

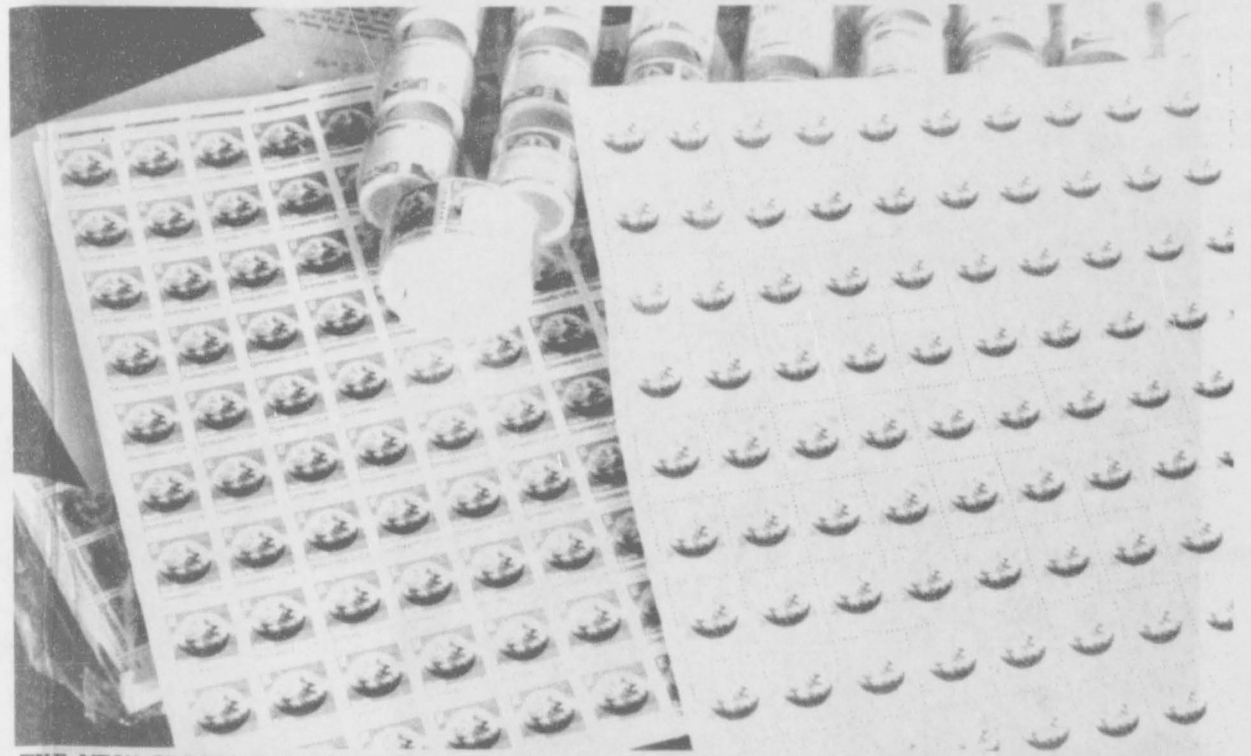
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# Into effect in April . . . Postage rate hike boosts first class to 25 cents

Don't look now, but the 22 cents for the price of a stamp may be a bargain before the expiration of another 30 days. The U.S. postal system has presented the postal rate commission with a proposed rate increase that would hike the price of first class mail to 25 cents. But that's only part of the news. The big increase comes in third class mailings which will increase anywhere from 21.7 percent on up to 32 percent, depending upon the type of bulk mailing being made. The typical bulk rate is currently 12.5 cents per piece. That will get the largest hike, going up 32 percent to 16.5 cents.

The lowest bulk rate price -- carrier route pre-sort -- will move from 8.3 cents per piece to 10.1 cents per piece, a hike of 21.7 percent. The new rate is expected to go into place sometime in April -- no sooner than April 3 and probably no later than April 17. The rate commission is expected to meet the latter part of this month to decide on the rate increase request from the post office. Post offices across the United States have cut back on service hours to help keep costs down.

The Spearman post office is now open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Gruver post office is closed during the noon hour. A Series E stamp -- it shows no price on the face of the stamp -- is already in the hands of postmasters in Hansford county. When the new rates go into effect, the stamps will be sold -- at a cost of 25 cents each -- in sheets of 100, rolls of 100 and rolls of 500 as well as individually and in books. Current first class rates are 22 cents for the first ounce and 17 cents for each additional ounce in the same package. Proposed first class rates will be 25 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce.



THE NEW SERIES E STAMP will be available in sheets of 100, rolls of 100 and 500 as well as in books when they go on sale to the public sometime next month. The new stamp will be the interim replacement for the old 22 cent stamp -- the series E will cost 25 cents as the U.S. Post Offices seeks a hike in rates from the Federal Postal Rate Commission.

