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## Mary Lou Wysong Named "Manager Of The Year"

## Fruitcake Review Costume Committee Named



MARY LOU WYSONG is shown here with the plaque she was awarded in Big Spring proclaiming her "Manager of the Year". Congratulations.

Mary Lou Wysong, manager of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, was honored at the recent Chamber of Commerce Executive Association of West Texas held in Big Springs, by being named "Manager of the Year". The association is comprised of 132 counties in the West Texas area.

Mary Lou was presented with the plaque by Lee Dent, manager of the Chamber of Commerce of Hale Center at the Monday night banquet.

She has been employed by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce since January 2, 1964. She served as secretary for 8 years, and has been the manager the past 7 years.

Mary Lou is a graduate of Spearman High School.

She and her husband, Sam, have raised 4 children, Gary, Kay, Pam and Jan. They have a grandson, and three granddaughters.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is a graduate of the Institute of Organized Management of the United States.

Mary Lou is past president of the Business & Professional

Women's Club, and a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the Hansford County Historical Commission.

She is president of the Panhandle Association of Chamber Executives (PACE) and a member and newsletter editor of CCEAWT.

Mary Lou was named "Employee of the Year" in 1974 by the Spearman Rotary Club and voted "Woman of the Year" in 1976 by Beta Sigma Phi chapters here.

She is listed in the Marquis publication "Who's Who Of American Women, 1977-78".

Lee Dent, manager of the Hale Center Chamber of Commerce, said that it was an honor to be able to present her with this plaque for her outstanding achievement in Chamber of Commerce work as well as in other walks of life. Mr. Dent was the recipient of this award last year.

This newspaper, along with all the citizens of Spearman, congratulate Mary Lou on this honor, and a fitting tribute for her service to our community is "A Job Well Done".

## Crime Prevention Seminar

John L. Hutchison, Hansford County attorney, R.L. McFarlin, Hansford County Sheriff, and Spearman Police Chief Jimmy Jackson, in cooperation with the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants, will co-ordinate a seminar on crime prevention which will include handling hot checks, shoplifting and building security. This seminar will be held on October 9, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. at First State Bank. The program is free and a free booklet covering some of the subjects presented at the program will be given to those in attendance.

The purpose of the program is to familiarize local merchants with the technicalities of theft by check laws and ways of preventing shoplifting, burglaries and thefts. The theft by check laws require that a specific type of notice be given to those giving worthless checks, as well as certain requirements concerning identification of the accused and of the merchandise for which the check is given. Sheriff McFarlin will present a segment of the program which will set out the many ways shoplifters use to steal goods. Spearman Police Chief Jimmy Jackson will also discuss some of the precautions merchants

Steve Cross, District Attorney from Borger, will also be in attendance in the event there are any questions regarding felonies.

## Ambassadors To Visit Omaha

The ambassadors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will leave Thursday, September 27, for Omaha, Nebraska where they will be visiting the headquarters of Northern Natural Gas Co.

Mr. Howard Sorenson will be the official host. Those attending from Spearman are Ralph Blodgett, J.L. Brock, Jim Shirley, Gerald Heinrich and Mary Lou Wysong. Mr. and Mrs. Condee Ellison of Spearman will join the ambassadors in Omaha for the tour. Mr. Ellison is the area supervisor for the Spearman facilities.

The ambassadors trips are solely financed by the ambassadors and no Chamber funds are used for their activities.

Mr. Sorenson will meet the plane and escort the group to the Happy Hollow Country Club for lunch. Their will be an orientation to Northern and a tour of the facilities and the gas control. We will have a full report on our return.



FRUITCAKE REVIEW COSTUME COMMITTEE--Shown above are three members of the committee, Cynthia Floyd, Carole Hall and Sherry McWhirter.

Cynthia Floyd is the chairperson of the Costume Committee for the Fruitcake Review featuring assorted local nuts in an evening of wholesome fun and frolic for the whole family on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spearman High School auditorium.

Other members of the Costume committee are Carol Hall, Sherry McWhirter, and Dorothy Buzzard.

Their work will not begin until the director from New York arrives on November 13. The costumes are to arrive about that same time. The main job of the committee is to fit the costumes to the people who will be wearing them. The costumes will be quite elegant, colorful and showy.

People who have their own acts and need costumes should get in touch with Cynthia as soon as possible. They may contact her at the Hansford Animal Hospital (659-2100) during the day or at her home (3308) after 6:00 p.m. Any person who would like to help in making and fitting costumes should also contact Cynthia and offer their services.

Joy McCormack is the general chair person for the Fruitcake Review and her co-chair person is Mary Lou Wysong.

Bill Pittman is the finance chair person. The program committee consists of Bobbie Novak and Dana Schnell, co-chair persons, Jana Davis and Nancy Graves. The ticket committee consists of Robert Elliott, chairperson, Robert Queener and Eddy Limbocker. Extra Revenue committee is Jim McLain and Tim Woodington. Talent committee is Mary Brock, chairperson, Judy Nelson and Glenda Guthrie, co-chair persons, Eddy Gale Martin, Sherry McWhirter, and Mary and Perry Dixon. Ralph Blodgett and Nancy McLintyre are co-chairpersons of the Patron committee; Teresa Hargis is Scenery and Props chair person; Buck Tucker, ushers; Frances Scroggs, make-up.

Numerous people will be needed as stage crews, costumers, and make-up people.

## Buddy Etling Injured

Buddy Etling of Gruver was injured at 8 a.m. Monday East of Gruver. Buddy was driving a small tractor to the Gruver cemetery, and a car driven by K. Garrett apparently hit the tractor from the rear. He was brought to Hansford Hospital in Spearman, and then transferred to Amarillo. He was injured seriously.

## High School Musical Comedy Scheduled

Spearman High School will present its musical this year on Saturday and Monday, Oct. 6th and 8th. This year the musical comedy is "The Music Man".

The story is about the salesmanship tactics of Professor Harold Hill (played by Kyle Beedy) in River City, Iowa back in 1912. His efforts to organize the River City Boys Band and become friends with Marian, the librarian (played by Tamera Scroggs) are met with amazing results and situations you wouldn't believe. All this time, the Mayor (played by Mike Brinson) and the School Board

(Jon Garnett, James Pierce, Jay Pack and Jay Comegys) are trying to get his credentials to discredit him but the Board always ends up singing and the Mayor is rushing around trying to keep his wife Eulalie (played by Sherry Greene) and daughter Zaneeta (played by Eadie Clemmons) in line. Then, the "ladies" group (Kathie West, Terry Bynum, Becky Lusby, Lesa Thomas) are always busy with their gossip and Mrs. Faroo (Kelly Shaver) is trying to get her daughter Marian interested in Harold.

Getting confused? Come see

"The Music Man" and see how everything turns out. Listen to the songs like "76 Trombones", "The Wells Fargo", "Wagon", "It's You", "Goodnight My Someone", and "Lida Rose."

It will truly be a night of great enjoyment and fun. This year will see something new-which we will talk of later and also introduce the other characters.

Tickets are Adults-\$3.00; Students-\$1.50, and children-\$1.00 and the price will increase at the door.

Buy tickets from students at the high school or Beedy's Furniture.

## Woodhaven Handbell Choir To Appear Here



We have a very special event scheduled at First Christian Church, Spearman, on October 1, 1979. We want to share it with everyone!

The Woodhaven Handbell Choir will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Perhaps you are familiar with handbell choirs, but we are sure this choir will be a blessing to your life because it not only shows the ability of the handbell ringers to learn this form of music, but it shows their determination to overcome their disabilities, physical and mental.

English Handbell Ringers have been a tradition for many years. However, mentally retarded handbell ringers are newer in concept. Woodhaven Learning Center, a residential school for mentally retarded persons in Columbia, Missouri, has been working with handbell ringers since 1972.

