THE GRUVER STATESMAN 24 hr. prayer service, 659-291] **VOLUME 15, NUMBER 9** THE GRUVER STATESMAN, GRUVER, TEXAS 79040 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1985

FFA banquet held in Gruver Monday nite



1985-86 FFA officers pictured above are: left to right. Mark Garnett. Spearman; Wayne Floyd of Booker; Matt Pletcher, Perryton; Shelia Moffett, Mobeetie; and Robbie Miller, Darrouzett. Vice President of the district FFA is Ann Marie Jarvis, of Spearman who is attending the National 4-H meeting in Chicago this week.



If you like to eat, thank our farmers and our future farmers" especially during this Thanksgiving and Christmas seaso

One of the largest, and best attended banquets in FFA history was held in Gruver Monday night. FFA members from Gruver, Spearman, Darrouzett , Perryton, Booker and MoBeetie were on hand to enjoy a delicious dinner of Bar-B-Que, potato salad, pickles, ice tea, beans, cole slaw and bread.

Officers of the area FFA inclueded: President Ross Renner, Of Gruver, Vice-President Ann Marie Jarvis of Spearman, Secretary Robbie Miller of Darrouzett. Treasurer Matt Pletcher of Perryton. Reporter Wayne Floyd, of Booker and Sentinel Shelia Moffett of MoBeetie.

Opening ceremoney for the evening was given by Mr. Cochran. Next the recognition of Members and Guests by Chapter.

After the invocation and excellent meal, the group adjourned to the Auditorium where the introduction of Sweethearts, talent and district leadership banners and recognition of honorary state farmers was announced.

Mike Burnam furnished the meat for the evening meal, and the ladies in the lunchroom helped in preparing the meal. Results of the talent and district banner winners are as follows:

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Junior Chapter Conducting	
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Booker	952
Higgins	952
Spearman	881
Canadian	750
Penyton	726
Senior Chapter Conductin	
Booker	944
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WhiteDeer	824
Perryton	809
Pampa	764
Junior Farm Skill	
Gruver	935
Darrouzette	870
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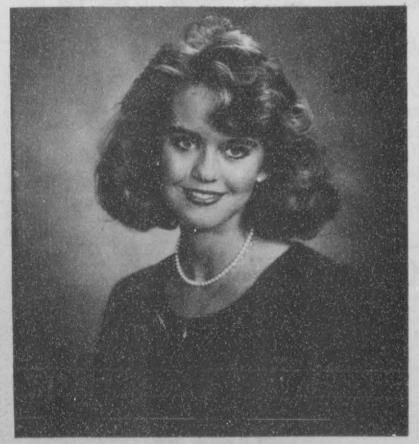
HANSFORD COUNTY LBA

SPEARER NA HEXAS 79081

There is a future in farming, as long as people eat..."learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to Live. Living to serve" is the FFA motto...

Carrie Hart to represent

Hansford County



Carrie Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart, was runnerup in the Farm Bureau Queen contest. She was given a \$1000 scholarship. It was held at the Texas State Farm Bureau Convention in Fort Worth Convention Center on December 2nd, 1985. Carrie is a senior at Gruver High School, she was crowned

1985 Homecoming Queen and is a cheerleader for the Gruver Greyhounds

Gruver

Briscoe

Pampa

White Deer

Darrouzette

services held

Everett Sullins

Everett Sullins, 77, died Wednesday, November, 27th at the Hansford Manor. Graveside services were held Friday, November 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Gruver Cemetery. Rev. Steve Ellis associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Gruver officiated.

Born in Chilhowee Missouri on February 4, 1908. He married Mary Stenson in 1944 in Rolla Missouri. He was a veteran of WW II. He was a retired farmer. A Gruver resident for the past 40 years.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Bonnie Nash of Gainsville, Georgia; a sister Charlene McClellan of Gruver, a half-brother Gene Sullins of Washington, D.C.; a grandson Clay Nash of Gainsville, Eorgia and a granddaughter Tonya Nash of Gainsville Georgia.

The pallbearers were Nick Holt, Pat Holt, Coy M. Holt, Ross

The Gruver Greyhounds boys and girls teams will play in the big Spearman varsity tourney this week ----The girls will open play against Perryton at 12:30 noon today, Thursday--The boys will play Perryton at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday following the girls game. The Hounds teams are big favorites to be in the top two or three teams in the tourney, with a good chance to win it! Follow the Hounds to Spearman this week!

Canadian FFA Quiz: Kelton Spearman Follett Allison Mobeetie Pampa Briscoe Booker Wheeler Gruver

Miami FFA Greed

Booker Perryton Wheeler Spearman Darrouzett briscoe follett gruver Mobeetie

A special thanks to the ladies in the lunchroom for all their help in preparing the meal for the FFA banquet.



A special thanks to Mr. Mike Burnam for the donation of the meat for the FFA banquet in Gruver.

Pat Holt, Coy M. Holt, Ross Walker, C.A. Davis, and L.L. Finley.

The Hansford County 4-H Food Show was held on Saturday, November 23 at the Extension Homemakers Clubroom. Each contestant completed several areas in order to compete. A record book, recipe, and day's menu was handed in early to be judged. On the day of the contest each contestant prepared a favorite nutritious dish and displayed them ready to serve. Each 4-H'er then interviewed with judges on their nutritional knowledge. A total score was tabulated in order for each to receive a blue or red award. The foods were entered into four catagories .: Main Dish, Vegetable-Fruit, Bread-Cereal and Snack-Desserts.

These were the results of the county competion. Pee Wee (8 and below) Carrie Burton, Snacks - desserts, red award. Junior Division (8 to 13) Karla Kunselman, blue; Beverly Burton, Red; Shea Crwaford, Blue, Mian Dish, Ronda Renner, Blue; Tish Ralston, Blue; Vegetable-Fruit; Randis Renner, Red, Traci Martin, Blue, Bread -Cereal; Carla Burton, Red, Mary Cook, Blue, Snack - Desserts.

Senior Division (14 to 19) Lynette Williams, Red. Alicia Thomas, Red, Bonnie Jarvis, Red - Main Dish; Michelle Cook, Red, Anne Marie Jarvis, Red, Vegetable-Fruit Deana Turner, Red, Bread-Cereal.

A District I Food Show will be held December 7 at Dumas High School. From Hansford County these 4-H'ers will participate. Junior Karla Kunselman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Kunselman, Tisha Ralston, daughter of Mr. & Mrs.

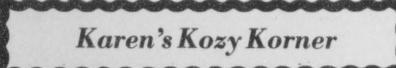
Dan Ralston, Traci Martin, daugh-ter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Martin, Mary Cook, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cook.

Seniors are Bonnie Jarvis daugh-ter of Mr. & Mrs. Britt Jarvis, Michelle Cook, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cook, Deana Turner, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Phillip Turner, and Lynette Williams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Burt Williams.

A recipe book was put together of these fabulous recipes and will be available at the County Extension office. Call or come by for one.



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Putting some method into Christmas shopping madness can make it a more enjoyable holiday season.

People often think that planning for Christmas shopping means you get it all done in August. But you can benefit from advance planning whether you have three months or three hours to complete the task.

Write down the name of each person you intend to give a gift to, and noting a maximun and minimum amounts to be sure that the total is within your budget and that you have some left over for flexibility.

Next to each person's name, list several appropriate gifts within the price range you specified.

Group the possible gift items into catergories that will allow you to shop for similar items in the same store and to go grom one store to the next wothout having to backtrack.

Finally, check the advertisements to see if the items you want to buy are on sale before heading for the stores.

When you actually start shopping, stick to your list. And as you make selections, check to see if the item can be returned, especially if you buy it on sale.

