

# City, school incumbents announce election intents

While political fronts for state and federal offices are beginning to heat up in preparation for the March 8 'Super Tuesday' primaries in Texas, local city and school board officials up for re-election in 1988 are making their decisions this week on whether to run for their respective offices.

In Spearman, three city officials and two school board trustee spots are open to election.

All three city incumbents have indicated they will not seek re-election this year while both school board members have indicated they do plan to run again in 1988.

Mayor Ralph Blodgett and city councilmen Ed Garner and Jim Nicholson have stated their intentions to step down from public office this year.

Blodgett is completing his sixth

term as mayor of the city, serving 12 years in that capacity.

Garner will be completing his fourth 2-year term while Nicholson -- who has served an interrupted schedule -- has 11 years of service to the city.

Garner took office in 1980 while Nicholson served from 1975 to 1981, then from 1983 to present.

Blodgett took office in 1976 as Mayor and has served in that capacity since that time. He has held the office of mayor the longest of any individual in the city's history.

City officials are elected on staggered 2-year terms. School board members are elected on staggered 3-year terms.

Filing dates for both city and school board offices open Feb. 22 and close at the end of business on March 23.

Mike Garnett, who currently serves as the SISD board president, is completing his third term on the Spearman school board and has indicated he will seek re-election to the Spearman ISD board of trustees.

Board member Joe Clement -- who is completing his first term in the SISD post -- has also indicated he will seek re-election this year.

Voting for city and school offices has been moved from its normal April date to May in order to avoid conflicts with Texas' change to the Super Tuesday primary election in March.

Texas voters will now go to the polls in school and city elections the first Saturday in May -- that coming on May 7 this year.

Absentee balloting will open April 18 and close on Tuesday, May 3 at both the city and school business offices.



THOSE LITTLE SWEETHEARTS got into the spirit of Valentine's Day early as Jan Howard's kindergarten class held their party Friday morning in

Spearman. The traditional sweetheart's day had flower shops and candy stores hopping for today's [Sunday] observance.

# PDRA purchases dam site property

The final piece of land necessary to begin construction on the Palo Duro dam project was acquired by the Palo Duro River Authority Friday morning from Alvin Bushman of Perryton.

The contract, signed in the PDRA offices in Spearman, gives the Hansford-based water authority all the necessary ingredients to go ahead with bid advertisement and bid letting, notes project general manager, Johnnie Lee.

The contract of sale for the one-half section of land totalled \$85,036.80 for both land and damages -- terms which amount to \$258 per acre.

"Mr Bushman told us we could go to work Monday if we want to," Lee reports. "Of course, there's a

little more to it than that."

Friday's contract signing marks the second parcel of land acquired by the PDRA in steps toward beginning actual construction of the dam proper.

Once that is started, the water authority will have approximately two years to acquire the land which will eventually be covered by some 60,900 acre feet of water.

Meanwhile, a March 16 date has been set by the PDRA for opening of bids with advertisements expected out this next week.

The first parcel of land was acquired in late January -- land which will have the spillway from the proposed lake. Cost of that land -- including damages -- was just under \$1-million.



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## With 3 major construction jobs pending . . . Hansford economic picture bright

The economic situation in Hansford county continues to receive promising news, most especially in Spearman where three major construction projects will be getting underway this spring and summer.

The three projects include the Palo Duro dam, construction at the Spearman junior high campus and a federal FAA project at the Spearman city airport.

Total estimated costs of the three

projects amount to almost \$17-million according to engineers' and architects' estimated figures.

The largest project is the PDRA dam with a price tag of between \$12-million and \$14-million. Then the Spearman ISD project is estimated at \$2.185-million.

These two projects will also take the longest with 18 to 24 months estimated on the school project and slightly over two years for the dam construction.

The Spearman airport improvement project -- while not official at this point -- has been given a verbal okay by FAA officials in Albuquerque, N. Mex.

According to city officials, construction on that project could begin as early as July 1 and would be completed before the year's end.

That project has an estimated cost of \$1.75-million. Total projected costs for the three projects is \$16.935-million over the next two years.

Economic conditions in Hansford county have been hard hit by a sagging oil and gas market, and a weak agricultural market which has affected the entire nation.

The most positive news on the economic front in Hansford county has been a strong cattle market which has been leading the financial front now for almost the past year.

For every 10 percent of construction money which remains in the county, Hansford county should reap an economic benefit of some \$5-million to \$7-million, according to one county financial analyst.

"Money in our community generally turns three to four times," he notes. "And it's quite possible that some 30 to 40 percent of these projects could remain in the county."

At 30 percent retention, the economic benefit to Hansford county could amount to between \$15-million and \$21-million, according to the analyst.

The project with the longest planning period has been the Palo Duro dam. That project has been discussed, off and on, since the 1940's, with actual hard-line work being initiated in the 1970's.

