

POSTAL CLERK BILL TURNER helps a Spearman postal customer at the front counter of the Spearman post office.

Delivering 11,500 pieces of mail daily . . .

Post office puts Spearman on map

It's an institution which has put more than one city on the map across Texas -- and an absolute must if a community is to be considered a city at all.

Amazingly enough, it's also a fairly good size business, especially so here in Spearman. The business has created 12 jobs and supports an annual payroll of over \$273,000.

In addition, it has total revenues in excess of the \$300,000 figure. Obviously, that doesn't leave a lot, going for profit, but it is an all-service business. And, while some profit is mandatory, it's not the business's sole purpose for

being. It's called the United States Post Office.

It's a fairly good task for the eight salaried employees and the four contract workers who make their living working at the post office in Spearman.

The group manages to deliver some 11,500 pieces of mail on a daily basis as well as arrange for Spearman residents to mail out letters and packages every day as well.

That means a lot of sorting, some imaginative interpretation on some hand-inscribed letters, and several miles of mail routes for both the city deliveries and the out-of-town

postal customers.

"What it all boils down to is dedicated employees doing a very good job," declares long-time Spearman postmaster T. Ray Robertson. "Between all my employees, they have accumulated almost 7,000 hours of sick leave -- that's over 3-1/2 years."

Of the eight salaried employees, four of them have built up years of experience in the double digit figures as postal employees. Even the three postal route contractors have a total of 22 years experience all together.

Postmaster Robertson has 31 years with the U.S. Post Office

himself and city carrier David Collins has managed to accumulate 22 years with the postal service.

Other employees include clerk Bill Turner with 15 years experience, clerk Marjorie Crockett with 14.

Clerk Jessie Ryan has five years service while city carriers Dean Byrd and Debbie Dingman have three years a piece. Then Linda Richardson is the newest Spearman employee with a year's service.

Highway contract route carriers include Loydell Sparks with 15 years experience, Nina Hendricks

See "POST OFFICE", p-2

The Hansford
Plainsman

25¢
Per Copy

8 Pages

Volume 18, No. 38

YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Sunday, July 26, 1987

Bankers take exception . . .

Ag bill failure causes discord

A portion of a federal "Clear Title" act which went into effect last December and an ensuing bill which was killed in committee during the special session of the Texas Legislature which just ended, has created a stir in Hansford county this week.

Primarily at issue is the "committee death" of a bill in the Texas legislature which would have created a central notification system for the state of Texas similar to many such systems already in operation in several agricultural states.

This bill was effectively killed in

a sub-committee chaired by state representative Dick Waterfield (R-Canadian) who is a member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association as well as a board member of a Canadian bank.

In a full page advertisement in this edition, three Hansford county financial institutions are making a point to area grain and cattle producers as to what they feel are the reasons behind the legislature's unwillingness to pass the bill and what it will mean to producers.

Producers, meanwhile, seem to know little about either the federal law or the recent failure of the

Texas legislature to enact a central notification system.

A portion of a 1985 act went into effect in December this past year. Following the failure of the Texas Legislature to pass the central notification system, producers will be required by this act to inform lenders of possible buyers of products they are offering as collateral for loans.

It then becomes the responsibility of the lender to inform all potential buyers of the commodities offered as collateral that a lien exists against those commodities.

Lenders argue this to be a more

burdensome and costly method of dealing with the situation and that it will eventually wind up costing the producer more and, in some cases, eliminate loans on commodities or cattle.

Prior to the enactment of what has become known as the "Clear Title" act, responsibility of checking liens registered at county clerk's offices across the state rested on the buyer of the commodity rather than with the producer or the lender.

According to both national and state cattle and grain associations, this put the buyer in a "double jeopardy" situation where they were sometimes forced to pay twice for commodities received -- once to the producer and again to the lender if the producer did not use the money from the sale to retire the debt.

The financial institutions, however, do not seem to be arguing over the Clear Title act, but over the method of communicating lien information to potential buyers.

Ag lenders favor a central notification system allowed by the Clear Title act which would allow lenders to notify a central state agency of any commodity liens. Buyers could then subscribe to the central

See "BILL FAILURE", p-2

The HANSFORD REPORT

by JAMES JARRETT



"Effective Tax Rates" will soon be made available to local taxing authorities now that the Hansford Appraisal District has certified values for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Now, just exactly what is an "effective tax rate"? I didn't know until I visited with Hansford's chief appraiser, Alice Peddy, the other day. She explained it to me. I've had nightmares ever since.

The "Effective tax rate" of a taxing authority essentially is the tax rate which would . . . no, wait a minute. It's what you'd be taxed if . . . no, that's not right either. Let's play "let's pretend" for just a minute.

Pretend that it's the 1986-87 tax year coming up instead of the 1987-88 tax year. Now, let's move a step further and let's pretend that you're living in that earlier time frame, but you've already received a newly appraised value on your taxable property which will be coming up for the 1987-88 year.

Bear with me. Read the preceding paragraph until it makes sense before moving on.

Okay, back to reality for a minute. Make note of what your tax rate really was for the 1986-87 tax year. Got that? Okay, let's pretend again.

In this pretend scene, we're living in the 1986-87 tax year with 1987-88 taxable values. Now, take the real tax rate you had applied in 1986-87, add or subtract for re-evaluation, figure in new exemptions allowed for the 1987-88 year, key in a few other figures into the formula and you have it!

You still don't understand? Well, get your 8-year old child or grandchild to act it out for you. They're probably better at the "pretend" game anyway.

This "effective tax rate" bit is but another one of those useful and protective laws which come out of Austin designed to help us poor, stupid idiots who can't add two plus two and come up with four with or without modern math.

In truth, the bill which created the "effective tax rate" law was probably written by a former -- and very frustrated -- physics instructor. Or a lawyer with a math or accounting minor.

The "effective tax rate" does nothing but inflict confusion. But this it does very well, thank you.

What I want to know is, how many dollars did I pay in taxes last year and how many dollars am I going to pay this year.

Of course, that would cut down on government paperwork and red tape. And frankly, politicians feel obligated to get some kind of law passed once they get elected.

If I could find a deaf, dumb and blind person, I'd do my best to get them to run for some political office. It would probably be the best government we would have had in a while.

But then, why would a deaf, dumb and blind man run for a

political office? They know when they're better off.

I owe an apology to John Bishop. In a column I wrote a few months ago, I gently chided John about being Hansford county's resident character.

Well, I've met two more and John doesn't hold a candle to them.

One is Jimmy Shieldknight and the other is Jim Ivey. Now these two could carry a fella so high he'd think he was on 10-foot stilts.

Ivey, of course, runs a restaurant and seems to be doing quite well. But, for the life of me, I've not been able to ascertain just what Jimmy does for a living.

Being a good newspaper man, I went to the source and asked him. The conversation went something like this:

Jarrett: "Jimmy, just what is it you do for a living?"

Jimmy: (in an obvious attempt to evade the question) "I'm a gigolo."

Jarrett: "Okay, but how do you keep from starving to death?"

Now, Jim informs me that Jimmy thinks he has gotten my goat. What Jimmy doesn't understand is that I don't have a goat. I do have a newspaper column and that's where he's probably reading this.

Of course, I can't help but wonder what Jimmy's goat is doing right now.

While we're talking about Jimmy Shieldknight and Jim Ivey, it's only fair to give credit where credit is due. That has to be to both men's lovely wives.

I've not had the pleasure of meeting Lois Shieldknight, but I have met Kay Ivey. Without meeting either, I could tell you these women have the gift of extreme patience.

Lois, after all, has been with Jimmy for 40 years now. Kay doesn't yet have her experience, but she's probably getting close on mileage.

These two couples live next door to each other. So I think I have it figured out . . . Lois and Kay are doing their dead level best to see who can be more patient than the other. It's the only thing I can think of which would keep these two couples not only married, but living next door to each other.

