

Moving To Tennessee . . .

Queeners Leaving Spearman

Interstate Savings and Loan Association announced a change in leadership this week. Robert Queener, vice president at the institution for the last 11 years, will be leaving the savings and loan on December 22. He is being succeeded by Randy Kirk.

The Queener family is moving back to his family's hometown of Oneida, Tenn. Queener has already accepted a position as executive in the Mortgage and Loan Division of the First Trust and Savings Bank of Oneida. He will be leaving Spearman on December 26. The rest of his family will be leaving at the end of the school semester.

"We hate to see him leave," said Linda Close. This sentiment was echoed by her fellow clerk, Vera Mae Hays, at the savings and loan. They went on to say he was "real nice to work with and to talk to. He was always doing things to make it nicer to work at the savings and loan." He would give them rides into work when weather or circumstance made it impossible or difficult for them to drive themselves. During snowy or icy weather, he would clean off their cars before they drove home.

The whole community of Spearman will feel the absence of Robert Queener. He was very active in community activities, and was a member of the Lions Club, chamber of commerce and the First Baptist Church.

In the Lions Club, he served as president and was on the board of directors. In the chamber of commerce, he served a term as

president of the Ambassadors. The accomplishment Queener mentions when asked about his activities with the chamber was the acquiring and remodeling of the present chamber building.

As a member of the First Baptist Church, Queener has served on the board of trustees of the church. He continues to teach the high school boys' Sunday school class, and to sing in the church choir. He has been active in the religious singing group, Mens Servants, from its inception.

Besides serving in all these organizations, he has been asked to be master of ceremonies at various functions through the years. "I like to believe," said Queener, "that given the opportunity, most men will serve. I was just given the opportunity."

Queener stated he hates the thought of leaving, in terms of the people he has met and worked with here. "People are real direct and I enjoy that." He further elaborated by saying, "I had an opportunity to help people through my work at the savings and loan." The leadership at the savings and loan has made that possible by providing conservative leadership, thereby keeping the savings and loan well capitalized. That good leadership, according to Queener, has been demonstrated by their hiring of a local person to replace him.

Randy Kirk will take over the position of Branch Manager at Interstate Savings and Loan. Kirk says, "I hope to be able to deal with people on the same warm and

personal level as Robert Queener."

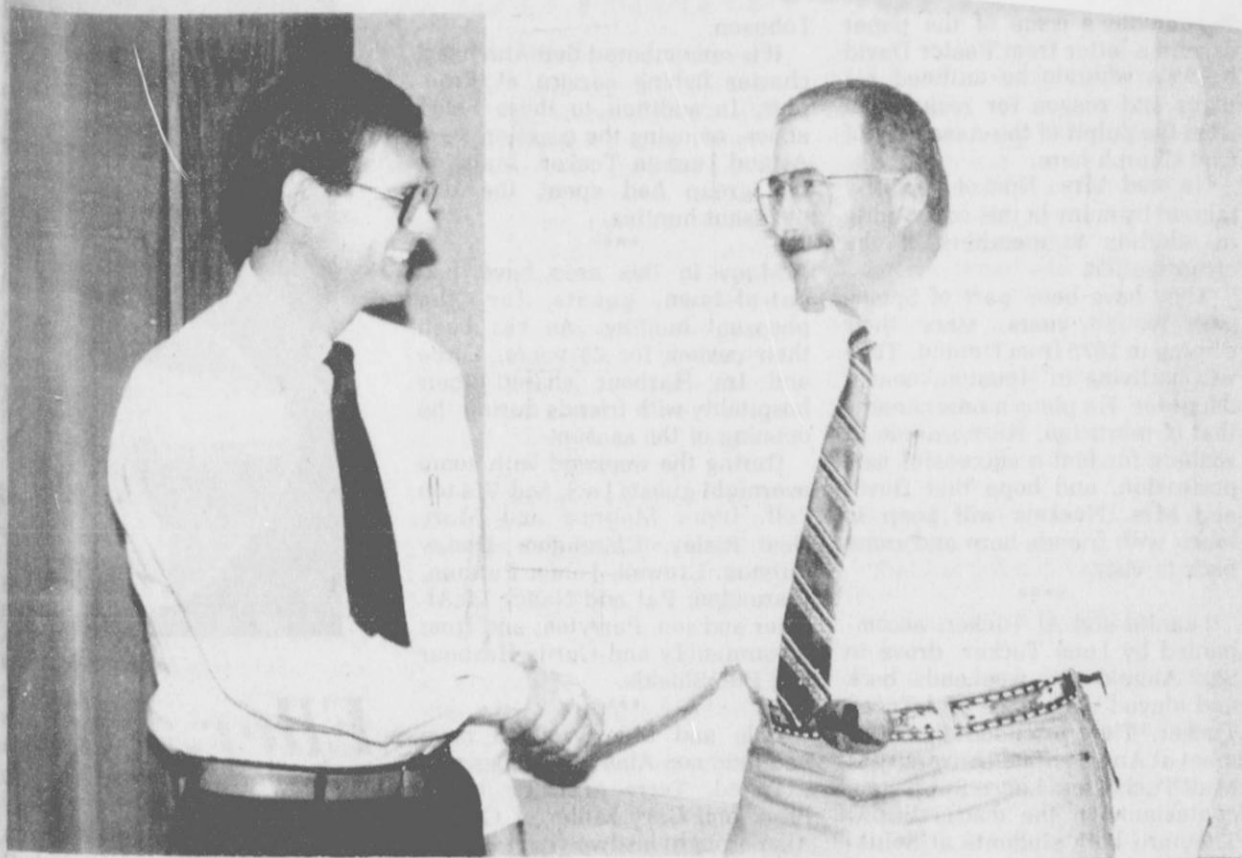
Kirk's grandfather, Dibrell (D. B.) Kirk, homesteaded a farm south of Spearman. Kirk was born in Borger and raised on this family farm. He went to high school in Borger and attended college at Texas Tech and McMurry University.