It will also require the longest time to complete. Once the dam is built and the gate closed, estimates show that it may take anywhere from one to 10 years for the reservoir to fill to capacity.

SISD officials have been looking into construction problems at the Spearman junior high building since January, 1987. A bond vote was held in December and the bonds were sold in January this year.

The Spearman school board expects construction to begin this summer.

# First 4 months strong for hospital district

A combination of greater revenues and less-than-expected expenses continue to bolster financial figures coming out of the Hansford Hospital District this past month.

Through the first four months of the District's current fiscal year, the hospital has experienced a nine percent increase in revenues and an 8.7 percent decrease in projected expenses, according to a report to HCHD board members Thursday evening.

The report, outlined by hospital district administrator Al La Rochelle, shows the hospital with actual revenue of just under \$500,000 through the first four months of operation and actual expenses of \$469,954.

The 1987-88 budget called for revenue of \$456,564 and expenditures amounting to \$514,950.

Adjustments from bad debts, medicare and Medicaid contractuals, along with indigent care, are running slightly higher than anticipated, however, with \$129,524 budgeted and \$154,237 actual.

That still leaves the hospital's projected loss \$61,809 to the better from budgeted loss to actual loss, according to figures provided by the hospital district.

The district increased taxes this

past year in order to erase a 2-year deficit and provide for this year's estimated losses. That deficit has been eliminated and operating figures for the current year continue to look strong, points out La Rochelle.

Manor revenue has yet to reach the level anticipated by the current budget with the actual figures running some 21 percent under budgeted figures.

However, expenditures and indigent care are running 22 percent under budgeted losses, leaving the nursing home facility with a strong performance record through those first four months.

With tax revenues figured in, the district had \$517,301 in the bank at the close of business in January, compared to a budgeted figure of \$235,473.

## Post office hours cut

Economy cutbacks being instituted in U.S. post offices across the nation will affect Hansford county postal customers only slightly, according to information supplied by the offices serving both Gruver and Spearman.

The Spearman post office will have 30 minutes cut off its normal daily schedule, while in Gruver, the post office will have an hour taken from its normal work schedule.

The Gruver post office will close from 12:30 to 1:30 each day during lunch, but will continue to open its office doors from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Customer windows in Spearman will not be open now until 9 a.m. each morning, rather than the normal time of 8:30 as in the past.

The Spearman office will remain open through the lunch hour, however with effective window times running from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All post offices in Hansford county do not offer Saturday window service.



GRAND CHAMPION HONORS were won in El Paso this past week by Spearman 4-H'er Brandon Close. The Spearman youth collected \$14,000 for his efforts at the youth stock show and sale.

## Services for Hansford pioneer held Saturday

Funeral services for Hansford county pioneer Ruth Dreessen Garner were held Saturday afternoon at the First Christian Church in Spearman with Dr. Mike Wolfe, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Garner was 91. She died Thursday in Spearman. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 11, 1897, in Dreessen, Iowa to Frank and Tena Dreessen, she came with her family to Hansford county in 1902 after the death of her grandfather, P.N.F. Dreessen, a homesteader in Hansford county.

P.N.F.'s wife and sons proved up the seven sections of Hansford county land.

Later, all but one brother sold their land and one section wound up in the hands of Thomas C. Spearman in 1916 -- land which

eventually became the townsite of the city of Spearman.

Ruth Dreessen married Alva F. Garner in 1917 at Guyton, Ok. Two daughters were born to the couple, Caroline Murphy of Spearman and Evelyn Gilpatrick of Port Angeles, Wash.

Mrs. Garner moved from Hansford county and spent several years in both New Mexico and Arizona, then returned to the county to care for her parents.

After their deaths in 1956, she continued to be active in farming the last Dreessen land just south of Spearman.

About three years ago, failing health made it necessary for Mrs. Garner to enter Hansford Manor where she lived until her death.

Survivors include her two daughters and one grand-daughter.

## Former Hansford man takes conservation post

A former Spearman resident has been named to the Hansford county Soil Conservation Service unit in Spearman, with Joe E. Vanderburg assuming duties there recently.

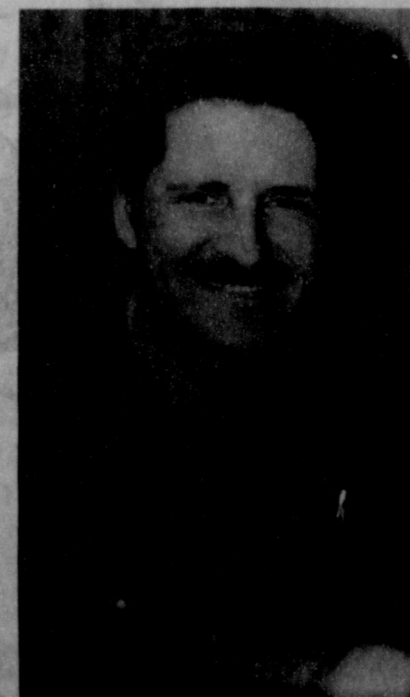
Vanderburg fills a position which has been vacant for the past three years. As a soil conservation technician, he will assist land users in designing and installing soil conservation practices in Hansford county.