Woodhaven received a set of handbells as a gift from a

Christian Church in Florida, and began to experiment with ways to use them with their young people. Several methods were tried, and finally one was adopted.

Their first presentation came after only three rehearsals when they played "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" for the Board. Since then they have increased their concert to a full hour with a variety of modern, religious and inspirational songs. The program includes vocal solos, piano solo, and a number on the musical saw.

The Woodhaven Handbell Ringers, under the direction of the Reverend Stanley Williams, Chaplain, have presented concerts in many towns throughout the country and in Canada. In the summer of 1973, the Choir presented a concert at the White House, in 1977, they played for the General Assembly of the Christian Churches in

Kansas City, and in 1978, they played for the Christian Women's Fellowship Quadrennial at Purdue University.

We are so happy to be included in their tour schedule, we want everyone to share in this experience, October 1,

## Men's Prayer Breakfast Oct. 3

Andy Fred Kennedy of World Missions for Jesus based in Baker, Louisiana, will be the speaker at the October inter-denominational men's prayer breakfast on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the Garden Room of the Cattleman's Restaurant.

## Scout Drive HORNETS 20-LYNX 18

During the next two weeks a drive will be held for funds for the Boy Scouts. Chairmen are Roy Bulls and Harry Stumpf and helpers are Al Tucker, Bob Farr, Wayne Cummings, Dwight Sumner, George Young, Earl Goodhart, Harold Howter and J.P. Vernon. Emmett Sanders is the auditor.

Anyone wishing to donate can call any of these men or mail a check to them.

Emmett Sanders has been auditor for the Spearman Scout Drive for the last twenty to twenty-five years.

The goal this year is \$4200 and it will take some help from everyone in the town and county to meet it.

Last year there were over 100 boys in Scouting, including Cubs, Boy Scouts and Explorers.

All funds are used within the Adobe Walls Council, Boy Scouts of America, which includes 15 counties. 62% goes to program services, transportation, recruiting, counseling, organizing and motivating, 7% camping services, 5% administration and 25% office services.

SPEARMAN--Spearman quarterback Dayton Edwards rallied the Lynx with two fourth-period touchdown passes but each time, the passes for extra points failed, and Tullia hung on for a 20-18 non-district football victory last night here.

The loss was Spearman's fourth in as many games, while Tullia improved its mark to 2-2 for the year.

Tullia scored all 20 points through the first three periods, one TD per quarter.

Terrell Roberts scored from 4 and 21 yards out on runs against the Lynx defense, then Barry Cowan lofted a 15-yard TD strike to Kirk Thompson in the third quarter.

Roberts capped the final Tullia TD with an extra-points run that eventually proved the game's scoring difference.

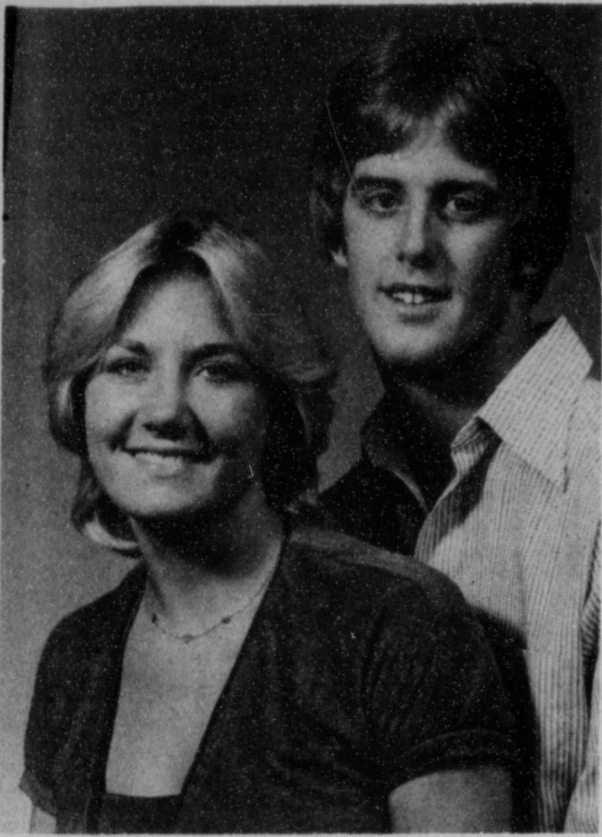
Spearman led in first downs, 18-14, but Tullia led in total offense, 261-221.

TULLIA	6	4	8	0	26
SPEARMAN	0	4	8	12	18
1 - Terrell Roberts 4 yard run (kick failed)					
2 - Kerry Bodey 21 yard pass from Dayton Edwards (failed)					
3 - Terrell Roberts 21 yard run (kick failed)					
4 - Kirk Thompson 15 yard pass from Barry Cowan (Roberts' run)					
5 - Kerry Bodey 4 yard pass from Dayton Edwards (pass failed)					
6 - Kerry Bodey 15 yard pass from Dayton Edwards (pass failed)					

Spearman	Tullia
18	14
261	221
127	15
221	261
19	1
9	2
4	2
26	22
1	6
7	6
45	76

can take regarding building security to prevent nighttime thefts and burglaries.

### Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hart of Gruver are announcing the engagement of their daughter Kelley to Trace S. Richardson. The couple plans a Nov. 3 wedding in the First Christian Church of Gruver. The prospective bride groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richardson of Vega. Miss Hart attended Texas Tech University where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. Richardson also attended Texas Tech. He is presently employed by Richardson Seed Farms.

### Cub Scout News

Cub Scout Den #3 went to the library and watched films. They were also told the story of the painting of the Adobe Walls by Librarian Rita Curtis.

They also discussed the Father and Son Cake Bake.

Refreshments of pop corn and cokes were served by Kevin Tindell to: David Welch, Chance Jackson, Dennis Monk, Richard Castillo, Tony Pacheco and leader Charlotte Jackson.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2 at the First Christian Church.

Cub Scout Den #4 met Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the home of Judy Tindell. The boys finished up the poster for publicity for the Father and Son Cake Bake and then worked on achievements including having races.

Refreshments were served by Pete Mauk to: Lance Harnish, James Tindell, Danin Irlbeck, Keith Martin, William Morrison, Mickel Hargrove and leaders Judy Tindell, Judy Irlbeck and Jody Harnish.

### Poster Contest Underway

All youth age 9-19 may compete in the 1979 Health Poster Contest. Cash awards will be given. Posters may be constructed in any medium (water color, chalk, crayon, etc.) other than three dimensional on size 22"x14" poster board. Posters should describe or promote any form of good health.

Entries must be turned in to Peggy Winegarner at the County Extension office in the Court-house basement by 5 p.m. October 1st.

"Life is not complex. We are complex. Life is simple, and the simple thing is the right thing." Oscar Wilde

### MAINTENANCE PERSON REGULAR FULL TIME EMPLOYER

Northern Natural Gas Company will take applications on Wednesday October 3, 1979 and Thursday October 4, 1979, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for regular full time maintenance person. Apply at the Sunray office 3 miles south of Sunray, Texas. Typical job duties are; assisting with overhauls of large internal combustion gas compressor engine, maintenance of vessels and towers, all phases of pipeline repair, and some rotating shift work relieving regular operating crew during vacations or illness, etc. Pre-employment test will be given for the maintenance person job on Friday, October 5, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 6, 1979 at 9:00 A.M. at the Spearman High School in Spearman, Texas for all persons that have completed an application. Northern Natural Gas Company is a major diversified energy company offering an attractive salary, and has an excellent benefit program. Equal opportunity employer.