## Boxwell files Thursday . . . City council election has uncontested slate

Both city and school elections will have a full slate of candidates following the filing of Spearman businessman Bob Boxwell for alderman on the city council Thursday afternoon. Filing deadline is at the close of business next Wednesday for offices open for election in May on both the school board and the city council in Spearman. No contested races have developed in either the school or city elections which have been moved to May 7 this year. Boxwell joins Donald E. Reed as Spearman residents who have filed for the two vacancies on the city council. Incumbent councilmen Ed Garner and Jim Nicholson indicated earlier they would not seek re-election in 1988.



BOB BOXWELL  
... Files for city council

held in April -- were moved to the first Saturday in May when Texas Legislators changed the state's primary 'Super Tuesday' in the South.

The only filing for the office of mayor has been by Bob Pearson who is seeking to replace Ralph Blodgett who is retiring from that position after 12 years service to the community. Spearman ISD board president Mike Garnett and trustee Joe Clement are both seeking re-election to their posts on the school board. The two elections -- formerly

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## With untypical thunder, lightning display . . . Winter storm dumps 14-inch snow

Old man winter threw another blast at the Texas Panhandle this week, leaving another 14 inches of snow while providing an evening pyrotechnics display of thunder and lightning Wednesday night. This latest round gives Hansford county a total of 20.5 inches of snow in March alone and brings the moisture total for the month to 2.33 inches. Tuesday's high of 56 plummeted during the night and the thermometer could muster only 30 degrees Wednesday as a cold front with heavy clouds blanketed the area. The snow began falling around 7 o'clock that evening and was highlighted by the lightning and thunder display throughout the remainder of the night. Winds gusting up to 40 mph caused severe drifting in places, but there were no reports of any Hansford residents stranded on

highways leading to Spearman or Gruver. This latest round of snow brings the year's total precipitation to just over three inches as 1988 begins on almost the same pace as last year's record-setting moisture total. In 1987, total precipitation in Hansford county was set at over 26 inches, making it the largest amount of moisture to fall in the county in the past decade. Whether this past week's snowfall was the final gasp of winter remains to be seen, despite the fact that today (Sunday) is the first official day of Spring. Snow has been recorded in the Texas Panhandle area as late as early May.



ONE MORE TIME . . . Spearman's Ernest Archer grabs the snow shovel and works on his sidewalk one more time this blustery March. Wednesday's snowfall was the third so far this month with March's total snowfall set at 20.5 inches since March 1.

**THE  
HANSFORD REPORT**

by JAMES JARRETT

It's been argued -- and quite effectively, we're told -- that George Young, the entrepreneurial genius at Spearman's radio station, has done very few things right in his life. We're not one to argue with public opinion -- well, not much at any rate -- but we will have to take exception to that statement in part. It is our firm belief that the radio station would have to close its doors and go dark if anything ever happened to Friday Wise. Don't let George fool you, Friday's the one who really makes that station hum. Young may provide the personality, but fortunately Friday's around to provide counterbalance and keep that personality respectable. You need to know something? Call Friday. No, don't call George, he'll just have to check with Friday, or have Friday go get him the information. Actually, I'm just a little jealous that Friday works for the radio station. I've always wanted a girl Friday on my staff. I had a Tuesday once, but that just doesn't quite carry the same connotation. So, Friday, if you ever get tired of George's highhanded ways, just let me know. I've never seen a newspaper office that didn't need some organization.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST . . . Kim Venneman was at the Gruver county barn Friday for the lamb show, part of the annual Hansford county junior livestock show and sale. The week's 14-inch snow storm may have dampened the grounds, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 4-H and FFA youth involved in the annual event.

### Siren test slated for Monday p.m.

Emergency warning sirens in Spearman will get a test blast Monday afternoon in a periodic check of the city's warning system, reports Spearman police chief Joe Raper. The test of the city's four emergency sirens will take place at 4:30 Monday afternoon with all four sirens blowing for a full cycle, or about 10 seconds. The test is made annually to ensure the working condition of the city's emergency alert system. Sirens are located at 11th and Evans, E. Kenneth and North Brandt, in the 400 block of Barkley and at 7th and Oklahoma streets. A test of the storm sentry indoor warning system will also be held at 6:05 p.m. in conjunction with KRDF-FM radio in Spearman.

### At Spearman high auditorium . . . 1-act play in public performance

The Spearman high school UIL 1-Act play will run off its public performance today (Sunday) at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The play, 'The Happy Scarecrow' is a one-act contemporary fantasy written by I.E. Clark. Directed by Susie Pond, the performance runs approximately 30 minutes and is headlined by Clint Patterson in the lead role of the Scarecrow. Mecheele Graham portrays the Fairy with Maranda Loomis as the witch. Christa Sims plays the

woman in the audience. The character of the little girl is handled by Sunshine Smith with Jamie Mayes as the old woman. Sara Blackburn is cast in the role of the skunk. The jester is performed by Cacy McGill with Ginger Pearson as the scarehuman. Pat Hunter portrays the king with Haley Lair in the role of the princess. Deana Turner winds up the performing cast as the voice while tech help is provided by John Hughes as sound technician, Matt Tucker on the lights with Amy Bran

on make-up. Two members of the 1988 Spearman 1-Act UIL cast will be appearing in their third play for Spearman. Both Patterson and Sims have been cast members in two other SHS productions. Loomis, Mayes, Blackburn, McGill, Pearson, Hunter, Lair and Turner are making their second trip to center stage in a Spearman UIL performance. Graham and Smith are the only newcomers to performing duties for the Spearman University Interscholastic League play crew.



