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## Near 2 Inches of Moisture In This Area

### STATE GETS LIE FROM LONG SOUTH PERIOD

Nearly two inches of rain fell in the north plains area the week end, ranging from two inches reported for the Dalhart to 1 inch measurement near Deer, Texas.

Hansford county average measured well above an inch and the low for the county reported at Spearman where Weather Observer F. W. Brandt reported 1.25 inches. In the north west part of the county report called for a 2 inch and east of Spearman Perryton the measure reported from an inch and to 1.95 reported at Perryton in Hutchinson county and Morse area the reports estimated an average of one and a half inches of rainfall. Liberal papers record only .67 inches of rainfall. Downstate the rainfall was accompanied by a storm which did an estimated half million dollars at Dallas, Texas.

Rainfall started Saturday and continued thru out Sunday. The fall was coming in a slow drizzle occasional brisk showers. Practically all of the moisture ended where it fell.

January moisture is the highest for this section of the county. Dalhart claims an all-time high for January rainfall. In Hansford county it is not known whether the rain is an all-time high, but in the matter of 1921 had 1.78 inches of rain, which according to F. W. Brandt was snow. Only two years for the past 57 have exceeded this January moisture, with 2.26 inches and 1890 with 1.40 inches. Naturally this stands the chance of all previous records, especially in the month, and old timers predicting snow for the next ten days. Only discouraging record can be seen on the rain chart in connection with the present January. Back in 1890 when the snow showed above normal. In 1911 the February moisture amounted to .01 inch and March moisture only .02 inch. In 1897 when the January was far above normal. In 1921 the moisture was .65 and March moisture was .47 inches. In 1921 when the moisture was above normal. In February and March moisture amounted to 1.36 inches. In 1936 when we had an average January moisture the February moisture was .01 inches and the March moisture only .02 inches. In 1897 when the January was far above normal. In 1921 the moisture was .65 and March moisture was .47 inches. In 1921 when the moisture was above normal. In February and March moisture amounted to 1.36 inches. In 1936 when we had an average January moisture the February moisture was .01 inches and the March moisture only .02 inches.

### 9.15 INCHES MOISTURE SINCE 1938 HARVEST

A check of the records of this county indicate we have received 9.15 inches of moisture since the harvest of 1938. This includes the 1.25 inches recorded to date in January. The record quoted here is for the Spearman area, other sections of the county report more moisture thru out the past 6 months.

Should Hansford county receive the same amount of moisture received last year during the five months growing season for wheat we would have 14.19 inches more moisture to make the 1939 bumper harvest of wheat. Old timers in this area declare we would not need half that amount to insure real wheat, with the start we now have. There has never been a spring thru June that this county has not received as much as 7 inches of moisture, except the year 1930, when the entire annual rainfall only measured 7.86.

### Boyer To Austin For Regular Session

Representative and Mrs. Max Boyer left Saturday for Austin for the convening of the Regular Session of the 46th Legislature. It is expected that the Legislature will be in session for 5 months. Boyer has prepared several bills which he expects to introduce at the first of the session. He was non-committal on his opinion as to the outcome of this year's legislative program but stated that "he was going to co-operate with the new Governor in every reasonable way but would be guided by the wishes of the people upon each important question of policy." At the time of the Herrington Legislature's departure for Austin, he issued a statement inviting all citizens to write him any measure and to give their full and complete views upon all proposed legislation.

### TONS OF PAINT

Painting the buildings of the New York World's Fair 1939, which is being carried out in a plan following the tints of the rainbow, will require a total of 200 tons of pigment.

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### "Lefty" Fowler Of Panhandle To Move Here Jan. 16th

"Lefty" Fowler, coach of the Panhandle schools for the past four years, has resigned his position and will take a position with the Farm Security Administration, making his headquarters at Spearman, beginning Monday Jan. 16. "Lefty" has been with the Panhandle school long enough to see two regional championship teams and two teams contest in the final regional games. Mr. Fowler has specialized in Agriculture at West Texas Teachers College and Colorado A. and M. College. He will receive his Masters degree from the Colorado College this summer.