Born in Pampa, Vanderburg attended Spearman schools, graduating from Spearman high school in 1969.

He received his BS in Agrribusiness from Abilene Christian University in 1974. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellzey D. Vanderburg of Lubbock.

He and his wife, Kim Marie, have five children. They are Brandon, 11; Clancy, 7; Clayton, 4; Clete, 18-months and Britta, who is one-month old.

The family lives southwest of Spearman.



JOE E. VANDERBURG  
... New Soil Conservationist

## GISD board tables head job hunt

Gruver school board officials have tabled any action on hiring a new school superintendent to replace Chester Juroska who resigned that post last week.

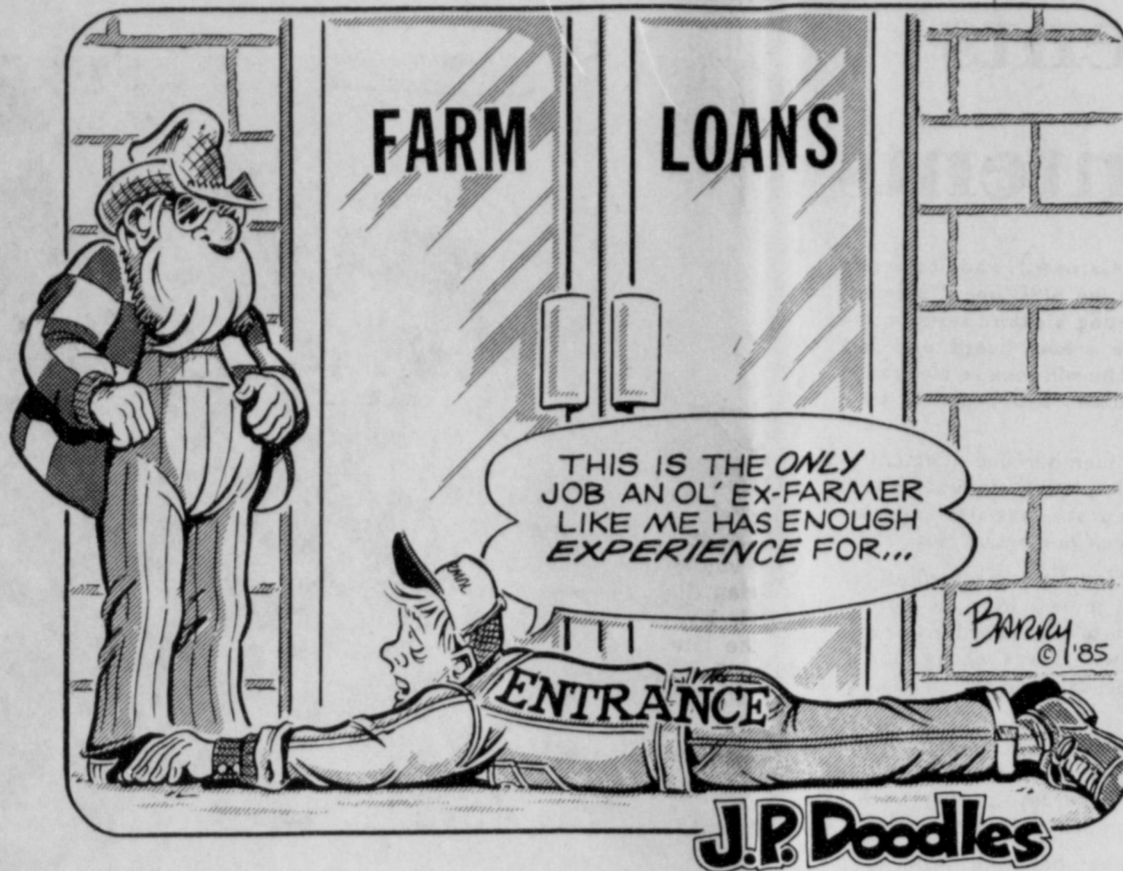
In a Wednesday afternoon board meeting, the GISD trustees visited with one person who had expressed interest in the position, but took no action on the matter.

Currently, the business office of the school is operating with business as usual. Board members are available to handle special situations.

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AUSTIN—The slate of presidential candidates continue to pound the Texas campaign trail, and the media blitzes are due to begin here this week.