He returned to the family farm and bought his uncle's interest when he retired. Kirk has been and will continue to be a farmer and rancher in this area a long time.

The Kirk family includes wife Teresa, and two boys, Tom (11 years old) and Dibrell (7 years old).

Kirk is very active in community activities. He is a member of the Lions Clubs in Spearman and Morse, a Y Board Member of the Hansford Activity Center, the Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church and the Mens Servants singing group.

Randy Kirk and the staff of Interstate Savings and Loan will be hosting an open house in honor of Robert and Cora Queener on December 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the savings and loan.



Robert Queener [left] says hello and goodbye to Randy Kirk [right]. Queener is leaving Spearman and his position at Interstate Savings and Loan as of

December 26. Kirk will be taking Queener's place at the savings and loan.

Hansford Library
120 Main
Spearman, Tx 79081

Choirs, Band To Present Concert

The junior high and high school choirs will join with the high school band to present their annual Christmas concert Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

All the choral groups, under the direction of Vicki Gibbs, will be featured on the program. Fifth and sixth grade choirs will combine to sing "What Shall We Name Him?" and "Reindeer on the Roof." The Junior High Choir will present "Winter Carol" and "A Bell Carol." They will be accompanied on "A Bell Carol" by handbell ringers from First Baptist Church.

High School Chorale will be singing "Jubilate Deo," "Rise Up, Shepherd" and "Fa La La at Christmas." Celebrate, the high school pop group, will also sing presenting two Alfred Burt carols.

"Caroling, Caroling" and "We'll Dress the House." "The Twelve Days After Christmas" and "Let It Snow!"

The SHS Band is under the direction of Jerry Sparks. Selections to be played by the band are "Christmas on Parade," "Winter Wonderland" and "The Little Drummer Boy."

The band and choirs will join together for a grand finale, appropriately titled "Christmas Finale," to conclude the program.

Everyone is invited to support these groups by attending the concert. The music provides something to fit every musical taste, and this will be a great way to boost Christmas spirit as the holiday draws near. The concert is open to the public, and there will be no admission charge.

1976 Grad Returns For Children

Editor's Note: The following feature story is the first of a series of articles Jean Ann Behney is writing on former Spearman High School graduates. The Hansford Plainsman will publish one such article every other week over the next several weeks.

We welcome reader input on this series. Although the concentration will be on Spearman grads who have moved away to attend college or to pursue careers, today's story features a woman who has returned to her hometown after 13 years. Our reporter will gladly follow up leads on Spearman grads whose experiences are of general interest to our readers. To offer suggestions for this series, readers may telephone the newspaper office at 659-3434.

by Jean Ann Behney

Following her high school graduation in 1976, Darlita Pierce Ellis left Spearman to attend

Lubbock Christian College. In October of this year, thirteen years later, she returned to town with her husband and children to become the house mother at the Spearman Children's Home.

Located at 405 S. Archer Street, the Spearman Children's Home is a satellite service for High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo, a Church of Christ-affiliated organization. Spearman's home was established in 1974 and operates under High Plains Children's Home's rules and regulations, but it is financed entirely by the local Church of Christ.

During a house tour she proudly leads, Darlita, or D'Dee, as she prefers to be called, explains, "This was built specifically to be a children's home and we can have up to 10 children here at one time." Deceptively modest in proportions on the outside, the tour reveals six good-sized bedrooms, three bathrooms and large living and kitchen areas.

Everything is clean, neat and

homey, from the furnishings (all supplied by the Spearman Church of Christ) to the carpets and curtains. "The house has 3,300 square feet of living space," says D'Dee with an expansive wave of her hands, "but if you count the huge storage area, basement and two-car garage, it has something like 7,000 square feet!" D'Dee and her husband Dan, who is the house father, and their two young sons, Daniel and Dustin, occupy two of the bedrooms and have filled the storage area behind the garage with most of their own boxed belongings.

At the present time, three boys reside at the home. Lonnie Hodge, a fourth grader, has his own bedroom, decorated with fireman hats. Brothers Jo-Bob and Tony Wrinkle share another room with twin beds. Each youngster gladly makes his own bed every morning and performs other chores for credit on individualized chore charts, prominently displayed on the kitchen wall. "I just started this," says D'Dee. "The boys get a nickel for each chore they do." Judging from kindergarten Tony's eagerness to show this off to visitors, the chore chart is an unqualified success.