A SNOWY CLEFT AND A BLANKET of the white powder coated more than this lawn and tree as 14 inches of snow was dumped on Spearman and Hansford county Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

At times during the orbital motion of Uranus, the north or south pole is aligned nearly face on toward the Sun. During those times, the poleward hemisphere receives nearly constant sunlight, while the other hemisphere languishes in decades-long darkness.



SNOW DRAPERY . . . a gentle drape of snow hangs off the side of this house in Spearman following the 14-inch snowfall at mid-week. The snow was accompanied by lightning and thunder as well as winds gusting up to 40 mph.

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REPORT

We were beginning to think this year might calm down after 1987's record setting moisture total -- especially when we didn't get anything in February.

And February was the first time since January, 1986, that Hansford county had gone without recording even a trace of moisture. That's quite a spell in anybody's books.

But then March rolled in. To

date we have over 20 inches of snow fall this month alone. And the moisture total for March is now at 2.33 inches.

I dislike sounding pessimistic, but it may not be over yet. While it hasn't happened within the last few years, my young son has seen quite a few snows on his birthday. And that's May 4.

The big news this weekend, of course, is the junior livestock show over in Gruver.

The snow sure didn't blunt that effort. The kids and the pigs, the lambs and the steers were out in force Friday morning at the weigh-in.

It takes a lot of individual effort on the part of more than one Hansford county adult to make each year's show and sale a success.

There's a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes. Events such as this don't happen by accident.

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**Lynxette golf 4th at Panhandle**

Blistery, cold winds and intermittent snow shortened the Spearman girls golf team's first outing this week, pulling a scheduled 18-hole event back to nine and leaving the Lynxette linksters fourth among eight teams at panhandle.

The Spearman girls carded a team total of 241 in the 9-hole version, 41 strokes off the pace of first place Memphis who won the

event with a 200. Wheeler took second with a team total of 217 while Canadian was third at 218.

Jennifer Turner and Sunshine Smith carded the best scores for Spearman with 9-hole totals of 56 each.

Marcie Womble stroked a 63 while Carly Shieldknight carded a 66. Nancy Ivey garnered a score of 72.

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THE SNOW DIDN'T DETER THE Hansford county junior livestock show this weekend, however. The event which began with stock weighins Friday morning, continued at an active pace throughout the

day with barrow and lamb judging. Saturday morning was the steer judging and the sale was slated for Saturday evening.

Staff photo

## Shieldknight-Stopper named silver medalists

Marcia Shieldknight and Debbie Stopper have been named 1987 Silver Medalists by Integrated Resources Equity Corp. (IREC), placing them in the top 6% of more than 4,000 registered representatives associated with IREC nationwide, it was announced today by IREC President Gary W. Krat.

"Marcia and Debbie have admirably served Integrated Resources and their clients over the past year," Krat said. "They exemplify the highest standards of profes-

sional investment expertise."

Krat said that Marcia and Debbie were two of 215 IREC representatives, from more than 4,000 nationwide, to qualify for a Silver Medalist title through their generating sales of Integrated Resources investment products.

The Silver Medalist winners were recently recognized for their achievements at the Integrated Resources National Sales Conference, held annually to update its representatives on product devel-

opment, new products and investment strategies.

IREC is the broker/dealer subsidiary of New York-based Integrated Resources, Inc., one of the nation's leading financial services companies with approximately \$1 billion in capital and \$6 billion in assets.

It is engaged in the sale of life insurance; investment counseling for private accounts and mutual funds; and the organization, management and sale of limited partnerships.

### Markets

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### Doc Blakely's

#### Pokin' Fun

It was a Fair Association like so many others except this one had a certain something about it that told me it was going to be fun . . . if Topeka, Kansas, can be fun in the winter time. My Avis car battery died very dead overnight. One of the exhibitors walked by and asked, "Wanna jump?"

I said, "Yes, I'd appreciate that."

He handed me a piece of rope and cackled, "Well, get to it before your feet freeze to the ground."

Yes, he helped me out after having his little joke, but not before he had taken a shot at this visiting Texan. Even the commissioner of agriculture had his moment, telling of the Texan and the Chinese fellow who went fishing. The Chinese guy caught a fish, held it up and stared mystically into the fish's eyes while chanting secret words. Behold, the fish grew black

hair and developed slanted eyes. "How do you do that?" asked the Tex.

"Mind over matter," said the Chinaman. "Strong brain control weak brain."

The Texan caught a fish, stared into the fish's eyes, hummed a few words and Wham! . . . the guy grew fins and scales.

