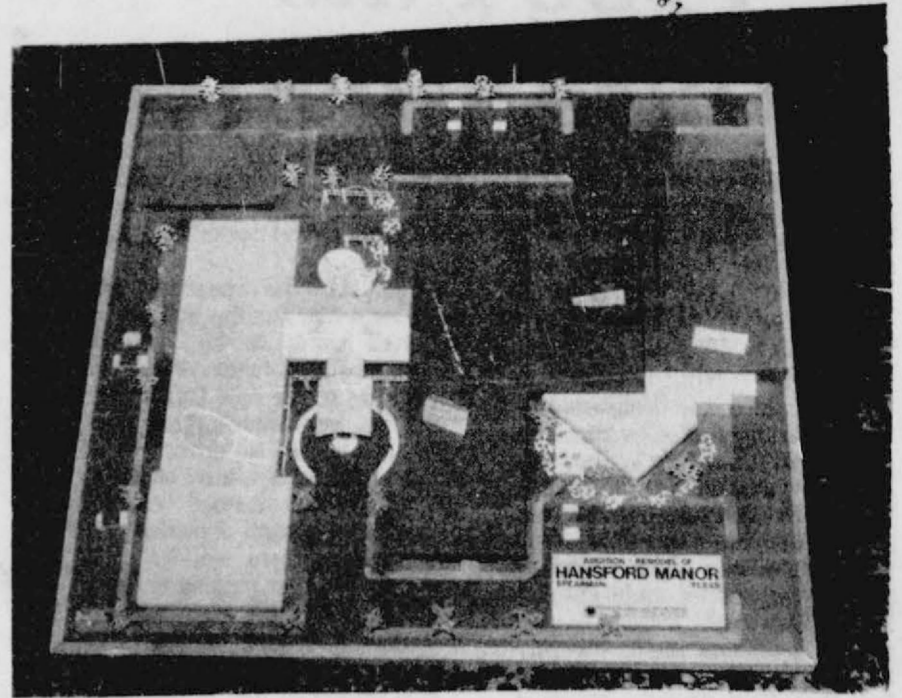


HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS
SPEARMAN, TEXAS 79087



Dennis Robertson, on the left, and Jack Oakes, Hospital board member are shown above as they gave the program at the Gruver Lions Club recently. The program was on the proposed expansion at the Hansford Manor in Spearman.

24 hr. prayer
service, 659-2911

THE GRUVER STATESMAN

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1985

Bond election calls for !\$2,500,000.00 for Manor and Hospital improvements

Bond election to be held December 17th

Hansford County residents have been notified that they will vote on the 17th day of December to decide on a bond election for the construction, repair or renovation of the buildings and improvements at Hansford Manor and the hospital in Spearman. The amount voted on is \$2,500,000.00 and the complete details are printed below.

Voting places, and questions to any of the proposed bond election can be answered by the hospital members, and of course the news papers in the county will be glad to furnish any kind of information that we can.

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Hansford County Hospital District on the 17th day of December, 1985, in accordance with an order adopted by the Board of Directors which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

AN ORDER ordering a bond election to be held in the Hansford County Hospital District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Hansford County Hospital District, hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said District in the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter identified; therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 17th day of December, 1985, in the Hansford County Hospital District, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

"SHALL the Board of Directors of the Hansford County Hospital District, be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$2,500,000 for the construction, repair or renovation of buildings and improvements and equipping the same for hospital purposes; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed FORTY (40) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Directors at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the annual interest, and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: Paper Ballots shall be used for said election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.A.T.S. Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition. Said proposition shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES"

SECTION 3: The District shall be divided into four (4) election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes.

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Surplus cheese will be distributed at the Spearman Court House on Wednesday, December 18, 1985. Families of low income who qualify can pick it up between 1 and 5 p.m.

Dennis Robertson is hereby appointed the Clerk and Debra DeArmand the Deputy Clerk for absentee voting for said election, and the Administration Office of the Hansford Hospital District, 707 South Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081, is hereby designated the place for absentee voting. The hours designated for absentee voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on each day, except Saturdays, Sunday and official State holidays, during the period required by law for conducting absentee voting.

A Special Canvassing Board shall be used for this election in relation to absentee voting and Charlene Bryan is appointed Presiding Judge and Muriel Boyd the Alternate Presiding Judge of the Special Canvassing Board for absentee voting.

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at such election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the District Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by Chapter 872, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the District and at the administration offices of the District not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date the election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the first of said publications to be made not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date set for said election.

DISTRICT ELECTION PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	PRESIDING JUDGE	ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE
Box No. 1 (consisting of Hansford County Voting Precincts No. 1, 2, 5 and 6)	County Barn 320 East Ave D Spearman, Texas	Charlene Bryan	Muriel Boyd
Box No. 2 (consisting of Hansford County Voting Precincts No. 3 and 4)	County Barn Gruver, Texas	Faye Dahl	June Barkley
Box No. 3 (consisting of Hansford County Election Precinct No. 7)	Oslo Lutheran Church Community of Oslo	Burton Olson	Johnnie Dahl
Box No. 4 (consisting of Hansford County Election Precinct No. 9)	Morse Community Building Morse, Texas	Betty Womble	Susan Howell

SPS to carry power for 2 future plants

By PHILLIP FIORINI
Globe-News Staff Writer

Southwestern Public Service and Valley View Energy Corp. have inked an agreement allowing electricity generated by Valley View's two planned manure

plants in the Texas Panhandle to be transmitted on SPS lines.