### Dancing Class Being Organized

Miss Coons is reorganizing her spring dancing classes at the Spearman school this week, and has vacancies for a number of students. The work of the dancing teacher and the class has been complimented by many Spearman folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Close and Floyd Close and Cecil Strickland are visiting relatives at Coleman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jackson are the proud parents of a nine pound girl born Dec. 23 at the McKay hospital, named Betty Jo. Saturday visitors in the Jackson home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Archer of Amarillo and Lady Maurine Archer of Tulsa.

Mrs. Ed Howerton has returned to her home, she spent Monday with Mrs. Archa Morse.

See Miss Vera Campbell at Womble Hardware for Wilson Burial Insurance. 2t

### Barton Gene Riley

Barton Gene, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley born January 6th, is perhaps the first 1939 Hansford County baby. Barton Gene weighed 11 pounds at birth, and Earl has already listed him with Tad Platt to play football and basketball.

### Would You Like To Know Why—

Whether the color of the shell of an egg makes any difference in its food value?

Answer: No, the color of the shell of an egg is determined by the breed of the hen, and as far as can be learned has not influenced flavor or food value. Even the color of the yolk is not a reliable indication of its food value, as either pale or deeper yolks may be rich in important vitamins and minerals.

Question: Whether to roast a leg of lamb or ribs of beef in a covered or an open pan?

Answer: All tender meats with a good covering of fat are better roasted in an open pan. Strangely enough your tender roast will be more juicy if you keep the oven temperature moderate and follow the excellent motto of "Use no cover, add no water." A cover on the roaster and added water both make steam, and steam draws out the juices. They are lost from the meat, though they may be saved in the gravy.

But if the roast is tough there is a different answer. Steam is necessary to help soften the tough tissues. But don't steam-jacket a tender roast unless you want to make a pot roast of it.

Question: Why the meringue on your lemon pie shrinks and gets watery when you take it out of the oven?

Answer: You probably bake your meringue in too hot an oven, so that it browns over the top before the egg foam has cooked through. Meringues will usually be cooked enough to hold their shape if you bake them in a very moderate oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes. But of your meringue is piled high on the pie you will be wise to bake it more slowly and for a longer time.

Add a few grains of salt to the egg white when you start beating. The salt will help make the foam stand up better. And be sure to use the correct amount of sugar. About two tablespoons for each egg white usually works best.

If you beat the egg whites by hand, the usual custom, add the sugar when the foam is stiff enough to stand in peaks. A wire

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### 150 VISITORS EXPECTED AT MASONIC MEET

More than 150 visiting brothers from over the Panhandle are expected at a special meeting of the Hansford Masonic lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple here Monday night January 16. Special work will be put on by teams from visiting lodges. The work will be handled by teams robed in the full regalia of the lodge. A banquet will be served at 8 p. m. to the visitors from Panhandle, Berger, Booker, Plemons, Amarillo, Pampa, Liberal, Kansas, Guymon, Follett, Gruber and several other Texas and Oklahoma towns.

### Grandmother of Tommie Taylor Died Sunday

Mrs. R. A. Taylor, grandmother of Tommie Taylor former Agricultural official of Spearman now located at Canadian, died at her home in Stratford Sunday night Jan. 8th. Mrs. Taylor was one of the pioneers of Stratford having come to that section in 1891. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Stratford Tuesday afternoon Jan. 10th. Burial was in the Stratford cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor attended the funeral services, and stopped in Spearman enroute to their home in Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Benningfield and son of Hutchinson Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Benningfield of Cunningham, Kans. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benningfield and children recently visited their mother Mrs. Lizzie Benningfield and sister Mrs. A. Morse.

FOR SALE: I am going to sell my house and two lots to the highest bidder. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sollers.

### New Drivers License

This year drivers will have to secure new drivers license. It will be a great help to the local sheriff's office if all will begin early in securing their license.

### Marlyn Frances Chambers Rites Held Saturday

Little Marlyn Frances Chambers, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Chambers died at the McKay hospital Jan. 6, 1939 at 1 a. m., as result of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Union church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Leroy Brown, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in the Hansford cemetery. The entire community sympathizes with the bereaved parents and relatives, and share with them the grief that comes to a community when a delightfully lovely innocent child is called to the heavens above.