This brings one to D'Dee's own experiences and what brought her back to Spearman after so many years. She was born in Hale Center, Texas, a town about 30 miles north of Lubbock, in 1958. Her parents, I.V. and Darlene Pierce, moved to Spearman when she was two years old. D'Dee went on to complete kindergarten and all twelve grades in the

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D'Dee Pierce Ellis: High School Highlights for a 1976 Graduate
Best-remembered event: When we went to state in football in 1975.
Favorite teacher or class: Mr. Dwayne Mitchell, who taught English, and Mrs. Wanda Jones, who taught accounting.
High School activities: band, basketball and business! (A member of the DECA organization, D'Dee left school at 2:30 p.m. each day to go to a job.)
High school jobs: Worked at B&B Sales and checked groceries at Thriftway.
Something learned not found in a book or classroom: How to work. My daddy taught me the value of doing a job well and how to manage money.
Pros. and Cons on Spearman High School: I was well-prepared for college and am proud of my town and high school. By living in this small of a place makes it easy for you to get stereotyped in high school. I was awfully serious in school. When I got away to college, I felt I could finally be me—it was my shine time!



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City Council Sets Special Meeting For Monday

A special meeting of the Spearman City Council has been set for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 to discuss the purchase of an ambulance.

At the council's regular meeting

on Dec. 12, bids for an ambulance were opened. After evaluation and opinion of the bids by Dave Clark, consultant, and after presentations from representatives of two bidding firms, council members decided to table the matter.

In the time between council meetings, the city manager is to obtain answers of the specifications from two other companies. In addition Al LaRochelle, hospital administrator, will research the cost of a portable defibrillator through the Hansford Hospital District.

In other business, a verbal request had been made by Kay's Cafe for the construction of a vestibule on the front of the cafe

due to wind damage to the front door and cold air entering the building. Kay Hamilton, owner of the cafe, was supposed to provide the city with dimensions of the vestibule before the council meeting, but at meeting time no dimensions had been received. For that reason, council members tabled the item until the needed information has been received.

Council members considered bid solicitation on depository and custody of city funds; property and liability insurance coverage; uniforms and walk-off mats rental service; and a leak survey on the municipal gas system. Jim Murray, city manager, stated that the contracts for these services were expiring and he recommended to use the same specifications for all these items except the property and liability insurance coverage.

He stated that Bill Stephens of SMC Inc. recommended that the specifications for the insurance be re-written, and that his firm would re-write the specifications and provide an analysis of the bids. The council accepted Stephens' recommendation.

Approval was given to minutes of the Nov. 28 city council meeting and to monthly fire, ambulance, police, municipal court and animal control reports. The council also approved the monthly bills payable, in the amount of \$379,972.74 and the city's current cash position.

Meeting dates were set for Jan. 9, 1990 and Jan. 23, 1990.

Those attending the meeting were Mayor Bob Pearson, Aldermen Wilson McClellan, Bob Boxwell, Don Reed and Burl Buchanan; City Manager Jim Murray; City Secretary Cheryl Gibson; Police Sergeant Steve Schmidt-Witcher; Fire Chief Johnny Ring; and H&S EMS Director Michele Davis.

Visitors present were Bob and Frank Humphrey of American Trans-Coach Inc., Gary Bilbrey of Chief Fire & Safety Co. Inc., Dave Clark of Bivins Rehabilitation Center, Al LaRochelle of Hansford Hospital District and Jeff Lackey of H&S EMS.

Operation Christmas Greeting

Another group of Hansford County residents have joined those who are extending holiday greetings through Operation Christmas Greeting 1989 by donating money normally spent on greeting cards and postage to the annual fund raiser of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase needed equipment and items for the Hansford Hospital and the Hansford Manor.

Donations can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, Box 225, Spearman, TX 79081.

We extend best wishes to all of our friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Jack and Dolly McWhirter
Phil and Marguerite Jenkins
Woodville and Verna Jarvis
Martha Nitschke
Maudine Patterson
Frances Kilgore
P.A. and Beuna Lyon
J.W. Jenkins
Marcus and Jo Larson
Emmett Sanders
Emma Lou Collins
Gene and Frances Cudd
Wesley and Magda Garnett
Gus and Clementine Renner
J.D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks
John and Wanda Brown
Bobby, Teresa Brown and Children
Rue and Anne Sanders
Juanita Logan
Jim, Rosemary and Kory Brown

Candidates Begin Filing For Offices

Early filers for the county offices up for re-election this March have begun to trickle in, according to Republican and Democratic Party chairmen. Filing dates are December 3 to January 2. Candidates have until that time to file with their respective party chairmen.

Roy Bulls, Republican chairman, says that at this time two people have filed for offices on the

Republican ticket. David Boyd has filed for Justice of the Peace and Eddie Gail Martin has filed for County Judge.

According to Carl Archer, Democratic chairman, the filings have been a little more numerous. Jim Brown has filed for the County Judge race. Joyce Vanderburg and Johnny P. Vernon both filed for the Justice of the Peace position on the Democratic ticket.

Empty Stocking Fund

Hansford Manor's Empty Stocking Fund has been receiving contributions but more are needed to make Manor residents' Christmas brighter, along with helping throughout the year, according to Jody Hamish.

Hansford County residents are reminded that contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund are used to purchase needed items for Hansford Manor residents that will help not only at Christmastime, but all the year through. Donations can be sent to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081. Donations to the Empty

Stocking Fund are tax deductible, and contributions may be made anonymously.

Recent contributors to the Empty Stocking Fund include Bill and Lillian Whitford Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tebeest Mary Fern Terry Ralph and Johann Blodgett Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massad

As of Friday, Dec. 15, donations to the Empty Stocking Fund totaled \$695, said Hamish. On behalf of Hansford Manor residents, she extended thanks to everyone who has made donations.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Thursday's issue of the paper carried a letter from Pastor David Nuckels wherein he outlined his plans and reason for resignation from the pulpit of the Assembly of God Church here.