I wonder what this has done to property values over there?

So far we've lambasted politicians and had more fun than we probably should have had with the Shieldknights and the Iveys. It's only fair we give equal time and tell one on ourselves.

Thursday night I left Spearman in plenty of time to make an 8 o'clock meeting at the Holt schoolhouse.

I had been given instructions on how to get there. It's really quite

See "REPORT", p-2



MARANDA LOOMIS . . . UIL Outstanding Performer

SHS student receives UIL accolades

A Spearman high school junior choir performer, Maranda Loomis, has been named as an Outstanding Performer following the 1987 Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contests held in Austin.

Notification was received recently from Richard Floyd, the state director of music activities for the univervisty Interscholastic League.

"Of the approximately 73,000 students participating in the regional UIL music contests and the 14,000 musicians who performed at TSSEC, only 84 students earned the distinguished honor of being recognized as an Outstanding Performer," notes Floyd. "This recognition is truly a mark of musical excellence."

Maranda is the 16-year old daughter of Duane and Kay Loomis of Spearman. The talented Spearman junior sings soprano in the Spearman choir.

Miss Loomis has been participating in the Spearman choir program since the sixth grade.

"Maranda's parents, school and teachers are to be commended for their contribution to her success," notes the UIL state director. "At the same time, her own talent, dedication and hard work made this accomplishment a reality."

County to consider \$5 vehicle tag fee increase

Hansford county commissioners will consider imposing a \$5 additional fee on vehicle tags during a regular meeting to be held Monday morning in the commissioner's court in Spearman.

The special \$5 tag fee was allowed for counties several years ago when higher state tag rates went into effect, but it has never been collected by Hansford county.

The \$5 fee does show up on tag renewal notices which are sent each year, however, and county judge R. L. McClellan reports some public confusion on the system.

"Since the charge shows on the tag renewal notice, many people wind up paying the extra \$5 even though we have never elected to collect that fee," he notes. "As a result we wind up having to reimburse those who overpay."

Currently a total of 72 of the 254 Texas counties impose the tax reports the Hansford county Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

Council to meet

Spearman city council members will meet in regular session Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with a light agenda of items scheduled.

The council will consider the sale of their 34 IBM computer system to the highest bidder after opening sealed bids.

They will also consider renewal of an 86.3-acre tract of grass land near the Hansford golf course with Albert Clark.

The Spearman council will consider authorized city manager Jim Murry to submit a permit to the Texas Department of Health for operation and expansion of the existing landfill north of Spearman.

Murry will also give a report on wind damage sustained at the city airport during a thunderstorm two weeks ago.



OVER 30 HUTCHINSON COUNTY LANDOWNERS were on hand at Thursday's tax fact meeting at the Holt schoolhouse in north Hutchinson county. Mrs. Johny Jarvis (background) discusses some of the ramifications of the upcoming county-wide school district election with those in attendance.

SISD to meet Tuesday

Spearman Independent School District board of trustees will meet in a special called session at noon Tuesday to consider teacher resignations, employment of new teachers and to hear a list of proposals from an Andrews architect regarding possible solutions for a building on the junior high campus.

Trustees will first make a decision on a letter of resignation from Gerri Maize, a Spearman speech and drama teacher who will be moving to Plano.

They will then move on to discussion of possible alternatives on the building problems at the junior high campus.

Architect Larry Donham will present a series of possibilities for construction at the junior high campus, along with estimated costs and time frames.

Trustees have already reviewed two plans which would call for the demolition of the east portion of the junior high building while incorporating existing structures on the campus.

simple. You drive out 207 to the Sunray highway, turn, drive for another six or eight miles and look for the school building which is located on the north side of the road.

Well, 50 minutes and about that many miles later, I finally stopped a gentleman on the road and asked again for directions to the Holt schoolhouse.

The road I stopped on was in Morse. I didn't get the gentleman's name.

You see, you do go down 207 to the Sunray highway. But you turn east, not west.

In retrospect I know what happened. I heard Sunray highway and I quit listening. I drive that road all the time going to Dumas.

Friends, let me tell you, I don't care how hard you look, you'll not find the Holt schoolhouse by turning west. Unless, of course, you stop in Morse and get directions.

continued from p-1

BILL FAILURE

agency lien notification service for the information.

Texas already has a central filing system which proponents of the central notification system say could be upgraded to fill the requirements under this option of the Clear Title Act.

Buyers, however, successfully argued that this option was not that much different from the prior system before the enactment of the Clear Title Act.

Since the Clear Title Act became effective December of 1986, those lenders who have made ag loans without requiring a list of potential buyers will have to go back and require that information from the producer who made the loan.

Under the provisions of the Clear Title Act, the producer must furnish that information or be subject to penalties.

Upon attaining the potential buyers list, lending institutions will then have to mail pre-notification forms to all potential buyers.

"This is going to be a time consuming and costly operation," notes one Hansford banker. "Some of the cost will have to be passed on to the producer making the loan. Banks cannot absorb all of the expense."

Costs for the program as it now stands could add as much as another half-point to interest rates charged on ag loans, the banker notes.

continued from p-1

POST OFFICE

with six and Juanita Pierce with one year on the job.

Rounding up the 12-member team is custodial contractor Connie Holmes who has been on the job for over a year now.

The U.S. Post Office is a semi-private government corporation and about as close to a monopoly in some areas as it's possible to get -- especially in the area of personal letter home delivery.

However, with the advent of UPS Federal Express and other overnight express deliveries, the post office has managed to find some competition.

But it hasn't slowed down the work at the Spearman post office which is located at 304 Hancock -- it's home since 1958.

"We really operate just like a business," notes Robertson. "It's important we make some profit and we have to report all our activities on a weekly basis."

And if the American public and businesses feel they have a lot of paperwork to do to satisfy the government -- then go check out the forms required by the post office for each separate office it maintains across the United States.

The work day begins early at the Spearman post office with the first employee arriving at 6 a.m. By that time, mail from the Amarillo central station has been left on the Spearman dock and sorting is ready to begin.

Except for some bulk and a few first-class mailings which come in pre-sorted, the majority of sorting is done right at the Spearman office -- and it's all done by hand.

That first employee of the day gets to separate the mail out according to delivery -- whether it's for city delivery where there are two routes, or whether it's for country delivery where there are three routes daily.

Each city and country route

carrier must then sort their own deliveries as to sequence. And, while the rules have been relaxed somewhat, there is still a priority as to what gets sorted and when.

"Our first priority is first and second class mail," comments Robertson. "This has to be done by 8:15 each morning before the carriers leave for their routes."

After that the bulk mail is sorted, generally for next day delivery to patrons who do not utilize box delivery in the post office itself.

Meanwhile, clerks are busy sorting and putting mail into the boxes at the post office. Again, first and second-class mail are put up first and this is generally accomplished no later than 9 a.m. notes the Spearman postmaster.

For the remainder of the day, the clerks who remain in the post office are kept busy sorting and posting bulk mail to its proper place, waiting on customers up front and generally preparing to start over again for deliveries the next day.

City carriers are responsible for over 1,700 possible deliveries each day. That's how many home delivery patrons there are in Spearman proper.

"Those are possible deliveries," adds Robertson. "We probably deliver to slightly over 900 customers each working day."

Meanwhile, the country route carriers manage to chalk up a total of slightly over 250 miles daily -- and not all of it is in Hansford county.

Parts of Hutchinson and Ochiltree counties are served out of the Spearman office as well as some postal customers near Morse.

What about the old story of "neither rain, nor snow, nor dark of night shall keep us from our appointed rounds"?

From what the Spearman postmaster has to say, they've managed to keep a pretty good record.

"I can only remember one time we weren't able to deliver the mail here in Spearman and that came this spring," he declares. "Then it was simply a case of not being able to get the trucks out on the routes."