### Junior Hazlewood Has Arm Operation

Mrs. D. W. Hazlewood and Jr. spent the past week end and up to Thursday of this week in Amarillo, where Jr. Hazlewood underwent another arm operation to remove dead bone from the fractured left arm. Junior suffered a fractured and broken arm over two years ago. He has been doing fine the past year under the care of Dr. O. C. Craton, bone specialist of Fort Worth, but the fourth operation completed last week end was necessary to remove all the fractured parts of bone.

### Ray Platt New President Chamber of Commerce

Ray Platt was named President, H. L. Heard vice president and Will Miller secretary treas. of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of directors held Friday Jan. 6.

### HOW ONE GOES UNDER ETHER

The relaxing and pain-eliminating effects of anaesthesia are to be demonstrated in the Medicine and Public Health Building of the New York World's Fair 1939 through use of a full-size mechanized model of a human being lying upon an operating table, surrounded by animated figures of surgeons, nurses and others.

## County Agent's Report For Year 1938

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400 acres by digging 3,740 acres of prickly pears; by drilling 11 wells; and by building 7 dams.

Livestock contributed greatly to the county income in 1938. A large number of beef cattle were pastured on sudan during the summer and on wheat during the fall. There was a big increase in the number of sheep in the county, several farmers and ranchers buying flocks last winter and spring. With low prices of feed, and a fairly good supply on hand, there was a large number of cattle, sheep and hogs fed out. By marketing their feed through livestock producers realized more profit on their livestock and a better price for their feed.

Feed storage was emphasized during the year. Six trench silos were filled this fall as compared to two that were filled last year.

Organization work and county planning went forward in a big way in 1938. Through the Hansford County Agricultural Association, County Council, Coordinating Committee, Grasshopper Committee, Conservation Committee, and 4-H club committee, problems were taken up and worked out on a sound basis and all phases of work were better correlated through the assistance of the above organizations. County Planning work was started last spring, and should become one of the most important lines of work in the future.

Governmental programs have done much for this area—both financially and physically. Soil building payments have acted as an inducement for many farmers to try out approved practices as damming, contouring, terracing, cover crops and others.

Farmers have become conservation minded, and have made Hansford County an outstanding conservation county. Every year since the farm program started, there has been an increase in the acreage devoted to soil conserving and soil building crops and practices. Our farmers as a whole are using better farming

methods, which will mean, in the long run, better yields, and better farm lands left for future generations.

### Agricultural Conditions In The County

The agricultural situation presents an entirely different picture this year from what it did last year at this time. At the beginning of 1938 farmers were faced with a trying situation. The ground was dry and the wheat was small and did not furnish any grazing. In February good snows were received, and from that time until about a month before harvest above normal moisture was received. The county produced a total of a little more than 1,500,000 bushels of wheat. The biggest disappointment in the wheat crop was because of the low price paid for the grain. Wheat loans have helped many farmers to hold their wheat for higher prices. To date there has been approximately \$177,000 loaned on 300,000 bushels of wheat. About 35,000 bushels of this wheat is held in farm storage, and farmers will receive 1c per bushel per month for use of their facilities.

Even though top moisture is badly needed, wheat prospects are above average at this time. During the early fall parts of the county received as much as 15 inches of rain, and all of the county had enough moisture to secure a good stand of wheat. A large number of cattle have been grazed on wheat this fall, and there is probably 15,000 head of cattle on wheat at the present time. Of course this means an added income for the farmers of the county. Most of the land is in good shape to withstand the hard winds in the spring, being protected by cover crops of wheat, wheat stubble, sudan and sorghum stubble and stalks.

For the first time in several years farmers in 1938 raised a fair feed crop. Not much of the grain sorghums made good grain but most of the farmers were able to cut a good forage

crop. R. C. Chase harvested over 400 bundles of african millet per acre, the feed having been planted on the contour.