I should have known this would be what I would be in for when I saw one of the advertised acts available for booking. I could get Johnny Cash but more people seemed interested in guys like Barnswallow T. Farquar. Lest you think I jest, I kid thee not. His poster proclaimed, "Ballad Monger, Humorist, Prestidigitator." Found out he sings, jokes, and then disappears.

Fun wasn't ruled out at the

annual meeting either. The emcee opened up with, "We want to have this meeting stay exactly on time; so we're gonna start off with a five-minute break."

Then they gave some door prizes donated by different fair associations from around the state. "We've got a dozen eggs here," said the man in charge, "but it doesn't say on my stuff where they come from."

A voice yelled out, "Chickens!"

A guy handing out prizes grabbed the microphone and said, "I've been dreaming every night about nothing but teepees and wigwams. Went to the psychiatrist and asked what it meant. He said I was two tents."

When I got my shot on the program, I told the folks that one of the key factors in the success of a fair was a creative thing. Detecting unusual movement in the audience, I saw a woman elbow a big guy several times. I quipped, "A lady just gave her husband an elbow" and everyone laughed. A lady just gave her husband a rough with him. She replied, "Because when you suggested we get creative, he whispered that he ought to sit in my lap."

"Well," I said, "I admire your husband's quick response."

She said, "Well, don't. He's not my husband."

# AG DAY

## Sunday, March 20

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## Jaycees fund raiser set for Saturday

The annual Spearman Jaycees Fund Raiser Ball will be held next Saturday with a steak dinner and dance.

Tickets for the annual event are \$50 per couple. The tickets provide dinner, dance and a chance on a trip for two to Mexico. Winners will determine their destination.

The dinner and dance will begin at 7:30 at Five Star Equipment on Hwy 15 just west of Spearman.

The dance will run through 1 a.m. with live entertainment provided by Canyon's Young Country band.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Spearman Jaycees or by calling 659-2568.

Ronda Bynum. Roll call was answered by six members and one agent. Reading of previous minutes were read -- birthday and anniversaries were read.

Members were asked to sign up to work or bring sandwiches to stock show.

On March 29, at Womble Park, there will be a Easter egg hunt for members children.

Karen Babitzke gave a very interesting program on "A reflection of the Inner Self." The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Members who attended were Darrie Grancis, Delinda McLaughlin, Dixie Smith, Carma Dorton, Ronda Bynum, Janie Kunselman, and agent, Karen Babitzke.

## Questions & Answers

**Q** -- When I was discharged from the Army I converted my Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to Veteran Group Life Insurance. I was recently notified that I've been awarded compensation for a service-connected disability and that I can apply for special insurance for disabled veterans. Can I have coverage under the two different policies?

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## Club News

### TOWN AND COUNTRY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

By Carma Dorton

Town and Country Extension Homemakers met Tuesday in the home of Janie Kunselman. Meeting was called to order by president

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## Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

New residents of Spearman are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Beck. He is the lab and x-ray technician at the Hansford Hospital, and took over the duties the last week in Feb.

Mr. Beck received his degree from Midwestern University of Wichita Falls after his basic laboratory training in the U.S. Army. He has been with this profession for 24 years.

The Becks were living in Denver City, and accepted employment at Monte Vista, Colorado feeling that they might retire there since they had enjoyed many vacations in Monte Vista. However after one winter of unceasing freezing weather, they decided to come back to Texas.

They have three children-son Chris who is a 6th grade student here. Another son Jeff who is here still recuperating from an automobile accident. He was a student at West Texas University. Their daughter, Debbie Gregory, lives at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mr. Beck has spent most of his leisure time for a number of years in family oriented activities-scouting, Little League, camping and fishing. Mrs. Beck, Judith, has also worked in youth activities, but does find time to enjoy needle point and other sewing crafts. She is employed as Office Manager of the Spearman Family Clinic.

They are living at 737 Wilbanks, and are Baptists.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for Dassel Sheets, 94, at Texline. John Scott, Minister of Spearman Church of Christ, officiated.

Mr. Sheets was well-known in Spearman and had a number of relatives here. Those attending the services from Spearman were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sheets, Claud Sheets and Frances Cudd.

Mrs. Ada Bunch was taken by her sister, Sue White, to Amarillo on Tuesday to return to her home in Tucson, Arizona. She had flown in to DFW airport ten days ago,

and after a visit in the home of Sue and Tommie White, she and Sue came on to Spearman, their mother Mrs. Irene Brown, is hospitalized here. They have been staying in the home of Mrs. Ailene White and Sue plans to return to Dallas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Tucker, Millard Tucker and Vi Hornsby attended the funeral for Jackie Sloss, 37, in Amarillo on Tuesday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sloss. Mrs. Sloss was the former Mildred Tucker, former resident of Spearman.

Interment was in the Hansford Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pendergraft returned home Saturday night, just ahead of the Sunday storm, although they drove thru very high winds enroute home from Garden City, Kansas.

