

Manor empty stocking fund helps elderly

Hansford county residents are being offered the opportunity to make a lasting difference in another person's life this Christmas season as gifts continue to trickle in for the Manor Empty Stocking Fund.

The total to date has reached \$1,475.00 from donations made through Friday morning.

Money from the fund will help brighten Christmas day for some of the elderly residents at the Hansford Manor Nursing Home who would otherwise be facing a bleak and lonely Holiday season except for the generosity of those individuals who give so readily to the Empty Stocking Fund.

The money will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for those individuals who would not have gifts under the tree Christmas morning without the fund purchases.

Simple items such as bath powder, lotions or cologne mean a lot when it would otherwise appear nobody else cared.

In many cases, the money will purchase many needed items such as sweaters or blankets, shoes and slippers or even such standard items as undergarments.

More importantly, gifts to the Empty Stocking Fund don't quit

coming after Christmas is over. Indeed, money from the fund is used all year long to purchase needed items for those elderly souls who cannot afford to buy those items on their own.

It's an opportunity to help make this Christmas and the upcoming year just a little brighter and a little better for some elderly person who's life is now measured in days of existence rather than life enjoyed.

Between now and Christmas, names of donors and amounts contributed will be printed in each edition of the newspaper.

Contributions may be made to the Manor Fund, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Tx. 79081, or may be delivered in person to either Carol Hergert or Jody Harnish at the Manor. Please give your name as you would like to have it printed, or, if an anonymous or a memorial donation, please state that information.

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Ending Balance	\$1,475.00

Shieldknight honored as district sweetheart

A Spearman high school junior, Carly Shieldknight, has been named as the district FFA Sweetheart for the upcoming year.

The 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shieldknight of Spearman, Carly was selected from a field of 13 candidates at the district FFA banquet held last week in Booker.

This is her first year as a member of the Spearman Future Farmers of America.

In addition to her work there, Carly also serves as a cheerleader and was a member of the state bronze-winning Lynxette cross country team.

The SHS junior is also a member of the varsity Lynxette basketball squad and a member of the National Honor Society.

She is a member of the award winning Spearman Swim Team and won a regional berth in the 3200 meter run as a freshman.

She also was a regional qualifier in UIL literary contests last year and was recipient of the Outstanding Golf Award at last year's sports banquet.



CARLY SHIELDKNIGHT
... District FFA Sweetheart

The new district FFA Sweetheart is also a member of the Future Homemakers of America and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is a member of the Spearman High School Spanish Club and on the student council as well.

No more births in Hansford county? . . .

Hospital OB ward, nursery empty

Future generations may not be able to say "I was born in Hansford County" as economic pressure and risk exposure has forced Hansford County's lone practicing obstetric physician, Dr. Juan Viola of Gruver, to withdraw from that portion of medical practice.

Dr. Viola informed the Hansford Hospital board of directors Thursday night that he would no longer be performing OB deliveries after his malpractice insurance renews early in February, 1988.

The Gruver doctor is one of two physicians currently on staff at the Hospital facility in Spearman and the only physician in Hansford County to perform routine OB deliveries.

Dr. Romeo Sangalang, a specialist in surgery, handles OB's only on an emergency basis and not as routine part of his practice. The majority of OB cases for Sangalang is for cesarian sections.

While the loss of a practicing obstetric physician is damaging enough to the hospital facility, hospital administrator Al LaRochelle voiced his concerns to the board regarding emergency care.

"If we are to remain an accredited facility, we must be able to offer at least emergency OB care," he told the board. "The question to be answered now is whether the doctor's regular insurance coverage will cover emergency OB

situations." Viola has requested that information from his insurance provider but was unable to give the board an answer at Thursday's meeting.

Should the doctor's standard insurance not cover emergency OB work and require an extra premium, either the physicians or the hospital board will be faced with paying that premium to ensure the availability of emergency OB care.

Meanwhile, the hospital board voiced strong concern over the loss of a practicing OB physician for the community.

"I don't like the idea that we cannot deliver a baby here at the hospital," notes Jack Oakes, board president. "At this point, however, there doesn't appear to be a great deal we can do about it."

Physician recruitment for the hospital continues strong, La Rochelle told the board Thursday evening.

To date, however, no actively practicing physicians have given any indication they would be interested in coming to Hansford County.

In addition, response from medical schools where physicians will be graduating in July has also been nonexistent according to the hospital administrator.