Valley View of Dallas plans to construct 50,000 kilowatt, manure-fueled power plants at Hereford and Gruver to generate power that will be used by the city of Austin. Both units will be built near cattle feedlots.

"This is the first of several agreements we need to sign to deliver power to Austin," B.R. Farris, Valley View spokesman, said Wednesday.

Construction is expected to begin in Hereford "possibly in February and no later than April," he said.

Initially, the Hereford plant was scheduled to be operating by October 1986, but Farris said that has been pushed back to late 1987.

The Gruver plant is expected to be completed four to six months after the Hereford plant, he said.

The agreement, the first of its kind by SPS for transmitting and wheeling power owned by another

Coming to Hansford County:

FIRST PLUS CREDIT

Don Townsen, President of the First National Bank announced today the introduction of a new banking service that has not previously been available to Spearman and Hansford County. The new service for wholesalers, retailers and service industries will be offered by First National Bank the first of the year. It will be called First Plus Credit. Don expects First Plus Credit to be well received by the community and will provide a valuable service for those businesses who wish to participate.

First Plus Credit is First National's trade name for a service known as "accounts receivable factoring". The factoring of accounts is a banking service that has been used extensively in merchant banking for many years by urban banks and businesses. Factoring accounts very simply means that the participating merchant can take his current accounts receivable to the bank and get cash for them. For a small fee, and the participating merchants guarantee of the accounts, the bank sets up charge accounts for the merchants customers. Then each charge purchase by the customer is deposited at the bank for immediate credit to the merchant. The bank then handles all billing, record keeping and receiving of payments on the accounts. The accounts are billed out monthly similar to the way credit card purchases are billed. The monthly statement to the customer will show his total charges for the month to the merchant and will have invoices enclosed. Then the customer is given the option of paying off the balance of the account at no interest, for the time from purchase to statement date, or the customer may pay a minimum of

20% of the balance and finance the rest for the next 30 days.

Don commented, "The merchants have been very good to provide charge accounts to the people in the community. They have provided farmers and all other credit worthy purchasers with a very convenient source of short term credit. There is more charge purchasing than any community of this size that I have seen, and it has been very successfully handled with apparently small losses on delinquent accounts. It appears though, that the economic slow down has increased the amount of outstanding accounts and slowed down the repayments, causing tighter cash positions for the merchants. The increase also may force some merchants to hire additional help or to buy computer facilities to handle maintenance and billing of their accounts. Our bank has in-house computer facilities and will have capable people trained and ready to handle the merchants account maintenance, billing and payment processing. First Plus Credit can significantly reduce the merchants' expenses and time spent on maintenance of account receivable and provide instant cash for the accounts. All for a small fee of 2 to 2 1/4% of the accounts factored, about one-half the cost of Master Card and Visa purchases."

"First Plus Credit will be available beginning January 2, 1986, but we will be very happy to answer questions and visit with the merchants about this new service at their convenience," explained Don Townsen. He urges interested merchants to call him or to stop by the First National Bank.

generator, was hailed Wednesday by SPS President Bill Esler as "another milestone in Southwestern's ongoing support of alternative-energy generation projects."

It is also the first wheeling contract signed by Valley View, which is spending an estimated \$100 million to build the two plants in the Texas Panhandle.

Under the agreement, SPS will transfer Valley View's power to facilities owned by Public Service of Oklahoma near Vernon. In turn, the energy will be transmitted to Austin through a direct-current interconnection and a string of other utility company lines.

Esler said Valley View is paying a "fair wheeling rate" for use of SPS transmission lines, an accord that took several months to reach.

In September, the two companies hit a blockade when officials at Valley View contended SPS was dragging its feet in the negotiations. At the same time, SPS argued Valley View was causing the delay.

1985 Palo Duro report

The Palo Duro River Authority (PDRA) is a sub-political body of the State of Texas and was established by the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973, Chapter 438. The Palo Duro River Authority consists of Hansford County, Moore County, and the City of

Stinnett, which was designated by the Department of Commerce in July of 1973 as a Title IV Re-development Area under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

The Palo Duro River Authority purposes to build a multi-purpose lake which will include water supply, treatment plant, distribution system, and recreation on the Palo Duro River 11 miles North of Spearman, Hansford County, Tx. This dam will impound a reservoir of 80,900 acre feet of water covering a surface of approximately 2,500 acres, with a daily sustained yield of 7.8 million gallons of water. This water will be used as municipal water supply for Gruver, Spearman, Cactus, Sunray, Dumas, and Stinnett, Texas for a combined total population of some 30,000.

In establishing this reservoir, there will be a loss of less than 100 acres of cultivated land and only two old homesteads will have to be relocated.

