SHS Tennis Plainview Tournament	17 *St. Patrick's Day *Hansford County Stock Show *St. Patrick's Dance Cattleman's 9 p.m.
18	19 *Rotary Meeting *SHS Golf Girls at Canadian	20 *Spring Begins *SHS Tennis Vs. Sunray There *SHS Golf Boys at Canadian *Lion's Club	21 *C of C Women's Division Meeting 12:00 p.m. Home Demonstration Club Room	22	23 *SHS Track At Spearman Jr. High Boys & Girls JV & Varsity Boys Varsity Girls *SHS Tennis Canyon Tournament	24 **"Quilters" 7:30 p.m. SHS Auditorium
25	26 *SHS Golf Girls at Shamrock *Rotary Meeting	27 *Lions Club *SHS Golf Boys at Shamrock *SHS Tennis Vs. Perryton & Canadian At Perryton	28	29	30	31 *YMCA Benefit Dinner and Dance 7:30-9:00 p.m. Meal 9:00p.m.-1:00 a.m. Dance *SHS Track At Fritch Jr. High Boys & Girls JV & Varsity Boys Varsity Girls

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Once again, it's tax filing season. This year, you can avoid unnecessary headaches by taking a moment to familiarize yourself with recent tax law changes that could affect your 1989 returns.

For working families, several modifications to the Earned Income Credit program should come as good news. The credit is an important tax benefit designed to help lower-income families with children keep more of their earnings.

In the past, many taxpayers did not file to receive the credit for fear of losing or reducing benefits under Aid to Families with Dependent Children. As of October 1, 1989, the credit will no longer be considered income in determining AFDC benefits.

In addition, the qualifying income to file for the Earned Income Credit has been increased from a maximum of \$18,576 to \$19,340 in 1989. This means that families with slightly higher earnings will still be eligible for the credit.

The amount of the Earned Income Credit can be as much as \$910 and may be refunded to families that owe no other taxes. To receive the credit, use either Form 1040 or 1040A, even if you do not otherwise have to file a return.

The following are highlights of other tax law changes that affect 1989 returns:

--The amount of each personal and dependent's exemption has

increased to \$2,000 for 1989, up from last year's amount of \$1,950.

--For 1989, taxpayers will be able to deduct only 20 percent of personal interest paid on car loans, credit cards and personal loans. The allowable deductions will drop further to 10 percent of personal interest paid for 1990 and will be phased out for 1991.

--Taxpayers will now be required to provide the social security number of any dependent claimed who will be two years of age or older at the end of the tax year.

Finally, I would like to inform you of another change that won't show up until 1990 returns are due. Beginning in 1990, taxpayers age 24 or older who are paying tuition for themselves, a spouse or a dependent at an eligible educational institution may exclude from taxable income any interest earned from redeeming Series EE U.S. savings bonds purchased after December 31, 1989.

Remember, programs such as Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) are available to answer questions and help prepare returns at no charge for older handicapped and non-English speaking taxpayers.

For more information on where to find these volunteer sites in Texas, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number (1-800-424-1040).

March 14 Update

by Rep. Dick Waterfield

This week the state Legislature began some real work on education reform. The Senate committee of the whole worked to pass our S.B. 31 by Parker. As of this writing, Senator Parker had agreed to amend the original proposal to circumvent the authority of the State Board of Education. This bill has been gaining more popularity.

Three members of the House filed H.B. 1 which is a conglomeration of proposals. This bill is better for my district financially than S.B. 31; however, most of the

authority of the State Board of Education is taken away and the Governor appoints a Commissioner of Education.

The Republican Caucus of the House met with Governor Clements this morning to discuss the fate of the education reform. Governor Clements made it absolutely clear that he would veto any bill with a tax increase attached to it. We do have our work cut out for us.

Once again, please feel free to contact my office with questions or comments. The phone number in Austin is 1-800-446-2991.

Mathews Elected To Angus Membership

Steve Mathews, Spearman, Texas, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice-president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with over 24,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 11 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These

permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.



Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

We entrepreneurs frequently spend so much time and effort minding our own business that we miss many opportunities for personal and business growth. We spend long hours at work, seldom meet other business men and women with whom we have much in common and, in general, live in our own small world.

If you are in the "working all the time" rut right now, the Texas Conference on Small Business is for you. This conference offers the opportunity to learn new and innovative business techniques, explore capital sources and discuss legislative issues. Most importantly, it provides a legitimate excuse to leave the routine and meet other entrepreneurs from throughout the State of Texas.

The two-day conference, scheduled for April 2 - 3 in Dallas, is dedicated specifically to small business. The U.S. Small Business Administration is co-sponsoring the conference, which includes Southwestern Bell Telephone's "Success '90" program. The "Success '90" agenda provides the opportunity for business people to work with and learn from some of the brightest marketing and business minds in the U.S.

Business Building Workshops
The first day offers over twenty business short courses, and you may choose the workshops that will be most beneficial to your business. Offerings include: Advertising, telemarketing, expanding into new markets, business planning, motivating employees, public relations and marketing.

The second day focuses on key legislative issues which affect day-to-day business operation and profits. Twenty-five legislative-workshops are offered in order that each business can receive information on new laws of special interest to them. The workshops cover current issues, such as mandated health insurance, trucking deregulation, parental leave, environmental factors, state taxes, agribusiness, legislative clout and a host of other topics.

Legislators from all over Texas will be in attendance at a special reception from 5:15 to 8:00 p.m. on April 2. This is a great opportunity to let them know where you stand on the issues.

The Price is Right!
Perhaps the best news is that the conference is an affordable event. Registration for both days

is \$169, if made in advance. You might want to take your spouse and enjoy a couple of days in "Big D" and sharpen your business skills at the same time.

The conference program allows you to hear nationally known business leaders. Three of the keynote speakers are U.S. Congressman John LaFalce, chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Small Business; Carl Sewell, nationally known entrepreneur and owner of Sewell Village Cadillac in Dallas; and Kenneth Lewis, President of NCNB Texas. They will be joined by other small business experts from across the country.

Showcase your products
Other opportunities are offered by this event. You may want to take advantage of the exhibit area to showcase your lines of products and services. Eight-by-ten booths are available for only \$400 for both days, with all services included. An exhibit may be the best way to let a host of other Texas business-people know more about what you do. Space is limited, so make your reservation early.

No matter how long you have been in business, you will want to visit the exhibit areas to see what's new. Many of the latest technological developments will be on display during the two-day show.

If you would like more information about the conference or want to make an early reservation, please call the conference registration center in Dallas at 1-800-521-0093. To review a conference flyer before registering, drop by the Panhandle Small Business Development Center at 1800 South Washington, Suite 110.

Every businessperson needs fresh perspectives. The 1990 Texas Conference on Small Business offers a great opportunity at an affordable price. I'll be there and hope to see you.

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