At the Capitol, the Senate leadership scrambled to fill the apparent loss to academia of Wichita Falls Sen. Ray Farabee.

Farabee's wife, Helen, said she will stand to replace him in the special election, if he resigns as expected to become vice chancellor and general counsel to The University of Texas.

Outside Capitol doors, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro unveiled his state vehicle converted to run on natural gas and urged other agencies to cut fuel costs.

Mauro pointed to two gas canisters in the bed of a General Land Office pickup, and said one unit of compressed gas equals nine gallons of gasoline, runs 40 percent cheaper and burns cleaner. If one-tenth of state vehicles were converted, government agencies could save a half-million dollars in fuel costs, Mauro said.

**Mattox Backs Welfare**

At a Washington committee hearing, Attorney General Jim Mattox named new welfare programs he thinks should be adopted, including birth control classes, enforced child support and job training for single parents.

Mattox said his number one recommendation would be to require the state to collect child support payments.

He also ripped Texas legislators for seizing \$13 million of federal

bonuses and money earned for welfare programs and using it to cover the state's general debts.

Mattox said Texas could have qualified for a higher amount of federal matching funds if that money had been left in welfare.

**Supercollider Unity**

Also in Washington, Gov. Bill Clements and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby put party differences aside to urge the Texas congressional delegation to win the supercollider for Texas.

The pair took some Texas city officials with them to lobby for locating the huge atom smasher here.

The timetable calls for the Department of Energy to choose one of the seven finalist states in July and for President Reagan to make a final decision before 1988 ends.

**Lenders Recovery Plan**

While in the nation's capitol, Texas officials also learned federal regulators will spend up to \$7 billion to clean up the troubled Texas savings and loan industry.

The recovery plan will close, merge or sell 143 firms and reduce the total number of S&Ls from 281 to about 150, probably by the end of next year.

Some 104 S&Ls are already insolvent, and the federal plan is designed to accelerate the shrinkage process currently under way.

**Parole Review Begins**

Still plagued by overcrowded prisons, the Board of Pardons and Paroles ran out of short-term, non-violent inmates to release and is taking a second look at more hardened criminals.

The board is reviewing nearly 4,000 prisoners denied paroles

last year, as well as considering other measures such as electronic monitoring of risky parolees.

The prison system must admit 150 inmates a day while the board must release an equal number to comply with court-ordered levels.

**Court Reporter Fired**

A state district judge fired the court reporter who testified against him in the controversial case of death row inmate Clarence Brandley, sentenced for raping and killing a Conroe High School girl eight years ago.

The reporter testified at a follow-up hearing in Galveston last year that Judge John Martin had told her to keep her mouth shut about circumstances surrounding the disappearance of evidence.

Brandley's appeal has been aided by civil rights groups.

**Other Highlights**

- Hobby stumped the Templeto-Abilene district to help Sen. Grant Jones, who faces tough opposition from former state Rep. Temple Dickson, a Sweetwater Republican. Hobby also held a fundraiser at his Houston home to raise \$30,000 for Jones' campaign.

- The State Board of Insurance approved a 3.9 percent average hike for auto coverage, effective May 1.


- The Texas Department of Corrections is being sued by nine black current and former employees who charge prison policies are discriminatory. The class-action suit seeks back pay, benefits and unspecified damages.

- In a head-to-head campaign with Pat Robertson in Iowa, Vice President George Bush referred to evangelicals as "cockroaches," which miffed Robertson to no end.

A Bush aide elaborated later: "In Iowa, evangelicals are so prolific, they come out of the baseboards...an apt illustration for anyone who has lived in Texas."



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FUNDS	BOOK BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	BANK BALANCE
JURY GENERAL	5,133.94	3,332.95		8,466.89
	81,385.71	51,297.93	5,487.82	127,195.82
ROAD & BRIDGE, GENERAL				
Precinct No. 1	17,454.81	10,593.61	608.18	50,768.86
Precinct No. 2	29,726.73	9,111.56	608.17	39,958.31
Precinct No. 3	18,667.19	5,403.07		46,505.84
Precinct No. 4	11,549.19	5,857.71		19,094.88
ROAD & BRIDGE, PRECINCT				
No. 1, Improvement	23,328.62			
No. 2, Improvement	1,728.19			
No. 3, Sinking	22,435.58			
No. 4, Sinking	1,687.98			
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS				
FUND	BALANCE 11/1/87	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE 1/31/88
JURY GENERAL	4,374.07	35,134.25	34,374.38	5,133.94
	40,877.32	562,661.28	522,152.89	81,385.71
ROAD & BRIDGE, GENERAL				
Precinct No. 1	13,362.85	84,407.50	80,315.54	17,454.81
Precinct No. 2	15,203.17	136,392.90	121,869.34	29,726.73
Precinct No. 3	25,384.80	86,619.69	93,337.30	18,667.19
Precinct No. 4	17,300.09	109,524.10	115,275.00	11,549.19
ROAD & BRIDGE, PRECINCT				
No. 1 Improvement	732.66	41,595.96	19,000.00	23,328.62
No. 2 Improvement	469.35	26,258.84	25,000.00	1,728.19
No. 3 Sinking	580.43	36,855.15	15,000.00	22,435.58
No. 4 Sinking	529.23	11,158.75	10,000.00	1,687.98
HANSFORD COUNTY INVESTMENTS				
Fund # 1	23,000.00			
2	289,000.00			
8	35,000.00			
9	81,000.00			
10	60,000.00			
11	80,000.00			
12	19,000.00			
13	25,000.00			
14	15,000.00			
15	10,000.00			
TOTAL	637,000.00			
HANSFORD COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS				
FUND #14	20,000.00			
15	30,000.00			