Keep the sales receipts. One method is to use aletter size envelope for each gift receiver. Write the person's name on the envelope and place the recetipts and tags from their gifts in that envelope.

If you have more than one item on a sales receipt, write what the receipt represents on the back and keep it in a special envelope. Having the receipts will help with returns if necessary.

Having a plan can make the whole process of Christmas shopping easier and give you more time to enjoy other holiday activities.

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Christmas Card Drive

a patio and do seasonal decorations Once again the Christmas season is about to beging and the for both places as well as many other gifts and services. Hansford Hospital Auxiliary is asking you again to send them the the money you would spend support in 1985 and 1986. Please sending Christmas cards so that send your checks to Helen Etter, they may fund their gifts to the Box 1045, Spearman, Texas, 79081. Hansford Hospital and the Hansford Manor.

The Christmas Greeting Card drive is the only fund drive the Auxiliary does and through the generous maponse of the people of Hansford County they have been able to furinsh a labor room in the Hospital as well as lights for an operating room, freezer for serum, curtains and shades, chairs, makeup shelves, kitchen stoves and small appliances. They also sponsor a birthday party for the Manor each month, and have fixed

Each week the Spearman Reporter, the Gruver Statesman and The Hansford Plainsman will print your name saying that you have donated to the Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending cards.

\$2.85

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We will greatly appreciate your

MARKETS

WHEAT

NUTCRACKER BALLET

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It's Nutcracker time again! Once again the Lone Star Ballet, under Neil Hess's direction, and the Amarillo Symphony, under Clara and how her dreams come true one special Christmas Eve. Clara encounters everything from giant mice to a handsome prince! She enters a fantasy land of

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Library News

Gruver City Library has just received a rotating film packet from Amarillo Public Library. These are 16 mm sound films, and are available for you to check out. The three titles we have received for this month (to be rotated each month) are: CABBAGES AND KINGS. 17 min. Color. Primary age. This film is based on the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale "Konig Drosselbart," and is the story of a very vain and silly princess who rejected and ridiculed every suitor...until her father said that she would marry the first beggar to appear at the castle. The very next day the princess is married to a young beggar who later turns out to be King Ludwig, one of her rejected suitors.

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE. 14. min. Color. Primary age. A sorcerer won't teach his apprentice any magic so the boy secretly watches the sorcerer at work. When he tries to use the magic he thinks he has learned things go awry and the sorcerer must come to his rescue. LARRY MAHAN. 22 min. Color.

Jr. High-Adult. Five-time all around Rodeo Champion Larry Mahan sometimes makes \$1,000 in eight seconds. But that eight seconds is on the back of an angry Brahma Bull. Mahan is a very modern competitor.

If any of these three titles appeal to you, or you would like to check them out for an organization, school function, etc. please feel free to come by and make use of this service. The rotating film packets will be changed approximately once a month, with three or four titles each time.

We also have a catalog of films on many specific subjects or titles. These may be booked through Amarillo Public Library for showing at your request. 1,000 titles are available to you through your city library, and we will be glad to assist you in ordering and booking a 16 mm sound film. Please do not forget our interlibrary loan services. We have had the opportunity to request and receive

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over 75 books on specific subjects in the month of November. If you can't find what you need in your local library, this is an excellent way of obtaining the books or periodicals to fit this need. Gruver City Library has six of the current best-sellers as listed this week. Come in and find the book you want to entertain you on these long, cold, winter evening'! GRUVER CITY LIBRARY

> 2:00-6:00 Monday through Friday

Harmony Club met

The Gruver Harmony Club had a 'surprise'' kidnap breakfast at the Methodist Fellowship Hall Sat. morning at 8:00 a.m. on Nov. 16th. The breakfast, which consisted of doughnuts, orange juice, and hot chocolate, went over very wellalthough there wre quite a few people eyed girls there who wished that they were still home in their

nice warm beds! The morning started off with some elite exercises and a few laps around the tables, then it was time to eat. After everyone was finished, secret sisters were chosen and then came

the best event of all - The Worst looking Morning Person Contest!!

Since it was a come as you are event, there were quite a few contenders for the prize. Because not everyone could make up their

minds, however two winners were chosen Michelle Babbs and Joby White, who received as their prizes two rolls of white toilet paper! The meeting was then adjourned so that everyone could return home and go back to bed.

Alpha Mu Psi meets

The sisters of Alpha Mu Psi met November 19th at the lovely home of Gail Etheredge. Glenna Hunt, president, conducted the business meeting. The main items of business included the upcoming Pheasant Hunter's breakfast, Christmas party, and Santa's visit. Winner of the hostess gift was Kelly Armes. Kelly Hart assisted the hostess by providing delicious refreshments.

The program was given by Charlotte Jackson and Loretta Cook

from "Chalor's" in Spearman. They taught us how to make lovely sachets using lace dolies. Many other home decorating and gift giving hints were also given.

Those attending included Kelly Hart, Tracy Bevill, Marsha Lowe, Melanie Zimmer, Tonni Yanke, Cynthia Henson, Kelly Armes, Glenna Hunt, Gail Etheredge, Ginny Grotegut, Teresa Weldon, Any Te-Beest, Jody Irwin, and Angela Grotegut.

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letters to Santa

Once again it's that time of year for all the good little boys and girls to write their letters to Santa Claus.

This year, the paper has been designated as an official, area drop-off point for letters to Santa. Children are welcome to bring their letters to the office, downtown Main Street.

The paper will print the letters in its paper each week and in our Christmas edition on Dec.

24th, before forwarding the letters via reindeer mail, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, along

with all the elves, will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas.

But remember, all letters must be received at the paper no later later than 10 a.m., Dec. 23rd - and the sooner the better. Letters after that date, they will not have time to reach the North Pole.



Your child will grow up someday, go out into the world, and be surprised to learn that you were right about a few things. -Grit.

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Mitchell Sardou Klein's dire will join forces to bring The Nutcracker Ballet to the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. This year audiences will enjoy this beautiful production with a new snow scene, a new 3 dimensional Christmas tree, many new costumes and special lighting. Guest artists from The New York City Ballet will be Alexia Hess and Peter Boal. Also, Gordon Stevens with the School of American Ballet in New York City and Mia Cunningham who is currently studing ballet and drama in New York City.

The Nutcracker is a magical story of music and dance that has long captured the imagination of young and old alike. Many families make it an annual event. It is the story of a little girl named

magic, fun, suspense, and beauty. Come and join Clara on her trip to dreamland...you'll never forget the new Christmas tree that grows to twice its size-or the Mother Buffoon with all her little baby buffoons!

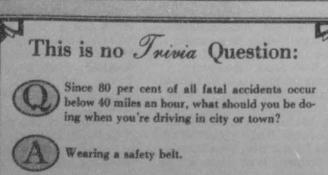
There will be a total of four performances this year; Friday, December 13th at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14th, at both 3:00 and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. Tiokets are \$18, \$12, and \$6 with a dollar d scount for children under 12 and senicr citizens over 65. Groups of 10 or more receive a ten percent discount. Tickets may be purchased at all area Amarillo Hasting's locations, or from the Lone Star Ballet, Inc. office, 372-



Let us permit nature to have her way: she understands her business better than we do. -Michel De Montaigne.

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. -Shakespeare.