They had gone by Tyrone and picked up Mrs. Lillian Ottaway and met with 20 other friends, representing the Wheat Belt Good Sam Camper group.

Their monthly luncheon was held in the Air Port Cafe on Saturday.

Friends will be pleased to know that Dr. Scott Martin has notched another step in his career progress. He has recently been presented an Associateship in the prestigious Littleton Large Animal Clinic. The founder of the clinic, the renowned Dr. Beaman, is the senior partner in the firm.

Scott and Julie with son, Garrett, have not lived in Littleton a year yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rush of Portland, Or. were visitors in the home of Bob and Ruth Skinner recently. During the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, Bob's and Frank's combat engineers were a part of the defense inside the surrounded town of Bastogne, Belgium while Ruth's MASH hospital was nearby.

## Stress, tension main causes of headache pain

Nearly everyone has experienced a headache at one time or another. As common as they are, though, many people do not know what causes them or how to relieve them. According to the Texas Medical Association, there are two main types of headaches, tension and vascular.

Tension headaches, also called muscle contraction headaches, are caused by tension in the face, neck, and scalp muscles. But because the pain is felt in the forehead, temples, or eyesockets rather than the muscles, many people do not link the headaches to the muscle tension.

Stress is an underlying cause of tension headaches. Frowning, teeth clenching, and poor posture -- things we do under stress and often are unaware of -- are typical causes. Other factors include too little or too much sleep, and overeating or drinking.

You can relieve your tension headaches with over-the-counter pain relievers, by applying heat or ice on the back of the neck, massaging the tense muscles, and resting.

Vascular headaches are caused by narrowing and swelling blood vessels in the head. This type of headache is more commonly known as migraine.

The warning symptoms of migraine include nausea, vomiting, and disturbed vision, such as seeing spots or flashing lights, and are followed by severe headaches usually on one side of the head.

Unlike tension headaches, migraine tends to run in families. In fact, even young children can have migraine. An increase or decrease in stress level, various foods, alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco also causes these headaches in some people.

If you suffer from severe migraine, TMA suggests see your doctor. Although there is no cure for migraine, he or she may be able to prescribe medication to relieve your headaches.

The Texas Medical Association is a professional organization with more than 28,000 physician and medical student member. It is located in Austin

## Murrell claims 3 first place finishes at meet

Heather Murrell pulled in three first place finishes and was a member of the second place 1600-meter relay squad at Canadian last weekend as she helped pace the Lynettes to a fourth place finish at their first meet of the 1988 season.

The veteran Spearman track performer claimed first in the high jump, the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash for her gold medal wins.

Her jump of 5-6 was two inches better than second place Booker, and her time of 17.01 in the hurdles was a full second better than second place Perryton at 18.14 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, the 2-time All Stater won easily, almost three full seconds ahead of second place Canadian. Murrell's time was set at 1:01.61 while Canadian's runner managed a 1:04.14.

The 1600-meter relay team of Krista Kirkland, Laci Lasater, Kyla Nelson and Murrell placed second with a time of 4:23.97. First place was won by Perryton with a time of 4:20.93.

The only other field event plac-

ing for Spearman was a third place finish in the triple jump by Lasater with a leap of 33-2, just three inches off first place.

Lasater also took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles for Spearman with a time of 18.69 and fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.91.

The 400-meter relay team of Nelson, Cindy Elliott, April Wilkerson and Mechelle Graham placed sixth with a time of 57.1, then the quartet turned around to run the 800-meter relay and placed sixth there as well with a time of just over two minutes.

Kirkland placed third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:02.73 and Haley Shieldknight was fourth in that same event, just inches off of Kirkland's pace with a time of 13:03.79.

Shieldknight also placed fifth in the 1600-meter run to round out placings for the Lynettes at Canadian.

Spearman gained 77 team points for their fourth place finish. The meet was won by Perryton with 147 points.

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# Spearman grabs team wins . . . 7-8th girls dominate meet

The Spearman seventh and eighth grade Lynxette track squads completely dominated a field of seven teams last weekend in their first meet of the 1988 spring season.

The eighth grade Spearman girls gained 235 team points with their closest competition coming from Perryton who totaled 83 team points.

The seventh grade Spearman girls racked up 148 points, still well ahead of second place Perryton who tallied 113.

In the seventh grade competition, Lindee Bradley won the discus with a toss of 70 feet and she also claimed a blue ribbon finish in the shot with a put of 25 feet even.

Laura Pearson was second in the discus with a toss of 67-8. Michelle Garnett was second in the triple jump with leaps totaling 29-10, and tied for third-fourth with teammate Tracy Tigrett in the high jump at 4-2.

Shea Crawford claimed first for Spearman in the long jump with a

leap of 15-1. Jill Lusby was fourth there at 13-8 and Mary Cook was sixth with a jump of 12-6.

Cook also placed fourth in the triple jump with leaps totaling 28 feet even. Gwen Benson rounded out the Spearman field event placings with a sixth place finish in the shot with a put of 23 feet even.