**DOC BLAKELY'S POKIN' FUN**



There is a television commercial, perhaps you have seen it, in which this guy's sweetheart, a young, attractive, Australian girl in blue jean cut-offs sits on a board porch and fondles a stick of gum.

You can bet your Juicy Fruit she gets lots of attention. The ad goes on to explain that her boyfriend "Danny" had to go back to New York but calls her long distance once in awhile. At the end, she says, "My friends tol' me ee would own-ly break my 'art. But if this is wat a broken 'art feels like, I luv it." Then she chews the gum and drools in unison with every bachelor in America.

We were watching that AT&T commercial at a friends house one night. His wife complained, "Why are you mentally undressing her?"

He said "Cause I can't afford a flight to Australia."

On Valentine's Day, men are supposed to remember their sweetheart but that has been expanded in recent years to include daughters, granddaughters, and kessin' cousins. I was in a jewelry store one Valentine's Day several years ago getting an estimate on fool's gold and artificial diamonds when a guy walked in wearing boots and a big cowboy hat. I knew he had to be

either an oilman or a truck driver. Although he wore no tie, he had a diamond stickpin gaudily thrust in the middle of a pearl-buttoned western shirt. On the collar and cuffs were monogrammed, appropriately so, the initials "LUV." But his alligator briefcase had a gold nameplate that read "Bubba".

He opened the briefcase, revealing enough cash to buy a county commissioner.

Picking out only the most expensive items, he kept saying "Gimme two of those . . . Gimme two of those." And concluded with "Wrap 'em all separately in some of that Valentine's paper. I want two identical piles of stuff."

Ringin' up a sale of several thousand dollars, the saleslady made polite conversation. "Is this for your wife and daughter?"

"Naw," he replied, "I'm between wives right now. I got these two gals on a string and I don't want to have to remember which one I gave what."

When he left, I overheard two salesgirls talking about him. "Who would be interested in that jerk?" said one.

"I would," said the other.

"Why?"

"Because he's smart enough to give expensive presents on Valentine's Day and dumb enough to think it will make any difference."

**Mission week to be held**

A special Mission Week for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be held in Spearman beginning next Saturday and running through Feb. 26.

Mission preacher will be Father Alfred Prado, O.M.I., from La Grulla, Tx.

Mass will be celebrated in Spanish and in English at 7 p.m. or as Father Prado schedules them.

Confessions will be in both English and Spanish as well, again as the Catholic priest schedules them.