He and Mrs. Nuckels will be missed by many in this community in addition to members of the congregation.

They have been part of Spearman for 14 years, since their coming in 1975 from Denton. They will be living in Houston, near a daughter. He plans a new career - that of mortician. All here join in wishing for him a successful new profession, and hope that David and Mrs. Nuckels will keep in touch with friends here and come back to visit.

Juanita and Al Tucker, accompanied by June Tucker, drove to San Angelo two weekends back and stayed with Mike and Teena Tucker. They attended the track meet at Angelo State University as Matt Tucker and Lance Swan were contestants in the discus throw. They are both students at Southwestern Junior College in Leveland.

Juanita remained for a week as Mike was in Kentucky in his work with General Telephone Company and Teena is teaching. Juanita enjoyed the three little grandsons.

A pre-Christmas family gathering was hosted by Marie Beck in her rural home on Friday evening. L.L. (Smoky) Huse and daughter Ann Johnson had come from Freeport for the opening of pheasant season, so other family members gathered to welcome them.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don Beck, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Beck and two grandchildren, Perryton; Aleta Beck and son, Balko; Robert Beck, Alvarado, Texas; Ray Nellis, Alvarado, Texas; and from Spearman, Verlin and Audene Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beck and boys, Ronnie and Cathy Beck and children, Rebecca Beck and children and Shea Crawford.

Then on Saturday night, the Beck family gathered again, this time for their annual fish fry with red snapper brought up by Ann

Johnson.

It is remembered that Ann has a charter fishing service at Freeport. In addition to those listed above, enjoying the occasion were Al and Juanita Tucker. Many of the group had spent the day pheasant hunting.

Many in this area have had out-of-town guests for the pheasant hunting. As has been their custom for 25 years, Loree and Ira Harbour shared their hospitality with friends during the opening of the season.

During the weekend with some overnight guests Jack and Wanda Rolf, Irvin; Maurice and Mary Neal Risley, Clarendon; Donny Putman, Crowell; Junior Putman, Clarendon; Pat and Nancy McAllister and son, Perryton; and from Spearman Ty and Curtis Harbour and Bob Shields.

Dale and Mae Wofford have had their son Alan of Portales and a friend, Terry Maloney of El Paso, and Gary Miller of Clovis. Alan brought his two year old son, Keenan, to keep Mae out of mischief while the men were hunting. They were fortunate in bagging their limit.

Pat and Chuck Cudd had hunters for a couple of days, but found the pheasants to be scarce.

Their hunters were Kenny Coates, formerly of Spearman, and Gary Miller, both of Ft. Worth; also the Cudds' son-in-law Brent Cresell and his father, Carl Crews of Perryton.

Some here are of the opinion that the scarcity of pheasants may be due to the great increase in the number of little foxes and coyotes of recent years.

Helen Melton returned recently from a five-day trip to Portland, Ore. She was accompanied by her mother, Grace Bruner. They traveled to Portland to see Helen's new granddaughter, Reagan Delanie, the first child of Helen's son James Whitaker and his wife Renee. This column previously reported that James and Renee had two children.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Edward Lamb

Eller, Lamb United

Debra Jean Eller and Mark Edward Lamb, both of Dallas, were united in marriage October 21 at The First Baptist Church of Plano, Texas. Rev. Bob Ross, minister of Prairie Creek Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Ann Eller of Amarillo and James E. Eller of Sharon, Okla and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lucille McIver of Perryton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lamb of Dallas and the grandson of Mrs. Opal B. Haynie of Brownwood and Mrs. Lillie Mae Lamb of Dallas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a designer gown by Alfred Angelo. The white satin gown with a sabrina illusion cut-out neckline was accented with alencon lace. The fitted bodice was heavily appliqued with pearls and iridescent sequins, with leg of mutton sleeves ending in long bridal lace points. The full skirt was accented with alencon lace and applied with pearls and iridescent sequins. The back neckline was an open lace cut-out of a heart with a large peplum bow attached to a cathedral length train edged with alencon lace appliques, pearls and iridescent sequins. The designer shoes were white lace with pearls and iridescent sequins.

The headpiece was a fingertip length illusion veil with a full pouf circling back. The beaded V-shaped headband was heavily accented with strands of pearls on the right side. A shoulder length blusher was detachable from the headpiece.

She carried a large bridal cascade of soft pink and white rubin lilies with burgundy center specks, white dendrobians orchids and greenery tied with white lace ribbons. The bride carried her mother's white bridal Bible, which had been given to her by her mother in 1957.

Karen Sue Thomison of Austin was the matron of honor and

Charlotte Rose Bell of Coppell was a bridesmaid. The flowergirl was Mary Elizabeth Lamb, cousin of the groom and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berle Lamb of Dallas.

The groom wore a black After Six Pierre Cardin tailed tuxedo accented with a white shirt, white vest and white bow tie. His burgundy colored rose boutonniere was lifted from the bridal bouquet.

The ringbearer was Michael Cagel of Euless, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rivera. He wore a black After Six Pierre Cardin tailed tuxedo coat and attire matching the groom's.

Timothy Lee Lamb of Dallas served his brother as best man. Lt. Ronald Patterson of Carrollton was the groomsman. The ushers were both of Dallas, David L. Lamb and Paul C. Lamb, brothers of the groom, and James F. Yeager of Garland.