Economic pressures on current physicians who have been performing
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Hansford residents ensure warm season

While the nation worries about economic crunches and limiting nuclear weapons, Hansford County residents are busy making sure there will be a bright and cheerful Christmas at both the Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor Nursing Home as contributions to both the Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 and the Manor Empty Stocking Fund continue to come in.

These two special Christmas funds are being handled by the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and the Hansford Manor respectively with the Auxiliary fund being utilized to purchase equipment for both the hospital and nursing home while the Manor fund goes to benefit elderly residents of the nursing home itself.

Both of the funds are community service projects of the three community newspapers in Hansford County -- The Spearman Reporter, The Hansford Plainsman and The Gruver Statesman.

Stories and lists of donors to the two projects will be featured items in the newspapers. Response to the two funds have been gratifying through the early portion of the holiday season with a total of 53 people having contributed to the Operation Christmas Greeting.

Money toward the Manor Empty Stocking Fund is quickly approaching a new record with \$1,475.00 given to date. The most money ever raised for the special fund is around \$1,700.

Operation Christmas Greeting 1987

Another 17 Hansford county residents have joined this list of those who are extending holiday greetings through Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 by donating money they would normally spend on greeting cards and postage to the special fund being handled by the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary.

To date, a total of 53 individuals have responded to the annual fund-raising event of the Auxiliary -- their only fund raiser of the year.

The all-volunteer group will then use the money to help purchase needed equipment and items for both the Hansford Hospital and the Hansford Manor Nursing Home, thus accomplishing a 2-fold purpose.

First, it gets needed equipment in the two medical facilities now -- not later. And, it also frees budgeted money for other items within the two facilities.

Through the years money from Operation Christmas Greetings has purchased such items as operating lights, over the bed tables, labor

room furniture and more. As in years past the individuals listed below extend their best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year. Instead of sending cards, they have donated to the Hansford Auxiliary Fund for the benefit of the two Hansford Medical institution.

Donors include:

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Donations to Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, Box 225, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

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PDRA gets 'green light' on project

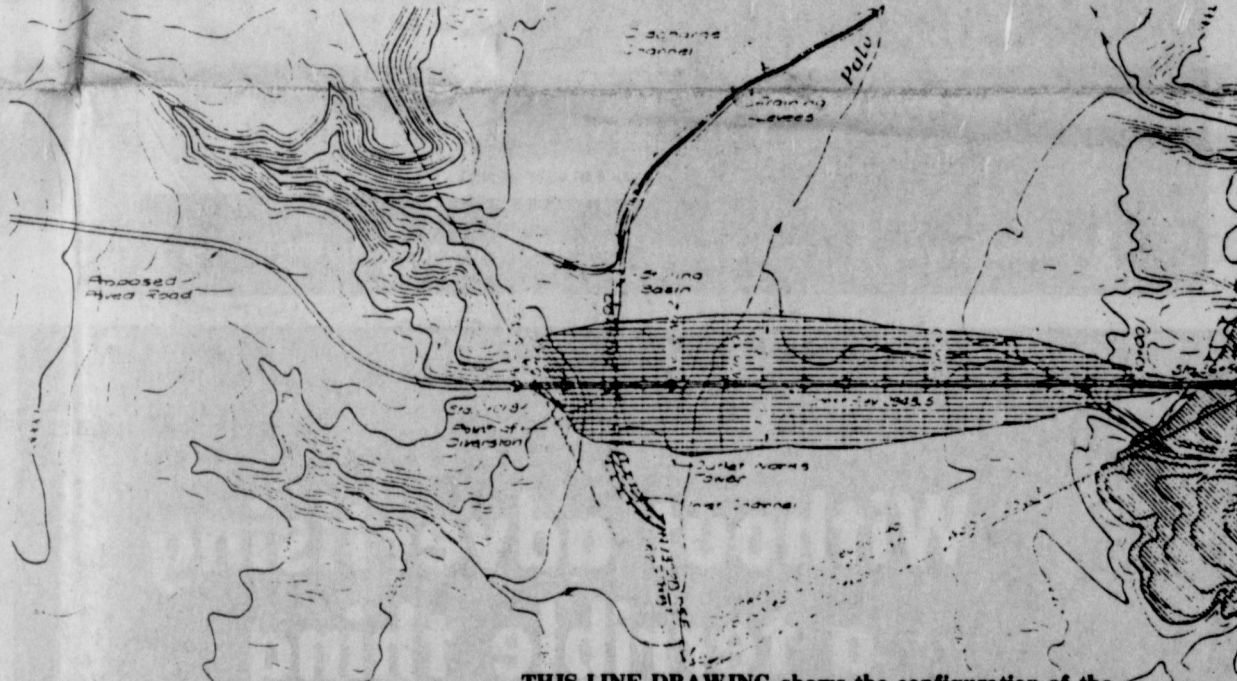
The federal governments Corps of Engineers gave the green light to the Palo Duro River Authority this past week, reinstating the authority's 404 permit for construction of a dam -- a permit which had been suspended pending archeological testing -- and the PDRA board of directors began making plans to get actual construction of the project underway.