A schedule will be posted in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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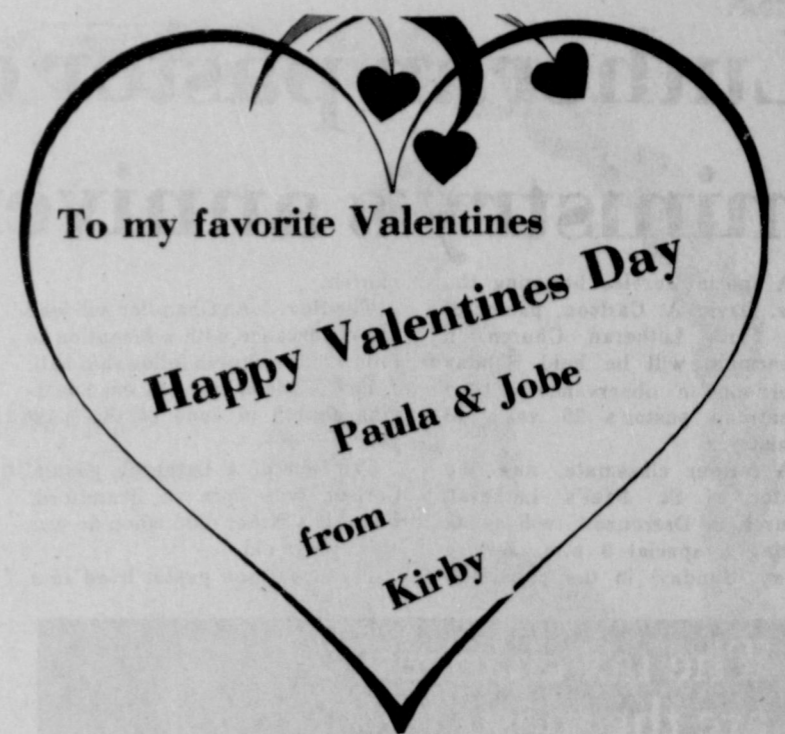
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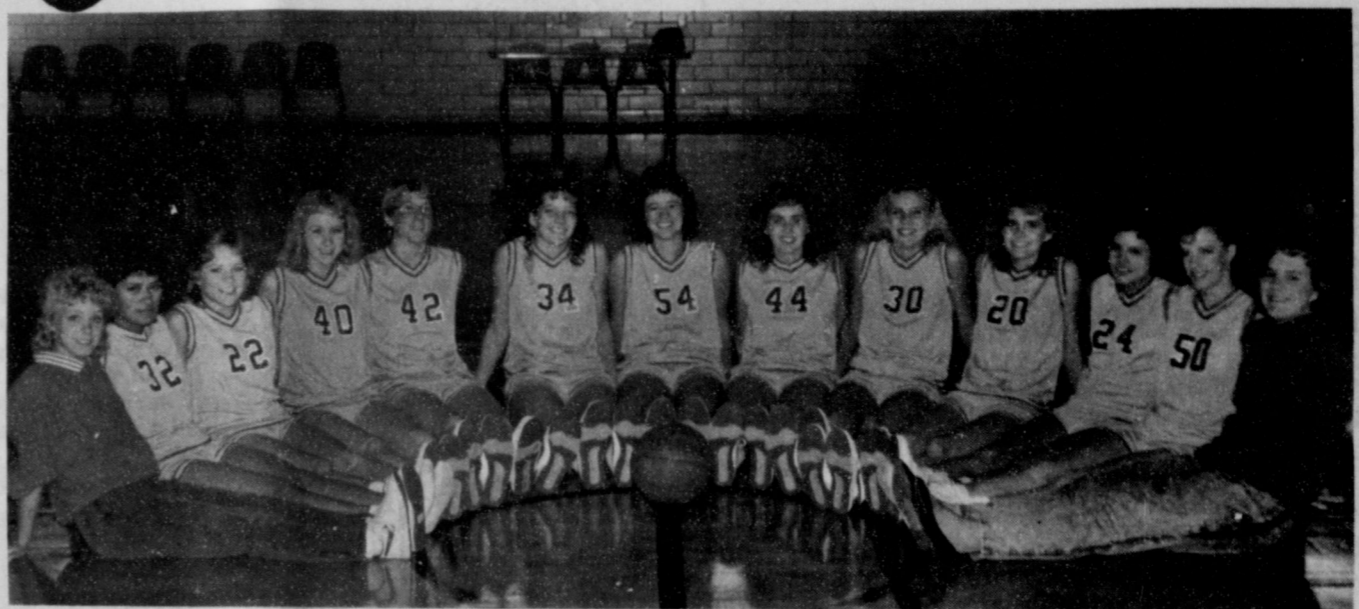


**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED . . .** The engagement and approaching marriage of Kimberly Kay Gruver to Brian Clark Jones is announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lowe, Sr. of Gruver. The prospective bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bubby Gruver. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Ardmore, Ok. A March 12 wedding in the Gruver United Methodist Church is planned.