The church sanctuary was decorated with fresh flowers, two fan candleabra and two spiral candleabra holding 48 candles, standing at each side of the wedding altar. Acolyte was Paul C. Lamb, brother of the groom.

Music was provided by Dwayne McCullum of Dallas. Charles Mc-

Cleod of Dallas accompanied at the organ and Audrienne Valliant of Plano, played the flute.

A buffet followed the ceremony, held in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. The tables were decorated with white linen and lace cloths with fresh flowers and candles. An ice sculptured lamb with burgundy lighting complemented the buffet table as centerpiece.

The bride's cake was a white four tiered round confectionery embellished with fresh soft pink rubin lilies and baby's breath. The groom's cake was a German chocolate topped with sugar coated fruit.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada and returned to live in Dallas.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of Spearman Schools, 1982 graduate of Clarendon College and a graduate of West Texas State University. She is currently employed with the Balcor Company as a real estate manager. She is also a member of the Beta Sigma Sorority in Dallas. The groom is a 1983 graduate of Plano Schools and a 1984 graduate of Brookhaven College in Dallas. He is currently Vice President of Chemline, Inc. in Plano.

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at First
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One night only
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Presented at
7 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Narration & Music
Seating Available

A Centerpiece

by Ernestine Gray

B-r-r-r, did you say cold? Doesn't it hurt after being so warm for December weather. This does make it seem much more like Christmas and if we get the snow they keep forecasting, that should really be "a lot like Christmas."

Our Center is decorated very nicely thanks to Linda. A lot can be said for youth-plus the ability to get things done pronto.

Baker and Taylor will be furnishing our turkey and goodies for our Christmas meal at 6:30 on Tuesday the 19th of December. Those of you who haven't been for a long time make a special effort to come out and join the rest of us in closing out the year of 1989 and maybe that will get you started for the '90s. Just bring a covered dish to go with the turkey and dressing.

Pearl will be taking three people to Amarillo on Saturday, the 16th to make their free calls.

The Center will be closed from December 22 until December 27. "Happy Holidays" from each of us at the Center!!!

Pearl, Floydcan,
Ernestine, and Linda

CARD OF THANKS

In times of crisis and sorrow, one finds that friends are a true source of comfort. We, the family of Velma Williamson, would like to express our gratitude for all of the prayers, notes, cards, food, plants and visits for our beloved mother and wife. She was uplifted and so are we by your many expressions of kindness. Many thanks!

Bud Williamson
Paula, Delvin, Greg and
Clint Harms
Brenda, Max
and Robert Littau
Leslie Williamson

Obituary

Kathleen O'Loughlin

LOS ANGELES - Kathleen O'Loughlin "Sister Mary Charles," 84, died Dec. 13 in California.

Born in northeast Hansford County, she entered the Order of the Sister of Saint Joseph in California in 1923 and taught in several schools throughout California until her retirement.

Survivors include two sisters, Ella Carmody of Spearman and Sister Agnes Marie of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Charles O'Loughlin Jr. of Santa Monica, Calif.; and a cousin, Bob O'Loughlin of Spearman.

Requiem Mass was Friday in California. Burial was Saturday in Holy Cross Cemetery.



The average American household watches TV for seven hours and two minutes a day according to A.C. Nielson reports.

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Association

Christmas Cookout

The holiday season is the best time of the year for the expression of friendship and appreciation, and First State Bank wants to thank our many customers for your loyalty, and to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

To show our appreciation, First State Bank will host its FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOT DOG COOKOUT on December 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Bank.

SANTA CLAUS will be our special guest of honor!

We will be welcoming all of our friends and neighbors to come by and eat a hot dog and visit with Santa Claus on this special day.

First State Bank and its employees look forward to seeing you - DON'T MISS IT!

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Mrs. Chad Wayne Guthrie

Hansford Happenings

First Christian Church of Spearman, 29 S. Bernice, will present a live Nativity re-enactment Wednesday, Dec. 20. Presentations will be made at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. that evening. Narration and music will enhance the scene. Seating will be available.

Adobe Walls Gun Club, located three miles east of Borger on the Pampa highway, will be hosting a Turkey Shoot Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1:00 p.m. The Turkey Shoot is open to the public.

A representative from the Pampa Social Security office will be in Spearman at the Hansford County Courthouse Thursday, Jan. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The representative will be glad to help with Social Security matters. Almost all Social Security matters can be handled by telephone. Social Security has a toll free number, 1-800-2345-SSA, available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. For information on filed Medicare claims, call 1-800-442-2620.

Hansford County Activity Center is offering aerobics classes in both morning and afternoon sessions. Low-to-medium impact aerobics, circuit training with weights and floor exercises are being offered. Instructors are Judith Schaefer, certified YMCA instructor, and Wanda Archer, YMCA and NDITA certified instructor. Schaefer leads early morning classes 6:00-6:45 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Archer leads afternoon sessions 4:30-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information concerning aerobics classes, contact Judith Schaefer, 659-2468; Wanda Archer, 659-3519; or the Activity Center, 659-2591.

New voter registration cards have been mailed out. If you did not receive your new card, or received a card for someone who no longer lives here, please contact the Hansford County Tax Office. The cards are not valid until January 1, 1990, and are valid until December 31, 1991. If you have any questions or need further information please contact the Hansford County Tax Office at 659-2371 or come by the courthouse.