Northern Natural Gas Company

### Steele Named Aggie Player Of The Week

David Steele, former Spearman Lynx football star, who is now a junior at Panhandle State University was named defensive player of the week for the Southwestern game. David graded out to almost a perfect game this past week and the converted quarterback has become a fine leader in the Aggie secondary.

### Bridge Club

The Tuesday Bridge Club met Sept. 25 in the home of Virginia Head. Those present were guest Gwen Smith and members: Rosalee Butt, Frances Cudd, Kathleen Sutton, Joyce Lackey, Sonya Godfrey, Lorene Kunselman, Estelle Jackson, Betty Porter, Gwen McLain and the hostess.

High was won by Virginia Head, second high by Estelle Jackson and traveling by Betty Porter.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9 in the home of Mrs. Estelle Jackson.

### Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Frances Cearley, Lometa Sparks, Wanda Widener, Bill Burger, Jim Healey, Linda Dixon and daughter, Randy Janzen, Grace Nemsgerm, Cindy Pugh, Bertha Nava, Lori Scroggs, Ella Hull, Kathy Morley, Rae Butler, Russell Townsend, Alberto Martinez, Lawrence Wilbanks, and Bennie Vaughn.

Dismissed were Lois Miller, Andrea Barrera, Don Butterfield, Ann Crawford and baby, Rex Cook, Donald Reed, Alfred Ralston, Irene Snider, Jason Thomas, Margie Barkley, Violet Marshall, Clark Winkler, Joe Alvarez and Alta Merser.

### Presbyterian Church News

There is a Sunday Church School class for everyone Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with a fascinating Bible lesson, practical for everyday living being taught by a warm, friendly teacher.

"Faith and Deeds" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the service for the public worship of God on Sunday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m. Jim Mercer will be the layperson of the week.

Presbyterian Men will join with men from the all churches in the interdenominational men's prayer breakfast on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the garden room of the Cattleman's Restaurant.

There is a gentle quiet friendliness at the First Presbyterian Church that is sincere, warm, and loving.

Spearman Ministerial Alliance will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the Union Church. Jim Berg, intern at Faith Lutheran Church, will lead devotions.

Mike Ladd was home from Baylor University at Waco over the weekend to help celebrate his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Stump's 50th wedding anniversary.

### Agricultural News

While legumes do not furnish the fall and winter grazing that is desirable from winter pastures, they can be used in conjunction with winter pastures although they provide most of their growth in the spring.

Legumes have several advantages over grasses when used in a pasture, points out Layton Barton, County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. They can obtain atmospheric nitrogen for their own growth if they are well inoculated. Also, legumes are generally higher in phosphorus, potassium and magnesium than are grasses as well as are higher in protein and digestibility. All these advantages can benefit livestock producers through better animal nutrition.

Nitrogen fixation is the characteristic that seems to be most attractive about legumes, says Barton. Legumes, if properly inoculated, can manufacture nitrogen for their own growth, but only a limited amount of that nitrogen is available for grasses growing at the same time. When planted with ryegrass or a small grain like oats or wheat, the legume would furnish little nitrogen for its growth. For the ryegrass, oats or wheat to provide the desired grazing, nitrogen fertilizer would still be required. Legumes also require higher rates of phosphorus and potassium than do grass pastures, so this also calls for commercial fertilizer.

Since legumes obtain nitrogen for their own growth, they can be used to eventually reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizer in a pasture program, explains Barton. The major portion of the nitrogen is in the aboveground growth. As this growth is allowed to go back to the ground through natural recycling, nitrogen becomes available to other plants. This cycle works well with a cool-season legume, such as arrowleaf clover or vetch, and a warm-season grass like bermudagrass.

Arrowleaf clover has been used to cycle nitrogen for winter pastures. Livestock are taken off the pasture around May 1 so that the clover can make good growth. After the clover makes seed, it is plowed into the ground for recycling. Nitrogen in the leaves and stems will start small grain growth in the fall for winter grazing. Management for accumulated growth is a key point for this cycle to work, emphasizes Barton.

Since cool-season annual legumes become established slowly, they furnish little fall and early winter grazing. But in late winter and spring, they furnish livestock with higher levels of some elements and protein than grasses. This is their major contribution to winter pastures.

When all factors are considered, legumes are attractive for two reasons—nitrogen and nutrition. But only through a recycling process can legumes furnish nitrogen for fall and early winter pasture. Legumes produce a highly nutritious pasture when they make enough growth for grazing in late winter and spring, says Barton.

### Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club met September 13 in the home of Mrs. Tommy Russell, with the following as hostesses: Mmes. Coy Palmer, Michael Holt, Ed Freeman, K.C. Loftin and Tommy Russell.

The meeting was opened with prayer, collect and singing of the Federation song.

Mrs. Coy Palmer gave a report on the yearbooks.

Projects for the year were discussed.

Mrs. Palmer was recognized as the District 1st Vice President and Mrs. John Brown, the District Juniorette Coordinator.

Members present were Mmes. K.C. Loftin, Coy Palmer, L.L. Anthony, Tommy Russell, O.C. Holt, Tom Sutton, Woodville Jarvis, Ed Freeman, C.U. Pope, C.A. Kleeberger, D.E. Spoonemore, John Trindie, Deta Blodgett, John Brown, John Bishop, P.A. Lyon, Cecil Biggers, Michael Holt.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Tindell over the weekend was Judy's uncle Dimer Reeves from Sheldon, Missouri. Mr. Reeves was a resident of Spearman in the 1920's.

### Golden Spread Center News

Fifty-three Golden Spread Club members enjoyed a Hamburger Fry on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Spread Center. Harold Howerter, Don Spoonemore, and Irvin Delk grilled the hamburgers outside. Pete Fisher furnished the hamburgers and buns. Other board members furnished baked beans, cake and potato chips, and the extra fixings for putting on the hamburgers.

Early Birds started arriving about 5:45 p.m. and before dinner was served there were two tables of pitch, three of forty-two, one of dominoes, and one of eighty-eight in progress. But when it was announced that everything was ready to eat, it didn't take them long to break up their games and get in line.

Twelve tables of dominoes, eighty-eight, forty-two, pitch, and skip-bo completed the evening's entertainment.

Vicki Bullard drove the vanibus on Wednesday, September 26 to take the sixty plus bunch shopping and to all their appointments.

There is really a crafty bunch that shows up on Thursdays and the 27th was exception. Everyone who comes has so much fun working on all their favorite arts and crafts. But they had no trouble tearing themselves away from their projects at noon to eat a hearty covered dish luncheon. Some of them worked right up to closing time.

There will be a covered dish dinner on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. and an evening of table games.

Rubyjo Wilbanks will be driving the sixty plus bunch on Wednesday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone needing transportation to go shopping, errands, and various appointments should call the Golden Spread Center (3521) on Tuesday and get your name on the list.

Golden Spread Center will have its annual sustaining membership drive during the month of October. Frances Loftin is the chairperson, and members of her committee are Wanda Brown, Dorothy Lusby and Alva Garner.

### Health Fair Set For Oct. 3

A Health Fair will be held Wednesday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Spearman Y.M.C.A. Building. This is a free educational activity for all ages.

Exhibits, films and health information will be included in the day's activities. There will be free screening for blood pressure, diabetes, T.B. and adult immunizations.

The following will have exhibits: March of Dimes, Commission for the Blind, Arthritis Foundation, Family Services, Planned Parenthood, Cowbelles Emergency Medical Services, Dental Health, Venereal Disease, Nursing Homes, Meat Inspection, Zoonosis Control, Environmental and Consumer Health Protection, Health Education, Drug Abuse, Lion's Club Eye Bank, Cancer Society, Physical Fitness, Speech and Learning Disabilities.