Grass in the county is in excellent condition, in fact it is reported to be the best it has been in years. This good crop of grass was the result of an abundance of spring moisture, aided by the various practices put into effect last year under the range program. All in all agricultural conditions in the county are the brightest they have been since the drought began. If good moisture can be received in the early spring, a fair wheat crop should be made. However, unless the price of wheat is advanced a wheat crop will not do as much good as it should. The past few years have taught the farmers a valuable lesson in conservation, which should go a long way toward helping farmers in the future make a crop even during drouthy years.

### Farm Engineering And Conservation

Moisture is the limiting factor in crop production in this region of scant and irregularly distributed rainfall. Unless we store all of the moisture that falls in the land, there is less likelihood of a crop being produced and unless a crop is raised there is usually nothing on the land to protect it from the high winds, and the result is soil erosion.

Ordinarily almost half of the yearly supply of moisture is received within a few weeks period about the last of May and the first of June. If this can be saved, and we know by experience that most of it can be, then our chances for a crop are enhanced, provided, of course, that the moisture is utilized for plant growth rather than weed growth.

Since our whole system of farming depends on moisture, and since we can do nothing about the amount or distribution of the moisture we do get, then it is evident we must pro-

mulgate a practical conservation program.

Our land, with few exceptions, is fairly level, tight in nature, used chiefly for the production of wheat, and engineering practices for the purpose of retaining moisture can be easily and economically applied. There are three chief methods of saving moisture, by the use of dammers, contour furrowing, and level broadbase terraces.

There is a total of approximately 20,000 acres in the county that is terraced. During the past year there was about 10 miles of terraces constructed under the AAA program.

1938 was a banner year in conservation work in Hansford county. Early in the spring farmers started preparing their land to hold moisture. In the past contour furrows and terraces were depended on to hold the rainfall on the land, but this year the dammer was added to the list of approved conservation practices.

In 1937 there was only about 1,500 acres on which moisture was conserved by the use of dammers. In 1938 there was 151 thousand acres. The use of dammers appeals to the big wheat farmer because of its practicability. Heretofore many realized the advisability of saving and storing moisture in the soil, but with their big heavy machinery they were loathe to contour because of the point rows, and the extra amount of turning involved.

There were many types of dammers in use in the county this year, ranging from the dammer-lister to the one-way or disc dammers, and the pit dammers. The disc and pit dammers introduced in the county in the spring and farmers who could not afford to buy, made them from old one-ways or other old farm tools, and at a cost of only about \$3.00 to \$5.00 each. In this wheat area the one-way is the most effective tool for killing weeds and plowing under

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### Womble Hardware Will Bring Hollywood Picture To Spearman

The Womble Hardware Co., local John Deere dealer, is putting on another big John Deere Day program at Spearman on Tuesday Jan. 17 for farmers and their families and neighboring communities.

"The Tuttle Tuggers", an all Hollywood picture, will be the main feature of the all-day entertainment and educational meeting. Packed with one hearty laugh after another, this rollicking all talking picture promises to be a real treat for everyone who sees it. In the cast of Hollywood actors are Arthur Lake, Judith Allen, Victor Potel, Greta Meyers, Agnes Ayres, Jack Rice Allen Caven and many others.

The picture tells the story of a salesman and a saleslady who get their sample cases mixed up and what a mix up it causes! Leroy Bagley, the new milking machine salesman for the Tuttle Tugger Company, thinks he knows all about farming and tries to help the hired man. At the same time, he is trying to sell a milking machine. Every time he tries to help he causes plenty of trouble. It's a picture everyone will enjoy.

Four other brand new all talking pictures will be shown in addition to the feature presentation. They include "Around the Farm Clock", an interesting, educational picture showing up-to-date power farming methods and equipment; "The Mark of the Genuine", an instructive picture that shows how to keep farm equipment working like new down through the years; "Mr. Sheppard Looks Inside" an inside story of the precision manufacturing of modern farm tractors, and a short newsreel showing new developments in agricultural equipment.

In addition to the five talking pictures, the John Deere Day program will include several talks and demonstrations in which you will be interested.

Womble Hardware cordially invites every farmer, every farmers wife, and every farm boy in this area to take part in this big day of entertainment and education.