But there have been several



Answers from Experts at Newton's Apple

Q. Are alligators an endangered species?

A. It could happen, report researchers from Newton's Apple. People like alligator skin--for shoes, purses and other leather goods. Alligators are now a threatened species, which while serious isn't as critical as being an endangered species.

Many people confuse alligators with another reptile, the crocodile. Actually, it's easy to tell them apart--alligators have round, broad snouts; crocodiles have long and tapered snouts. Alligators can be found along river banks or swamplands in North America and China.

MARKETS

WHEAT	\$2.10
MILO	\$3.10
CORN	\$2.00

Underwrite a miracle.



Individuals with mental retardation have always been told, "You can't do it." Through Special Olympics, you can tell them they can do it.

Since Special Olympics International was founded in 1968, it has grown into a worldwide sports movement that brings pride, confidence, courage and determination to more than one million children and adults with mental retardation in over 20,000 communities throughout the United States and over 72 countries around the world. In your community, the spirit of Special Olympics

is making miracles happen.

There are many ways that you can help underwrite this miracle, ways that also take into account your personal finances and the new tax law. Some of these ways are listed in the coupon below, and we would be glad to discuss these or others with

you at your convenience. Please call or write today to learn how you can help spread the spirit of Special Olympics. The need has never been greater -- and your help has never meant more.

Please send me information about how I can underwrite a miracle through Special Olympics by:

- Making a gift of securities, bonds, or cash
- Making a gift of personal property
- Making a gift of land
- Naming Special Olympics as beneficiary of an IRA plan, pension plan, life insurance policy, or in a will
- Transferring securities, bonds, cash or land in return for income
- Establishing a trust to ultimately benefit my children
- Transferring my home to Special Olympics but continuing to live in it
- Please call me to discuss the ways I can contribute

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (____) _____
 Best time to call _____

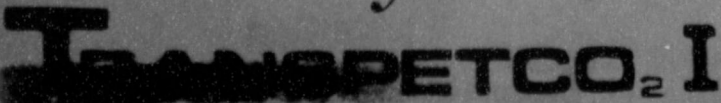
Please write or call today:

Steve I. Schneider
 Special Olympics International
 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500
 Washington, D.C. 20005

(202) 628-3630



This Message Brought to you by



222 Main

Spearman



TRANSPETCO 2 I

HOSPITAL REPORT

Jane Meeck and Frank Miller were dismissed from the Hansford hospital.

Ed Garner is the patient in the Hansford Hospital.



SPEARMAN SWIM TEAM

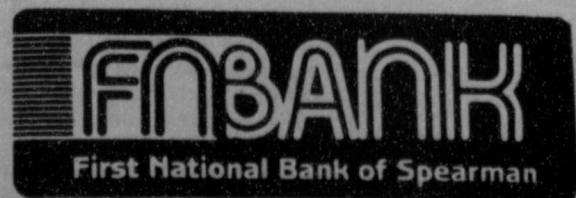
ON YOUR THIRD CONSECUTIVE

LEAGUE Championship

A proud community applauds your dedicated work and swimming efforts.

Thank you for a job well done. We appreciate the recognition you have given Spearman and Hansford County!

Hours:
 Monday thru Friday
 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 Also; 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.
 on Thursday
 Phone 659-5544



First National Bank



729 W. 7th St.

Spearman, Texas

The Hansford Plainsman

PUBLICATION [USPS 2346-6000] SPEARMAN, TEXAS 79081

213 main
 Box 458
 659-3434

OWNED AND OPERATED BY Texas Independent Newspapers Inc.



Second Class postage paid at Spearman, Texas 79081.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the management.

PUBLISHER JAMES C. JARRETT

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: Hansford, adjoining counties, combination with the Spearman Reporter, \$19.95 out of county \$24.95.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Hansford Plainsman, Box 458, Spearman, Texas 79081.

times that incoming mail from Amarillo was either stopped or delayed by weather-related conditions most of the time snow.

"We still get out what mail we have here locally in that case," he notes. "There's generally always something to do."

The Spearman post office is housed in a building which contains almost 4,000 square feet. And it's laid out to flow mail from and back to the front and vice-versa.

Whatever the arrangement, it seems to work. And it works on a 6-day basis here in Spearman. And based on the 11,500 pieces of mail delivered daily, that calculates out to slightly over 3.5 million pieces annually.

And that's no small task in any business.

Chamber spotlight . . .

Buzzard Farms active ag producer

Buzzard Farms, Inc. is an active, viable business engaged in the production of milo, wheat and cattle in Hansford and Ochiltree counties.

The stock holders are Lloyd Buzzard, Dorothy Buzzard, Travis Buzzard, and Pattie Buzzard Taylor. The origin stems from a purchase in 1946 from G.F. Buzzard, although the corporation was not formed until 1969.

Lloyd Buzzard is almost a native of Hansford County, coming here when he was about five years old from Enid, Okla. He is the son of the late George and Clara Buzzard. Lloyd finished high school in Spearman then enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific area during World War II.

He has been active in various civic

and business activities through the years. He is engaged in several business ventures, and has been the Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Production Credit Association for a number of years.

Jim McLeod and Francisco Bronicio are employees of Buzzard Farms, Inc.

Lloyd married Dorothy Hester in 1946. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hester, life-long residents of this area.

Dorothy attended business college. She enjoys gardening, and she and Lloyd both enjoy traveling. They are members of the First Christian Church.

They have two children. Their daughter, Pattie Taylor, now lives in

Canyon and is the mother of Kam and Matt. Their son, Lynn, lost his life while with the military in Viet Nam.

He has a son, Travis, who is now 18 and soon to be a student in Harding University in Ark.

Lloyd feels fortunate in that he is engaged in a livelihood that he enjoys, and that he considers an essential business, and has a sense of achievement regarding it. Generally speaking he feels that farming has shown good results for him.

Lloyd is convinced that the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is a vital part of community life and he appreciates the efforts of all the members as well as the board.

TRC levies \$6,500 in penalties

The Railroad Commission levied a total of \$6,500 in administrative penalties Monday to three Texas oil and gas operators for problems under the commission's as well plugging rules.

Two of the companies agreed to the penalties without admitting any violation of Commission rules.

Cooper Oil and Gas, Inc. of Olney agreed to a \$3,000 penalty for four inactive and unplugged wells on the company's Henning lease in Young County. The wells were inactive between November 1984 and February 1987. Armadillo Energy Corp. of Richmond agreed to a \$500 penalty for an inactive well on the A.N. Nilson lease in Wharton County. The well was inactive for about 18 months.

Wel-Ray Corp. of Fort Worth was penalized \$3,000 for an unplugged well on the Harry Denman lease in Stephens County.

To date in 1987, the Commission has levied more than \$457,000 in pollution and well plugging penalties. In 1986, the Commission assessed some \$1.6 million in such penalties.

studies which show that about a third of the gas that is used in a given year is produced from wells drilled in the previous three years. More than 50 percent of the gas comes from wells drilled in the last five years.

an even greater decline in demand, but that situation could change quickly if industrial demand for gas

The Commission went on to say that the nation's decline in gas deliverability has been masked by

picks up as a result of higher oil prices, or domestic manufacturing increases due to the decline in the dollar, or cold winters or prolonged cold spells increase heating consumption.



HIGH WIRE ACT. . . power company lineman Larry Whitford clips a line no longer in use from the top of a power pole.

Railroad commission seeks public comments on changing regulations

Seeking ways to boost Texas oil and gas exploration, the Railroad Commission is soliciting comments from industry, associations, and individuals on how it might change its regulations to spur drilling.

In a notice of inquiry issued this week, Chairman Mack Wallace and Commissioners James E. (Jim) Nugent and John Sharp voiced concern about present depressed drilling levels stemming from low wellhead prices and the widespread perception of a surplus. "The Commission believes that unless higher drilling rates are restored, the inevitable result will be a shortfall of supply," the notice stated.