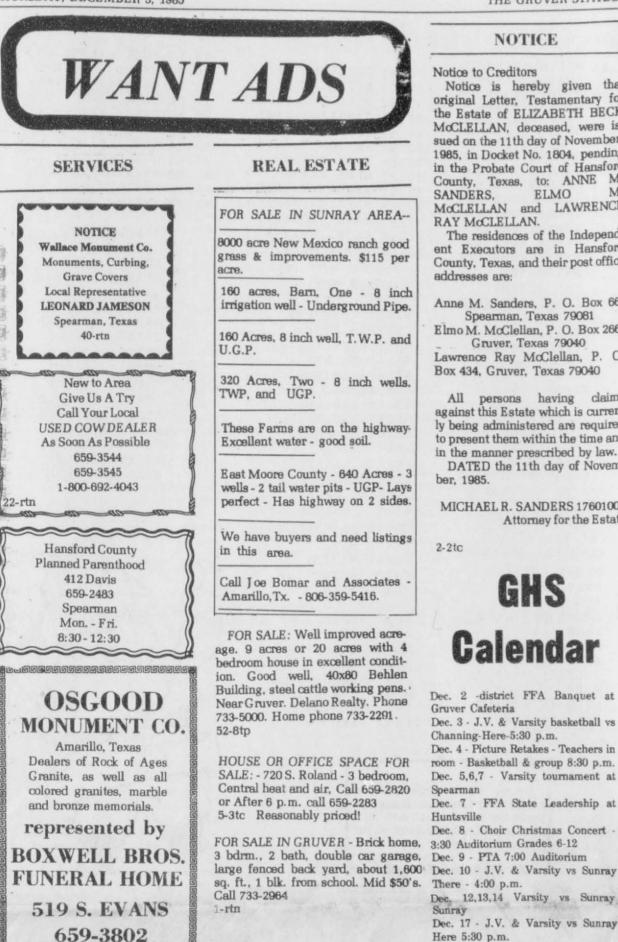
Nature is no spendthrift, but takes the shortest way to her ends.



It's the Law in Texas! A meusage from the Texas Department of Public Safety THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1985

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NOTICE

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letter, Testamentary for the Estate of ELIZABETH BECK McCLELLAN, deceased, were issued on the 11th day of November, 1985, in Docket No. 1804, pending in the Probate Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: ANNE M. M SANDERS, ELMO MoCLELLAN and LAWRENCE RAY MCCLELLAN.

The residences of the Independent Executors are in Hansford County, Texas, and their post office addresses are:

Anne M. Sanders, P. O. Box 66, Spearman, Texas 79081 Elmo M. McClellan, P. O. Box 266, Gruver, Texas 79040 Lawrence Ray McClellan, P. O. Box 434, Gruver, Texas 79040

All persons having claims against this Estate which is current ly being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 11th day of November, 1985.

MICHAEL R. SANDERS 17601000 Attorney for the Estate

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GHS Calendar

Dec. 2 -district FFA Banquet at Gruver Cafeteria

Dec. 3 - J.V. & Varsity basketball vs Channing-Here-5:30 p.m. Dec. 4 - Picture Retakes - Teachers in room - Basketball & group 8:30 p.m. Dec. 5,6,7 - Varsity tournament at

Spearman Dec. 7 - FFA State Leadership at Huntsville

Dec. 8 - Choir Christmas Concert There - 4:00 p.m. Dec. 12,13,14 Varsity vs Sunray Sunray Dec. 17 - J.V. & Varsity vs Sunray Here 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19 - Band Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - Christmas Holiday

Jan. 2 - Classes Resume

Menu

Elementary & Jr. High Menu December 2-6

> MONDAY, DEC. 2 Stew/Vegetables Grilled Cheese Pickle Separ **Birthday Cake** MIIk

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 Hamburger/Bun Shredded Lettuce Tator Tots Cookie Milk

TUESDAY* DEC. 3 Steak Fingers Potatoes/Gravy **Chopped Spincah**

WEDNESDAY* DEC. 4 Hamburger/Bun Shredded Lettuce Tator Tots Cookie MONDAY Dec.9

mashed potatoes w/gravy com, cake, hot roll, milk TUESDAY, DEC. 10 Tacos w/lettuce & cheese Pinto beans, fruit Crustos, milk Chicken w/rice green beans

fruit cobbler, biscuits, milk THURSDAY, Dec. 12 Ham & cheese, sandwich Tater tots, tossed salad jello, milk

FRIDAY, Dec. 13



Hot Rolls/Peanut Blend Milk

Chicken fried steaks,

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

B.B.Q. on bun French fries cole slaw cookies, milk



Heart to Hearth Home Tour and Country Store on Sunday, December 8th from 2 to 5 p.m.

Out of State

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The Country Store will be set up in the City Hall Building for your viewing pleasure. Members of the club plan on having lots of home made crafts as well as the home baked goodies. Refreshemnts will be served at the Country Store from 2 till 5 p.m.

Homes on the tour belong to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benton, 26 Golden Circle Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Kim Brock, 25 Golden Circle Drive; Mr.

WHO KNOWS

1. What is a poult? 2. Can you identify an armadillo? 3. When was slavery ended in the United States? 4. Name the oldest fraternity in the United States. 5. Who was the founder of Methodism?

and Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, 604 S. Barkley: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Murphy, 1114 S. Bernice; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Vanderburge, 3 miles west on Hwy 15, 2 miles south, 1 milew west, 1 mile south.

Office

1405-332-3378

Tickets will be \$4.00 each and are available from Club members and at the Country Store on December 8th.

The Country Store will open promptly at 2 p.m. No early inspections please. No children under 12.

> Answers to Who Knows 5. John Wesley. .orrt ni bobnuot 4. Phi Beta Kappa, ment went into effect. when the 13th amend-3. December 18, 1895, armor of bony plates. poql protected by an bns besi dit head and 2. A small burrowing A very young turkey.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Golden Plains Community Hospital, Home Health Department has current openings for all areas of home care. Excellent salary plus comprehensive benefit package. Successful applicant needs one year prior experience in the medical field and/or valid certificate. Contact Elly Shaver at 273-2851, Ext. 3030 for an interview between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Land Bank

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> We say a farm real estate loan should be as easy to pay back as possible.

> > See us:



Go Greyhounds ----Win the Spearman tournament

Tis the season to buckle up ... wherever you travel.

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

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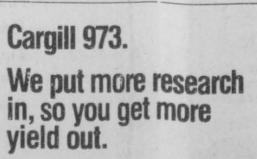
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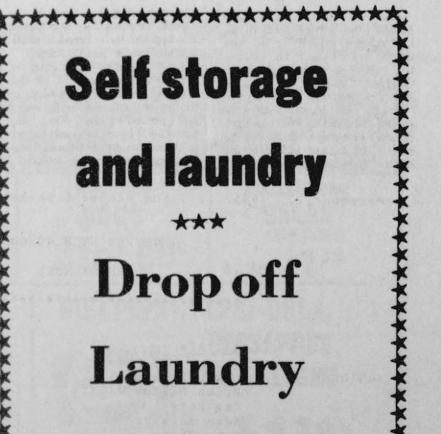
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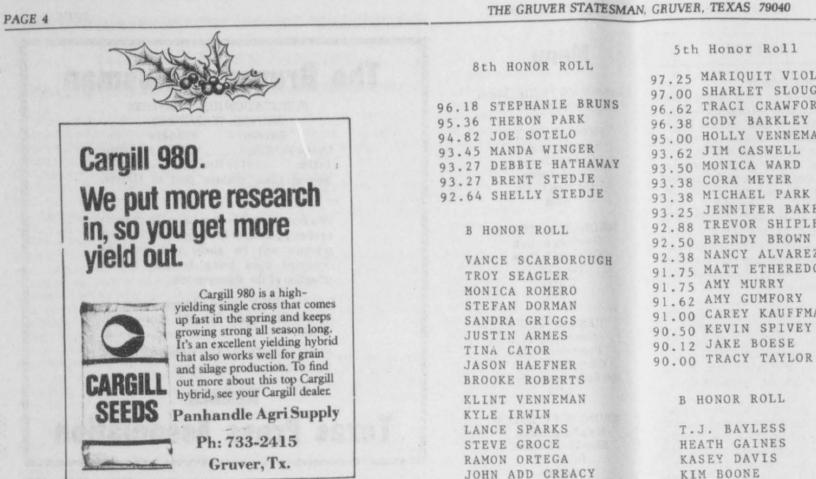
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Spearman merchants **Xmas promotion**

Spearman Retail Merchant's . Christmas promotion will begin on Friday, November 29th with registration boxes in all participating businesses. This year all participating businesses will be giving the Chamber of Commerce \$50.00 worth of gift certificates from their business. When drawings begin on Monday, December 9th winners will receive gift certificates from our local merchants instead of the Spearman Bucks as in years past. The Retail Merchants are expecting approximately 50 businesses to participate, so that they will be giving away about \$2500.00 worth of merchandise or services from our hometown merchants.