*Good for you*

**Spearman Lynxettes**

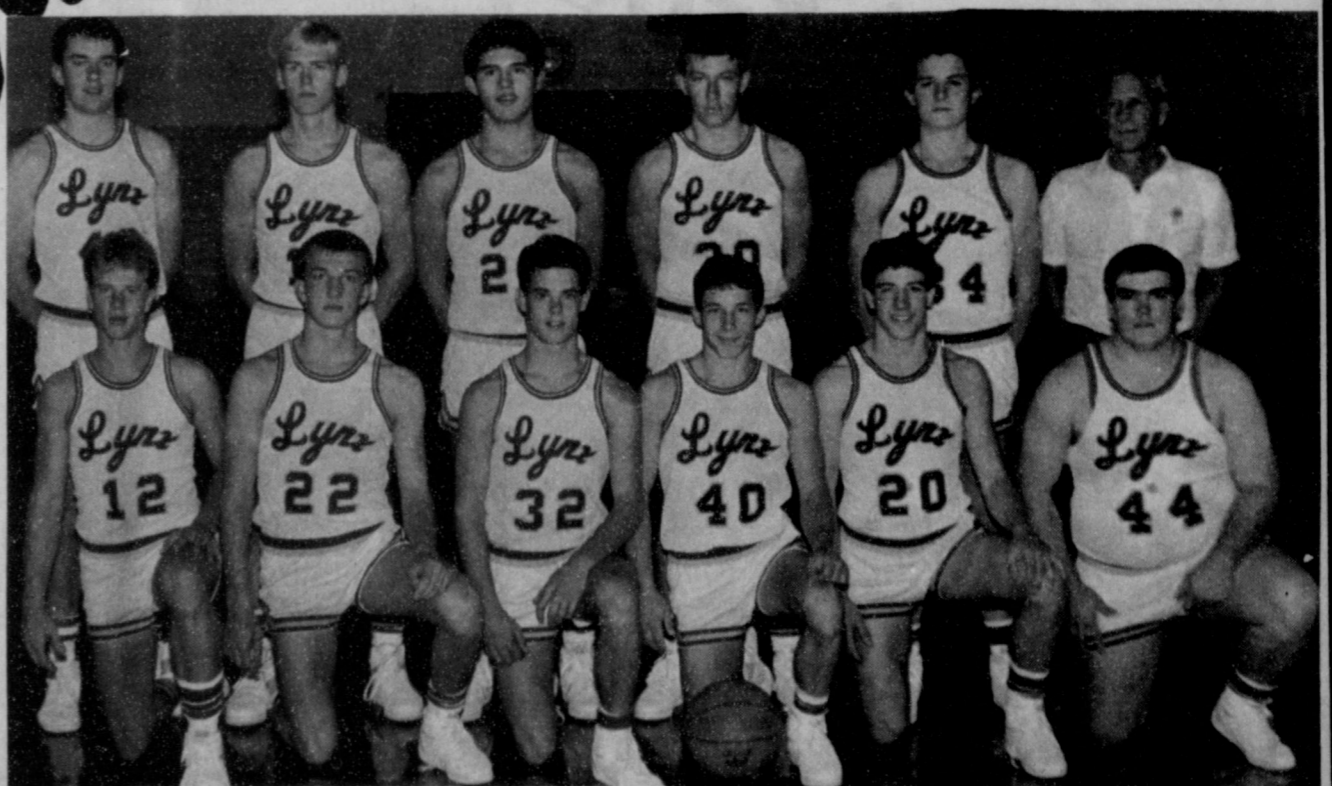


Your hard work and effort has paid off in a big way as you move into post-season basketball playoffs and Spearman couldn't ask for a better representatives.

We salute your accomplishments and wish you the very best in the weeks and games ahead. We're behind you all the way, Lynxettes!

*Good for you*

**Spearman Lynx**



Your work isn't over but you've come a long way in just a few short months.

The Purple Pride is alive and doing well in Spearman because of your endeavours and we wish you the very best this next week.

Go get 'em, Lynx!

We will be closed Mon. Feb. 15 for President's Day.



# Lutheran pastor observes ministry's anniversary

A special service honoring the Rev. David A. Carlson, pastor of the Faith Lutheran Church in Spearman, will be held Sunday afternoon in observance of the Spearman pastor's 25 years of ministry.

A former classmate, now the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Darrouzett, will speak during a special 3 p.m. service today (Sunday) in the Spearman

church. The Rev. John Chandler will lead the observance with a reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Carlson came to the Spearman church in June of this past year.

The son of a Lutheran pastor, Carlson was born in Brandford, Conn. His father died when he was eight years old.

The Spearman pastor lived in a

church orphanage for 18 months, then his mother took him and his brother and the family lived with in-laws, taking care of invalids to provide a home for the boys.

During World War II, Rev. Carlson served in the Army Air Corps, then graduated from Iowa State University in Ames with a degree in Agronomy with graduate work in entomology.

He has worked for several chemical companies in Washington, D.C., the Dakotas, Delaware, Mississippi, Mexico and Texas, first coming to Texas in 1952 -- including DuPont and Texas Betadiene and Chemical Company near Houston where he prepared the plant for its first computer in the 1950's.

He married his wife, Gloria, in 1957. Later, he graduated from Central Lutheran Seminary in Fremont, Neb.

Pastor Carlson has served ministries in Glacier Park, Mont.; Washington, D.C.; North Carolina, Wisconsin and Michigan.

He retired for a short while, but left retirement to return to the ministry here in Spearman.

He and his wife have one son, Timothy, who lived in Houston with his wife, LeeAnne.



**A SWEETHEART OF A PARTY . . .** Jan Howard's kindergarten class in Spearman exchanged Valentine cards and enjoyed a typical school party at the Spearman elementary school Friday morning.

### Hospital Report

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Clyde "Bud" Jackson, Elma Ward, Deta Blodgett, Jop Franz, Nadine Atchley, Oneida Bynum, Robert Gilpatrick, Donald Smith, Joelin Baca, Steve Gaines, Nova Lee Walker, O.V. Walker, and Ethel Robertson.