The completed project will protect watershed lands from erosion and maintain or increase productivity, increase efficiency of use of irrigation water; reduce flooding of the roads, agricultural lands, and homestead properties in northern Texas and Oklahoma; reduce deposit of sediment on the flood plain and volume of sediment contributed to the North Canadian River; reduce streambank erosion and allow re-establishment of trees, shrubs, and other once existing vegetation long since washed away; provide incidental ground water recharge for irrigation; create surface water for waterfowl and fishery resources; improve wildlife habitat on flood plain; increase migratory water fowl protection; create opportunities for additional employment and income to households; increase demand for goods and services, and initially reduce runoff to the North Canadian River.

This site being studied by the Corp of Engineers is the only site North of the South Canadian River.

Ultimately, the reservoir will serve as a site for the storage of imported water to be used to irrigate the crop lands within the boundaries of the Palo Duro River Authority. Immediately, the reservoir will serve to attract light industry of an agricultural business nature to that instead of the present steady rural depletion and deterioration, there will be rural development, thus helping to bring about a better urban-rural population balance than is now the situation in Texas.

It is estimated that in the three year period following the completion of the dam, the Palo Duro River Authority area would gain some 1,900 jobs, these jobs would create not only an expanding population with sound economic base, but would obviously turn around the present population loss rate.

The Palo Duro River Authority in 1978, issued \$6,500,000 in revenue bonds for pollution control and in 1982 we issued another \$6,000,000. These bonds will build facilities to provide air and water pollution control at the Kerr-McKee Diamond Shamrock gasoline plant in Moore County. At the present time, the Army Corps of Engineers has completed a feasibility study and they are now pursuing the project.

The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced it is recommending the project. It has now been sent to the Secretary of the Army, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress.

This project is located over the Ogallala Aquifer which is depleting year by year. This the reason the project should be built.

November 22, 1985

Johnnie C. Lee, General Manager
Palo Duro River Authority

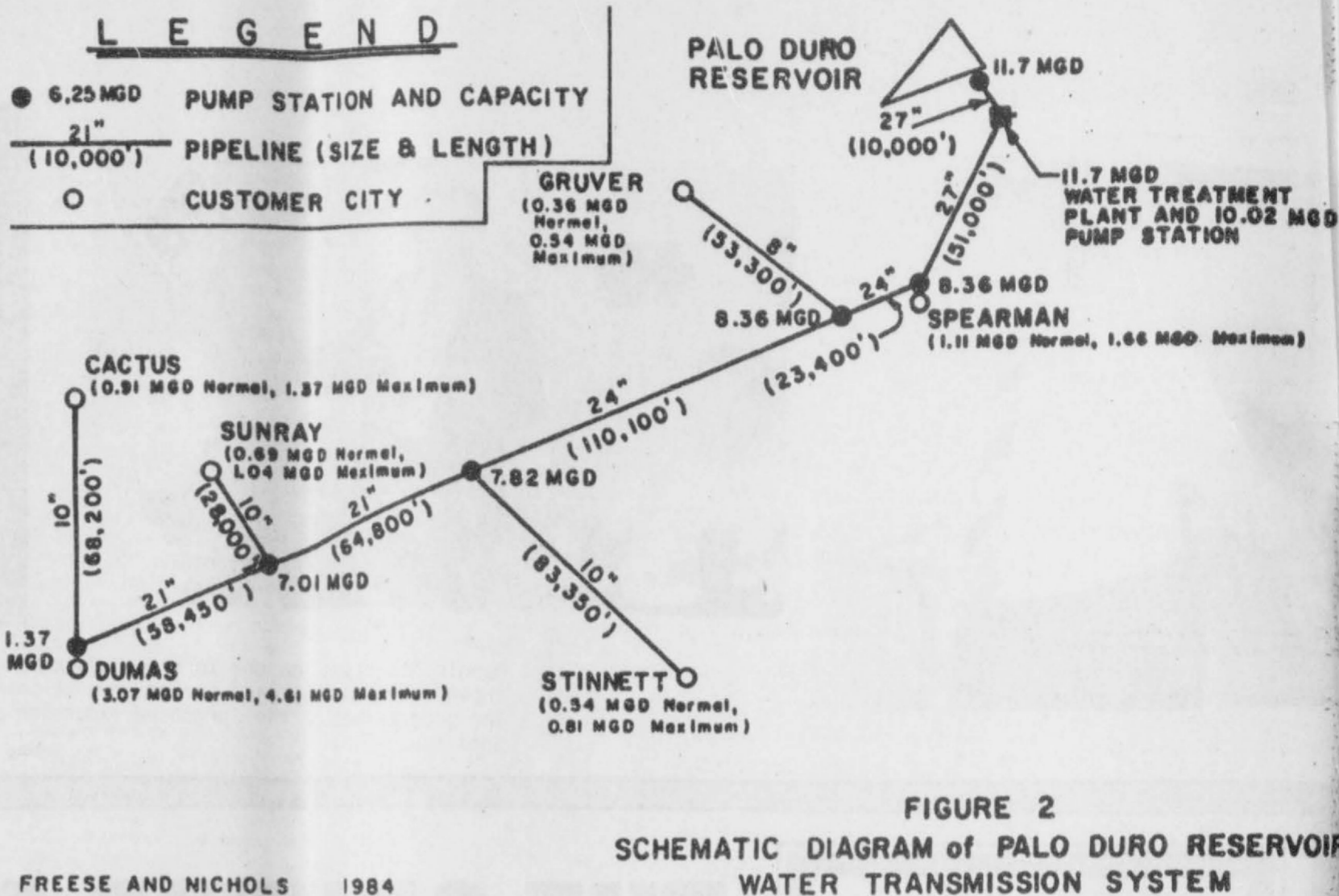


FIGURE 2
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM of PALO DURO RESERVOIR
WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

FREESE AND NICHOLS 1984

Hansford County Chapter of ACS met

The Hansford County Chapter of the American Cancer Society met for pot luck dinner and business meeting at the B and B Hospitality Room in Spearman.