In addition to the drawings,

house lawn, Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. to light the downtown lights and light up our live Christmas tree. Santa Claus will be at the Courthouse on Dec. 4 to visit with children of all ages. Mrs. Santa and some of Santa's elves will also be at different businesses during the month of December from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. There will be two free movies at the Lyric Theater for the children to watch while Moms and Dads do

their Christmas Shopping in Spearman. Both movies will start at 3:00 p.m. On December 14, Across the Great Divide will be showing and Mountain Family Robinson will show on Dec. 21. Our thanks to the Moose Lodge for providing these movies for our kids! Everyone is invited to the Program on December 4 at the Courthouse. REMEMBER --- SHOP

SPEARMAN FIRST-

The temperature in Gruver hit near 0 this week ----

FRANCISCO BORUNDA

KATRINA BRATTON

The weather dipped to new low here this week, as Sunday saw a temperature drop to 2 above zero and a repeat on Monday as the low was also 2 above zero.

The slippery, slick weather hit during Thanksgiving week, and everyone tippy-toed on the ice and almost froze out.... Un-officially some temperatures dipped to zero, but offically the 2 above zero will go in the record book.

A heavy layer of ice was on the trees, and high lines, with cloudy cold weather in the area all week. Weather men in the area are still

5th Honor Roll 97.25 MARIQUIT VIOLA 97.00 SHARLET SLOUGH 96.62 TRACI CRAWFORD 96.38 CODY BARKLEY 95.00 HOLLY VENNEMAN 93.62 JIM CASWELL 93.50 MONICA WARD 93.38 CORA MEYER 93.38 MICHAEL PARK 93.25 JENNIFER BAKER 92.88 TREVOR SHIPLEY 92.50 BRENDY BROWN 92.38 NANCY ALVAREZ 91.75 MATT ETHEREDGE 91.75 AMY MURRY 91.62 AMY GUMFORY 91.00 CAREY KAUFFMAN 90.50 KEVIN SPIVEY

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T.J. BAYLESS HEATH GAINES KASEY DAVIS KIM BOONE JEFFREY PRICE SHANNON CANADA TINA CAMP FATIMA ROMERO CRYSTAL FRENCH JENNIFER ANDERSON

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Gruver Music Club will be having their Christmas Bazzar on December 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the La Casita Room at the Gruver State Bank.

7th HONOR ROLL 97.45 JENNIFER TERRY 97.00 KATIE WILLIAMS 95.82 GRETCHEN LOWDER 95.36 JENNIFER HART 94.45 DERIK MACK 93.91 AMANDA HILLER 93.64 P.D. SWINK 93.27 ELDA PANDO 93.27 ASHLEY WAGNER 93.09 PATRICA MORENO 91.82 MARCI ROBERTS 91.18 CASEY SPENCE 90.00 JASON BASS B HONOR ROLL BILLY CRAWFORD CYNTHIA WINN JILL SCHELL BILLY HAYES KYLE HAENISCH EVA BABBS

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many of our local merchants will be extending their business hours by staying open to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in December (except for Christmas Eve). The Retail Merchants are planning a Christmas program on the Court-

Auction to be held

The 1985 P.S.U. Rodeo Club Benefit Stud Service Auction will be held in Goodwell for the first time in several years. The location is the Stables, on Highway 54 in Goodwell. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7.

As in past years, owners of several outstanding stallions have donated breedings which will be sold to the highest bidder at the auction. Breeding fees will gener-

ally start at half or less of the normal breeding fee. Don't miss this opportunity to breed to excellent stallions at bargain prices.

Funds raised at the auction are used to support the P.S.U. Rodeo Program, either for scholarships or for travel expenses. Both men's and women's teams have the potential to be regional and national champions and additional financial support is earnestly solicited.

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holding their breath, wondering what the next cold front will bring to the county.

1985 Spearman Invitational

The annual Spearman Invitational basketball tournament gets underway Thursday of this week. Boys and girls teams entering the tournament include Spearman, Stinnett, Pampa "B", Canadian, Perryton, Gruver, Fritch and Borger "B". These are all in the girls bracket.

In the boys bracket, teams include Spearman, Stinnett, Guymon "B", Canadian, Perryton, Gruver, Fritch and Spearman "B".

The tournament opens Thursday at 9:30 a.m. with the Fritch and Borger "B" girls playing. The Spearman teams will play: girls, 6:30 p.m. Thursday against Stin-nett; and the boys will open at 8:00 p.m. against the Stinnett boys. The tournament bracket is locat-

ed elsewhere in the paper.

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Gregg Haight Rod Karlin Kip Pittman Sharon Reynolds Karla Zapata

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Where else but locally can you find friendly retailers, some your neighbors, who are interested in giving you the finest in service and savings. When you shop locally, your community prospers and civic improvements are supported by your taxes.

The Spearman Retail Merchants are proud to present its **1985** Christmas promotion.

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December 14 - Across The Great Divide

December 21 - Mountain Family Robinson

Support These Local Merchants Who Support Our Town Must be 18 to register.

Register at the following Merchants for gift certificates to be given away starting Dec. 9 On Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21 the Moose Lodge will sponsor a FREE movie, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre for the children while you shop for Christmas.

HOP AT HOME

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Santa Crossed Unsafe Toys

Before Santa comes to town this holiday season, the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness (TSPB) Amarillo Branch hopes he will have crossed unsafe toys off the request lists children from Texas have sent him.

According to the Society, last year an estimated 5,035 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related eye injuries. More than 80 percent of them were under age 15.

"Toy injuries can be prevented," says Gwen Fraze, President of the Amarillo Branch of TSPB. "However, the gifts that Santa--and parents--leave under the tree this holiday should be carefully selected."

The Society recommends that before making purchases, buyers inspect the toy and consider if it is appropriate for the child and his or her maturity level. "Toys purchased for one child often find their way into the hands of younger, less adept children," Mrs. Fraze says. "This can be especially hazardous.'

The Society also suggests that shoppers keep a lookout for these potential hazards:

--Check toys for any sharp, exposed edges, points, nails, screws and pins.

--Avoid projectile items, such as

guns that shoot darts or cork. --Examine dolls, stuffed animals and other cuddly toys for rigid interior frames that can poke through outside coverings. --Check for loose parts that can become unattached, exposing sharp metal or plastic.

-- Avoid toys that can shatter. The Society is especially concerned that parents and friends continue to purchase projectile non-toys for children. These include air and spring operated guns, slingshots, bows and arrows and darts. Last vear, these items resulted in approximately 3,600 people suffering eye injuries that required hospital emergency room treatment.