Free transportation will be provided in Spearman for handicapped and senior citizens by the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center, Inc. Anyone needing transportation should call 659-3521.

Exhibits will feature educational pamphlets and resource people will be available to answer questions.

The Health Fair is an educational activity sponsored by the Hansford County Family Living Committee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

### Immunization Clinic Set

An immunization clinic will be held Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Spearman Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend.

The clinic offers vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases, such as polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella and mumps. There is no charge.

### Autograph Party Planned

University of Oklahoma Press will have an autograph party for Donald E. Green, author of "Panhandle Pioneer" on Sunday, October 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Golden Spread Center. A percentage of all books sold that day will go to the Golden Spread Center.

Donald E. Green, who grew up on a Texas Panhandle ranch and received the Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, is professor of History and Director of the Southwestern Studies Program in Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma. He is the author of several books and articles on the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas and Oklahoma.

"Panhandle Pioneer" is the story of Henry C. Hitch, his ranch and his family. In the history of the tristate Panhandle region—the three corners of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas—the saga of Henry C. Hitch and

his ranch is also the story of the social, cultural and economic fortunes of the region.

Late in the nineteenth century young James Kerrick Hitch left his home in Tennessee for the High Plains and a hoped-for fortune. After ten years spent working and learning as a maker Series of the University of Oklahoma Press. It was published in August.

Land, the fertile subirrigated valley that was to be his Promised Land.

It was Henry Charles Hitch, James' son, who was to turn the valley and its adjoining uplands into an empire. Henry and the rest of the Hitches were a hardy, long-lived family who eked out a subsistence, raising cattle, borrowing money, going broke several times, flourishing at other times, lending money to neighbors. Always optimistic about the future of the Panhandle, the Hitches were willing to

take risks, willing to borrow large sums of money, willing to experiment and change. Henry's genius and hard work paid off. In time the family owned 30,000 acres of land in three states.

After building their cattle empire, the Hitches moved into farming. By 1930 they had become the largest wheat producer in the state of Oklahoma. After World War II they drilled irrigation wells to raise feed-stuffs and by the 1950's had one of the first large feedlots in the

### FHA Phone Number Change

Effective immediately a new telephone number for Farmers Home Administration in Perryton, Tx. The number has been changed from 435-4162 to 435-6859.

### Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center, Spearman, Texas



DONALD E. GREEN

will Host Donald E. Green PH.D., professor of History at Central State University

October 7th from 2 pm - 5 pm. Professor Green is the author of several books about the Texas and Oklahoma territory. His most recent book "Panhandle Pioneer" is volume 7 in Oklahoma Heritage Association trackmaker series and relives the life of Henry C. Hitch and family.

Compliments of Beltone Hearing Aid Center. 352-8961

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### Insurance Corner

#### DOOR-WINDOW BURGLAR PROOFING

There are two simple devices that will help prevent burglars from "ripping off" your home. They are a solid door and windows with burglar-resistant glazing.

A good, solid-core door is cheaper than a door with windows or thin panels in it, and it eliminates a problem of a burglar breaking through the door and unlocking the lock from the inside. Burglars can come through a window, but they prefer to come through the door. It looks much less suspicious to the passerby.

Windows can be protected with burglar-resistant glazing (glass or plastic). A do-it-yourselfer can apply a frame of

burglar-resistant glazing to the inside of the window or door, right next to the existing glass. Or an expert can take the existing glass and rebuild the frame to accommodate the extra thickness and expansion properties of the burglar-resistant glazing. Ordinary tempered safety-glass will not do the job says one expert, "burglars love tempered glass. You just take a hand punch and give it a firm tap and glass disintegrates easily, with very little noise." But for heavens sake, these burglar-resistant devices do no good if you forget to lock the windows and doors when you retire or leave the house.

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### Faye's Daze

The boss and his wife have gone south for a few days of rest and relaxation, which reminds me that about this same time last year when he was gone, I wrote my first column, more or less a joke for the boss, but guess what, the joke turned out to be on me, because now he wants it to be a weekly feature. I try, but sometimes, anything to write about, sense or nonsense, evades me. So if I miss a week or so now and then, you'll know that I either couldn't think of anything to write about, or what I could think of was unprintable.

We have a great crew here at the paper, mostly young girls, who pitch in and do almost everything that needs to be done, some of which consists of waiting on me and the BOSS. I love to be around young people, and enjoy working with them.

Last Friday when we were putting Sunday's paper together, we all got the giggles, and when the Boss came in he commented "That he had his own Fruitcake Review" right here.

Right now there is a fly about to drive me nuts, or maybe I should say swatter. I never was any good at swatting flies. They are sure sticky this time of year.

Speaking of this time of year, the calendar says it is fall but evidently the weatherman hasn't looked at the calendar lately. We have been having exceptionally warm days for this time of year in the Panhandle of Texas. Maybe we are going to have a late summer, like the late spring we had this year.

I went on my bi-annual closet cleaning spree over the weekend and may have taken out my heavier clothes just a mite early.

My second week into the fall bridge season, was about as bad as the first week, but at least I didn't get skunked. Since things in that department certainly can't be much worse, I'll look forward to better cards, and I might add, better playing on my part.

Speaking of fall and realizing that I am hungry, brings to mind things I like to eat in the fall, baked apples, pumpkin pie, stew, chile, I'll just say abra-cadabra and perhaps one of those items will appear in my kitchen, (wishful thinking). I have gone as far as buy the ingredients for some of these dishes, but buying them and getting them prepared is a different story in my kitchen.

President Carter has announced plans for a \$2.4 billion annual program to help low income families pay rising energy costs and promised residents of the Northeast that "we will have necessary fuel to get us through this winter."

#### INVENTORIES UP

American businesses built up inventories by a hefty 1.9 percent in July, a trend that emphasizes the nation's slide into a recession, economists said. Bulging inventories were most evident in the auto industry, where stocks rose another 3.6 percent after increasing nearly 25 percent in June.

#### ON BUDGET CUTTING

Senate Democratic leaders have reached a compromise on a politically sensitive demand that Congress live up to its anti-spending promises of last spring and make \$4 billion in budget cuts.

### Home Extension Club News

The Hansford County Extension Homemakers Council met Sept. 25 in regular session at 1:30 in the Clubroom. Chairman Penny Ralston presided over the meeting. The devotional was given by Serendipity Club. Roll call was answered by 12 members. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Nan Nicholson and is on file. Thank-yous were received from Karen Kenney and also from Mary Ann Kenney thanking the council for their support of the Fashion Reviews.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

Educational Chairman Lisa Pipkin reported on the Membership Tea to be held in October. A meeting will be held after council to plan the Tea. Lisa also reported the Veteran Day Program has been set for Nov. 13 at the High School. Donations are needed for the flags handed out to the students at the program. Volunteers from each club are also needed to help with the planning of the program. The program committee needs to meet to finish up the yearbook.

Clubroom-Mrs. Shedeck wants the clubroom price changes to be printed in the new yearbook.

Gayle Smith gave a report on the Nominating Committee. Nominees for next year's officers are: Chairman-Penny Ralston, Vice Chairman-Adalyn Barnes, Secretary-Joan Brown, and Treasurer-Nan Nicholson. Any other nominations are welcome.

The Club of the Year Committee as of now consists of Mary Brown, Joan Brown, and Linda Winegarner. All clubs not represented in this committee are asked to vote on a member to represent their club.

The Scholarship Committee needs to meet in the near future.

On Oct. 8, the Spearman Club, Serendipity and Los Amigos will meet with the Commissioners.

A discussion on the donations needed for the Veterans Day flags was held. A motion was made and passed for Council to donate 2 gross of flags at \$15.25 a gross.

Peggy Winegarner reported on the State Fashion Review and also on the Health Fair to be held Oct. 3.