After a delicious meal prepared and hosted by the Gruver merchants, the business meeting was called to order by president Mozelle McClellan. Clemetine Renner read the minutes from the previous meeting and were

approved a treasures report was given by Arbeta Nobles. A Thank you card was read from the Aaron Love family. The vacancy of the Publicity Chair-

man has been filled since the resignation of Fran Maupin. Joy Henderson was appointed and approved and by members to fill this

position. A film titled "Taking Control" was shown by field representative Melody Miller of Amarillo. It gave suggestions about taking preventative measures and availing risks in regard to cancer. Miss Miller also presented

information of a new program of films and slides that maybe given to various organizations. For more information, contact Mary Tebest in Gruver or

Betty Jean Davis in Spearman or any of the other members of the ACS. of Hansford Co.

Members from Gruver attending were Mozelle McClellan, Joy Henderson, Mary TeBest, Jolene Thompson, Georgia Holt and guests Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Maupin. Those attending

from Spearman were Arbeta Nobles, Fay Palmer, Clemetine Renner, and Betty Jean Davis, also Melody Miller of Amarillo.

New arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cazares would like to announce the birth of Samantha Sue Cazares. She was born Nov. 11 at 11:34 a.m. She weighted 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 21 inches long. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Platt of Dumas, and Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Cazares of Gruver.

KEENAGERS

Keenagers met Dec. 3 with 23 present.

After a lovely Pot Luck meal, Larry Miller talked on "Traditions of Christmas."

Winnie Vernon announced that she had 23 tickets to "The Singing Christmas Tree" for Dec. 17. Amy Keenager wishing to go may call Winnie and be at the church parking lot at 4:30, Dec. 17.

Camile Miller played the piano while she and Larry sang "Walking in Winter Wonderland", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Joy to the World", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Faye Cluck closed the meeting. Those present were Bill and Ida Hendrick, True and Frankie Leatherman, Ben and Beulah Harris, Ralph and Beulah Ben Bort, Ben and Merle Arthur, Larry, Camile and Lauren Miller, Marquita Miller, Winnie Vernon, Cleo Gross, Leona Harris, Eva Boyd, Steve Ellis, Lilian Murrell, Maude Alexander, Harvey Johnson and Marie Bostick.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW
2	19	02
3	35	17
4	48	25
5	58	26
6	62	30
7	57	30
8	56	28

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Markets

MARKETS	
MILO	\$3.90
WHEAT	\$2.88
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Operation Christmas Greeting

We wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, we have donated to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary for use in their work in the hospital and the Manor.

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- Freeman Barkley
- Gertrude B. Archer
- Del & Barbara Cluck
- Marvin & Ruth Ann Jones
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- Garland & Virginia Head
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- Jimmy & Lois Shieldknight
- Irvin & Betty Davis
- E.E. & Mildred Martin
- Juanita Logan
- Merrel & Grace Johnson
- W.E. & Loydell Sparks
- Mrs. Glen Hiller
- J.D. & Rubyjo Wilbanks
- Knox Pipkin
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- Pope & Margaret Gibner
- Lawrence & Anita Anthony
- Eva M. Adkinson
- Mrs. T.M. Allen
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- Raymond & Grace Kirk
- Tom & Helen Etter

If you would like to join in donating to the work the Auxiliary will be doing in 1986, please send your contributions to "Operation Christmas Greeting" Helen Etter, Box 1045, Spearman, Texas, 79001 and list the way you would like your name to appear on the Christmas list.

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After a life filled with danger, love, and death, Barbara, now in her sixties - once a foreign correspondent and a participant in most of the events of her time - is living a simple life in her beloved San Francisco, where she is surrounded by the endlessly varied Lavette clan. And then, almost on a whim, she runs for Congress and sets in motion a series of adventures that bring her back to the excitement of the times, to a renewal of romantic love, to mortal danger as a reporter in Central America, to loss and tragedy; but in the end to an exultant embracing of life.

Howard Fast, one of our greatest novelists of American themes from the Revolution to the present, has in THE IMMIGRANT'S DAUGHTER completed the portrait of a very American heroine.

The four previous volumes in the Lavette family saga - THE ESTABLISHMENT, THE IMMIGRANTS

SECOND GENERATION, and THE LEGACY - achieved great commercial success. When the first volume of this series was published, Louis Untermeyer wrote: "With THE IMMIGRANTS HOWARD Fast definitely reestablishes his standing as one of our best story tellers. It is an extraordinary mixture of toughness and tenderness, terrifying and touching, one of the most absorbing narratives I've read in years. More penetrating than most novels, it presents a sweeping vision of a widening America in a series of interrelationships among the aliens who become the builders of a nation. It is truly an unfolding historical saga."