"This year, keep the holiday spirits happy by only giving safe gifts and toys," says Mrs. Fraze. For further information on yearround children's eye safety, write for a copy of the Society's free brouchure, "Play It Safe," to: Prevent Blindness--P.O. Box 7602. Amarillo, TX 79114.

Founded in 1908, the National Society to Prevent Blindness is the oldest voluntary health agency nationally engaged in preventing blindness through a comprehensive program of community services, public and professional education and research.

If you are interested in information about domestic violence, child abuse, rape, molestation, legal resources, etc., the Panhandle Crisis Center has an excellent library for you. Books must be checked out on your signature. But a number of free pamphlets are well displayed so you can see them easily and make your selection. They are all attractive and readily understood. Even if you don't intend using them yourself, come look them over so you can be better informed.

By now you are aware that the Panhandle Crisis Center helps victims of domestic violence. Another service it offers is to victims of rape.

What everyone should realize is that rape is not a sex act per/se. That is, it is not brought on by "unwise" dress or behavior. Rape is an act of rage or deepseated anger and resentment. Often it is planned in advance. Sometimes it is well thought out and progresses through several stages, beginning with what looks like normal dating. Most rapes are prepetrated by

But there is the "opportunist" who takes advantage of an unexpected victim who happens to cross his path and is alone and/or helpless at the moment.

What to do if you are raped. As soon as possible, report the rape to the police and/or the Panhandle Crisis Center (435-5008). Even if you do not want to prosecute, your information may be helpful in arresting a suspect that some other victim does want to prosecute. REMEMBER: Do NOT bathe or shower or douche. Do NOT urinate or defecate. Do NOT change clothes. Do NOT straighted up or marrange anything at the scene. This way, you can be sure of not

destroying valuable evidence. It is important to get a medical examination as soon as possible. If you call the Panhandle Crisis Center, a volunteer will go with you to the hospital if you so desire, to help you get through the process and reassure your friends and/or family, if you wish to inform them. The examination is not only to tend whatever injuries you may have suffered, but to collect evidence, whether or not you wish to prose-

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Panheidle Crisis Center Report - 2 The Panhandle Crisis Center will help you cope with the shock you have been through, and will help you to speed your recovery period.

THIS IS IMPORTANT, for many persons have come to our attention in our short time of service, who are still suffering from the mental torement of having been victimized perhaps years ago.

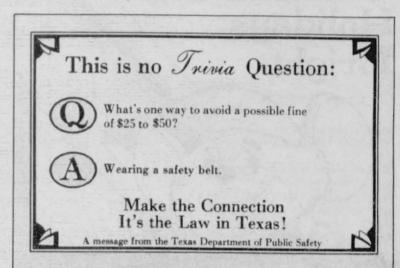
Helpfrom Panhandle Crisis Center

If you are one of those whose victimization was in the past, join the support group led by the Director of the PCC. You may not only find yourself helped, but may be of strong help to someone else. Thus you can turn your disaster into a benefit for others.

Next time I will write about child molestation. Meantime, if you have any questions, call Panhandle Crisis Center (435-5008.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 5-6 - "A Christmas Memory," Grand Opera House, Uvalde. The Opera House, built in 1891 of yellow brick made of clay from the nearby Leona River, offered professional entertainment as well as local productions until after WWI. In 1982, after years of neglect, it was restored to its original luster and now schedules a full season. This month's production, adapted from a Truman Capote short story, tells of a small boy and his aunt remembering past Christmases and the friendship they shared.

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Mrs. Reagan accepted invitation

New York, N.Y., Nov. 13--Mrs. Nancy Reagan has accepted an invitation by CARE to serve as Honorary Chairperson for the organization's 40th anniversary in 1986, it was announced today by Wallace J. Campbell. a founder and President of CARE.

In accepting her role to mark CARE's founding, the First Lady said: "It is a great pleasure for me to help lead CARE's 40th anniversary celebration. To many people the organization's mane calls to mind the famous CARE packages which victims of World War II received from concerned Americans; to much of the world's popultation, born since 1946. care continues to be an organization offering technical assistance, education, and training to developing countries,"

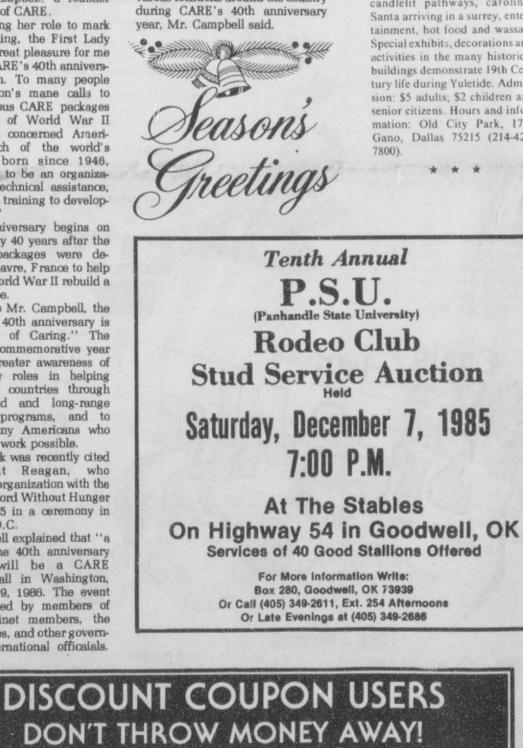
CARE's anniversary begins on May 11, exactly 40 years after the first CARE packages were delivered to Le Havre, France to help survivors of World War II rebuild a ravaged Europe.

They will joing together to celebrate CARE's commitment over four decades to improving the lives of hundreds of millions of people around the world.'

Other events will be planned in varous locations around the country during CARE's 40th anniversary

Dec. 5-8 - Candlelight Tour of Old City Park, Dallas. Tours of this cultural history museum are enriching all year long, but it has

a special magic at Christmas with candlelit pathways, caroling, Santa arriving in a surrey, entertainment, hot food and wassail. Special exhibits, decorations and activities in the many historical buildings demonstrate 19th Century life during Yuletide. Admission: \$5 adults; \$2 children and senior citizens. Hours and information: Old City Park, 1717 Gano, Dallas 75215 (214-421Pre-Holiday SALE Acconconconconcon **ALL SIZES-GREAT SELECTION OF FRESH** AS LOW AS Stine TV SPECIAL TV SPECIAL TV SPECIAL OSCAR MAYER CS-WK GREEN 1141 GOLD BEANS HULL



persons who know the victim.

According to Mr. Campbell, the theme for the 40th anniversary is "Forth Years of Caring." The focus of the commemorative year is to create greater awareness of CARE's many roles in helping less-developed countries through emergency aid and long-range development programs, and to thank the many Americans who make CARE's work possible.

CARE's work was recently cited by President Reagan, who presented the organization with the Presidential Word Without Hunger Award for 1985 in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Campbell explained that "a highlight of the 40th anniversary celebration will be a CARE anniversary ball in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1986. The event will be attended by members of congress, cabinet members, the diplomatic corps, and other government and international officaials.