At their meeting this week, the PDRA board made tentative plans to advertise for bids on dam construction by Feb. 1, 1988.

To date, however, land for the dam site has not been purchased as negotiations between the river authority and land owners have failed to reach an agreement.

"We're still in the negotiation stage, but ahead of schedule," reports Johnnie Lee, general manager for the PDRA. "Even should

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THIS LINE DRAWING shows the configuration of the Palo Duro Dam which will cross the Palo Duro draw and form the new lake in Hansford county. The dam will be 135 feet high and 750 feet wide at its base. It will span 3,700 feet from canyon wall to canyon wall.

City informed by letter of possible litigation

An executive session to discuss possible litigation against the city of Spearman dominates an otherwise routine agenda for city commissioners Monday evening.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Spearman City Hall council room.

Two Spearman residents have informed city officials they may seek legal remedy for arrests made this past summer. The arrests were separate incidents according to city officials.

City councilmembers are expected to discuss the letters from Thomas Collier and Deloris Joann Stuard during the executive session.

In other action, city fathers will consider a resolution to make truck parking from the corner of Archer and First Avenue west of the alleyway along the north side of First Avenue illegal due to safety factors.

They will also consider amending a contract with Dwight L. Brandt Engineering of Amarillo for additional services in the design and inspection of the FAA project at the municipal airport.

FAA officials have given indications that the Spearman update will be included in their 1988 program, however no official report has been

made by the FAA. Councilmembers will also consider another contract with the Amarillo engineering firm for preparation of maps and study of the water and sewer system for the city of Spearman.

In addition, they will consider authorizing Stephens Management Consultants, Inc. of Canyon to prepare bid specifications for general liability, and auto insurance as well as for evaluation of those bids.

And they will consider authorizing city manager Jim Murray to order a leak survey on the city's gas system, a regular maintenance item.



DARK, EMPTY AND QUIET is a perfect description of the Hansford Hospital nursery and it may remain that way after the only OB physician in Hansford county announced he would no longer accept OB patients. Hospital board members are in agreement that they want a viable OB ward for the community and hospital administrator Al La Rochelle is currently engaged in seeking another doctor for the community.



Auditors give hospital good annual report

The annual audit of the Hansford Hospital District showed an optimistic note when it was presented to the board of directors at their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Board members were informed that "... while you're still not out of the woods, you are at least making progress in that direction," according to Russell Altmiller, a CPA specializing in community hospitals.

The audit bore out the retirement of over \$300,000 in short term debt during the 1986-87 fiscal year and the hospital district's move toward a stronger financial position.

In other action Thursday, the hospital board approved the purchase of a new operating table at a cost of \$13,500 from United Medical Supply Company in Lubbock.

Other bids ranged up to \$20,366. 25 by Whittaker General Medical of Amarillo. Smith-Nephew of St. Louis, Mo. entered a bid of \$17,058.

The board authorized a contract with West Texas Health Providers, a group which will represent some 34 West Texas hospitals in attempting to secure a \$750,000 grant from the Robert Wood Foundation for study and statistical support.

They also authorized a transfer agreement between the hospital and the Hansford Manor Nursing Home.

School officials canvas election

SISD school officials canvassed the Tuesday bond election tallies and declared them official at an early-morning school board meeting Thursday.

This official action begins a process toward construction of new classrooms at the Spearman elementary campus and the eventual demolition of the east wing of the junior high building.

Voters okayed the bond issue by a slim 14-vote margin Tuesday with 256 voting for the 242 voting against the project.