Also, if you are ready for some holiday entertaining, you might be interested in our microwave cookbook for holidays and parties. All the recipes in this book are ideally suited to the special techniques and benefits of microwaving. Vegetables remain crisp, soups and beverages are piping hot in minutes, meats and poultry remain moist and dishes prepared ahead of time can be reheated quickly without losing their freshness. Take a look inside the book at the mouth-watering photographs and taste-tempting recipes and you will want to experiment for the approaching Christmas season. Included are recipes for microwaving popcorn balls, caramel apples, chocolate-covered marshmallows, buttermilk pralines, apricot chews, etc. MICROWAVING

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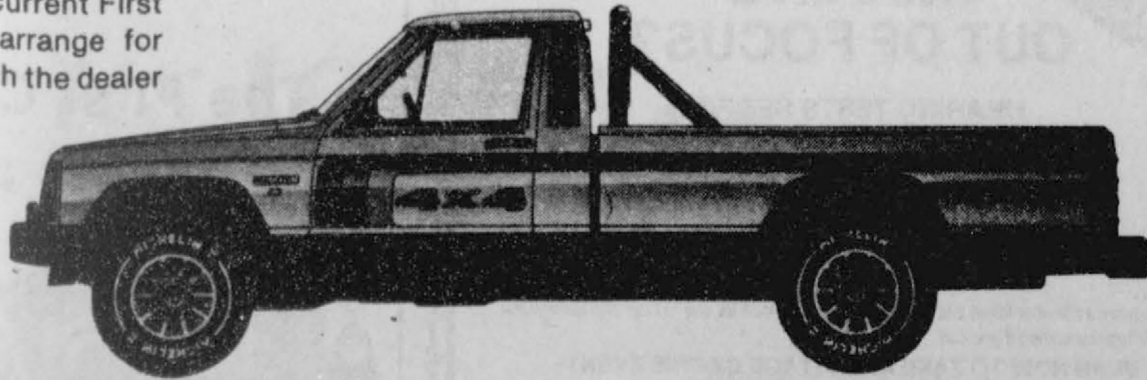
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My family and I want to take this means to thank the members of the Hansford County Farm Bureau for the opportunity they gave me to represent them at the State Queen Contest in Fort Worth. My special thanks to Aubrey and Melba Rasor, and to

everyone who was so helpful and supportive. It was an honor to represent my county and district and to receive the scholarship.

Thank you, Carrie Hart.

52 Annual Convention



Teresa Miesner a sophomore at Frank Phillip's College sang in Fort Worth Dec. 1. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis

Miesner of Spearman. The Texas Farm Bureau 52 Annual Convention. Tarrant County Convention Center. The Vespers Service devotional message

was given by Pastor Tom Robins, Arlington Heights United Methodist Church. Special music was furnished by Teresa Miesner of Spearman, Texas.



Breakfast to be held

The annual pheasant hunters' breakfast will be held December 14th at the Methodist Church. The all-you-can-eat buffet will feature cinnamon rolls, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, and lots of other extras. Price is \$5.00 per



person. The meal will be served from 5 a.m. - 8 a.m. This special event is sponsored by Alpha Mu Psi. Proceeds go toward helping many community projects.

Raffle tickets are still available for the Browning Citori shotgun which will be given away at about 8 a.m. on the morning of the breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The gun is on display at the Gravel State Bank.

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Alpha Mu Psi Met

A short business meeting of Alpha Mu Psi was conducted by Glenna Hunt, president, at the Methodist Church on December 3rd. Gail Etheredge reminded everyone about Santa's visit which is scheduled from 3-4:30. Members are planning to travel to the Spearman Manor after Santa's departure to bring goodies and sing carols to the residents.

Kelly Armes, ways and means chairman, handed out recipes for angel biscuits and cinnamon rolls for the Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast. The breakfast will be held from 5-8 a.m. on Saturday, December 14th at the Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5.00. Some raffle tickets for the Browning Citori Shotgun are also still available. They may be purchased from any Alpha Mu Psi Member. Contact Kelly Armes, 733-5104, or Marsha Low, 733-2986, if you have not been contacted and wish to buy a ticket. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place about 8:00

a.m. on the 14th. You need not be present to win.

Cynthia Henson, social chairman, announced that our Christmas party will be held December 17th at 12:30 p.m. at Kelly Arme's home.

The program for the day involved everyone rolling up their sleeves and preparing about 700 delicious angel biscuits for the Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast.

Ginny Grotegut, hostess for the day, provided delicious refreshments even though she was not able to attend herself. Gail Etheredge won the hostess gift.

Members attending included Kelly Armes, Debbie Breland, Gail Etheredge, Cynthia Henson, Glenna Hunt, Nancy Koons, Marsha Lowe, Amy TeBeest, Melanie Zimmer, Angela Grotegut, Pam Harris, Teresa Weldon, Tonni Yanke, Kelly Hart, and Johy Irwin.

a success

Members and Officers of the Gladiola Flower Club would like to issue a special thanks to the Spearman Reporter, KRDF Radio Station and to the hosts and Hostesses of our recent Home Tour.

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Kim Brock, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Benton, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Murphy and Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Vanderburg.