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Answers to Who Knows

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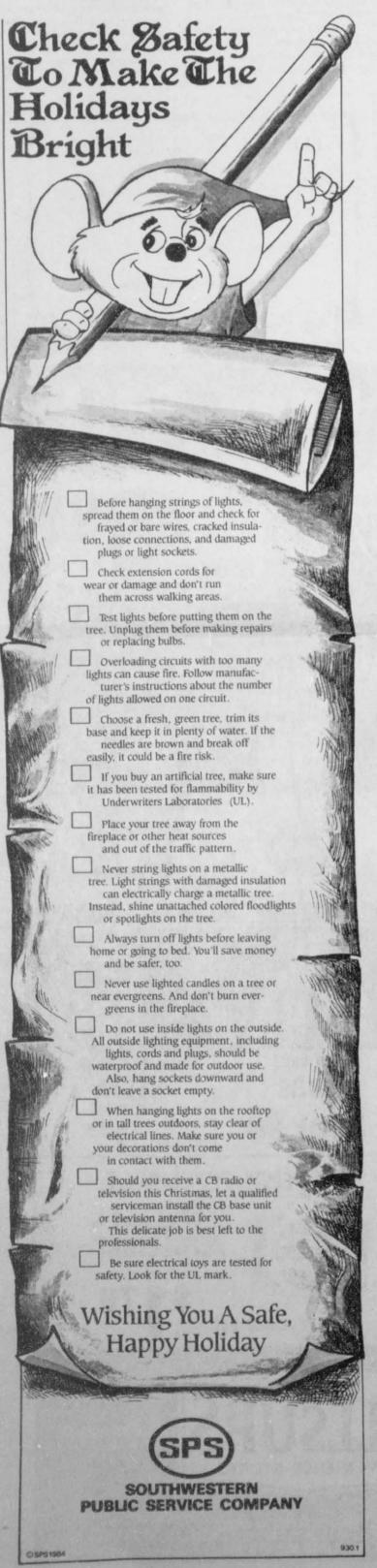
2. To whom was he writing?

4. Where may it be found?

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5. The Senate. George Windsor. 4. George Philip Arthur torch, 151 feet, 1 inch. 3. Height from base to estonbini narcissus and the stone 2. The flower is the Woodrow Wilson. Andrew Johnson and I. Martin Van Buren,

Ain't nature wonderful! -American Phrase.



"Back to the Basics"

Texas' education reform movement features a "back to the basics" curriculum, but two educators wonder if the reform effort will produce brighter and more creative students, a state teacher association magazine reports this month.

In the November/December issue of ATPE NEWS, official publication of the 42,000 member Association of Texas Professional Educators, Dr. Richard Sutch of the Austin Independent School District and Dean C. Corrigan of Texas A&M University cast doubts on whether the Texas school reform movement will produce students with the creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills America will need in the year 2000 and beyound.

Sutch, coordinator of fine arts for the AISD, says that Texas schools are doing nothing more than repackaging existing courses and requiring students to take more subjects.

"Unfortunately, many in this movement are missing the real issue, "Sutch says. "They are looking at a return to the basics and an increase in credits required for graduation." He says a different kind of restructuring is necessary to prepare students for the future.

'Schools cannot be restructured for the information age merely by repackaging the old basics and requiring more of the same course," Sutch explains. "Any real restructuring must be much more fundamental. It must address what young people need to learn and how schools need to instill the ability to learn."

In a recent newspaper article, Corrigan, dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M, wrote that the reform movement places too much emphasis on improving scores on standardized tests, and that such an emphasis might force low-achieving students to drop out of schools.

"One of the most frightening aspects of the current emphasis on testing is that the push for high test scores may become a device for weeding students out of the school system," Corrigan wrote. "The worst thing that could happen is that in five years the average SAT score or state-mandated score increases and we learn the reason for the increase is that the 20 percent of students who needed help the most were pushed out of school."

Corrigan also warns that Texas'

use of test scores to identify slow or fast learners often is the "kiss of death" for many students.

"Studies show that once a child is tested and then placed in a group called 'slow learners,' there is almost never movement up." Corrigan wrote. "it is side ways, down to another group, or out of school entirely. Tests are used as an excuse to justify why the child did not learn rather than a way to diagnose the child's learning needs and design appropriate curriculm

and teaching strategies." In other stories, ATPE NEWS explores Reading is Fundamental, a project which seeks to combat the problem of illiteracy by making reading a fun activity for young people. The magazine also reports on how no-pass, no-play has affected Texas high school football teams, and provides educators with tips on conducting successful stu-

dent science fairs. ATPE NEWS is published six times per year by ATPE, Texas' second-largest and fastest-growing teacher association. Approximately 94 percent of ATPE members are classroom teachers, but the association's membership also includes school administrators, paraprofessionals, and student and retired teachers.

Subscriptions to ATPE NEWS are available for \$10 per year by writing the Editor, ATPE NEWS. 7715 Chevy Chase Drive, Suite 210, Austin, Texas 78752-1589.

Breakfast to be held

The annual pheasant hunters' breakfast will be held December 14th at the Methodist Church. The all-youcan-eat buffet will feature cinnamon rolls, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gray, bacon, sausage, and lots of other extras. Price is \$5.00 per

peson. The meal will be served from 5.m. - 8 a.m. This specail event is sponsored by Alpha Mu Psi. Proceeds go toward helping many community projects.

Raffle tickets are still available for the Browning Citori shotgun which will be given away at about 8 a.m. on Weight Watchers

FENNEL CASSEROLE

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Makes 4 servings, each providing: 3-3/4 Vege-table Exchanges; 1 Fat Exchange; 15 calories **Optional Exchange**

1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil 1-1/2 pounds fennel, cut into 3×1/2-inch strips (about 4 cups) 2 cups sliced onions (thin strips) 1 to 2 employed onions (thin strips)

1 to 2 small garlic cloves, minced 11/2 cups canned Italian tomatoes (with liquid). drain and coarsely chop tomatoes.

eserving liquid 1 tablespoon chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley 1/4 teaspoon **each** salt and pepper 1 tablespoon **each** plain dried bread crumbs and

grated Parmesan cheese

teaspoon margarine, melted 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon peel Garnish, chopped fresh parsley

In 12-inch nonstick skillet heat oil over high heat; add fennel, onions, and garlic and sauté, stirring occa-sionally, until fennel is tender-crisp. Stir in tomatoes. reserved liquid, parsley, salt, and pepper and cook until heated, 1 to 2 minutes; remove from heat and

transfer to 1-1/2-quart flameproof casserole. In small bowl combine remaining ingredients sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over vegetables and broil until topping is browned, about 1 minute. Serve inished with parslev

ENDIVE AND ARUGULA SALAD Makes 4 servings, each providing: 2 Vegetable Exchanges; 1 Fat Exchange

4 medium Belgian endives 2 cups arugula leaves. 2 tablespoons rice vinegar 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon olive oil 1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard Dash each salt and peppel

Trim root end of each endive; wash endives well in cold water and drain. Separate each endive into individual leaves. Line a serving plate with 3/4 of the endive leaves, tacing tips of leaves toward rim of plate like flower petals. Setting aside one arugula leaf for garnish, fill center of plate with arugula leaves, top with remaining endive leaves and garnish with re-served arugula leaf. In small bowl, or jar with tight fitting cover, combine vinegar, oil, mustard, salt, and pepper, mix or shake well. Pour dressing over greens and serve.



By Sarah Ann Sheridan

The holiday season is not complete without something made from cranberries.

Cranberry Pudding

- 1/3 c butter
- ⅔ c sugar 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2¹/₃ c flour 2¹/₂ c baking powder
- 1/3 'c milk
- 1 c cranberries

Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and eggs. Mix and sift flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk to first mixture. Stir in berries.

Steam 3 hours. Serve with thin cream, sweetened and flavored with nutmeg.

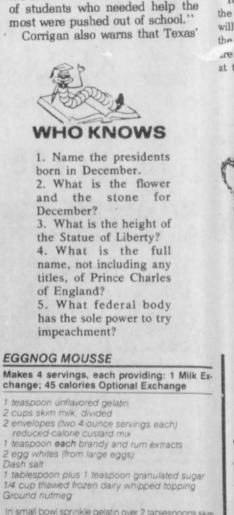
Answers to Bible Verse

4. I Corinthians 12:31. along high ideals and motives. his utmost to develop his life 3. Each of us should strive to do 2. The church at Corinth. I. Paul the Apostle.