The commissioners indicated particular concern about stimulating drilling for natural gas, noting that Texas provides more than 30 percent of the nation's supply. "We believe there is adequate undiscovered natural gas, as has been demonstrated by drilling during the 1970's and 1980's," the commissioners said. "We just need to encourage the aggressive

pursuit of additional reserves of this premium fuel."

The Commission invited comments on several specific ideas, including adding a special priority category for production from new gas wells. All new gas production might get priority treatment for three years, or the Commission could limit priority treatment only to gas from wildcat formations. Another proposal would encourage exploratory drilling by offering higher production allowables to gas discovery wells, as is now done for oil wells.

Other ideas advanced by the Commission for comment included allowing additional gas production for well testing in remote marketing areas, increasing the accuracy of well deliverability tests to better distribute the allowable production of gas in a field, and increasing accounting accuracy for various types of gas and the accuracy of classifying wells.

The Commission notice said two key barometers of industry activity dramatically illustrate the explora-

tion drop over the past year.

In '86, Hughes Tool Co. reported an average of 311 operating rigs in Texas and a total of 964 for the nation. That closely resembles the activity levels of 1970-71 which preceded the natural gas shortages of 1972-73. The shortages, and higher prices that resulted, increased drilling levels. As recently as 1984 there were 850 rigs operating in Texas and 2,428 in the nation, levels the Commission says should be minimum targets for today.

In 1984, there were 4,406 new gas holes drilled in Texas and 14,666 in the U.S. according to the Commission. But in 1986, those totals dropped to 2,321 and 6,823, respectively. At current drilling rates, the Commission said new holes drilled could easily decline to 1,500 in Texas and 5,000 in the U.S.

"Our fundamental concern is this," the Commission notice said, "without adequate drilling, deliverability must ultimately decline." The Commission cited

PDRA meets

Palo Duro River Authority board of directors will meet in regular session Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to begin parceling out the first part of some \$4.4 million in water bonds received recently from the state.

Also on the Tuesday agenda will be an executive session to consider a negotiator to purchase right-of-way for reservoir and dam for the PDRA project.

PDRA directors will also meet for a budget hearing for the upcoming 1987-88 fiscal year at 2 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a
 Bridal Shower
 Honoring
 Andi Lopez
 Nee Andi Speck
 July 30th
 7-9 p.m.
 First State Bank
 Hospitality Room
 Hostesses
 Charla Roberts Mary Allen
 Stephanie Brock Cora Queener
 Becky Baker Deloris Sloan
 Carol Pack Jo Ana Eaton
 Margie Hendrick
 Sharon Whitefield
 38s-2tc

case Tractors
 Building On Quality

9130

Product Highlights

The Case International 9130 is a powerful four-wheel-drive tractor, with an optional steerable front axle for row-crop applications. Designed to perform rugged tillage work, the 9130 is also nimble enough to easily work 30-inch (762 mm) row-crop. Your customers will appreciate the flexibility to handle planters, cultivators, sprayers, plows, and even a loader.

- Advanced 505-cubic-inch (8.3 liter) Case IH engine produces 190 PTO horsepower (142 kW) and 220 gross engine horsepower (164 kW). This computer-designed and -manufactured engine provides excellent torque rise and lugging ability. It uses 25 percent fewer parts than previous engines and has improved fuel economy.
- Standard 12-speed full powershift transmission provides six speeds between

- The Category III three-point hitch has position control and quick hitch, with a 12,750-pound (5783 kg) lift capacity.
- An optional full-power, independent, 1000 rpm PTO gives maximum performance.
- The cab provides excellent visibility both front and rear with 51 square feet (4.74 m²) of glass. An optional field-installed "side-slide" seat gives the operator a clear sight line down the side of the hood.
- The 9130 features a 4-inch (102 mm) bar axle with tread adjustments from 60 to 132 inches (1.52 - 3.35 m). Steerable axle allows a 12.8-foot (3.90 m) turning radius to center of drawbar.

FIVESTAR EQUIPMENT INC
 659-3743 Highway 15 West Spearman, TX

SEARS NATIONAL HOME APPLIANCE EVENT
 Biggest Sale This Year

Savings up to 50% off

SUPER SPECIALS

- Microwave
- 18.0 cu. ft. refrigerator
- KENMORE WASHER AND DRYER
- Dishwasher
- Upright vac

A good selection in store for immediate delivery.

We Service What We Sell

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone 659-2573

517 Hwy 207 South Free Parking Spearman, Texas

There's more for your life at **SEARS**

©Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1987 Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back

Engagement Announced



DAVID HALL & MELINDA WINGARD

Mr. and Mrs. William Ross King of San Marcos, Tx. and Mr. Robert Wingard of Tyler, Tx announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Wingard, to David Hall son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall of Spearman, Tx.

Miss Wingard is a graduate of San Marcos High School and is attending Southwest Texas State University.

Her fiance is a graduate of Spearman High School and is also attending Southwest Texas State University.

The couple plans an August 15 wedding.

Miss Wingard is currently employed at Mane Attraction as a Hair Stylist. Mr. Hall is a Senior Counselor at Tangram Rehab. The couple will reside in San Marcos.



The West German youngster named Rust who flew his Cessna 172 from Finland to Moscow has sure put a dent in the Iron Curtain.

His flight instructor back in Stuttgart was a descendant of the Red Baron . . . named "Red" Facegemachen.

To file a flight plan for this escapade, he advised his student to dial 1-800-DUMBKOF.

Here we are working on a Starwars defense system in outer-space costing billions and this junior commando penetrates some of the best minds in the business with a \$30,000 rent-a-plane. His code name was WD-40.

President Reagan ought to put this kid in charge of our missile systems. I'll bet Gorbachev's birthmark would change colors several times . . . like red, white and blue.

What do you suppose he said when he landed in Red Square? I heard it was "One small step for man, one heck of a hop from Helsinki."

He would have said, "Take me to your leaders," but by then, they had all been fired.

The number 1 and 2 men in the defense system lost their jobs and were reassigned to Siberia. For safety's sake, the number 1 man doesn't do anything. The number 2 man, as always, helps him.

Russian fighter jets were scrambled to intercept the Cessna. So were the brains of the pilots.

Sending a supersonic fighter jet after a single engine Cessna is about like stalking a hummingbird with a Mac truck.

The national news showed pictures of Rust signing autographs in Red Square, so they said. Actually, he was writing "We can't talk here, Comrade. We are being watched."

Back home in Germany, Rust's parents said he was a good kid but they did have trouble with his little pranks. Like the time he sold his sister to Gypsies.

Mark my words, He'll be on the lecture circuit when he finally gets out of a Moscow prison. His subject will probably be "How My Publicity Stunt Was Turned Down By Piper Aircraft Company."

I can see the TV spots now with Cessna as sponsor: A kid lands this Cessna 172 in a german beer garden, orders a Miller Lite and says, "Here's to the Iron Curtain. May it Rust in peace."

Values down slightly from estimates . . .

Appraisal district board certifies 87-88 tax rolls

Certified property values for Hansford county taxing authorities were released Thursday by the Hansford County Appraisal District with all certified values slightly lower than estimated values given some five weeks earlier, reports Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the HCAD.

The certified values come after all property owners have had the opportunity to appear before the Appraisal Review Board. There, property owners who have complaints concerning reappraisal have the chance to have their new appraisal reconsidered.

Any adjustments there, as well as any new exemptions allowed by law, are figured into the estimated values to arrive at the certified values.

With the certified values, Hansford county taxing authorities can now make exact plans for the upcoming fiscal year which begins for most on Oct. 1. School district fiscal years, however, begin September 1.

Under the newly certified values, the hardest hit in the reevaluation was the Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District with a 26 percent decline in taxable values.