We would also like to thank the City of Spearman for the use of their building for our Country Store. Also thanks to those of you that came out to view the lovely homes and take part in our Country Store. Thanks to Blackburn's Flowers for the use of their advertising box.

CORDIAL INVITACION

La Iglesia Catolica les ase la cordial invitacion para que bengan a la Mission Mexicana. La Mission empeso este Lunes pasado y segira asta el Viernes 13 de Diciembre. La Mission sera preparada por el Padre Gonzales.

La Iglesia Catolica le da las gracias al Padre que tomo unos cuantos dias de sus otras responsabilidades para estar con nosotros. Solo que bengan a la Mission y inviten a todos sus Familiares y sus Amistades.

Moose offers free Movies

Free movies will be shown at the Lyric Theater for the Children of Hansford County on Sat. Dec. 14th and Sat. Dec. 21st. Across the Great Divide will be shown at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 14th and Mountain Family Robinson will be shown at 3:00 on Dec. 21st.

Santa will be there with sacks of goodies for the kids.

PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be having a Parishioners Christmas party on Saturday, December 14th immediately following Mass. The Party will be started out by a covered dish supper and proceeded by a Special Guest; Santa Claus. Please bring your kids along and lets have some fun. Each Parish family is asked to bring a covered dish for this occasion.

SPECIAL HEARING OUT OF FOCUS?

HEARING TESTS SET FOR SPEARMAN.

ELECTRONIC HEARING TESTS WILL BE GIVEN.

Tuesday, Dec. 17th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center

If you have a friend or loved one who is especially difficult for you to hear and understand, please bring them along if you can.

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Gary Palla, H.A.S.



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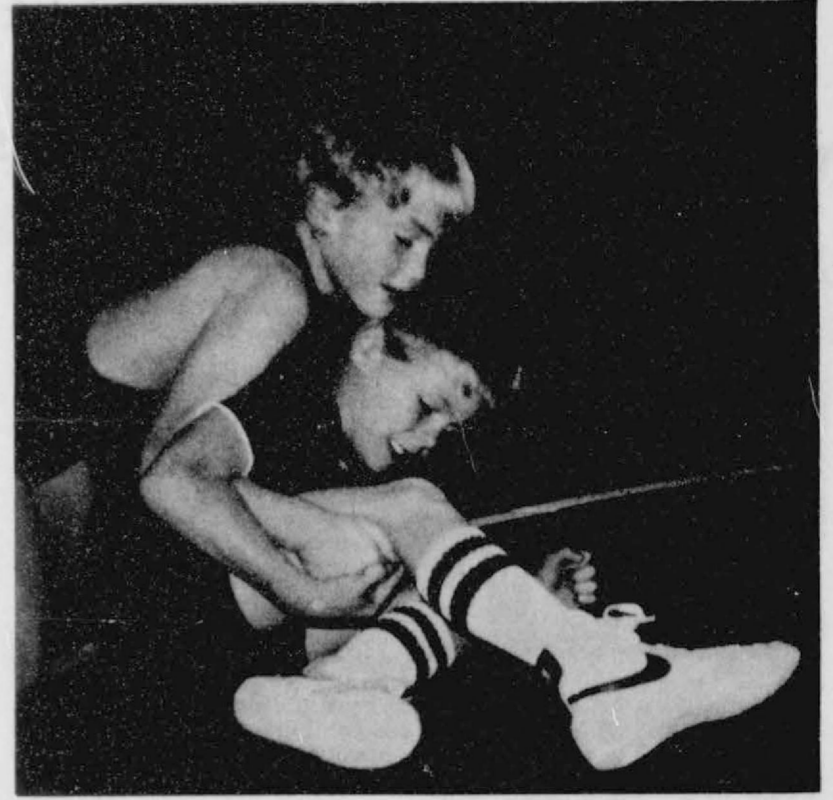
C. H. "Dutch" Clawson, Bernice Clawson, Margaret Bell and Charles Bell attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada on Nov. 8th.

Annual Lad & Dad Bake Sale

The Gruver Cub Scouts Pack 550 held their annual Lad & Dad Bake Sale on Nov. 18, 1985.

The winners this year were T. J. Bayless, 1st; Mark Viola, 2nd; and Paul Grace, 3rd. Our judges for the bake sale were two of our Gruver Volunteer Firemen, Johnny Cotter and Robert Blount.

We would like to thank these men along with Terry Boyd, Auctioneer; Bob Cluck, bid taker; and the many parents, grandparents, and business that were represented.



Bailey Barkley and Skeeter French wrestling at practice.

CHRISTMAS WALK THRU

The Gruver PTA is sponsoring "A Christmas Walk Thru" at the Elementary on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Come and get in the Christmas spirit, and see the Elementary School

Decorations and join in some Christmas Caroling. Also at 7:00 p.m. there will be a band concert in the auditorium. The High School Band will be performing.



Skeeter French and Clint Williams at wrestling practice.



Kneeling L-R - Brent Armes, Clint Shook, Elliot Halverson, Brey Armes, Curt Shook, Buster McLain, Standing L-R - Clint Williams, Bailey Barkley, Jason Ward, Skeeter French, Ryon

Atwood, J.J. Boese, Wyler Maupin not pictured are - Jeff Gilbert, Jace Dawson, David Gilbert, and Clint Bell.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS

Stinnett's 6th Annual

Sat **"Arts & Crafts Sale"**

9:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sun **Dec. 14th and 15th**

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts will serve refreshments from 11:00 to 2:30 on Sunday Door Prize - Proceeds to Stinnett Booster Club

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Crime Stoppers



He is also known to travel between El Paso, Odessa and Lubbock.