HOLIDAY MENU BEEF BOUILLON, HERBED-MUSTARD ROAST BEEF, BROCCOLI-POTATO NESTS, FENNEL CASSEROLE, ENDIVE AND ARUGULA SALAD, EGGNOG MOUSSE. WINE SPRITZER

(1/3 cup light wine mixed

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In small bowl sprinkle gelatin over 2 tablespoons skim milk; let stand a few minutes to soften. In 1-quan saucepan heat remaining milk to a simmer, stir gelatin mixture and custard mix and cook, stirri constantly, until custard and gelatin are dissolved about 2 minutes. Stir in extracts and pour into mediur bowl, refrigerate, stirring occasionally, until mixture begins to set, 30 to 45 minutes.

In mixing bowl, using electric mixer on high speed, beat egg whites with sait until soft peaks form, gradually beat in sugar, beating until whites are stiff but not dry Carefully fold whites into custard mixture, spoon custard into 4 sherbet glasses. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours. To serve, top each portion with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and dash nutmeo





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Soldier's art displayed



Glen Ayers former Spearman resident

An emotion-filled series of paintings illustrating the feelings of Glen Ayers during his tour of duty in Vietnam was on display recently at the Center for the Arts in Dallas.

Artist Glen Ayers describes the works as "one soldiers intimate view of Vietnam." Many of the paintings were done while Ayers was in the field in Vietnam. He would take photos out in the bush during the day, and was allowed to paint at night in a small room with blankets draped over the windows to prevent shooting by snipes. His parents sent him paint and brushes and he used old canvas jeep covers as canvas for his portraits.

The works were on display at the Center for the Arts, Jacee Park, 2000 W. Airport Freeway in conjunction with the Irving Art Association nonjuried show which was held Sept. 29 through October 11.

A reception was held and during this time, Ayers was interviewed over channel 5. Ayers now makes his home in Irving with wife Cathy and two sons Scott Glen two years old and Trevor Austin who is 6 weeks old. Glen was reared in the Spearman Area and his parents, Flavil and Josephine Ayers now reside in Gruver.

In observance of Veteran's Day in 1973, Cpt. Ayers wrote a letter to the People of Spearman, which was also published in the Faith Independent of Faith, South Dakota the residence of his parents at that time. Since Veterans Day was observed about 3 weeks ago and Thanksgiving just last week, the editor of the Gruver Statesman would like to reprint this letter that was written over 12 years ago

Dear People of Spearman.

This letter is a letter of appreciation to a town called Spearman and the people who live there.

I have been in Viet Nam eight months now and I will be very glad to get back home. Every once in awhile, a fellow Marine asks me where I am from. I tell him. Of course he asks me where that is, which makes me a little mad, but I am proud of my little home

A town floating in a sea of wheat with a proud banner called an elevator. It is a town far from killing and hunger. It only seems to have to worry about the next wheat harvest. Being in a war zone, I have come to appreciate that little town more than ever. I hope my little town never has to experience the terrifying sight of bombs being dropped on its buildings Or the flashing of flares all night long.

I hope my little town never has to run to a foxhole everytime the fire whistle blows. The most important thing I don't want the people of Spearman to experience is the cold, weak terrifying feeling a human gets when bullets are buzzing all around him or mortar rounds are walking toward the foxhole he is in.

There is one particular group in my town I would really like to say something about. They are called Veterans. I know there are many in our town alone . Chances are they are solid citizens in the community and very glad to be a part of the town. Chances are they appreciate life very much and are doing a lot to help the town.

When I first came to Viet Nam, there was a sign over my bed. It read "to live you almost die, to those who fight for it, life has a savior the protected will never know." To you as Veterans you know exactly what those words mean. To you who are not Veterans, go find a veteran and shake his hand. You can bet he will appreciate it and the fact he is able to shake your hand.

In conclusion I must say something about the men who have given their lives to Spearman. They are monuments now, an inseperable part of Spearman. A monument along with Spearman. A monument along with the elevators and the wheatfields. They are truly Spearmanites and will never be loyal to another town and truly will be remembered as long as Spearman wants to remember them. 4 Cpl. Ayers

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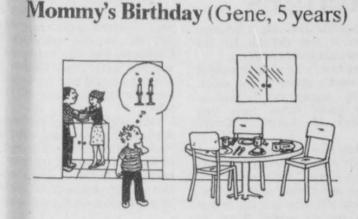
Missy Britt recieves A question of burning



Missy Britt, 20, daughter of Frank and Hazel Britt, received her nursing cap on Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m. The Methodist Hospital School of Nursing recognized the completion of the first eight weeks of a three year course at a ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church of Broadway and Thirteenth in Lubbock.

Mattie Tippist, R.N. and junior nursing instructor, addressed the 73 students. After receiving their caps, each student was given a candle to signify the work of Florence Nightinggale. They then recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the church. Attending Miss Britt's capping were her parents, her sister, Vicki of Amarillo, her grandmother, Annie Laura Hargrove of Dimmitt, and friends.



How It Happened

On Tuesday, Sam decided to surprise his wife Sally by making dinner for her birthday.

Sam washed the lettuce, and five-year-old Gene tore it into bits-sized pieces and put it in the salad bowl. While Sam chopped onion and peppers and tomatoes and chicken, Gene washed the strawberries.

When mother got home, Sam and Gene yelled "Surprise!" You fixed dinner!" she said. "That's fantastic." Mother followed Sam into the kitchen, but Gene ran to the dining room. They had forgotton something. They had forgotton to put candles on the table. He got the candles out of the cupboard and put them on the floor to light them. He got matches out of the drawer. He had never lit a match before, but he'd seen his parents do it plenty of times.

Gene pulled a match out of the matchbox and struck it. It didn't light, so he tried another one. Th fourth match lit. Trembling a little, he held the match to the wick of one candle and lit it. Then he lit the other candle. He picked up one candle and carried it to the table. He went back and picked up the other. But just as he was placing it on the table. He went

back and picked up the other. But just as he was placing it on the table, the candle fell out of its holder. When it hit the floor Gene stepped on it to put out the flame.



Then he saw that his shirt was on fire. "Mom!" he screamed. "Dad!" Mother ran into the room, and when she saw what had happened she immediately threw Gene on the floor and rolled him over to smother the flames. Then she took off his shirt and put cool water on the burned skin, while Sam called the hospital. Questions

What "right" things did Sam do to let Gene share in party preparations?

preparations? When do you think a parent should teach a child the correct way to light matches?

Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are A.D. Sparks, and Debbie E. Jones.

Dismissed were Myrle Farrington, Donna Hendrickson, Humberto Baderama, Kyle Erwin, Sheila Stevens, Martha Sloan, Silas Dozier, Viriginia Sparks, Charla Roberts, Christoper Vela, Debra Soaps and Otho Gammill.



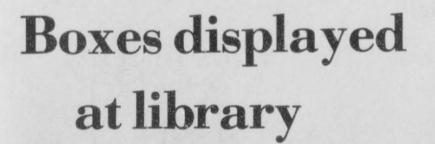
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town with its one little stop light, which seems to be the pulsating heart of a happy town.

diciembre a las 7:00 de la noche. El reverendo padre estara aqui toda la semana. No dejen de asistir y agan propagando de ello.

Togetherness If you think cooperation is not necessary, try running a wagon with a wheel off. -W.O.W. Magazine.