In running events, the 400-meter relay team of Garnett, Holly Jarvis, Crawford and Kim Slater won gold with a time of 57.26. That same team with Jill Lusby in for Slater, won the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:01.29.

Cook was strong for Spearman in the running events as well, placing second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:55.52 and fifth in the 100-meter low hurdles in a time of 20.46 seconds.

The 1600-meter relay team of Garnett, Cook, Crawford and Lusby placed second for Spearman with a time of 4:51.60.

Holly Jarvis was third for the Lynxettes in the 200-meter dash.

She clocked at 31.89 time there.

In the eighth grade girls meet, Spearman took 10 of the 14 field and track events as they completely dominated the 7-team field.

Shanna DeArmond won the discus with a toss of 82-2 1/2. Sonya Nitschke was first in the triple jump with leaps totaling 29-10.

Suzanne Sanders won the high jump with a leap of 4-8 and the shot put went to Spearman's Joy Gafford who tossed the shot 28-4.

Other field event placings for Spearman came from Carla Green and Shannon Holton as Spearman placed 1-2-3 in the triple jump.

Green's totaling 27-5 1/2. Gafford was second in the high jump, also at 4-8. Sanders won on fewer attempts.

In the shot, Tamri Townsen was third with a put of 27 1/2 and DeArmond was fifth with a put of 25 1/2.

Dezi Pearson placed third in the long jump with a leap of 13-11 1/2, and Sanders was fourth with a leap of 13-10 1/2.

The Spearman 400-meter relay team of Mendy Lasater, Pearson, Sanders and Maria Munoz took first place with a time of 55.99 seconds.

The 800-meter relay team of Greene, Nitschke, Gafford and Sanders also won first place with a time of 1:57.30. Gafford, Greene, Nitschke and Holton combined for first place in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:38.93.

Spearman placed 1-2-3 in the 800-meter run with Greene leading the pace with a time of 2:46.76. Holton was second at 2:48.99 and Mandy Hodge was third with a time of 2:52.61.

The 100-meter low hurdles saw Spearman take the top three again, led by Gafford with a time of 17.90, Lasater in second with 19.32 and Sanders third with a time of 39.33.

The 100-meter dash saw Spearman's Cyndi Jenkins second with a time of 14.61. Pearson was fifth with a time of 15.40.

Nitschke added to the team total with a first place finish in the 400-meter dash. Her time there was 1:08.36. Jenkins was sixth there in a time of 1:14.

In the 200-meter dash, Spearman's Pearson ran out to a second place finish with a time of 30.35. Munoz was third with a 30.60. Melodie Schumann placed third for Spearman in the 1200-meter run. Her time was 4:51.42.

# School Menu

## ELEMENTARY & JR. HIGH

**MONDAY**  
TASTY PIZZA  
MACARONI/CHEESE  
CHOPPED SPINACH  
BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING

**TUESDAY**  
SAUSAGE/STICK  
PINTO BEANS  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
PEACHES

**WEDNESDAY**  
JUICY BURGER  
FRENCH FRIES  
WHOLE KERNEL CORN  
TOASTIE BUN  
CHERRY COBBLER

**THURSDAY**  
FRIED CHICKEN  
GREEN BEANS  
POTATOES/GRAVY  
HOT BREAD  
PEANUT BUTTER BLEND

**FRIDAY**  
HAMBURGER/BUN  
FRENCH FRIES  
SHREDDED LETTUCE  
COOKIE  
MILK

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**  
FIESTADA PIZZA  
MACARONI/CHEESE  
SALAD BAR  
BANANA PUDDING

**TUESDAY**  
SAUSAGE/STICK  
PINTO BEANS  
ONION RINGS  
PEACHES

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## Hospital Report

Patients dismissed from the hospital are Ryan Mestas.

Patients in the hospital are Carrie Russell, Ella Parks, JoAnna Graves, Raymond Sparks and George Jackson.

# New program set up for Alzheimer victims

American Health Assistance Foundation (AHAF) has launched a new charitable program, "Alzheimer's Family Relief Program" designed to give emergency relief funds to Alzheimer victims and their caregivers.

"Much has been published about the problems of the Alzheimer patient, but the sometimes forgotten 'victim' of Alzheimer's disease is the primary caregiver whose problems, although different than the patient's can be as great," said Eugene H. Michaels, president of AHAF who heads the nonprofit organization that has awarded more than \$5.4 million in grants for Alzheimer's disease research since that program was started in 1985.