Recreation was by Town and Country and the program was given by Happy Homes. Next month, the devotional will be given by Happy Homes, program by Spearman Club and Recreation by Serendipity. Council meeting adjourned.

The TEHA Business meeting was called to order by Peggy Winegarner. Club Presidents should have their club reports on all TEHA programs turned in to Ethel Byers by Oct. 15. There will be a TEHA Training Meeting Oct. 9 at 2:00 in the Courthouse.

TEHA meeting adjourned.

Committee approves \$99 billion debt ceiling. Administration: no plans to endorse value added tax. Moon Landrieu confirmed as HUD Secretary.

Nixon makes his third trip to China.

Study: government energy control could be worse.

House energy conferees split on gas rationing.

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Monday, Oct. 1, 1979

7:30 to 8:30

B & B Friendship Room

Hostesses: Mmes.

Jim Evans R. T. Farris

Buddy Benton Steve Benton

Vernon Morris B. J. Grayson

Irvin Davis

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### Meeting With Secretary Of Agriculture

Farmers and ranchers in Hansford County are invited to take part in a meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland on the "structure of agriculture."

The meeting will be December 6 in Wichita Falls and is one of 10 regional meetings designed to obtain comments and suggestions on the economic and social issues affecting the structure of American agriculture and rural life. Major purpose will be to determine the overall impact of all the different problems, policies and conditions that interact to influence farm structure, points out Layton Barton, County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Individuals interested in making a brief presentation at the meeting must request to do so. More details on how to

submit the request are available at the local County Extension and ASCS offices. Written comments may also be submitted to be included in a final document to be published following the series of meetings.

According to Barton, the meeting will provide for a re-examination of the structure of American agriculture so that a comprehensive package of factual information and recommendations can be developed for use in proposing future policies, especially new farm legislation for 1981.

This meeting provides an opportunity for everyone interested in the future of agriculture to make his voice heard.

Persons wishing to address the meeting should send the request as soon as possible to: Project Coordinator, Structure of Agriculture, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250.

### Fire Prevention Week Events Planned

Fire safety and prevention is the key to saving lives. Fire Prevention Week is October 7 through October 13. Members of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Fighters would like to help make everyone aware of fire prevention methods and fire safety.

The department will be having a poster contest for all children in kindergarten through the third grade. The idea is to let these children present their ideas in art on fire prevention. These posters will be judged by firefighters and prizes will be awarded to the best poster from each grade level. Also there will be a grand prize for the best overall poster which will be a firefighter's helmet and smoke detector. Captain Steve Slater will be coordinating this event with the children and teachers. On Friday the 12th, he and the men of unit #52 will be at the school to demonstrate and talk with the children.

Smoke alarms save lives and provide valuable time in case of fire. The department has ordered fifty smoke alarms and will be offering these to the public at a most reasonable \$10.00 apiece. These can be purchased through Ron Antalek or Ronnie Bullard anytime now through October 13th. We will be having a door to door presentation by

NEW YORK -- Lederle Laboratories introduced a vaccine called Pnu-Immune to protect against some common strains of bacteria that cause pneumonia. It's the second such vaccine on the market. Pnu-Immune gives a person immunity against the most common strains of bacteria that cause pneumococcal pneumonia.

CHASE HIKES RATE  
NEW YORK -- Chase Manhattan Bank has raised its prime lending rate to 13 percent, the highest level in the nation's history, and based on the present cost of short-term funds a 13 1/2 percent prime may be in the picture. Chase's increase in the rate charged on loans to the most credit-worthy corporations is now effective.

VOW STRUGGLE  
NEW YORK -- Two determined and unrepentant Puerto Rican Nationalists freed by presidential clemency lectured at the United Nations recently on revolutionary ethics and vowed to struggle for an independent Puerto Rico.

WEATHER		
	HIGH	LOW
9-21	83	51
9-22	84	48
9-23	91	50
9-24	95	52
9-25	93	56
9-26	94	53
9-27	92	54

### Betrothal Revealed



Mrs. Gretchen Alexander is announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Leslei Elizabeth to Loyd Dean Messer of Gruver.

The couple are planning an Oct. 27 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Spearman. Leslei is a 1976 graduate of Spearman High school and is employed by Panhandle Eastern at Fritch. Loyd is employed with Dean Cluck west of Gruver.

### "Expanding Horizons" Is 4-H Week Theme

National 4-H Week is the focal point of the annual 4-H calendar, a time when members and leaders can look at the past with pride as well as look to the future with anticipation.

National 4-H Week this year will be observed October 7-13, with the theme being "Expanding Horizons," points out Peggy Winegarner, County 4-H program coordinator with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The Extension Service is the parent organization of 4-H.

Mrs. Winegarner explains the 4-H week theme this way, "4-H is expanding youths' knowledge, acquire life skills and build on personal strengths. 4-H inspires youth to stretch the limits of self, to reach out, share and learn with others. 4-H challenges youth to set high goals and to achieve them. And 4-H strengthens citizenship and leadership abilities and encourages youth and their leaders to assume positive roles in a free democratic society."

By broadening opportunities for greater understanding and service to community, nation and world, 4-H is expanding horizons, contends Mrs. Winegarner.

### COMBINATION RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE, at Old Beedy Building

The Baker and Taylor Womens Association will be having a combination Rummage Sale and Bake Sale, OCTOBER 5th and 6th, at OLD BEEDY Furniture Building, Plains Shopping Center, Spearman, Texas. Proceeds will go for scholarship fund and senior citizens Christmas activities.

### City of Spearman

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#### NOTICE

DUE TO THE INCREASING COST OF FUEL AND AN INSUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF LABOR, THE CITY OF SPEARMAN IS RETURNING TO THE OLD POLICY OF FLATBED REFUSE PICKUPS. THE CITY WILL RUN FLATBED TRUCKS ONE TIME EVERY TWO MONTHS AND WILL COVER ALL ALLEYS IN TOWN FREE OF CHARGE. IF A FLATBED TRUCK IS REQUESTED BETWEEN REGULAR BIMONTHLY SERVICE, A CHARGE OF \$10.00 PER LOAD WILL BE ASSESSED. A FLATBED TRUCK MAY BE LEFT AT A RESIDENCE AT 5:00 P.M. AND CITY CREWS WILL REMOVE THE TRUCK AT 8:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FREE OF CHARGE, IF REQUESTED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. ALSO, GRASS CLIPPINGS MUST BE IN PLASTIC BAGS OR IN THE DUMPSTER.

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## School Menus

### MONDAY, OCT. 1

**BREAKFAST**  
Pears  
English Muffin & Jelly  
Milk  
**LUNCH**  
Roast & Gravy  
Buttered Rice  
Seasoned English Peas  
Tossed Salad-Dressing  
Peanut Butter Blend  
Hot Rolls-Butter  
Milk

### High School Choices

Chicken & Noodles

### TUESDAY, OCT. 2

**BREAKFAST**  
Pineapple Juice  
Dry Cereal  
Milk  
**LUNCH**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Vegetable-Beef Stew  
Buttered Corn  
Mandarin Orange Jello  
Brownies  
Milk

### High School Choices

Ham Salad Sandwich

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

**BREAKFAST**  
Orange Juice  
Pancake & Syrup-Ham Slice  
**LUNCH**  
Breaded Steak-Catsup  
Whole Potatoes in Cheese Sauce  
Green Beans  
Cabbage Slaw  
Coconut Cookie Bar  
Yeast Batter Bread-Butter  
Milk

### High School Choices

Corndog-Mustard

### THURSDAY, OCT. 4

**BREAKFAST**  
Mixed Fruit  
Donut  
Milk  
**LUNCH**  
Meat Balls  
Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce  
Seasoned Spinach  
Carrot Sticks  
Chocolate Cake  
Cornbread-Butter  
Milk