Back-Seat Driver With all their faults, the backseat driver at least has enough interest in life to look ahead. -Times, Chilton, Mo.



A collection of boxes is on display at Hansford County Library during December, along with an assortment of very old Christmas Cards.

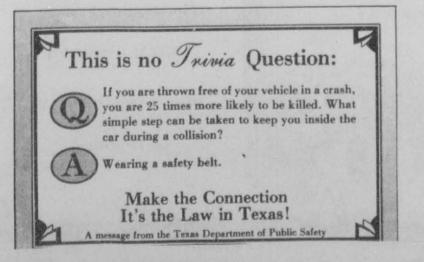
The postcards belonged to the late Jesse & Lula Womble and Caleb and Mary Pettitt. They date back to the early 1900's.

Sybil Miller is the owner of these collections. She acquired the cards from relatives of these old-time County residents.

The boxes, both would and tin, range from hand-decorated ones by Mrs. Miller, to 100-yr. old antiques. One is a carved glove box made years ago by "Aunt" Dink Hoskins. One is a powder box owned by Dink's sister, Mrs. Cooke. Another is a large oval box (handmade) and painted by a woman who publishes folk-art books. A round box was painted by a man from New England who was

a protege' of Peter Ompir. Two tin document boxes, one still has original design, one restored by the owner, date back to the early 1800s.

The public may view these collections during Library hours through December.



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Holidays present many challenges

With free flowing eggnog and hot toddies, the holidays are a challenge for many recovering alcoholics.

But they are especially difficult for those experiencing their first sober Christmas as others freely imbibe and lively television ads promise an especially jolly season with Brand X Beer.

"There's often a sense of dread about the holidays among the newly recovering," says Kay Kropff, Program Manager at Palo Duro Hospital CareUnit of Canyon, Texas.

"On one hand they remember the Christmas spoiled by alcohol. Yet, on the other hand they have trouble envisioning the holidays without it. All they know is that the season was always a license to drink," she says.

But with the proper attitude and support of family members, the recovering person's anxiety can be replaced by tranquility, Kropff says.

She explains that the newly sober person's fears are usually based on hazy, unpleasant memories of prevous holiday season.

"They remember falling drunk into the Christmas tree and the disastrous holiday dinners that turned into family feuds," she explains.

Kropff says many also found Christmas a depressing time when their flaws as parents and spouses were partiularly apparent.

"They wonder, 'Is that depression going to come back,' " she 88V8.

Many recovering people wonder how they'll cope with holiday partyhopping without alcohol.

K ropff adds that the newly sober may also have to contend with the party host who's offended by the refusal of his double martinis and the co-worker who playfully spikes the office party punch.

"That first Christmas can be scary when all you know is what has happened before," Kropff savs.

Happy Holiday

She adds that the Christmas season is also difficult for the recovery alcoholic's family.

They have a lot of doubts about the person's ability to stay sober. They're saying to themselves, 'How many times have you promised this before,' "Kropff

says. "They also feel awkward about whether they should drink in front of them or not," she explains.

However, Kropff says, the recovering alcoholic and his or her family can do several things to ensure that person's sobriety during the holidays.

"Stay close to recovering people," she says. "A lot of people think Alcoholics Anonymous is just meeting after meeting. But A.A. has lots of social gatherings and home parites around the holidays."

She says that one should also anticipate uncomfortable situations -- such as parites where alcohol amy flow freely -- and develop. strategies for dealing with them.

Most important, K ropff says, the recovering person should learn to say no to a drink without feeling compelled to explain.

She says the family should attend Al Anon or other support group meetings.

"A lot of people feel they're dealing with a total stranger because they've never seen the person any way but drunk around the holidays.

"The family needs to talk about that uneasiness and ask the recovering person what is and isn't comfortable with them," she says. "Basically, both the recovering

person and family have to plan one day at a time.'

"Activities should be low-key and family-oriented, she adds.

Kropff says that recovering alcoholics usually realize that "the holiday can be fun with out falling in the Christmas tree.

"But most of all, they're grateful they don't have to get caught up in the madness again," she says.

Experiments on the effects of weightlessness

LOUISVILLE, KY .-- A student experiment to study the effects of weightlessness on chicken embryos will fly on the space shuttle Challenger Jan. 22, and its sponsor, Kentucky Fried Chicken, is offering a lesson plan for teachers. available free by calling 1-800-532-5767

John Vellinger, a sophomore mechanical engineering major at Panhandle University, has designed and built a special incubator to cradle the 32 fertile chicken eggs that will accompany Challenger on its six-day journey through space.

The plan explains how basic principles of physics were used to build the incubator and control all the variables of incubation except weightlessness. With slight modification, it can be used for students ranging from fourth grade through secondary school.

Another educational event aboard the Challenger will be live "lessons from space" beamed down by the first teacher to fly on a space shuttle, Christa McAuliffe of Concord, New Hempshire.

The lessons will be carried over 80 to 90 school systems that have satellite dishes. Some cable channels and Public Broadcasting Service stations are also planning to carry the lessons, offering another tie-in opportunity for teachers.

Vellinger's experiment will compare chicks incubated under zerogravity conditions with chicks incubated under identical conditions on earth.

"This can help us determine if other animals, and even humans, can reproduce in a weightless environment," he explains.

Vellinger, a 1983 national winner of the Shuttle Student Involvement Program sponsored by NASA and the National Science Teachers Association, first entered the competition as a ninth-grader. Twice he was a regional winner, and each time he refined the experiment and entered again, winning a national spot the third time.\$

The incubator he has designed to fit into one of hte shuttle's lockers

has a system of springs and shock absorbers as well as temperature and humidity controls to protect the embryos.

Chicken eggs were selected for the experiment because of their relatively rapid development which is well-suited to the length of the mission.

During the mission, Vellinger will be turning the earthbound eggs to simulate the movement of the hen in the nest. The hen's movement corrects the effect of gravity, which causes the yolk to settle to the bottom of the egg.

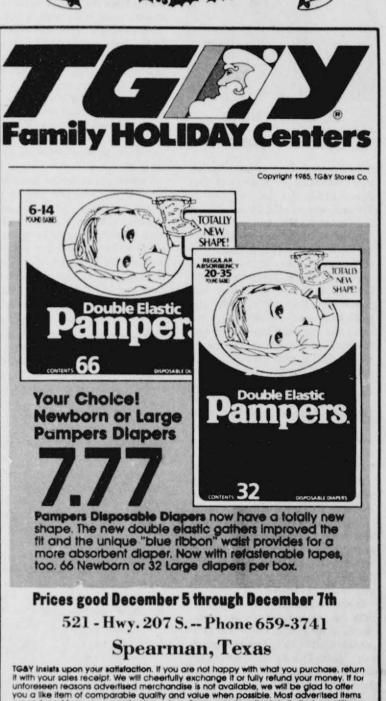
"Since there's no gravity in space, the yolk will be suspended inside the egg," he explains, "which may make a difference in the way the chick develops.

"My hypothesis is that without gravity dragging the yolk down, the embryo will develop more efficiently, producing a bigger or better developed chicken.'

Vellinger adds, "It takes 21 days for an egg to hatch. But the embryo's main development comes in the first 11 days. If differences occur, it's going to be during that time.

Kentucky Fried Chicken was assisted in preparing the contents of the lesson plan by the science faculty of The Louisville Collegiate School, Louisville, Kentucky.





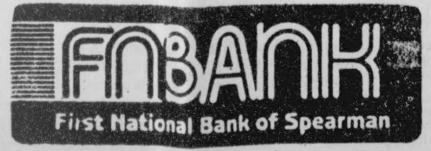
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