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Spiritually Speaking

by Sam Steele

Christmas is a time of sharing--- sharing our love through gifts, cards, greeting, caroling, helping, giving, and so on goes the list. Let me share with you a couple of poems written by Ruth Tiller of Atlanta, Georgia. These poems were printed in the December issue of the "Presbyterian Survey", a monthly magazine put out by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) In Ruth Tiller's gift of pen. I share with you these poems entitled "Mary" and "Joseph".

"Mary"

I hold my child and watch his eyes meet mine.
 I see the way the hair curls at his ear:
 My eyes, my hair, my flesh and yet divine!
 To me your every breath would be. My heart
 Was greatly troubled when the angel came.
 I was afraid I would be set apart
 From family and friends to live in shame.
 I feared their insults, feared disgrace, feared pain;
 I feared my God. But when I felt this child
 Take root in me, my worry and my

strain
 Dissolved as mists dispelled by breezes mild.
 And like a babe who sleeps at mother's breast
 I calm my soul; I set my soul at rest.

"Joseph"

I look on them and still cannot believe
 That they are mine, my family, my own:
 This woman-child whom once I thought to leave,
 Repudiate, expel to life alone;
 The babe, so like her in form and face
 They might be one. I do not understand
 All that has passed. I cannot even place
 The moment I resolved to keep her hand,
 Rebuild my hope despite the taint of shame
 She brings my name. There was a dream one night,
 An angel's voice absolving her of blame--
 I do not know; I have not second sight.
 For now they radiate serenity:
 Emmanuel, God with us, God with me.

Hulsey, Guthrie Exchange Vows

Kimberly Anne Hulsey and Chad Wayne Guthrie exchanged wedding vows Friday, Dec. 1 at Victory Church in Amarillo. David Brown, pastor, officiated at the evening ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hulsey of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Lawton Guthrie and Deloris Sloan, both of Spearman.

Maid of honor was Tatanya Walsh of Amarillo. Bridal attendants were Cynthia Lester and Nichol Walsh, both of Amarillo.

Best man was Bradley Guthrie, brother of the groom, of Miami. Groomsmen were Ed Beck of Spearman and Doug Lee of Dallas. Guests were seated by Mark

Hulsey, brother of the bride, and Paul Crawford, both of Amarillo. The ushers served as candle lighters.

The bride attended Amarillo College and majored in fashion.

The groom has attended art schools in London and Atlanta. He also attended Amarillo College. He was formerly employed by Northwest Texas Hospital Phar-

The groom has attended art schools in London and Atlanta. He also attended Amarillo College. He was formerly employed by Northwest Texas Hospital Pharmacy. He serves in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Shreveport, La.

8 Shopping Days 'Til

Christmas

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Chamber Chatter

by Brett Whitford
 "'Tis the Season!" As most of you know I've joined the Chamber to replace Cora, who is moving to Tennessee. The first two weeks have been very busy and Cora is doing a fine job on filling me in. The 12 Days of Christmas promotion is in full swing and winners are being drawn daily. You can join the fun by signing up at any participating business while you're doing your Christmas shopping. You'll be eligible to win a \$25.00 or \$50.00 gift certificate! The membership luncheon was held Friday at the Parish Hall. The sponsor was Interstate Savings and Loan. Among the activities was installation of new officers and directors. New officers for the 1990 year Jackie Pearson President; Lenis Simpson, first vice president; and Helen Melton, treasurer. Our new directors are Brenda Pierson, Lenis Simpson, Clay Schnell and Randy Kirk. We welcome the new board members. The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is in the planning stages. It will be held on January 27th. Remember now to put that

on your new calendars. This is also the time of year to select our outstanding citizens of the community. Forms have been mailed out to all clubs and organizations for **Citizen of the Year**, **Citizen over the Years**, and this year, **Citizen of the Decade**. Additional forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office for anyone who has a nominee in mind. For your convenience, the Chamber office is now open through the lunch hour. We feel that this will help those of you who might need to drop by and your lunch hour is a better time for you. So the hours are now 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Our office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and Tuesday, December 26th. Keep watching, we are expecting a great year as we leap into the 1990's. To everyone in Hansford County, from all of us at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Until Next Time!
Brett

Tips On Holiday Trips

Getting the family together for the holidays sounds like a lot of fun, but it can also be complex, crowded and filled with unexpected travel delays.

So while you hope for the best, prepare for the worst with these handy holiday travel tips:

- Confirm airplane, hotel and car rental reservations the day before departure: Reservations get lost. Flights get delayed, sometimes even cancelled. Don't be surprised by the unexpected and don't cause loved ones unnecessary worry when a quick call could put them at ease.
- Pack a snack: Bring along fruit, crackers, or snack-sized goodies. You never know how long your plane will sit on the runway or your car in traffic.
- Leave a day early; come back a day late: Don't travel on the heaviest travel days if you can possibly avoid it.
- Carry exact change in a convenient spot for pay phones, and to speed you through tolls.
- And a final tip that most people don't think about: Check the weather where you're headed, with a call to 1-900-WEATHER. Knowing what



weather's ahead will help you pack the right clothes, alert relatives that you might be delayed, and prepare for possibly hazardous driving conditions.

1-900-WEATHER from American Express is the most convenient and comprehensive source of up-to-the-minute weather information for more than 600 cities in the U.S. and worldwide. For just 75 cents a minute, you can use your touch tone phone to find out if you'll need the sunblock in San Diego or the parka in Pittsburgh. For anyone planning on driving, 1-900-WEATHER also offers reports from November through March on weather related highway conditions in the 48 contiguous states, and for skiers, complete ski reports are available as well.