Plans are being made to make this open house one of the big events of the year in this community. Many new ideas will be presented during the day which will be valuable to everyone present. According to Mr. Womble admission will be by ticket only, and any farmer who has not received tickets can get them for the asking at his store any time before the show.

Show starts 10:30 a. m. Tuesday Jan. 17.

### Hatton Is Program Leader For Lions

County agent Joe Hatton was program leader for the Spearman Lions club at the regular Tuesday luncheon, Jan. 10th. Lion Hatton gave a graphic and interesting discussion of soil conservation. He traced the poverty and illiteracy of the south to the wanton squandering of the top soil. Hatton gave information to the growth of soil conservation methods over a period of the past 40 years, and closed his talk with figures on the progress which has been made in Hansford county along this line.

Mrs. Dwight Holland, wife of former city manager Dwight Holland visited friends in Spearman Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Holland was enroute to Amarillo where she will visit relatives.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS ELLIS THEATRE, PERRYTON, TEX.

Jan. 12-13—Going Places with Dick Powell, Anita Louise and Ahen Jenkins.

Jan. 14—Nancy Drew Detective. With Bonita Granville, John Litel and James Stephenson.

Jan. 15-16—Stand Up and Fight with Wallace Beery, Robert Taylor, Florence Rice, Helen Brodrick and Charles Bickford.

Jan. 17-18—King of the Underworld with Humphrey Bogart and Kay Francis.

Jan. 19-20—Artists and Models Abroad, with Jack Benny, Joan Bennett, Mary Boland and The Yacht Club Boys.

### Team Has Schedule

Womble's Independent team of Spearman has a heavy schedule this year. The team played at Morse last night one at Gruber (Thursday) and the leaves for Darouzett for a tournament Friday. Their first contest Friday was remaining over Saturday they are in the final play.



# THE LYNX

READ WHAT YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING IN SCHOOL

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## Spearman Plays Perryton Friday January 14

Friday night the Spearman Lynx and the Lynettes are going to Perryton for their second conference game this season. Although Perryton defeated the Lynx in the finals of the Perryton tournament, the boys say that they are coming home victorious.

The girls have met only in a practice game in which the Lynettes were the winners by a narrow margin. If you journey to Perryton Friday night, you may rest assured that you will see two very good ball games.

The following Tuesday Spearman will play Phillips at Phillips. The Friday following that we play Perryton on our home court. On Saturday we journey to Booker. All these are conference games and we assure you that they will all be very interesting.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE EXES

This week we find most of the exes back to school or work after spending the holidays at home. However, a number of them were seen in and out during the Spearman tournament.

On the sidelines we saw: Edwin Reed, editor of the Lynx News last year; D. D. Haines, former football hero, smiling at all the pretty girls; Richard Holton, showing off his winning personality; Maxine Allen longingly watching the girls play basketball; DeKora Becker and Alice Hazelwood plus boy friends; Floyd Sheets looking very nice in the prettiest suit; and Bob Neilson escorting a very beautiful Higgins lady around and was she a knockout. Take it from your reporter, we also saw Rex Sanders, Buddy Womble, J. D. Wilbanks, Mary Fern Terry, Craig Davidson, Vic Ooley, Joe Womble, George Oaks, Sam Patterson (he's cute, too!), Doyle Howerton, Elmo Jacobs, Oliver Levertton, Florence Holton, Georgia Maize, and Dick Vernon dashing in and out.

## Through the Keyhole

A. F. had a beautiful bottle that he was saving for his mother Friday night. Here's wondering if she got it.

Have you seen Clifton's band suit, Tut, tut, where could he have been.

This tournament seems to have broken many hearts. You have all my sympathy and regrets.

Doris Jean had to sit on a pillow all during the tournament.

Ann knew he was going to ask her, and sure enough he did. Lucky stiff!

Better luck next time, Ernest, but didn't you know that was an unlucky place to park your car?

Everett is dangerous, he hasn't any brakes.

Arnold has five S. L.'s and can't decide. That is how hearts are broken.

Betty do you say goodnight to all of your patients in the like manner as you did to the Brillhart boy last night?