The next step in the process will be the rating of the SISD bonds which will be done in mid-January, 1988 by Moody -- a bond rating firm out of New York -- and will be followed by the sale of the bonds, already scheduled for Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Architects hired by the school are currently working on bid specifications which will have to be okayed by the board before bids can be advertised on the project.

The bids could be awarded as early as March or April with construction beginning in late spring or early summer, notes school superintendent Larry Butler.

In other action at Thursday's board meeting, trustees heard the annual audit report prepared by Brown, Graham and Company.

They accepted the low bid of Golden Spread Sales for their

monthly gasoline award. Their bid was \$.795 per gallon. The only other bid came from Davis and Davis Wholesale at \$.817 per gallon.

Butler apprised the board of a potential loss of \$4,674 from the Texas Education Agency based on the school district's average daily attendance for the 1987-88 school year.

"We won't know until later in the spring," Butler told board members. "But the potential does exist and I wanted to make you aware of it."

The SISD superintendent also presented the board with information regarding an EPA ruling which could have an economic impact on the district.

These rules concern the use of the asbestos in either floor or ceiling tiles.

Floor tiles at both the elementary and high school campus contain asbestos as do ceiling tiles at the junior high and high school campuses.

Under the new regulations, every school district in Texas must inspect for asbestos then submit a plan to the Texas Department of Health for eliminating, containing or monitoring the material no later than Oct. 12 next year.

"This could cost the district between \$16,000 and \$20,000 for the survey, samples and plan," reports the school superintendent.

Bike theft reported

Spearman police are investigating the theft of a 10-speed bicycle from in front of a Spearman residence, police records show.

A blue boys 10-speed Western Flyer was taken from the Leslie Williamson home at 911 Haney in Spearman sometime Monday, according to a report filed by police chief Joe Raper.

Williamson made his complaint Wednesday to the Spearman police department. Value of the bicycle was placed at \$100 by the owner.

The incident is being investigated by Raper.

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negotiations fall through -- and I don't think they will -- we have plenty of time to get condemnation proceedings started so we can begin construction."

If bids are advertised Feb. 1, then the award of the contract could come in early spring with actual dirt work beginning in the summer of 1988.

The dam itself will be 135 feet high and 750 feet wide at the base, sloping to a 44-foot cap at the top. The dam will span 3,700 feet in a northwesterly direction across the Palo Duro draw.

Some 3-million cubic yards of dirt will be moved during the construction of the Palo Duro dam.

Representatives of the PDRA and land owners on the dam site have been in negotiations since October but no accord had been reached as of presstime Friday.

"If we haven't negotiated a purchase price by Jan. 12, then we will be forced to go on with condemnation proceedings," explains Lee. "That's the last thing we want to do, we don't want to condemn anybody's land."

Should the PDRA seek condemnation, district Judge J.E. Blackwell would appoint three members to a special panel to arrive at a settlement figure.

Once the panel sets a price, then the PDRA can proceed with construction whether the land owner chooses to accept the price or not.

Meanwhile, paper work continues for the Palo Duro River Authority with final plans and specifications expected to be in the hands of the Texas Water Development Board next week.

In a report on the archeological testing being conducted on the lake site, only three areas will undergo further testing with extensive digging and none of those are on the actual dam site.

"They have a couple of years to get those done," reports the PDRA manager. "We have to negotiate the moving of two pipelines and a gas well along the dam site, purchase the land and we'll be ready to start construction."

Smith named Lynx mascot

A Spearman high school sophomore, Daena "Sunshine" Smith, was named as the 1987-88 Spearman Lynx Mascot in special elections held this week.

The new mascot will don the special Lynx costume at district games beginning with the first district basketball contests next Friday.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith of Spearman, Sunshine acts as manager for the Spearman Lynxette basketball squad in addition to her new duties as official school mascot.

The 15-year old SHS student is also a member of the Spearman girls golf team and plays softball during the summer.

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OB WARD

ing routine deliveries at the hospital are two-fold; malpractice insurance premiums which are doubling almost every year and the growing number of people going out of town to have babies.

"My malpractice insurance premium increased from just over \$4,000 to over \$12,000 with OB coverage," Viola told the board. "By dropping the OB portion of my practice, I can save \$3,000."

New born deliveries at the Hansford Hospital have tailed off dramatically within the last few years with only 18 births during the 1986-87 fiscal year.

Since Oct. 1, three babies have been born in Spearman -- one of those an emergency situation. Records presented Thursday detailed information back to the 1978-79 fiscal year where 64 births were recorded.