The tax rolls there dropped from \$154.2 million for 1986 to \$113.6 million for the 1987 tax year, a loss of some \$40.4 million in values.

Pringle-Morse CISD billed approximately \$820,483 in taxes for the 1986-87 FY on a tax rate of \$.5322 per \$100 valuation. In order to bill the same amount of taxes this year, and not counting any other budgetary items, the school would need a tax rate of \$.7223 per \$100 for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Spearman Independent School District faces a loss of \$38.1 million off their 1987 tax roll now set at \$216.3 million compared to a 1986 roll of \$254.4 million.

This represents a 16 percent loss of taxable values. With tax billings of \$2.1 million last year on a \$.833 per \$100 rate, the Spearman ISD would need to raise their rate to

\$1.02 per \$100 in order to collect the same amount.

However, due to budgetary constraints by the Spearman school trustees and money held in reserve, officials are estimating only a three-cent rate increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

This however, could be changed depending upon the outcome of our recent state tax compromise out of the Texas legislature.

Gruver ISD's loss of \$10 million -- a 4.4 percent decline from 1986 -- is the lowest of all Hansford school districts.

Based on billings of \$1.8 million in 1986 with a rate of \$.798 per \$100, Gruver school trustees would need a rate of \$.8347 for the upcoming fiscal year to raise the amount of taxes.

The Hansford County Hospital District -- already facing a burgeoning budget deficit -- has lost 8.4 percent or \$34.5 million off their tax rolls.

Without any other considerations, the hospital district would be looking at a rate increase from \$.262 per \$100 to \$.286 per \$100 valuation in order to raise the same \$1.07 million in tax monies as they did last year.

However, in order to erase a deficit created over the past two taxing years, the Hansford Hospital District will be looking at another 11 to 12 cent increase in addition to maintain operations.

Hansford County lost the same \$34.5 million in taxable values for the upcoming year and they have already indicated a 5-cent increase over their current rate of \$.2897 per \$100.

The City of Gruver remains the lone bright spot in all of Hansford County. They are the only taxing entity to have increased in taxable values -- though only slightly.

Taxable values within Gruver have grown from \$20.9 million to \$21.05 million -- an increase of \$1162,930 in taxable value.

Spearman, meanwhile, is facing a \$4.1 million loss in taxable properties -- a 7.7 percent decrease from 1986. Taxable property then totaled \$54.2 million while the 1987 figure is roughly \$50 million even.

In order to raise the same \$368,715 in tax billings which were made last year on a \$.68 per \$100 rate, the city would have to have a rate of .73683 per \$100 valuation for the upcoming fiscal year.

Editor's Note: Tax rates used in this story are intended only as examples and not as firm figures made by the taxing authorities mentioned. Actual rates may -- and probably will -- vary either up or down from the rates shown here. This newspaper will keep the public informed as to actual tax rates levied by the different taxing authorities as they are made available.

Gruver hosts Hansford 4-H fashion judging

The Hansford County 4-H Fashion Show was held last week. The judging took place recently the Golden Age Center in Gruver. Because of bad weather the Style Show was cancelled until Friday at 8:30 in Gruver.

Those entering the construction portion were Kim Wagner, who won a blue ribbon in Active Playwear for the Junior Division; Sharlet Slough, a blue in Casual Daywear and Karla Kunselman, a blue ribbon in Dressy Daywear competed in the Intermediate Division;

Deana Turner, a blue ribbon, Davonna Cator, blue ribbon, and Lynette Williams, a blue ribbon, all competed in the Non-tailored Day-

wear for the Senior Division.

Two Intermediates, Ashley Wag-

ner, who won a blue ribbon in Dressy Daywear and Cinda Turner with a blue ribbon in Casual Daywear were entered in the Ready-to-Wear portion.

Each girl was also scored on their modeling abilities. Those chosen were Kim Wagner - Junior Division, Cinda Turner - Intermediate Division, and Davonna Cator - Senior Division.

The 4-H'ers will participate at the District I Fashion Show in Borger on July 27. It is to be held at Frank Phillips College Fine Arts Building. The public is invited to see these creations at 7:00 p.m.

ROOFING

INSURANCE WORK
Free Estimates FINANCING

OUT OF TOWN WORK WELCOMED

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
ROOFS & REPAIRS

EST. 1972

NORTH PLAINS ROOFING CO.

273-2368
Borger
Amarillo 352-7754

Without advertising
a terrible thing
happens ...

nothing

GOOD SHOPPING
IS ONLY

BLOCKS
AWAY

Save time, save money and certainly save wear and tear on yourself! There are many benefits to shopping right here at home and being close is one of them! So get the "local shopping habit"...enjoy all the joys of dealing with merchants who are really your friends and neighbors. They appreciate your patronage and they are ready to give you the quality, value and service you really deserve!

Why roam?
The best shopping's right here at home!

Message brought to you by

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Mrs. Dorothy Lusby returned Wednesday from a months stay at her home in the Country Club addition of Angels Fire, N. Mex.

She was having some redecorating done. Some of her children and grandchildren alternated in visiting her during the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harbour, with sons Ti and Alvin, combined lessons in history and geography with fun on their week-long vacation. They drove through eastern Colorado, eastern Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. They enjoyed the scenery, mu-

seums and historical places in the areas. Their return signalled time for all to get aboard tractors and start the farming again.

Mrs. Robbie Butts, with Mike, Mack, Kelli and Cam, returned Sunday from several days visit in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jim Archer.

The Archers live in El Paso and one day they all enjoyed Ruidoso. They are looking forward to the Miss Texas U.S.A. contest on August 3 as Jamie Archer, daughter of the Jim Archers, will represent El Paso in the pageant.

At this writing, the report on the condition of Mrs. Eva Pierce is that she is now in a private room at St. Anthonys Hospital. She underwent major surgery on Monday and has been in intensive care.

Her daughter, Betty Vernon, and other relatives are with her.

Cleo and Lowell Denman, who have been in Arkansas for two weeks, are back at home. Her brother, Paul Gill, was hospitalized in Little Rock but is now at Batesville, his home.

The Denmans also visited in the home of her son, the Tommy Taylors, while there.

Jan and Jean Davis, daughters of Jim and Lynda Davis, are staring at each other in disbelief -- realizing at long last their schooling is over.

Both received a B.S. in elementary education from Texas Tech in July. But these are not days of idling for them as they have some very definite plans for the future.

Bob and Sherril Meek enjoyed a pleasant week at Eagles Nest. When they returned, they were distressed to find his mother in Hansford Hospital.

Bob attributes her sickness to the lack of his expert TLC during his absence.

TRC chairman reports oil production

Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace has reported that 54 refineries in Texas processed 126,385,487 barrels of oil and hydrocarbon blends during April 1987.

The April volume compares to 128,401,585 barrels in March and 135,566,600 barrels in April 1986.

Texas refineries ran 93,741,409 barrels of crude oil in April, compared to 101,521,851 barrels in March and 106,489,543 barrels in April in 1986.

Products manufactured in April totaled 127,585,100 barrels, down from 128,763,570 barrels in March and down from 134,701,611 barrels

Bulls captures 3 TAAF wins

Danny Bulls, a midget division member of the Perryton Striders summer track team, captured three first place medals in the TAAF Region IX track meet Saturday, and qualified for state competition.

Bulls, the son of Butch and Patti Bulls of Farnsworth, and the grandson of Marvus Gaunder of Spearman was the only Strider to attend the Lubbock meet.

The Perryton Junior High six-grader-to-be posted a personal best of 12.95 in the preliminaries of the 100 meter dash, and won the finals with a time of 13.34.

Bulls also sprinted 400 meters in 63.58 and long-jumped 15'6" for the gold medal in those events.