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simm and Mr. Ed Lambert were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simm were Spearman shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph and J. M. Blodgett Earl Church and Harvey Morse from the Blodgett community attended the basketball games Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Powell were Spearman shoppers Wednesday, Mrs. Powell called in the Blodgett home.

## Book of the Week

—Betty Morton  
"The Dawn Patrol" was first written for screen use by John Monk Saunders. Later it was novelized by Guy Fowler.

The story is of men, English, men who drank too much to forget, to forget their jobs. It is a story of the men in the 31st Squadron of the First Combat Group, of the men who flew out at dawn every morning to come back in broken formation. Why in broken formation? Because the 31st Squadron had a job to do. Their job was to give the infantry the idea that they were being protected from enemy planes. Truthfully, however, the 31st Squadron was hardly any protection at all. Their planes were deficient and their men were inexperienced; they had only a small chance against the superior German planes and experienced German pilots.

It was inevitable that, eventually, Dick Courtney would be sent to the First Combat Group for his great flying ability, and his war record were achievements hard to be equaled. But Dick Courtney had won acclaim for individual effort, not for any one-for-all. All-for-one fighting. He had fought alone for himself. So when he became the leader of 'A' Flight, it was difficult for him to obey orders and stay in formation; but he did. Sometimes he had to break loose and fly out with Scottie or by himself but afterwards he always tried to obey the major's orders, even though he hated the major. He called the major a 'kid butcher' because he always sent the new inexperienced recruits out when they first came.

Then major Brand was transferred and Courtney became the major. He understood after he had been the head man awhile why he had to send the inexperienced men out first. He couldn't do anything except send them out; he had been ordered to do so. They had to save the better men for the time when the great drive would come.

Then the others started calling him the 'kid butcher.' He couldn't stand it so he became a sot in the lowest sense of the word. Courtney tried to dull his brain so that he would have no emotions except those of fighting and drinking. He did that too, but occasionally he would forget and begin thinking of the kids who had been sent out to die. Then he would really break down. None of his men liked nor respected him any more. Even Scottie said that he had come to almost the lowest point of existence.

Then something happened which proves that he was either a coward or a man. Scottie was to be sent on a mission from which there was about one chance in a million of his returning. Courtney got Scottie drunk and went himself. Whether that proves that he was a coward taking the easiest way out or that he was a man helping a friend because he loved him is for you to decide. Personally, I'm inclined to take the latter viewpoint.

"The Dawn Patrol" isn't a masterpiece of literature, I will admit, but it had something which held my interest. Perhaps it was the tense drama of the war or maybe something else. Who knows? I'm sure that I don't.

and children were dinner guests in the Blodgett home Wednesday.

The community party at the Blodgett school Friday night was well attended about 35 present. Games were enjoyed by all. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and doughnuts, coffee and cocoa was served.

W. M. Deck made an agricultural talk at the Ochiltree county school house Friday night.

## MORSE NEWS

—Virgie Lee Dortch  
The Morse High School Basketball team attended the Spearman tournament Friday. The girls played Booker and the teams were beaten, but they all came back saying that they certainly enjoyed the tournament.

A surprise birthday party was given in the home of Mrs. Mack

## JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Now, Ya Broke His Glasses!"

## Samplings

—Jo Nell Riggs, English 1.  
What My Helpfulness Cost Me  
I thought it was always best to help someone when you had the chance. I found out yesterday that that isn't so. I will try to write what happened without getting mixed up.

Yesterday evening, just as all the stores were closing, I heard a police whistle blow. I walked around the corner and came up in front of the bank. Two men were standing there. Each had a suitcase. One of them said, "Will you hold this for us while we go in the drug store to make a phone call?" I told them that I would be glad to hold their suitcases for them. They ran for a car and were off. I thought this was queer for there was a drug store right next to the bank, and it was also queer that they took one suitcase with them. The police wagon drove up. The next thing I knew I was in it. I tried to explain but the only evidence they could find was that I had the money.

I am writing this in the jail house. I will be here 29 more days. I want everyone to know the real truth about it, so I have told nothing but the truth.