This week Valera has been added to the Texas Most Wanted List.

A reward of up to \$1,000.00 is being offered by the Governor's Office for information leading to Valera's arrest.

He is described as being 5-6, 160 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and has a very dark complexion.

Valera goes by several aliases, including the name Jean Finley.

Associates have told investigators that Valera usually carries a gun and has a reputation of having a quick temper. He is known to have contacts in Miami, New York City and Juarez, Mexico.

ABILENE, TEXAS—Mario Blas Valera didn't waste much time getting into trouble with the law in his adopted country.

A native Cuba who emigrated to the United States during the Mariel Cuban boat lift about seven years ago, Valera is wanted by Abilene Law enforcement authorities for the October 28 murder of Frank E. Henry.

Investigators say the 44-year-old Valera also caught the attention of the Miami Police Department before leaving Florida, primarily over allegations that he was trafficking cocaine and marijuana.

Henry was gunned down on an Abilene street in what detectives believe was a narcotics-related killing. Witnesses told police the shooting appeared to be unprovoked.

An autopsy revealed that Henry was hit with what appeared to be a .32-caliber slug. When investigators searched Valera's apartment in Abilene, they found a partial box of Winchester .32-caliber silver-tipped hollow-point bullets.

Ironically, Valera had been arrested on September 3 in Abilene for Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

Detectives say that they received information that following Henry's murder, Valera fled to Odessa where there is a large concentration of Mariel Cubans.



VICTORIA, TEXAS--Dale Ray Waller has been described as a one man crime wave by law enforcement authorities in four states.

The 37-year-old Waller is wanted by 14 law enforcement agencies in Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas on a wide variety of charges ranging from Burglary to Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement. Even the federal authorities want to get their hands on the travelling fugitive, since he is wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Office for Parole Violation.

This week Waller has been added to the Texas Most Wanted List. A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered by the Governor's Office for information leading to the capture of this most wanted fugitive.

Waller, whose list of aliases almost matches the number of charges against him, is wanted by no less than nine law enforcement agencies in Texas.

A typical case involving Waller is the January 3, 1984, theft of a camper shell from a Victoria recreational vehicle dealer. A man identifying himself as Roy Matthews bought a 1982 Viking Brand camper shell, using a \$2,500 check drawn on an account with First Seta Bank in Port Lavaca. However, a week after the purchase, the Victoria business was notified that there was no account with First Seta Bank listing Roy L. Matthews.

Investigators, with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety's Crime Analysis Unit, were able to identify Waller as the suspect in the case. Roy L. Matthews, it turned out, was just another alias used by Waller.

On March 5, 1984, Waller was indicted by the Victoria County Grand Jury for Felony Theft.

In addition to the Victoria County charges, Waller is also wanted by the following Texas agencies.

--Howard County Sheriff's Department for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (warrant issued January 6, 1984).

--Grayson County Sheriff's Department for Theft by Check and Fraud (warrant issued August 10, 1984).

--Kerr County Sheriff's Department for Forgery of a \$2,500 Surety Bond (warrant issued January 5, 1985).

--Reagan County Sheriff's Department for Forgery and Burglary (warrant issued January 18, 1985).

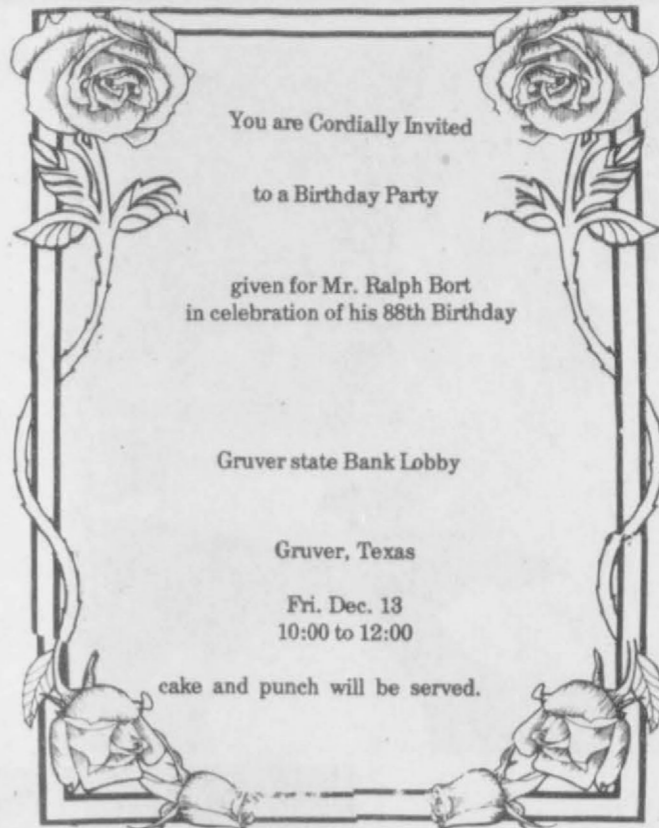
--Yoakum County Sheriff's Department for Larceny (warrant issued January 29, 1985).