State competition in Fort Worth starts July 31.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery C. Gatlin of Monterey, Ca. announce the birth of 8 lbs 14 oz baby girl, Megan Marie Gatlin.

Megan was born July 16, 1987 at Silas B. Hayes Army Hospital Fort Ord, Ca.

Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fritz of San Antonio. Maternal great-grandparent is Mrs. Fritz of San Antonio.

The paternal grandparent is Floydean Gatlin of Spearman and Lucille Crawford is the great-grandparent (paternal).

in April 1986.

April manufacture of motor gasoline totaled 60,347,397 barrels, compared to 59,096,429 barrels in March and 59,380,806 barrels in April 1986.

Aviation gasoline manufactured in April totaled 186,328 barrels, down from 290,286 barrels in March and down from 331,983 barrels in April 1986.

Texas refineries manufactured 8,266,074 barrels of home heating oil in April 1987--an increase of 1,214,614 barrels from the March volume. April 1986 output was 10,418,222 barrels.

Guidelines established for weddings, showers

It is the policy of this newspaper to offer as timely as possible news items within our pages and this includes shower stories, engagement announcements and weddings. However, due to the number of pages we print each edition, some limitations must apply.

Effective with our July 16 edition the following limitations will apply: Shower stories: Will not be accepted if the shower was held more than two weeks earlier. Shower stories will be limited to a total of 10 column inches including the headline.

Engagement announcements: Pictures accompanying engagement announcements will be printed in a 1-column format in the paper. Story with picture and headline will be limited to a maximum of 10 column inches.

Wedding stories: After two weeks we cannot run a story, only the picture with a cutline. After three weeks we cannot accept either picture or story. Stories without picture will be run up to two weeks after the wedding. All wedding stories will be limited to a total of 20 column inches, including picture and headline.

Any stories which do not meet the criteria above will be handled in the following manner:

Stories of extra length will be edited to space maximums. Those wishing to run the full story may by paying \$5 per column inch for all copy above the maximums for each story.

Out of date stories will be run on a paid basis of \$5 per column inch for the entire story, including headline and picture, if applicable.

These guidelines are to help keep the paper from becoming over-balanced and to keep from eliminating other stories which have an equal right due to equal importance to appear in the same edition. Our readers help with these guidelines is appreciated.

Coupon

VIDEO HUT

Spearman Shopping Mall

- Video Tapes - \$1⁹⁸ - 24 hrs.
- 3 speed VHS players - \$5⁰⁰ - 24 hrs.
- Audio Tapes & Albums
- Paperback books • New Cassette Singles
- Blank Tapes - VHS ★ Beta ★ VHS-C ★

HOURS:
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-9:00
Fri.-Sat. 9:00-10:00
Sun. 1:00-6:00

Bring this ad for 50¢ off rental of 2 movies or a VCR.

P O L A

INTERNATIONAL

VAIL OBERSKI
Independent Distributor

4120 Prairie Ave. #101 • Amarillo, Texas 79109
Phone (806) 358-3262

Nutrition and Beauty Products

SEEKING LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR

Pola International, a 58 year old Japanese Cosmetic firm, 9 months in U.S.A. Opportunity in great potential business. Adjunct to established beauty salon or health-care professional considered. Call (806) 358-3262 or write P.O. Box 30041 Amarillo, Texas 79120

The Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman Are Here to Serve You!

Special Subscription

Rates

For the
Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman

\$19⁹⁵ per year

In Hansford County

per year out-of-county subscriptions

Order Your
Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman Today!

Yes, I would like a full years' subscription.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: The Spearman Reporter, Box 458, Spearman, TX 79081

The Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman features

- ★ Spearman Sports
- ★ Oil and Gas Report
- ★ Spearman Happenings
- ★ Spearman and Hansford County News
- ★ And More!

Your comments are invited -

It's important to us to make your newspaper what you want. Please-feel free to call or write us with your suggestions or comments.

CALL US TODAY!

Your Home Is Full Of Hidden Dollars

Call 659-3434

Turn idle items into cash fast with a Want Ad



CLASSIFIED RATES
 Regular... Per Word \$0.13
 Display... Per Col. Inch \$4.20
 Double rate for blind ads
 Minimum charges
 Cash... \$4.00
 Charge... \$4.50

CASH IN ADVANCE ADS
 •Work wanted •Trailers for Sale
 •Business Opportunities •No longer Responsible •Political Advertising •Child Care •Baby sitting •Garage Sales •Out-of-county Ads unless advertiser has established credit with •The Spearman Reporter

DEADLINES
 To place or cancel ads
 Friday - 12:00 p.m. . . . Sunday edition.
 Tuesday - 12:00 p.m. . . . Thursday edition
 The Spearman Reporter reserves the right to reject, edit, revise and properly classify all advertising submitted for publication. The Spearman Reporter also reserves the right to cancel any advertisement at any time.
THE SPEARMAN REPORTER
 213 Main, P.O. Box 458
 Spearman, Texas 79081

STEAM RINSE & VAC Rinse and Vac Shampooer for rent at Gordons Drug. \$10.95 up to 24 hours.

APPLIANCE REPAIR Call Jim Nobles at 659-3528.

L&M Body Works
 1501 Hwy 15
 659-2775
 Tailpipes - \$29.95
 Mufflers - \$39.95
 Most Duals \$160.00 complete

OSGOOD MONUMENT CO.
 Amarillo, Texas
 Dealers of Rock of Ages Granite, as well as all colored granites, marble and bronze memorials.
 represented by
BOXWELL BROS. FUNERAL HOME
 519 S. Evans
 659-3802

Texas Carpet Cleaners - for free estimates on carpet, upholstery, cars, R.V.'s, and Suburbans. Scotch Guard. Call 733-2612 or 733-2046.
 42-rtn 38-rtn

NOTICE
 Wallace Monument Co. Monuments, Curbing, Grave Covers
 Local Representative
LEONARD JAMESON
 Spearman, Texas

HANSFORD COUNTY Planned Parenthood
 412 Davis
 659-2483
 Spearman, Tx.
 Monday - Friday
 8:30 - 12:30

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING
 Hansford County Library (Upstairs)
 122 Main-Spearman
 Open meeting 2nd Tuesday
AL ANON
 Tuesday
 8:00 P.M.

PANHANDLE CRISIS CENTER: 101 S.W. Forth, Perryton, Texas 79070, 806-435-5013. Help is available at no charge for domestic violence and sexual assault. Call Panhandle Crisis Center, receive support during a difficult time. Counselors on call 24 hours a day. Call for help.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: meets each Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Home Demonstration Building, Spearman Texas.

TOPS 1245, SP meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout House located at 22 S. Endicott. Drop by and join TOPS.

Real Estate

FOR SALE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, recently redecorated home. New carpet, customized drapes, and fire place. Nice fenced yard with storage shed call 659-5183.
 36S-Sun. only-3tc

AVAILABLE Aug 1; large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas with garage. Near school. \$375.00 plus deposit. 1/2 months free rent if you move in by Aug. 1. Call 659-2799 or 435-8794.
 S37-S-5tp

For Rent

FOR RENT: Efficiency Apartment for single. Call 659-2764.
 38-rtn

FOR RENT 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath with basement. \$400.00 a month. 807 Haney call 417/466-7426.
 S38-4tc

For Sale

FOR SALE: swing set \$25.00; ladies bike \$15.00; full size mattress, box springs & roller stand \$50.00; Simmon's Floatation king size waterbed \$250.00, contact Frances Pipkin 659-3938.