## SOPHS

Name: Kathleen Greecer  
Born: Aug. 25, 1923.  
Ambition: to be an actress  
Favorite actress: Hedy Lamarr  
Favorite actor: Robert Taylor.  
Favorite subject: English  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Platt.  
Hobby: Hiking and climbing hills.

Name: Emmett Sanders  
Born: Jan. 19, 1924  
Ambition: To get out of school  
Favorite actress: Martha Raye  
Favorite Actor: Don Ameche  
Favorite Subject: Biology  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Platt  
Hobby: horse back riding and hiking.

Mother—A child of seven should go to bed at seven o'clock; a child of eight at eight o'clock. Joany—Yes, mother; but you are 34, and according to that reasoning you shouldn't go to bed at all.

Dortch for John Dortch who was eleven years old Friday. All of the fifth and sixth grades attended it. Delicious refreshments were served to about 15 guests.

Misses Willie Rae Tompkins, Jimmie Rose Roberts and Margaret Ryan spent the week-end in Amarillo visiting relatives.

Truman Tompkins and Vencil Womble spent the week-end in Borger visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Forrester.

The 7th grade gave a party at the Morse High School on Friday evening. Everyone reported a good time.

Arkie Wilson returned from Arkansas Friday after an extended visit with his parents.

## HISTORY IN A SIDEWALK

Flagstones from the Tower of London, upon which the feet of many royalties have trod during the eight and one-half centuries the structure has endured, are to form part of the paving in the courtyard of the British Empire Building at the New York World's Fair 1939.

## QUARTER-MILLION AMUSEMENT SEEKERS

A quarter of a million persons at one time can be accommodated in the 280-acre Amusement Zone of the New York World's Fair 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett and Phyllis were Sunday callers in the W. Y. Williams home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bus Banister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Archa Morse and Mrs. Benningfield were Sunday callers in the R. C. Bennett home.

Dr. Ruby Haines of Perryton spent the week end in the Cecil Crawford home.

George Whitson and father John Whitson were new years guests at the home of Jack Whitson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck were Friday night visitors in the Odie Gowen home.

Jack Whitson made a business trip to Lubbock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Close visited Tuesday evening in the Edd Close home.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Williams visited the Hoover-Strader ranch at Canadian Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Close, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rogers and son and Floyd Close were New years dinner guests at the home of Johnnie Close.

## High Lights of the Tournament

We Kept The Bacon Home  
As a reward to the winning teams, and as a climax to one of the best tournaments of the year, Supt. Finley made the closing talk, Mr. Gunn presented the beautiful trophies to the victorious teams. These trophies were donated by the business and professional men of Spearman.

To the Berger girls and our own Lynx first place trophies were given. Both teams won their games by wide margins and proved their ability by clean sportsmanship.

The Spearman Lynettes and the Phillips boys proudly accepted the runner-up trophies, knowing that they were beaten by the better teams.

Individual trophies were awarded to Jacobs and Womble of Spearman, Barnett and Laurence of Phillips and Fossett of Daroulette. Girls selected for the all star team were Simpson and Balsly, both of Berger, Kern and Womble, Spearman, and Koch of Darrouzett.

Gruver girls and Hartley boys received awards for the sportsmanship they showed in defeat as well as victory.

The school, the teams and the Lynx staff wish to take this means to thank the business men for their support and influence.

—Janelle Womble.

## Reviewing the First Semester

The choral department reports a very worthwhile semester of study. Mrs. Caldwell's girls have been on various programs for the PTA and other musical programs. They are now working on the last of the songs bought for the fall work, and they have new music ordered to work on next semester.

The band department reports a very successful term. The band headed by Mr. Ration, has made 17 public performances. These included football games here and two at Phillips and Canadian. Also they made a trip to Amarillo early in the fall, where they made an appearance over the radio. The band sponsored a band sweetheart and a band concert which cleared \$141.00. The Senior band has increased its members from 37 to 51 and the Junior band has increased from 25 to 38.

Lately they have been playing at basketball games and they plan to take a trip to the Band Convention this spring.