The high number of births for that period was recorded during 1979-80 when 103 babies were born in Hansford County.

Even in 1983-84, the hospital was routinely delivering five babies each month, but the figures begin plummeting from that point.

In 1984-85 the hospital reports only 38 births, and only 16 for the 1985-86 fiscal year.

"It's a combination of factors," notes La Rochelle. "At the height of the OB practice for the hospital, we had four practicing physicians who did a lot of OB work."

"Those physicians have moved on," he reports. "That, coupled with risk exposure for the doctors themselves has led to a decline in deliveries here at the hospital."

Physicians are having to take a long, hard look at their obstetric practice to determine if the money made on that portion of their practice is worth the additional risk exposure.

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practice, exposure is generally limited to whatever procedure they may be performing at the time.

With live births, however, their risk is stretched out over an unknown number of years with the child even being entitled to sue for damages after he or she reaches maturity.

"It's not just the insurance premium," Viola stated in a short interview outside the board room Thursday. "It's also the risk. I'm just not sure it's worth the risk."

Earlier in Thursday's meeting, board president Oakes queried Russell Altmiller, a CPA specializing in working with community hospitals, as to his experience with hospitals who were forced to give up their OB wards.

"It hurts them in the long run," Altmiller stated. "Expectant mothers go out of town to have their babies. Then they use a doctor there for the baby itself. Pretty soon mom and dad and all the young ones are going out of town for their medical care."

The adage of "using it or losing it" would seem to have hit home in Hansford County as the OB ward at Hansford Hospital lies idle for lack of patients.

There's still more to the story as obstetrics in a community hospital tend to be a financial drain rather than a profitable part of operations.

"We only collect about 60 percent of our OB cases," says the hospital administrator. "And, we're proud to be able to say we're doing that well."

Physicians themselves, outside of specialists, have trouble making money in this field. Viola has been charging \$600 for a normal delivery and that includes all pre-natal care.

Obstetricians in Amarillo are charging over \$1,100 for normal pre-natal care and routine delivery according to information available from the hospital.

The problem could become academic if and when another physician is located who is willing to come to Hansford County.

Until then, expectant mothers from Hansford County will be forced to seek medical expertise outside of their own community hospital and physicians.

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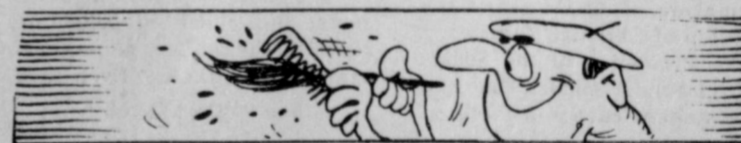
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Against Channing, Childress . . . Lynx win 2 straight games

The Spearman Lynx varsity basketball crew put together back-to-back wins this week, edging out the Channing Eagles, 56-55, then coming back to win the opener of the Shamrock tournament Thursday evening in a lopsided 50-30 win over Childress.

The Lynx cagers utilized an overall balanced attack in their win over Childress in Thursday's opening rounds of play.

While no players were able to get into double figures, a total of nine Lynx got into the scoring column with Kevin Nelson hitting for nine points and Brett Davis and Keith Benson each popping in eight points.

Spearman showed their intentions early, taking a 12-4 first

quarter lead. By halftime they had fashioned a 14-point advantage, 26-12.

The bulk of childress's scoring came in the final frame after coach H.M. Garrett pulled his regulars.

Spearman held a 39-18 edge going into the final eight minutes of play and the Lynx went on to control the game and the tempo of the match by taking that 50-30 win.

Tuesday against the Eagles in Channing, Spearman somehow managed to find themselves in early foul trouble both halves while the home team Eagles escaped the game with only eight team fouls the entire evening.

The Lynx, meanwhile, were charged with a total of 23 personal fouls during the contest, but still

managed to hold off their hosts in a 56-55 win.

Channing shooters managed 17 grace shots but only 17 field goals to account for their 55 points.

The Lynx had to do it the hard way, hit on 25 field goals while making six free throws to tally their 56 points.

Spearman had to come back from a first quarter deficit, 12-16, to pump in 15 second stanza points while limiting the Eagles to 11. That knotted the intermission score at 27-ALL.

The Lynx came out to fashion a 5-point lead in the third frame, outscoring their hosts 17-12 to put Spearman out front by a 45-40 count.