FOR SALE: 1980 Ford Granada 63,000 miles, runs good, looks good Call 806-659-3623.
 s37-4tp

FOR SALE 12x24 Morgan Building with panel ray heater, Hot water heater, commode and bathroom sink \$2500.00 Building currently located in Spearman call 409-291-9846 after 6 p.m.
 38-2tc

FOR SALE: 1974 Tem Craft 18ft Deep V. Hull with 1979 120 Hp. Chrysler. Boat is lake ready and in excellent condition. \$3500.00. Call 659-5189 after 3:00 p.m.
 38s-4tp

FOR SALE: King Size waterbed, \$200 or best offer, Sears portable washer and dryer \$300, Oak dresser \$30, stereo with 4 speakers \$50. Call after 5 p.m. 659-2839.
 38s-1tp

Service Repairs

Wind damage, Roofing, carpents plus tree removal. Reasonable Rates, free estimates. References. Call Dingman General Carpentry 435-3222 after 5:00 pm.
 S37-4tp

Panhandle Implement Co. Guyton, Ok. now has available a complete line of Steel Buildings.
 Shop Buildings
 Equipment Sheds
 Pole Barns
 Round Barns
 Industrial & Commerical Bldgs.
 For more information contact Greg Walls or Kevin at 405/338-8511
Engineered Steel Structures Inc.
 S374tc

REQUESTED

Prayers, Prayer-grams, and cards of encouragement for my 29 year old niece Diane Pape, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Diane lives at 2324 South Cuttway #100 Anaheim, California 92802.
 Thank you Linda Coombs
 s37-2tp

Mobile Homes

\$99.00 down only \$235.15 144 months 12.75 APR. Completely remodeled mobile home. Call Frank at 806-376-5363.

FOR RENT: Trailer space in Spearman. All utilities, fenced and concrete walk ways. Call 435-5080.
 38-rtn.

Remodded - 3 bedroom 2 bath Mobile Home only \$176.41 - 84 months 12.77 APR \$700.00 down free delivery and set up. For more information call Art at 806-376-5363.

FOR SALE: 1980 Nasau Mobile Home, 14 X 60, 2 Bedroom. Refrigerator and range included, \$10,000 like new. Also 5500 CFM Evaporative air conditioner - \$300. Also king size water be, like new, \$150. Sears heavy duty washer and dryer - \$500. Call Frank Lewis 733-2123 or 733-2241.
 S 32 S rtn

FOR SALE: located 204 N. Hazelwood, 3 bedroom trailer, 1 1/4 bath. Refinance for 5 years. Call 405-254-3888 or 659-3380
 s37-7tp

Beautiful Tiffany double wide - front bay window with formal dining room spacious 3 bedroom 2 bath mediterranean style kitchen with built in name brand appliances. Call Bruce 806-376-5363.

FOR SALE 1983 Bonneville Mobile Home, 16x80. 3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, fireplace, spacious bi-level kitchen. skirting and stairs go with it. Must see to appreciate. Call 659-2354 after 5:30 p.m.
 38-4tp

Help Wanted

Registered Nurse Supervisor for primary home care services. Some travel required. Salary plus mileage. Please call 372-2531 Ext 16 or 23.
 S38-2tc

Miscellaneous

Own your own Apparel or Shoe Store, Choose from Jean/Sportswear, Ladies Apparel, Men's, Children/Maternity, Large sizes, Petite, Dancewear/Aerobic, Bridal, Lingerie or Accessories Store. Add Color Analysis. Brands Liz Claborn, Gasoline, Healthtex, Levi, Lee, Camp Beverly Hills, St Michele, Chaus, Outback Red, Genesis, Forenza, Organically Grown, Over 2000 others. \$13.99 one price designer, Multi Tier Pricing Discount or Family Shoe Store. Retail Prices unbelievable for Quality Shoes normally priced from \$19. to \$80. Over 250 brands 2600 styles. \$14,800 to \$26,900 Inventory. Training, fixtures, grand opening, airfare. Etc. can open 15 days. Mr. Keenan (305)366 8606.

Make \$60 per 100 envelopes! Part time or full time. No experience necessary. You only need to know how to read and write English. No obligation! Work at Home!
 For free details enclose self-stamped addressed envelope. Ortiz. P.O. Box 67, San Saba, TX. 76877.
 S36-6tc

Hiring Today! Top Pay! Work at Home No experience needed. Write Cottage Industries 1407 1/2 Jenkins, Norman, Oklahoma 73069
 s36-8tc

Excellent Condition - Assume Low Monthly Payments - See Locally - Ph. 316-624-8422 - Brier & Hale Music - Liberal

Garage Sales

MOVING SALE 30th and 31st of July a little bit of everything. Crawford addition.
 38-2tp

News of Record

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HILL-BURTON UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES

Hansford County Hospital District of Spearman, Texas, will make available from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988 at least \$75,000.00 of Hill-Burton uncompensated services. All services of the facility will be available on a first request, first served basis to eligible persons who are unable to pay for hospital services until the hospital's compliance level is met. Eligibility for free care will be limited to persons whose family income is not more than the current poverty income guidelines (Category A) established by the Department of Health and Human Services. Persons whose family income is above but less than double the poverty income guidelines (Category B) will be considered for reduced cost care in accordance with the schedule below. Persons whose income is greater than the guidelines but not more than 1 1/4 times the guidelines will be eligible for a 75% reduction from the usual charges. Persons whose income is greater than the guidelines but not more than the 1 1/4 times the guidelines will be eligible for a 50% reduction from the usual charges. Persons whose income is greater than 1 1/4 times the guidelines but less than double the guidelines will be eligible for a 25% reduction from the usual charges. Certain persons who may have been eligible for Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services at this facility since October 1, 1979, may not have received them. Persons with outstanding bills, who believe they may be eligible, may apply for uncompensated services for the balance of their bills.

This notice is published in accordance with 42 CFR 124.505 Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Services.

Published in the Hansford Plainsman, Spearman, Texas, July 26, 1987.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank all the Spearman Music Boosters that helped to provide the money for my tuition fee to the West Texas Band Camp. The camp was a great learning experience and I hope to bring back to the Spearman Band all that I learned.

Thanks again for all the time and work that the Music Boosters gave to the School Music Programs.
 Jennifer Reimer
 S38S-1tp

Thank you Dr. Sangalang and Viola, hospital personnel, and ambulance staff for the excellent care during my recent illness.

I will be back to the office on Monday.
 Fred Taylor, M. D.
 38s-1tp

Just for you from the **Coffee Shop** upstairs at Hotel Royal
This week's Specials

Mon - Tacos
 Tues - Roast Beef
 Wed. - Fried Chicken
 Thurs. - Pan Fried Pork Chops
 Fri. - Catfish Fillets

We are also taking orders for decorating cupcakes, cookies, cakes, cinn. rolls, fried pies, homemade pies and fresh bread.

ALL LUNCHEES INCLUDE salad bar, rolls, dessert and tea or coffee.
\$4.00 per plate
 Regular Menu Available.



The Energy Wire July 17. "Upward Pressure" predicted on oil prices.

After releasing statistics that showed demand for petroleum growing much faster than expected, an oil industry official last week said there could be "substantial upward pressure" on oil prices if the trend continues.

Petroleum inventories of major oil companies have declined to lowest levels in 14 years as demand for gasoline grew in the second quarter of this year by almost 4 percent, said Edward H. Murphy, director of finance, accounting and statistics for the American Petroleum Institute.

One of the strongest warning signals in Murphy's report -- which helped propel oil prices through the \$22 level last week for the first time since early 1986 -- was that the domestic oil industry added far fewer new reserves last year than in previous years.

With prices a year ago hovering just above \$10 per barrel, the industry in 1986 only replaced about half the year's oil production with new reserves. In the three previous years, new reserves were about equal to the amount produced.

Violence in the Middle East last week -- in this case an attack by Iraqi warplanes on an Iranian offshore oilfield -- also drove up prices.

Murphy cited the rise in demand for the first six months of this year as more than 2 percent, about double the predictions by most industry analysts. "These data indicate a much stronger reaction to last year's fall in product prices than was anticipated," said the API official.