Club News

RHO RHO

Rho Rho met in the home of Brenda Winegarner December 7. Everyone brought a covered dish and enjoyed a Christmas dinner.

President Pat Cudd called the meeting to order with members reciting the opening ritual. Roll call was then taken.

Members were reminded that dues will be due in January. After the month of January the dues will double.

Stephanie Crossland reported that there will be a baby shower honoring Debbie Reed Saturday, Dec. 9 in the home of Suzanne Kuehl.

After a brief discussion it was decided that Rho Rho would not be doing Santa Claus calls this year.

Tina Wilmeth reported that the month of December was Rho Rho's month to deliver Meals-On-Wheels. She then passed around a sign-up sheet for each member to choose a day to deliver the meals. She also reported that a meal was taken to Stephanie Crossland.

Each year Rho Rho chooses a family who is in need and buys gifts, clothes and whatever they might need to help them have a merry Christmas. Jan Williamson, Elaine Morris, and Brenda Pierson agreed to work on this project.

After a brief discussion Stephanie made the motion that we donate to the Hansford Co. Foster Children Fund and to the Empty Stocking Fund at the Hansford Manor. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The group then exchanged Christmas ornaments and Christmas gifts from Secret Sisters.

Members present were Pat Cudd, Beth Raper, Stephanie Crossland, Patti Schnell, Jan Williamson, Brenda Pierson, Elaine Morris, Leslie Cazares, Janie Kunselman, Kristi Ramon, Lori Scroggs, Tina Wilmeth, Brenda Winegarner, Melanie Elliott, Samme Goehring, Paula Butler, Jennifer Cherry, Shelley Edenborough, Tiki Farrar, Michele Goodheart, Jodie Hight, Jan Howard, Ann McClure, Jennifer Nollner, Debbie Reed, Kim Reger and Denise Schumann.

Honorary Members present were Peggy Archer, Francis Cudd, Alta Fisher, and Mary Lou Wysong.

Basketball Roundup

JV Lynx

In their first game of the Perryton tournament, the Lynx junior varsity boys basketball team lost to the Canadian JV by a score of 50 - 55. Scoring for the JV Lynx were

Cody Pipkin	15
Ross Jarvis	11
Russell Shaver	10
Josh Nett	7
Darian Hawkins	5
Brian Kidder	2

JV LYNXETTES

The Spearman Lynx junior varsity boys basketball team was defeated by the Canadian team in Spearman Dec. 12. Final score on the game was 27-48. Scoring for the Lynx JV were

Cody Pipkin	11
Russell Shaver	7
Ross Jarvis	4
Darian Hawkins	2
Josh Nett	2

JV LYNXETTES

The Lynxette junior varsity was victorious over the Canadian JV girls team Dec. 12, by a score of 32-19. JV Lynxettes scoring included

Melody Schumann	10
Michelle Garnett	9
Brandi Schneider	6
Shannon Holton	5
Cindy Melton	4

Varsity Lynx

The Lynx varsity basketball team suffered a defeat Dec. 12 at the hands of Canadian. Final score was 59-68. Lynx scorers were

Brian Beck	16
Tim Kizziar	10
Shawn Tanner	7
Joel Shields	6
Dallas Trosper	5
Alan Howell	5
Clint DeArmond	4
Chris Strawn	3
Chad Riggins	3

Varsity Lynxettes

The Lynxette varsity defeated the Canadian girls basketball team here in Spearman on Dec. 12. Final score in the game was 38-32. Assisting in the scoring for the Lynxettes were

Joy Gafford	13
Michelle Cook	11
Laci Lasater	4
Kyla Nelson	4
Jill Lusby	2
Vonda Benson	2
Denise Arnold	2

9th Grade Lynxettes

The Lynxette 9th grade girls basketball team defeated the River Road 9th grade girls in their first game of the Perryton tournament, played Dec. 14. Final score on the game was 40 - 13. Scoring for the Lynxette 9th grade were

Kimbree Townsen	11
Shea Crawford	9
Adrian Blackburn	6
Mary Cook	5
Michelle Garnett	5
Donetta Cates	2
Holly Jarvis	2

JV Lynxettes

The Lynxette junior varsity team defeated the River Road Girls junior varsity team in the first game of the Perryton tournament, played Dec. 14. Final score was 39 - 28. Scoring for the Lynxette JV was by

Cindy Melton	15
Lori Lieb	7
Brandi Schneider	4
Gwen Benson	4
Carla Greene	4
Melody Schumann	3
Shannon Holton	2

Hospital Notes

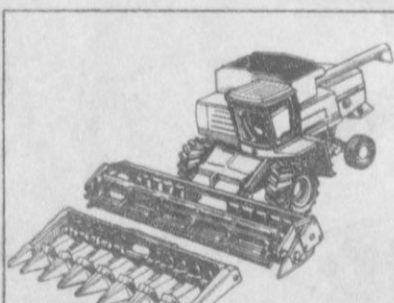
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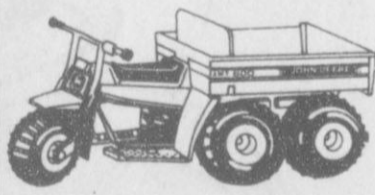
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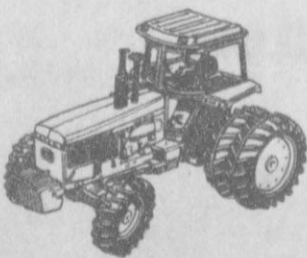
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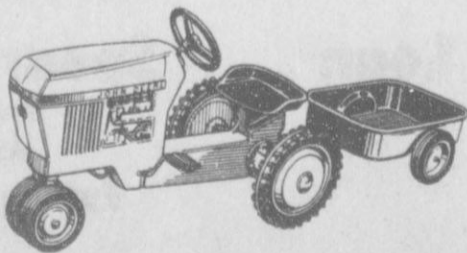
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Don't forget - Santa Claus will be at FNB on December 21. Free pictures and treats will be available.