### High School Choices

Mexican Chicken Casserole

### FRIDAY, OCT. 5

**BREAKFAST**  
Apple Juice  
Egg Pattie & Toast  
Milk  
**LUNCH**  
Hot Dog-Chili Sauce or Tuna Salad Sandwich  
French Fries-Catsup  
Buttered Blackeyed Peas  
Fruit Mix  
Cookies  
Milk

## Tax

### Practitioner Workshops

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is cooperating with the Internal Revenue Service in offering 34 Tax Practitioner Workshops across the state reports Layton Barton. The nearest workshop to our area will be held in Amarillo on the 19-20 of November. These two day workshops are specifically designed for tax practitioners who work extensively with farmers and rancher. Topics to be covered in the general workshops are: "What's New"; Estimated Tax and Penalty; 1999 Requirements; Capital Gains and Losses; Considerations in Forming Corporation; Pension and Annuities; Income Averaging; Investment Credit; Tax Free Exchanges. This year 6 advanced programs for Corporations and Partnerships will be offered in Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Lubbock and Dallas, stressing tax preparation for small businesses also. Topics to be discussed in the advanced workshops are: "What's New"; Basis of Partnership and Partners; Introduction to 1120-S; Minimum and Maximum Tax; Section 351 Transfer; Organizational Expenditures; Introduction to Partnerships; Transfer of Partner's Interest; Subchapter S Income; Corporate Liquidations; NOL Carrybacks and Carryovers; Estimated Tax. For additional information, please contact Hansford County Extension office for a brochure explaining more about the program and registration information.



Water regulates body temperature by evaporation through the skin and lungs.

# Area Banks To Sponsor National Meat Board Speaker



BARBARA HICKS

On October 15, 1979, Barbara Hicks, director of Education for the National Livestock and Meat Board will speak in the communities of Spearman and Higgins.

Ms. Hicks will address members of the Calico Cowbells and their guests at two meetings. The first will be an "All Beef Brunch" at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman. There will also be a film presentation by Mrs. Katie McLoud of Amarillo, the current President of the Golden Spread Cowbells, and an exhibit by local artists of their paintings and sculpture.

At 7:00 p.m. on the same evening there will be an "All Beef Buffet" in Higgins at the Higgins School Cafeteria,

where once again Ms. Hicks will speak. A film presentation will follow and also an art exhibit by local artist.

The Cowbells gratefully acknowledge the support and sponsorship of our area banks for making it possible to bring this nationally known speaker to our area. These banks are: Gruver State Bank, Higgins First National Bank, First National Bank of Darrouzett, Perryton First National Bank, Perryton National Bank, First State Bank of Spearman and Follett National Bank.

All Calico Cowbells are urged to attend and as always husbands are welcome, as are all those in our area concerned with the problems and future of the cattle industry in Texas.

These two events kick off the Calico Cowbells 1979-1980 membership drive. There is going to be numerous changes in the coming year. There are plans for more localized meetings and re-cessment of promotional projects.

For more information please contact Mrs. Bruce Gosset at 653-3071 in Follett, Mrs. C.T. Duke at 658-2204 in Booker, Mrs. James Schnell at 659-3620 or Mrs. Lloyd Buzzard at 659-2010 in Spearman, Mrs. Lance Bussard at 862-4481 in Higgins or Mrs. Jim Cameron at 435-2794 in Perryton.

Barbara M. Hicks was named Director of Education for the National Live Stock and Meat Board in 1976.

The Education Department, part of the Meat Board's Food Science Division, works to cre-

ate educational programs on meats for kindergarten-through-12th-grade curriculum areas of nutrition, home economics and consumer education. Hicks designs educational programs and support materials for elementary and high school teachers and serves as the meat industry liaison with educational groups.

Hicks is a recognized authority on nutrition education. She was Coordinator of Materials Development at the National Dairy Council for four years, revising and producing information and educational materials. She also served as Assistant Director of the Twin Cities (Minnesota) Dairy Council for five years and taught home economics at Viterbo College in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Marycliff High School in Spokane, Washington.

She is a member of the Society for Nutrition Education, the American Home Economics Association, the Chicago Nutrition Association, the Illinois Nutrition Committee and several educational associations related to curriculum and media. She has recently served as the elected Vice-Chairman of the Food and Nutrition Section of the American Home Economics Association and she is currently Chairman-Elect of the Chicago Home Economists in Business. Ms. Hicks is also a member of the State Advisory Council for the Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Program.

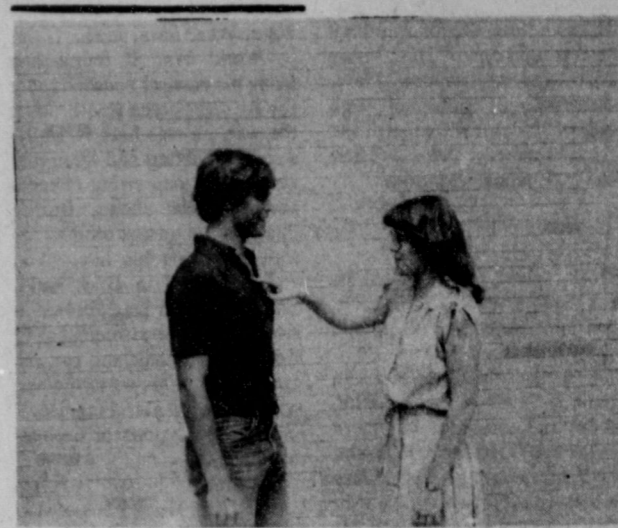
Hicks received her Master's degree in Food Science and Nutrition from the University of

Wisconsin at Stout and her Bachelor's degree from Viterbo College. A native of San Francisco, she lives in Chicago.

The National Live Stock and Meat Board is the only organization that represents every link in the marketing chain that moves beef, veal, pork and lamb from farm and ranch to the American Consumer. Funds from the industry support Meat Board consumer marketing, research, education and promotion Programs, along with projects to further industry understanding and recognition of consumer needs and preferences.



Protein is the basic substance of every cell in the body.



Marian telling Harold off, a scene from the upcoming musical comedy "The Music Man". Marian is played by Tamera Scroggs and Harold by Kyle Beedy.

## Calendar of Events

### MONDAY, OCT. 1

Order of Eastern Chapter #721-Hansford Lodge Hall  
Ruth Sunday School Class  
Spearman Study Club  
Blue Monday Bridge Club-Home of Mrs. Lester McLain  
Rotary Club

### TUESDAY, OCT. 2

W.I.F.E.-County Barn  
Lions Club-Cliffhangers  
Spearman Ministerial Fellowship Meeting  
Short Bridge Club-Home of Lois Gibner  
Baker and Taylor Women's Association-Home of Alva Garner  
Town and Country Home Extension Club-Home of Joan Brown  
Cub Scout Den #3-First Christian Church  
Cub Scout Den #4-Home of Judy Tindell  
Holt Home Extension Club  
Old Hansford Home Extension Club-Home of Anna Belle Parrish  
Golden Spread Senior Citizen Meeting-Golden Spread Center

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

CWF-First Christian Church  
Marsha Key Study Group-First Baptist Church  
Lilly Hunley Study Group-First Baptist Church  
Susannah Wesley Circle-Methodist Church  
Mary Martha Circle-Methodist Church

### THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Sacred Heart Women's Guild-Parish Hall  
Cub Scout Den #1 and Webelos-Home of Linda Beeson  
Thursday Dessert Bridge Club  
Gladola Flower Club-Home of June Jackson  
Happy Homes Home Extension Club-Home of Nan Nicholson  
Bid-A-Bit Bridge Club

### FRIDAY, OCT. 5

Neighborhood Meeting Girl Scouts-Girl Scout Hut  
Arts and Craft Guild

## Examine Life Insurance Policy

College Station--Examine your life insurance policy--but keep a few points in mind, advises Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

Mrs. McCormack is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

1) The whole point in buying life insurance is to provide financial security in case of unexpected death.