Murphy said the growth in foreign oil imports to the United States would have been twice as high if domestic companies had not drained existing petroleum inventories. U.S. oil imports rose by 7.5 percent in that period.

Murphy said the level of inventories would be "adequate for commercial purposes" but would "provide little if any cushion to compensate for any supply interruption, or to offset the effects of any OPEC production decisions."

API officials are prohibited by federal laws from giving direct predictions on oil prices, but Murphy said the economic outlook for areas with strong ties to the oil industry is much better than during the last year-and-a-half.

"Over the next three, four or five years, the outlook for those areas has to be quite positive," said Murphy.

The Organization of petroleum Exporting countries is expected to lift its average official price to at least \$19 per barrel at its meeting next December. But some analysts have cautioned that Saudi Arabia, which wants moderate oil prices to keep up petroleum demand, may slightly increase production to put a rein on U.S. prices that have been galloping ahead of OPEC levels.

Other analysts have said that a Saudi attempt to halt the rise in prices would be a mistake since prices probably will stabilize unless there are further attacks in the Middle East, possibly caused by the U.S. flagging of Kuwaiti ships later this month.

Oil-state senators, in both public and behind-the-scenes lobbying last week for repeal of the windfall profits tax, used a new tack that appeared to carry some punch where it counted most - non-oil states.

After the 58-40 vote to repeal the tax, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said "we made an overwhelming case" that killing the levy -- detested for seven years by oil producers -- would actually help people in Chicago, New York and elsewhere.

The argument had its foundation in activities and economic announcements with no immediate relation to the tax debate.

Whatever the merits or non-merits of President Reagan's decision to reflag Kuwaiti oil tankers with U.S. colors, the action has given a dramatic depiction of indirect costs for allowing higher oil imports.

Many analysts have suggested that dangling the U.S. flag over Kuwaiti tankers might be like waving red in front of a wild bull, in this case Iran. Trouble in the Persian gulf almost undoubtedly would mean trouble at the gas pump.

Secondly, the Commerce Department released statistics on the worsening U.S. trade deficit on the same day the Senate took its windfall vote. The New York Times headline the next morning said it all -- "Trade Gap Widens as Imports, Led by Oil, Mount."

Said the Times -- "After two months of improvement, the trade deficit worsened by \$1.1 billion, nearly half of it reflecting a higher national bill for imported oil."

And yet a third influence were new figures released by the American Petroleum Institute showing that petroleum demand in the first half of 1987 had increased at more than double the predicted rate, due primarily to the burning of more gasoline on the nation's roads. Analysts have consistently said the United States was not overreacting to cheaper oil by sharply increasing consumption, but API's figures seemed to indicate otherwise.

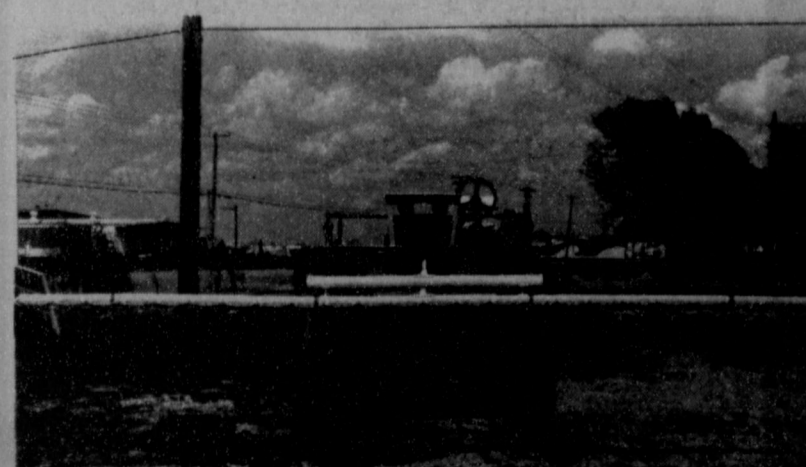
"It's finally sunk in," said Sen. David L. Boren, D-Okla., about the cost of imports and lower domestic production since the oil price crash last year.

Gramm and Boren said they told senators from non-oil states that they could get the most bang for the consumer's buck by lifting the oil tax that Gramm called "a wet, cold blanket on the incentive to drill."

Their argument - Without the tax, oil producers will do more drilling at lower oil prices, meaning that the consumer can have the advantage of more domestic oil and fewer imports without paying a higher price for it.

A House-Senate conference committee will now decide whether the windfall repeal will survive as part of the trade bill. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who will chair Senate conferees on the conference committee, said it "will be a tough negotiation."

"We can get... a much stronger (domestic oil) production response at lower prices" without the windfall tax, said Gramm. He suggested producers would drill about as much without the tax as they would with oil prices at \$30 per barrel with the tax in place.



FOR SALE: High performance toppler and rope wick machines. **BARGAIN!** Call Randy Hunt at 659-3588.

Shop Spearman U. S. A.

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS MAKE CENTS!

thought for today...



There's more to a Savings and Loan than just percentages. We're not your average financial institution dealing only with financing. We offer plenty of other important and convenient services, plus we're staffed with nice people who you can approach, ask questions or advice. Oh sure, we still try to keep our percentages competitive, but that's not our only concern.



Interstate Savings

AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Member Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation
Member Savings and Loan Foundation, Inc.

New Fall Arrivals Sarah Kent Dresses



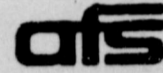
Hotel Royal

OWNERS: Linda Sanders, Gina Davis, E. C. Bull
502 Davis Spearman, (806) 659-3155



Blackburns Flower Basket

"Our Flowers Say It Best"



222 HANCOCK
SPEARMAN, TX 79081
PHONES: (806) 659-2212
or (806) 659-3329

(806) 659-2891
Wanda R. Reed

(806) 659-2896
Mary K. Mayfield

Gordon's Custom Cabinets "We Specialize in Quality"



Rick Gordon Randy Hendrickson
659-3467 659-3648
Speamran, Texas 79081

All Spring & Summer
Merchandise reduced

50%



J.G.'s

906 Hancock Spearman, Texas 659-3424

Evelyn's Beauty Salon

1/2 Price Sale

Merle Norman Cosmetics



Call or Stop by

HAIR DRESSERS
Sara Shufeldt
Barbara Sharp

659-2813

107 Main

Farmers check with us for filter prices for your filter needs.

- ★ Auto
- ★ Industrial
- ★ Farm
- ★ Lee Tires
- ★ Home
- ★ First Plus Credit



HI PLAINS AUTO SUPPLY

Vance Snider-Billy Baker

118 Main Spearman, Texas 659-2506

MONDAY NIGHT CATFISH DINNER SPECIAL

served with
cole slaw, fries
texas toast

\$5.75

per plate



Served inside
or to go

CALL US FOR YOUR
CATERING NEEDS
806-659-5151

1020 S. Hwy 207
Family Owned and Operated

Men's Short Sleeve Shirts One group

Resistol

Straw Hats

50% off

The Bunkhouse

210 Main

Spearman



Automatic TRANSMISSION SPECIAL

Includes Fluid Change, New Filter and Gasket, and Labor.

\$49.95



Total Price on all Passenger cars and light Duty Trucks.

Gillaspie

Chevrolet-Oldsmobile

Highway 207 South, Spearman, Texas
659-2541

Come See Us At



THE KNACK SHOPPE

for your best video selections

Tuesday 2 for 1

Open Daily 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

317 Main

"Complete Agricultural and Industrial
Machine Shop Specializing in Pumping
Unit Maintenance & Repair"

ARCHER INC.

Spearman 806-659-5272 • If Busy 806-659-2611
SCAT 806-435-5456 or 316 624-6258 • Units # 3606 # 3609
PHILIP ARCHER, OWNER P.O. BOX 33
806-659-5294 Res • AIRPORT ADDITION • SPEARMAN, TX 7908