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Spearman school system, developing an interest in business in high school.

Although she was active in several organizations during high school, including playing the flute in the band, it was her interest in accounting which later led her to complete a bachelor's degree in this area at Lubbock Christian College. "From my sophomore year in high school on, I always worked after school and by the time I left for college, I had about \$3,000 saved to help with expenses," D'Dee recalls.

College was a very positive time for D'Dee, she says, in part because she arrived in Lubbock with good basic skills from her years in Spearman schools. It was at Lubbock Christian College that she met Danny Ellis, a music major. The couple were married in 1979 and Darlita worked for several years as a bookkeeper for a credit union and for a CPA. After the birth of her second son, she began staying home full-time.

D'Dee's mother was the person who passed the word that the Spearman Children's Home was looking for house parents. The Ellis family was living in Midland at this time, where Danny was employed as a parts man for a gas compressor company.

The opening of the house parents position coincided with a time when D'Dee and her family were considering moving to a smaller town. "We had been thinking that we would rather rear our children in a small town anyway," D'Dee says, "and I have always loved Spearman."

The Ellis family came to Spearman to be interviewed by the local Church of Christ's Children's

Home Committee in October and D'Dee and Danny were subsequently hired. When asked what went into their decision to take the job, the two house parents glance at one another with a smile.

"We love children," D'Dee answers for them both. "And Danny was an adopted child himself. His adoptive parents adopted three children. Knowing, this we had a desire to reach out to other children without a home." Describing the children for whom the Spearman Children's Home cares, she adds, "Life hasn't been fair to these kids. They haven't had a real home life and we want to give them as normal a home life as possible." The children who come to live at Spearman's home are all referred here through Amarillo's High Plains Children's Home.

Danny and D'Dee admit that their job will be "challenging." Danny is currently looking for a forty-hour-a-week daytime job, but wants to keep himself available to his extended family in the evenings and on weekends. "These kids need me to be there at night to help with homework and read to them and just hold them," he asserts. "I will be their father figure." D'Dee will continue to stay home full-time caring for the house and all the children who live in it.

Asked about her philosophy of child-rearing, D'Dee has a prompt reply. "You let them be children and play, because that's an important part of growing up, but you also have to teach them in a loving way to be responsible and to be able to work," she says.

As six-year-old Tony loiters near his chore chart, occasionally

reaching up to trace all his penciled-in accomplishments, it seems that the Ellises are well on their way to their goals.

Trees Unique Gifts

COLLEGE STATION-For holiday gift-giving this year, you may want to consider a gift that converts carbon dioxide to oxygen.

An invention of this type undoubtedly would be hailed as quite a breakthrough--yet we already have it in trees, said a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Michael Walterscheidt said homeowners may wish to add several trees to their landscapes in 1990. They can get a head start by adding trees to family gift lists this Christmas.

He said the trees should be healthy, perhaps container grown, adapted to the specific state region where they will be planted, and in keeping with individual landscape plans.

Walterscheidt said trees can add beauty, provide shade and generally enhance the value of property.

He said an average tree, or actively growing grass on a 50-by-50-foot lawn, releases about four pounds of oxygen each day, enough to meet the respiration needs of a family of four.

Scientists have calculated that for every ton of wood a forest grows, it removes 1.47 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and replaces it with 1.07 tons of oxygen.

"A healthy forest is a silent-running air replenisher," Walterscheidt said. "Young, vigorous trees will produce oxygen to balance the quantity of carbon dioxide resulting from burning such fossil fuels as coal, oil and gas." Stayton said.

He said adding trees to home landscapes--or replacing older trees with younger plantings--can be a project that appeals to all family members.

The Spearman Reporter welcomes letters to Santa Claus. Letters to Santa may be brought to the Spearman Reporter, 213 Main. Letters must be received by Monday, Dec. 18 before 5 p.m. to be published in the paper.

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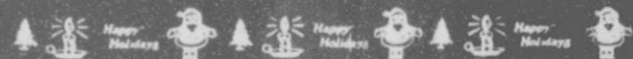
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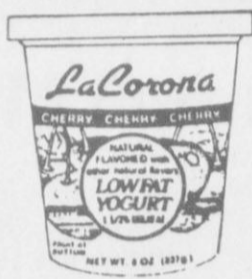
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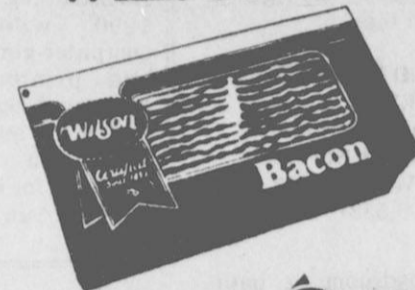


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