American Health Assistance Foundation is seeking charitable contributions from the public to fund those incidental expenses

which loom large in families whose every dollar is stretched to the breaking point by health care needs. This program is formulated to cover emergency expenses of up to \$500 per application of Alzheimer's disease sufferers and their families for costs not paid for by other sources, such as Medicare, medical insurance and their own assets. It will provide emergency relief grants for such things as transportation to and from doctor's offices and treatment centers; short term home care to allow the family caregiver a respite away from daily stress of the patient care and other types of assistance needed in relation to the Alzheimer condition. The Foundation will be

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#### Most Believable Advertising Medium

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(SOURCE: Opinion Research)

#### Readers Look Forward To Media Advertising

Newspapers	44%
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**FOR RENT:** Bachelor's apartment, furnished. Call 659-2764. S18S-rtn

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Oklahoma Marlin Oil Corporation 2300 Liberty Tower, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Council Grove Ladd-Alexander, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 21 miles north of Spearman, TX in Section 1, BLK 1, W.C. RR Survey in the Hitchland (4640') Field, in Hansford County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3410 to 3416 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).  
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## JOB OPENING

The City of Spearman is now accepting applications for a temporary maintenance worker position in the street department. The applicant must possess knowledge of heavy equipment, power operated hand tools and trucks. A high school diploma or equivalency and a Texas commercial drivers license will be required.

The temporary position will last approximately five (5) months or less.

Applications will be received until 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 1988. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 30 S.W. Court. The City of Spearman is an Equal Opportunity Employer. S20S-2tc

**NOW OPEN** Cobwebs and County, Plains Shopping Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Antiques and collectables. S20s 2tc

# Honoring America's Providers

## Farmers are efficient producers

U.S. farmers today produce over 80 percent more crop output on an acre of land than did their fathers. Today, one hour of farm labor produces 16 times as much food and other crops as it did in the 1919-21 period.

New technology has made these gains possible. The productivity of the land now depends upon the skill and knowledge with which capital is applied. The bigger the volume that farmers can raise and sell, the lower the product cost per item. So U.S. consumers gain from the increase in farm production efficiency.

The following chart on productivity indicates how labor requirements have changed since the beginning of the 19th century.

Labor required to produce wheat, corn, and cotton.

	hours	1800	1935-39	1955-59	1980-84
Wheat (100 bushels)		1800	373	67	17
Corn (100 bushels)		344	108	20	3
Cotton (1 bale)		601	209	74	5

Yield per acre were 15 bushels for wheat, 25 bushels for corn, and 154 pounds for cotton.

And the following chart shows yield changes since 1800.

Yields per acre of wheat, corn, and cotton.

	1800	1940	1960	1985-86
Wheat (bu)	15	15	20	34
Corn (bu)	25	29	55	118
Cotton (pounds)	154	253	446	630

In 1790, 3,000 bales of cotton were produced. With the advent of the cotton gin in 1793, production rose to 73,000 bales by 1800. Other crops produced at this time include 160 million bushels of grain products, 22 million bushels of wheat, 107 million pounds of tobacco, and 300 million board feet of lumber.

## Food prices rise less than other consumer prices

Food prices rose 3.2% in 1986, slightly higher than the 2.3% increase in 1985, according to the Consumer Price Index.

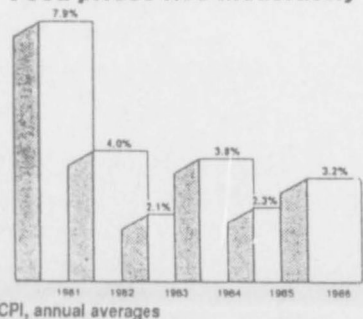
The farm prices of food products, that is, the value of the farm goods that go into the food product, went down for a second consecutive year making the 1986 farm value of food the lowest since 1979. Following a 7.1% decline in 1985, the farm value of food fell 1.3% lower.

The farm-value averaged 30% of the retail cost for a "market basket" of foods purchased in grocery stores, down from 31% in 1985 and 34% in 1984.

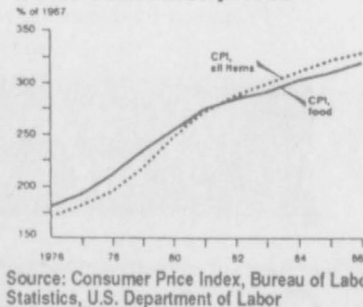
The farm share of the food dollar has declined recently because abundant food supplies have held down farm prices while rising costs to processors and distributors have boosted retail prices.

About 25 percent of last year's food spending went back to farmers, who received about \$89 billion. This share is lower than the 30 percent farm value share for the market basket of food because it includes the much lower 16 percent farm share for away-from-home food spending.

Food prices rise moderately



Food prices rise less than other consumer prices



## A Farmer Comparison.

An American farmer provides food and fiber for 114 people.

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Honoring America's Providers

## National Agriculture Day -- 1988

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Office of Governmental and Public Affairs.

### AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN FOOD

We depend on farmers for our food - and a lot more besides.

We count on farmers for obvious non-food items: wool and cotton for our clothing; leather for our shoes, belts, luggage, and other "leather goods"; pulp for paper and wood for our homes, other buildings, and furniture; and fiber for sacks, bags, and boxes. The American Paper Institute reports that paper and paperboard production averaged two pounds per person per day in January 1986.