The Home Economics department reports a very successful year. The main part of the program is the forming of the FHT Future Homemakers of Texas club. This club has taken a trip to Canyon and they plan to attend the meeting at Pampa in the spring. This is in addition to all regular class work which included everything from serving at banquet to cooking a big dinner for three grades.

The typewriting classes are making rapid progress since the Christmas holidays. Several are practicing diligently in an effort to make the typing team, which will represent the school in commercial meets over the country.

Follett is planning to bring their team here Jan. 31 for a match with our school. The members of our team have not yet been selected, but there are about ten students who are outstanding prospects.

Letter writing and business forms will be studied after midterm.

## BAND NEWS

As everyone knows a big basketball tournament was held at Spearman this last week-end. This tournament lasted two days and the band played both days. The Spearman Hi Band played Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, which is really quite a long stretch for a high school band. On the whole all the band members enjoyed playing for the tournament.

Somebody pulled a fast one on the the player of the big tuba when they threw an orange and a few other things into his horn. And believe me, it was very little fun trying to get the things out.

C. P. Archer, who had been ill during the week before the tournament, was able to play his sax some with the band Saturday. All the band members are glad that he is back.

## DO YOU KNOW

—J. D. Wilbanks  
That Amazon River tribes chicle, the basis of chewing to make casts for setting broken bones.

That deer antlers are peddled and administered as a food for run down patients in parts of the orient.

That Alaska's mount McKinley rises higher above the surrounding country than any other mountain in the world.

That chemical foods, ingested by hypodermic needles, flow into the blood stream, making the lives of patients suffering from severe stomach trouble, impossible.

That the smell of Citronella oil temporarily stimulates eyesight.

## JUNIO

The juniors are studying hard this week because of mid-term exams. Everyone is expecting to make good grades.

The juniors made \$66.00 selling sandwiches, pie, coffee and candy at the tournament Friday and Saturday. They appreciated everyone's help in their tournament. We wish that we could make every tournament. We wish that we could make every tournament. We wish that we could make every tournament.

The juniors in business feel sorry for the juniors in study because they had to study.

Two junior girls, one boy and a senior boy were the all-star tournament winners. The girls were Julie Kern and Janelle Womble. The junior was Ledru Jacobs, and the senior boy was L. M. Womble. The juniors are very proud of the showing they made.

Henry are you going to the stuck anymore? It's hard on the head, isn't it?

Ann has gone crazy over Perryton boy? She says he cooks breakfast in her kitchen anytime.

Veda, these Hartley boys could all right, aren't they? Norma it is fun sitting above in a car 'side a certain

Allison says he is going to the restaurant business, if he prospers have Ann and Doris Jean waitresses.

Vera Beth, isn't love especially while riding in rain?

Denzil says going with boys will get any one down specially after playing basketball.

What two junior girls started going to the pool here Merle who was after you you sprained your ankle? Janelle?

patted their opposing team on the back and wished luck in their next game. Most everyone thinks of sportsmanship in connection with the teams; I believe that fans can possess this trait, qualify also, and I believe onlookers of the games played in this tournament displayed as much sportsmanship as players! Many people from ferent towns wanted their nor did they want to who referees, when they lost. The believe that sportsmanship be shown by the spectators as well as the players.

—Edward Bradford

## THE BAND

The band had the hardest of anyone in the tournament suppose this is to be expected however, when the Sports teams are at stake. The just to cheer the teams. It can make more noise than the rest of the Spearman together. It had to play long as any of the teams coaches want the band to pep into the players. They appreciate it, also. Some do not like the band because it makes too much noise, but cheers the home teams to victory. After all, isn't that what it is there for?

—Patricia Snider

## FROSH

BETTY McKAY  
Betty was born March 18, 1925, in San Francisco, Calif. She has always attended Spearman schools. Betty has gray eyes and light brown hair. Her favorite study is band and her favorite sport is basketball.

MARJORIE ELLEN RUSSELL  
Marjorie was born March 28, 1925 at Spearman. She has always attended Spearman schools. Marjorie has brown hair and eyes. Her favorite sport is basketball and her favorite study is band.