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God loaned him to us for a while, now he has taken him home. He is at peace in a beautiful place. He is a beautiful flower in the Lord's bouquet. We will all miss him.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for the flowers, visits, calls and food. Special thanks to Dr. Rick Siewert and the nurses at Ochiltree General Hospital for such tender loving care. To Ray Adams of the First Baptist Church, to Brother Fox and Brother Knuckles of Spearman for the prayers and visits, and to Rev. L.C. Lynch of Freewill Baptist Church for the services.  
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**HIGH SCHOOL MENU**  
February 15-19  
**MONDAY**  
Beef stew  
Salad bar  
Grilled cheese  
Cherry cobbler  
Milk  
**Tuesday**  
Juicy burger/bun  
French Fries  
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**Monday**  
Lime jello  
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Wednesday  
Beef stew  
Pig in blanket  
Pork & beans  
Salad bar  
Vanilla pudding  
Milk  
**Thursday**  
Fiestada pizza  
Macaroni/cheese  
Salad bar  
Pears  
Milk  
**Friday**  
Hamburger/bun  
Salad bar  
French fries  
Brownie  
Milk

**Monday**  
Beef stew  
Stew vegetable  
Grilled cheese  
Cherry cobbler  
Milk  
**Tuesday**  
Juicy burger/bun  
Whole kernel corn  
French fries  
Lime jello  
Milk  
**Wednesday**  
Pig in blanket  
Pork & beans  
Chopped spinach  
Vanilla pudding  
Milk  
**Thursday**  
Tonys pizza  
Macaroni/cheese  
Blackeyed peas  
Pear  
Milk  
**Friday**  
Hamburger/bun  
French fries  
Lettuce/pickle/onion  
Brownie  
Milk

**V.A. Questions & Answers Letter to the Editor**

**Q --** Are dividends paid on policies issued by the Veterans Administration?  
**A --** Dividends are payable on the anniversary date of all participating policies, except holders of "H" or "RH" policies.

**Q --** I understand that there have been some recent changes in the Veterans Administration's Home Loan Guaranty Program. Did the amount of the maximum VA-guaranty on a conventional home loan change?  
**A --**The Veterans' Home Loan Program Improvements and Property Rehabilitation Act revised calculations for determining the amount of the loan guaranteed by the VA. Previously, the maximum VA-guaranty on a conventional home loan was \$27,500. Under the new law, for loans of \$45,000, 40 percent of the loan is guaranteed, up to a maximum of \$36,000, but not less than \$22,500.

**Dear Editor:**  
 Re your story on silver haired legislators, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed. We are as "country" as you can get 50 miles from Washington, D.C. and enjoy every minute.

Now, permit me some nostalgic reminiscences (holy cow!). I have sort of a connection with the Spearman Reporter being the "paper boy" for two or three years and selling it from my shoeshine stand in Sid Clark's barber shop.

I remember the first Bill Miller was always at his desk when I came in to pick up the paper, but I don't remember any conversation we had other than the "settling up."

In my other spare time I used to run errands for Bert Briley's blacksmith shop. I can still hear the ring of the hammer on his anvil.

Then, like so many others, in the summer I worked on the farms cutting wheat or if there was no wheat, chiseling the fields to keep them from blowing away.

I should add my memory of a tour Sheriff H.L. (Hix) Wilbanks conducted through the court house and his little cement jail out behind for our seventh grade class. I am convinced it helped to keep us straight later on.

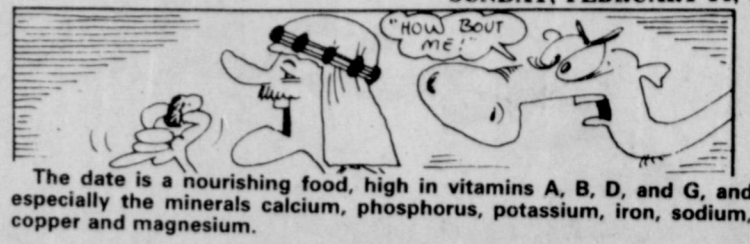
Now when you have dried the tears from your eyes. I would like to continue.

What I wanted to say is that I'm happy to see you have finally gotten approval for a Palo Duro River Dam that Carl Gower, Archie Sollers, I and two or three others I can't recall proposed 53 years ago.


We used to hike out to the river on weekends for a swim and some fishing. You can also tell all those doubting Thomases who think the lake will never fill up that even during the "Dust Bowl" days the good old Palo Duro never dried up, at least our part of it. Maybe they think the dam is across Horse Creek.

Say hello to Helen Richardson for me.

Very truly yours,  
 Edward W. Larson



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