Farmers produce our tobacco, another nonfood product. The greenhouse and nursery business, which is predominantly nonfood agriculture, has grown in dollar volume until it generates more cash farm income, \$5.8 billion, than either the \$1.9 billion for tobacco or the \$2.7 billion for cotton. Forest products add \$1.4 billion to farm cash income; wool adds \$55 million.

Agricultural mining is an \$18 billion industry directly employing more than 100,000 people.

Then there are common non-food items we might not readily think of as "agricultural": there's grass seed for lawns, bird seed for the birds, and how about pet food for dogs and cats? People spent \$6 billion last year for dog and cat food, nine and one-half billion pounds of it, says the Pet Food Institute.

The more exotic agricultural products are something to contemplate as you relax and go fishing, maybe to bait your hook with a worm or other bait from a bait farm. That's an agricultural product, too. You'll find agricultural products in gasohol fuel, industrial alcohol, adhesives, cosmetics, fragrances, soap, candles, paints, chewing gum, utility poles, lead pencils, and pesticides containing substances such as nicotine and pyrethrum.

Next time your doctor gives you a shot, try to take your mind off the needle by concentrating on the fact that the vaccine may have been cultured in an egg. (an agricultural product.) About one-fourth of all prescription drugs contain agricultural products.

We've come a long way from old nonfood agricultural standbys such as straw mattresses, feather dusters, mustard plasters, leather chaps, and six-shooter holsters, but nonfood agriculture is still all around us. It's big business, not to be swept under the rug, especially if the broom is made from broom corn. Yep, that's agriculture.

## Food and fiber industry

There are 21 million people working in agriculture. Each additional \$1 billion of agricultural or food and fiber demand creates 30,000 to 35,000 additional jobs and adds a total of \$2 billion to the Nation's Gross National Product.

Each \$1 billion earned from farm exports in 1986 created another \$1.51 billion of output in the U.S. economy, for a total of \$2.51 billion. In 1986, 0.8 million (or 781,000 full-time jobs) related to agricultural exports. Nearly 450,000 of those were non/farm jobs assembling, processing, and distributing farm products for export.

Activity	Number Workers (In millions)
Farming	2.1
Services	4.1
Manufacturing	1.3
Food	1.4
Textiles	1.6
Distribution	
Wholesaling and Retailing	6.2
Food Service	3.8
Transportation	.5
TOTAL	21.0

## Facts on agriculture and the hungry

The U.S. is the world's largest food donor.

In 1985, the U.S. exported \$1.3 billion under PL 480, the Food for Peace program. African drought relief accounted for this higher-than-usual level of food aid. In 1986, world food needs weren't as great. Weather still drives world agriculture, however, and is increasing estimates of world food shortages for 1988. Severe drought in India and Ethiopia and inadequate rainfall in many African countries have increased world food needs to 26 million tons.

World Food Needs

FY	World Food Needs
84/85	11.7 mil. tons
85/86	8.8 mil. tons
86/87	6.6 mil. tons
87/88	26.0 mil. tons

U.S. Shipments

FY	U.S. Shipments
84/85	7.5 mil. tons
85/86	6.7 mil. tons
86/87	6.5 mil. tons (est.)
87/88	6.1 mil. tons (est.)

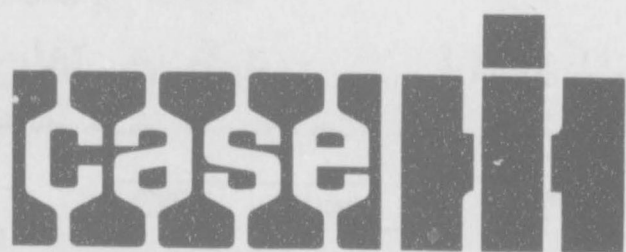
A growing portion of the USDA budget goes to feeding the hungry in America.

The number of Americans facing hunger in 1986 was 20 million, according to the Physicians Task Force on Hunger. That number continues to grow. More and more families are standing in soup lines, whereas in the 1970's the hungry was largely made up of single men. Although many programs were cut in 1980, USDA costs for these programs have increased 42% (not adjusted for inflation). The total cost for various food distribution programs was 20 billion in 1986. Programs include: the Food Stamp program, Women, Infants and Children program, Child nutrition programs and other. Funding is also provided by private organizations and some state and local organizations mostly in the form of "emergency food assistance."

The food problem in some Third World countries has prompted Lloyd Timberlake in his book *Only One Earth* to remark that "the average British cat eats twice as much animal protein every day as the average African citizen." Further, the estimated cost of maintaining a British cat is \$260 per year; a figure that is "more than the average annual income of the one billion people who live in the world's 15 poorest nations," he says.

We can't attest to the cost of feeding a cat in Britain. The British spend about \$900 per person annually on their own food, beverages, and alcohol. To take nothing away from the desperate need of poor countries for protein, it still can be said that the kind of animal protein in cat food wouldn't cause very many people to salivate, nor would it likely send very many to the stump to advocate that we kill the cat and send the cat food to the "poor people around the world."

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