Yet, the typical cash value of a whole-life policy pays much, much smaller death benefits than a term policy costing the same.

2) The "cash surrender values" of the whole-life policy don't earn enough to even overcome inflation. They earn an average 3 1/2 percent rate of return after 20 years.

The average rate of interest on non-dividend-paying policies is a meager 2 1/2 percent.

3) If you die while insured by a whole-life policy, those cash values disappear. The company will pay your beneficiary only the face amount of the policy--with no extra cash values awarded.

4) The insurance agent is paid far more commission dollars by his company for selling whole-life insurance than the cheaper term policies.

5) Your whole-life insurance agent may promise you all sorts of continuing services when he sells you the policy, but he

won't tell you that the average agent lasts only six months in the business.

This "servicing" is likely to be "self-servicing"--encouraging you to buy ever-increasing amounts of whole-life insurance rather than objectively considering financial alternatives.

6) Term insurance is available up to the age 100 from some companies that specialize in this insurance.

7) Mutual insurance companies pay a so-called dividend, which is simply an overcharge of your premium which raises the cost of the average policy by as much as 30 percent.

You could take this same money--your dividend--and invest it yourself and get a far better return.

For more information on selecting life insurance, review the publication MP-1262, "Life Insurance," available from your County Extension Office.



The shortest opera ever written, *The Deliverance of Theus* by Darius Milhaud, lasts only seven minutes, 27 seconds.

## Missionary To Speak Here

Andy Fred Kennedy of World Missions for Jesus outreach based in Baker, Louisiana, will be speaking in the Spearman area on numerous occasions in the next week.

He will be speaking at the interdenominational men's prayer breakfast on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the Garden Room of the Cattleman's Restaurant. He will be interviewed on KRDF-FM on Wednesday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. and he will teach at the Lay Renewal Prayer Group that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Freeman. He will teach at the Believers' Cottage on Friday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy will be speaking on World Communion Sunday at the Borger Christian Center, October 7 at 10:45 a.m. He will be the speaker at the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Spearman on Monday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Home Demonstration Clubroom.

Andy received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Literature and New Testament Greek in April 1978 at Oral Roberts University. When Andy discussed his ministry, he said, "We desire to minister the love

## Hightower Names New Assistant

Congressman Jack Hightower has named Bob Davis of Amarillo as a new assistant working in the district and headquartered in Amarillo effective October 1.

Davis, 44, graduated from Amarillo High School in 1952, then attended Amarillo College prior to graduating from West Texas State University in 1956 with a degree in biology. He has done post-graduate work in psychology and English.

Married to the former Rose Ann Conty of Amarillo, Davis has served Amarillo civic interests as a member of the board of directors of the Downtown Kiwanis, as a member of the Speaker's Bureau for the United Fund, and as an active member of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

"Bob has traveled the northern counties of the district from Childress to the top of the district in his former occupation as a representative of Searle Laboratories." Congressman Hightower said. "He knows the area well and will give our constituency the kind of professional service they have come to expect."

"I am delighted to be associated with Congressman Jack Hightower and his staff and am looking forward to expanding the availability of services offered by the district offices that comes from having someone in the field," Davis said.

He and Rose Ann have three sons Kirk, 22; Todd, 21; and Craig, 20. The family attends the Polk Street Methodist Church.

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# THE MUSIC MAN

**Editor's Note**-The following is a background on "The Music Man" and the composer, Meredith Willson. Spearman High School Students will present the musical comedy, Oct. 6 and 8 at the high school auditorium.

Meredith Willson's **THE MUSIC MAN** Book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson Story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey

Meredith Willson was born May 18, 1902 in Mason City, Iowa, and though he left there at the age of sixteen to follow an exciting career, he has always remained an Iowan at heart. In fact it was a standing joke for years throughout show-business that Meredith Willson was only making a sideline of being a musician, composer, conductor, radio and television performer and writer of song-lyrics and books, and that his real job had been that of a press-agent and ambassador-at-large for the sovereign state of Iowa!

About Meredith Willson and The Music Man Meredith's mother taught piano, so naturally he "had to take". His introduction to music via the piano led, however, to his specializing in the flute and piccolo. He had hardly made high school when he was making a local name for himself with those instruments. Throughout high school he was playing flute and/or piccolo in the Municipal Orchestra and the high school band.

By the time he was 19, he was playing solo flute in the famous John Phillip Sousa band during its tours across the U.S.A. and overseas. At the age of 22 he was playing flute under world famous Arturo Toscanini with the New-York-Philharmonic Orchestra.

In 1929 Willson was lured by big-money offers to leave the Philharmonic for radio assignments. (Also, how could he get in plugs for Iowa from the flutist's chair in a big symphony orchestra?) He first served as musical director of the Don Lee radio chain in San Francisco, then moved on to Los Angeles and to NBC, for which he was musical director for such shows as Maxwell House Coffee Hour, The Big Show, The Frank Morgan-Fanny Brice Show, The Dick Powell-Mary Martin Show. On these shows he was often called on to gab with the stars with his baton in hand. This gave him the chance to talk

about Iowa, Iowa, Iowa.

World War II found him using his musical knowledge for the Armed Forces Radio. After the war, he was back in Hollywood conducting and arranging music for a long string of radio and television shows. During this time, he turned song-writer with three very big hits, "You and I", "Two in Love," and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." He also composed a dozen symphonic and concert works. Two of his better known symphonies: "San Francisco" and "The Missions of California."

He also began writing books: "And There I Stood with My Piccolo" (reminisces particularly of his tours with Sousa), "Eggs I Have Laid" and "Who Did What to Fedalia?"

His admiring wife, Rini, had been prodding him for some time to use his talents to write a musical for Broadway, the kind of show that people actually pay money to see. He later commented: "All those years in radio with some guy holding up an applause card--that isn't show business. You aren't a success in show business until you do something that makes people dig down in their pants pocket and buy a ticket."

In 1949 Frank Loesser, a Hollywood man who had scored heavily on Broadway with his songs in "Where's Charley? (Guys and Dolls and The Most Happy Fella and How to Succeed etc were yet to come) told his friend Meredith that he, too, ought to write a musical for Broadway, and do it about the Iowa he kept talking about when conducting music. Nothing came of it--then. Eight years later Loesser's firm, Frank Music Corp., was a silent partner in producing **The Music Man** and publishing its music.

Two years after Loesser's proposal, in 1951, Feuer and Martin, bloated with profits and esteem from their successful production of **Guys and Dolls**, were looking for some more shows to produce. From New York they telephoned Meredith in Hollywood and concretely suggested he do an Iowa-located musical for them.

This, plus prompting over the years from his wife, led to Willson turning down to write the show that fitted into **The Music Man**. Six years were required to bring to production the show that became one of the most successful musicals in

American stage history--six years of discouragements that Willson amusingly detailed in a book, "But He Doesn't Know The Territory" (taken from a line in the opening number of the show.)

From 1951 onward, Willson painfully and slowly drew on his memories to make a story of Iowa in 1912. The trouble was, he had so many wonderful memories, it was hard to choose which to use. He knew he would tell about band music, which has been his major interest in boyhood. He soon conceived the character of the lovable rogue, Harold Hill. His working title was "The Silver Triangle."