In the final eight minutes of play,

Channing stepped up to the free throw line 12 times, making nine of them while the Lynx were allowed only two opportunities from the grace line that quarter.

Despite that, Spearman was able to hang on for the win, taking that 1-point advantage into the record books, 56-55.

High point for Spearman was Davis with 11 points while Tim Wooley also gained double figures with 11.

SPEARMAN 12 27 45 56
CHANNING 16 27 40 55
Sp- Tim Wooley, 4-0-3-11; Brett Davis, 6-0-1-13; Keith Benson, 3-0-0-6; Carl Urban, 4-0-0-8; Kevin Nelson, 3-0-1-7; Carson Womble, 1-0-1-3; Pat Shields, 4-0-0-8; Team, 25-0-6-56.

SPEARMAN 12 26 39 50
CHILDRESS 4 12 18 30
Sp-Tim Wooley, 2-0-0-4; Brett Davis, 4-0-0-8; Keith Benson, 4-0-0-8; Carl Urban, 3-0-0-6; Kevin Nelson, 4-0-1-9; Carson Womble, 3-0-0-6; Pat Shields, 1-0-0-2; J. Garnet, 0-0-3-3; Team, 23-0-4-50.

Hansford CPA's attend recent state program

Elaine Morris and Holly Simpson, both CPA's, recently attended a program offered by the Texas State Society of CPA's.

The course, Individual Income Tax Returns Workshop, is prepared by the Continuing Professional Education Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to further the knowledge of CPAs in the continually changing field of taxation.

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Hospital Report

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Lawrence Dossett, Haley Farber, Roy Russell, Irene Brown, Archie Nelson, Dorothy Welch, Mary Lou Chavez and Cynthia Balderrama.

Those dismissed were Wynetta Gift and Kasandra Black.

. . . Spearman Girls



Spearman Varsity Lynxettes

. . . to the Lynxettes for winning the Dumas Invitational Basketball Tournament and to Carly Shieldknight for her singular honor in being chosen as the 1987-88 District FFA Sweetheart

When our children win an honor or are accorded an honor, our entire community shares with them. Thank you all, girls, for that opportunity. We extend our congratulations and say a hearty "Good For You!"



CARLY SHIELDKNIGHT

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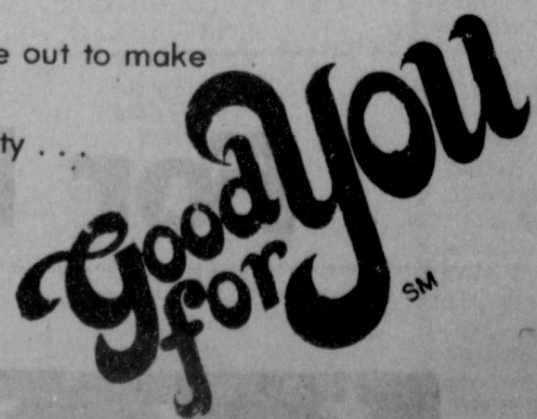
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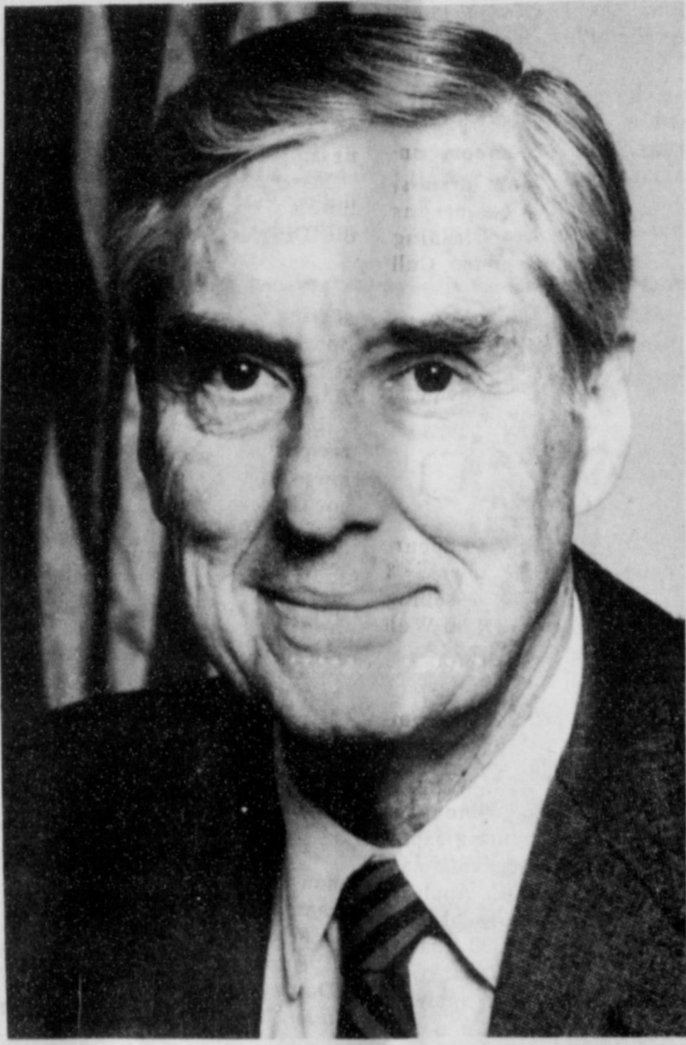
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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Garland Head attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Alice Head, 89, on Saturday in Clovis.