Feuer and Martin didn't like that title, offered **The Music Man** as a substitute which Willson happily adapted and some of their other suggestions. But after about three years of sporadic conferences (Willson couldn't lick the book), Feuer and Martin gave up the idea of presenting it. In the interval they had ideas about using the material for a television special and in other ways, but Willson declined. They still had faith in Willson, and in November 1956, they invited him to write the songs for a musical they intended to produce based on a story about a present day Indian reservation, "Stay Away Joe". They produced it a year after **The Music Man** hit Broadway, under the title **Whoop Up**--their first failure after five major hits.

The Indian show was temptingly irresistible to Willson, but he had got over the story problems on **The Music Man** and felt he couldn't abandon it at that time.

However, before he would say no, he felt he ought to try one other producer. On a hunch, he telephoned Kermit Bloomgarden, producer of the then-current **The Most Happy Fella** and of such past hits as **Death of a Salesman**, **The Diary of Anne Frank**, **The Lark** etc.

Talking a mile a minute, Willson told Bloomgarden that he had to give Feuer and Martin an answer on the Indian show in the next day or two, and that he had a musical that a lot of important Hollywood people had enthusiastically heard him audition, and was Bloomgarden interested? When he stopped for a breath, the up-to-then silent Bloomgarden said, "Pardon me, have we ever met?" He had taken the call because the name was a little familiar though he could not quite place it. Bloomgarden requested that a script be sent and he would read it.

"I said no I couldn't send one," Willson recalled in his

book, "because there was a lot of stuff in there like seven travelling salesmen imitating the sound of 1912 train which took the place of what would normally be the opening number--only there wasn't any tune here and no singing, not even any rhymes, and this number not only imitated the sound of a train but it also got rid of the exposition."

Bloomgarden agreed to hear an audition any night during that week. Willson and his wife hopped a plane for New York the next morning. On the night of December 10, 1956, exactly one year to the day before the New York opening, Willson and his wife sang, played and told the story of **The Music Man** for Bloomgarden. The reception was wonderful. Next morning Bloomgarden undertook to produce the show.

**The Music Man** opened a try-out engagement in Philadelphia on November 18, 1957, and the grapevine carried the news everywhere that a big hit had been born. The New York opening night, December 19, 1957, was one of those instantaneous smashing successes that make show business so fascinating.

From the very start, the first night audience was enchanted. As had happened at the try-out performances in Philadelphia (the first time it came as a surprise to everyone connected with the show), the spectators at the end of the show began pounding out the beat to which the grinning actors were prancing. The audience had simply decided to join the band. For an opening night audience to participate like that was phenomenal. Every audience for the next 1,376 performances in New York responded similarly.

After the astonishing success of **The Musical Man**, scripts began to pour in from producers who hoped Willson would write them a musical that would line their pockets with gold as **The Music Man** had for its producer. Nearly a hundred projects were offered him before he fell in love with a play by Richard Morris about a fabulous social climber of the pioneering days in Colorado, and **The Unsinkable Molly Brown** was the result. Next on Willson's splendid track record came **Here's Love** a musical based on the movie classic "The Miracle on 34th Street."

**QUOTES FROM REVIEWS:**  
Life Magazine: In the long line of rogues who have turned up in Broadway shows none is more winning than Professor Hill of **The Music Man**. The Professor's trick is to whip up

enthusiasm in small towns for starting a band, sell the instruments and uniforms, then skip town without teaching the musicians a note...Since the whole show was written by Meredith Willson, who once played a flute in his home-town band in Mason City, Iowa, **The Music Man** is a bona fide blend of oldtime marches, barbershop quartets and dreamy ballads. **The Music Man** winds up as a rousing, oom-pah delight!

Variety: **The Music Man** is one on those blissful musicals in which everything seems just about perfect.

N.Y. Times, Brooks Atkinson: Meredith Willson has translated the thump and rattle-dazzle of brass-band lore into a warm and genial cartoon of American life. The music is innocent, the beat is rousing and the tunes are full of gusto...If Mark Twain could have collaborated with Vachel Lindsay, they might have devised a rhythmic lark like **The Music Man**, which is as American as apple pie and a Fourth of July oration. It is a marvelous show, rooted in wholesome and comic tradition.

N.Y. Herald Tribune, Walker Kerr: It's the beat that does it. The overture drives off with a couple of good shrill whistles and a heave-ho blast from half the brass in the pit. The curtain sails up to disclose the most energetic engine on the Rock Island Railroad--circa 1912--hurtling across the proscenium. The itch is upon us.

Everywhere are ebullient good-humor, eternally infectious footwork, inventive scoring, and the rich and racy gaiety that erupts in an innocent world. The beat is catching; the audience was applauding in rhythm as the opening night curtain came down. I think you'll have a splendid time.

N.Y. Daily News, John Chapman: One of the few great musical comedies of the last 26 years, since "Of Thee I Sing." Book, Music and lyrics are all by one man and they are captivating. **The Music Man** is a fond and enormously funny recollection of Willson's youth. An utterly, light-hearted, high-spirited musical...The chief thing is that the show is put together so expertly that it should be either twice as long or performed twice at each performance...There are so many good songs and choral numbers that it is impossible to refer to them all.

N.Y. Daily Mirror, Robert Coleman: A heart-warming song-and-dancer. It will prove delightful nostalgic for those

who have lived in whistle stops and provide first-rate fun for city slickers...it's a daffy dip into sentiment, that moves with the speed of a rocket and the conviviality of a county fair...If you want to be happy, see it. It'll make you feet snap into marching step to "Seventy-Six Trombones." make you reach for your hankie to mop moist eyes to "Goodnight My Someone" and want to dance in the aisles to "Shipooi." What a show! What a hit! What a solid hit!

N.Y. Journal American, John McClain: Here is a whopping hit that will run and run. It has flare and brass, it jiggles and jumps, it has speed and style and its people are beguiling. This is a wonderfully rewarding evening.

N.Y. Post, Richard Watts, Jr.: Describe **The Music Man** and you run the risk of having it greeted by the presumably devastating epithet, "Corn." And I suppose that's what it is. But the musical is such fresh, genial and warm-hearted corn, so indigenously American in its 1912 Iowa atmosphere, its humor, breeziness, sentiment and good, old-fashioned tunefulness that it is not only delightful but, in some paradoxical manner, boldly original. It seems to me that there hasn't been in recent years a more complete example of musical comedy Americana than this, and that even includes the class and more ambitious **Oklahoma**. It falls back on some familiar plot materials, but they are handled with such candor and sincerity that they become a virtue.

N.Y. World Telegram & Sun, Frank Aston: This is a knockout, right from the first blare in the orchestra pit. It's so rich, so funny, so expertly done. It has more than riproaring entertainment, it has strength drawn from the fertile breast of this continent.

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The story is about the salesmanship tactics of Professor Harold Hill (played by Kyle Beedy) in River City, Iowa back in 1912. His efforts to organize the River City Boys Band and become friends with Marian, the librarian (played by Tamara Scroggs) are met with amazing results and situations you wouldn't believe. All this time, the Mayor (played by Mike Brinson) and the School Board

(Jon Garnett, James Pierce, Jay Pack and Jay Comegys) are trying to get his credentials to discredit him but the Board always ends up singing and the Mayor is rushing around trying to keep his wife Eulalie (played by Sherry Greene) and daughter Zaneeta (played by Eadie Clements) in line. Then, the "ladies" group (Kathie West, Terry Bynum, Becky Lusby, Lesa Thomas) are always busy with their gossip and Mrs. Paroo (Kelly Shaver) is trying to get her daughter Marian interested in Harold. Getting confused? Come see

"The Music Man" and see how everything turns out. Listen to the songs like "76 Trombones", "The Wells Fargo", "Wagon", "It's You", "Goodnight My Someone", and "Lida Rose."

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