They returned the first of the week. They were called to Clovis on Thanksgiving Day by her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny McLaughlin also attended the services, as did Charles Little.

Mrs. Nadine Milam of Sunray is staying with her father, Raymond Sparks for a few days. He is recuperating at home after a stay in Hansford Hospital.

He says he is making a good recovery and Nadine is here just to keep him from eating his own cooking!

Charolette Ford is spending several days in Amarillo in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Camilla and Darren Goodheart. Her purpose is to welcome her new granddaughter, Kenzee Lynn, home from the hospital and help her to adjust to the world.

Mrs. Carole Hall returned recently from a ten day visit in Stella, Neb. in the home of daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and Nick Dettman and six months old Tyson.

Mrs. Hall is busily preparing for Tyson's first Christmas as the Dettmans will be coming to Spearman.

Mrs. Evelyn Hiller invites her friends to visit her now in Hansford Manor. Evelyn grew up in Gruver and has lived in the northern part of the county until she moved into town several years ago.

She states that though she is reluctant to give up her own home, she feels it best for all concerned to make her home in the Manor due to her ill health.

Mrs. Hazel Loftin is a new resident of Hansford Manor. She came to Spearman in 1933 with her husband and family as he was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

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DOC BLAKELY'S POKIN' FUN

A friend of mine was pokin' fun at a friend of his even though he wasn't there to defend himself. "He's a nice guy but is he ugly!" he said. "He was so ugly when he was born that his parents had to borrow a baby to take to church. That's ugly, all right. I've heard people described in all sorts of ways. For instance, "Beauty may eventually fade, but ugly is retroactive."

How about "He had long hair all the way down his back. None on his head, just down his back." Fortunately, some people are clever enough to have a comeback. A bald fellow in a Mississippi meeting I attended was standing under a bright light. Another guy put both hands up in a mock shield and said, "What a glare. You hurt everyone's eyes." The bald sage good-naturedly replied, "So what. You hurt everyone's ears."

A lady suffering from middle-age spread was complaining that men had an easier time when it comes to weight control. "Henry just decided to lose 20 pounds even though he doesn't need to do so. He runs, plays tennis, and eats like a horse, yet he's down to 155 pounds. He's getting disgustingly close to my weight."

A sense of humor equips one for facing life's difficult challenges, like being single, or being married, or wishing you're one when you're the other.

I heard a couple tell some friends, "We're going over to the Bartlett's to watch the fights. Wants to join us?" "Who's fighting?" they asked. "The Bartletts," they responded.

A single guy asked a young lady to dance. She gracefully accepted. As they took to the floor, he jokingly said, "Thanks. I can't face rejection." She replied, "We'd make a good match. I can't say no."

I never saw them again. A retired couple in a mobile home told me that they were winter Texans. I asked the guy just what that meant and his wife answered, "That's people from the north who can't find time to do fun things so they come down here and find time not to do it."

Finally, it should be noted that nothing is sacred, not even sacred things. A guy asked me if I knew the difference between Methodists and other protestants. "The Methodists speak to each other when they meet in the liquor store," he said.

Of course, he wasn't a Methodist like me but he does speak to some of my casual friends... like Jim Beam, Jack Daniels, and Spuds McKenzie.

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MILK
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