--Comanche County Sheriff's Department for Larceny and Theft (warrant issued February 12, 1985).

--Rusk County Sheriff's Department for Larceny and Theft (warrant issued September 23, 1985).

--Hunt County Sheriff's Department for Larceny and Theft (warrant issued October 4, 1985).

In addition to all the Texas charges, Waller is also wanted for embezzlement by law enforcement agencies in McAlester and Eufaula, Oklahoma; Fraud in Batesville, Arkansas; and Fraud and Forgery in Clovis, New Mexico.



Elem. Menu

December 16th to 20th

Monday

Pig in Blanket
Beans



French Fries
Snicker Doodle Cookies
Milk

Tuesday

Stew
Cheese Sandwich
Fruit Cobbler
Milk

Wednesday

You are Cordially Invited

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in celebration of his 88th Birthday

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Gruver, Texas

Fri. Dec. 13
10:00 to 12:00

cake and punch will be served.

Fish w/ Tarter Sauce
Mac. & Cheese

Green Beans
Cake
Corn Bread
Milk

Thursday

Burritos w/ Chili and Cheese
Cole Slaw
Fruit
Milk

Friday

Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce Cheese Pickles
Cookies
Milk

January 2nd and 3rd

Thursday

Corn Dogs
Beans
Tater Tots
Fruit
Milk

Friday

Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce Cheese Pickles
Cookies
Milk

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T0: The Voters of Hansford County

We, the Board of Directors of Hansford Hospital District, would like to personally explain our position concerning the upcoming Bond election for the expansion of Hansford Manor.

First: There is an established need for the expansion as demonstrated by the 37 names on our active waiting list.

Second: We expect the facility will generate enough revenue to retire the bonds without increasing taxes, but if some unforeseen happening should occur, it would require only an additional 4¢ per hundred valuation to retire the bond issue.

Third: The expansion will increase the capacity of the Manor by 45 beds. In addition, this expansion will provide sufficient support area to give our senior citizens the highest quality of care. We will continue to insist that the quality of care be maintained at its maximum level.

Fourth: We feel it will be a much needed addition to our community and will provide approximately 30 new jobs.

We would like to encourage all the voters of Hansford County to vote on December 17, 1985 and give us your support on this much needed expansion project.

Respectfully,

Alton Ellsworth
ALTON ELLSWORTH

John Trindle
JOHN TRINDLE

Jerry Hunt
JERRY HUNT

Leslie Barkley
LESLIE BARKLEY

Dwight Hutchison
DWIGHT HUTCHISON

Jack Oakes
JACK OAKES

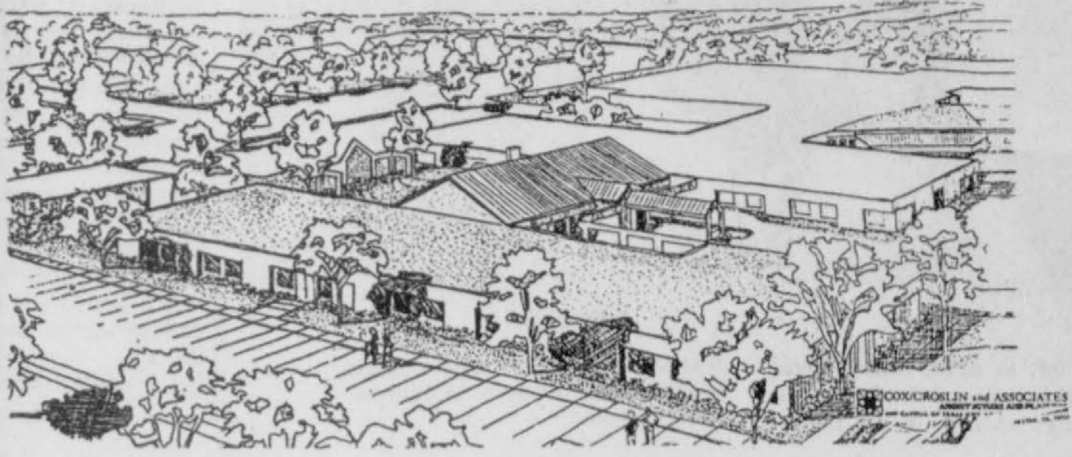


Nell Thoreson and Kathy Stedje were on hand at the Gruver State Bank Tuesday, to help with the Music Club Bazaar.



Scene at Gruver State Bank---

Proposed additon to Hansford Manor



Gruver residents will vote on a proposed expansion to the Hansford Manor. December 17th. Pictured to the left is an overall view of the existing facility and the proposed expansion.

At a recent meeting, the Architect showed a scale model of the complete facility. This model has been on display in various locations in Gruver, including a special presentation at the Gruver Lions Club.

It will take approximately one year to complete the project. At the completion, we feel that Hansford Manor will be an outstanding asset to our community and to the residents of Hansford County.

In many ways our facility will be a pace setter for this area. We will be capable of offering "suites" to residents who request such. The suites are designed primarily to accomodate residents that need only minimal supervision, assistance with medications or diets, or only the

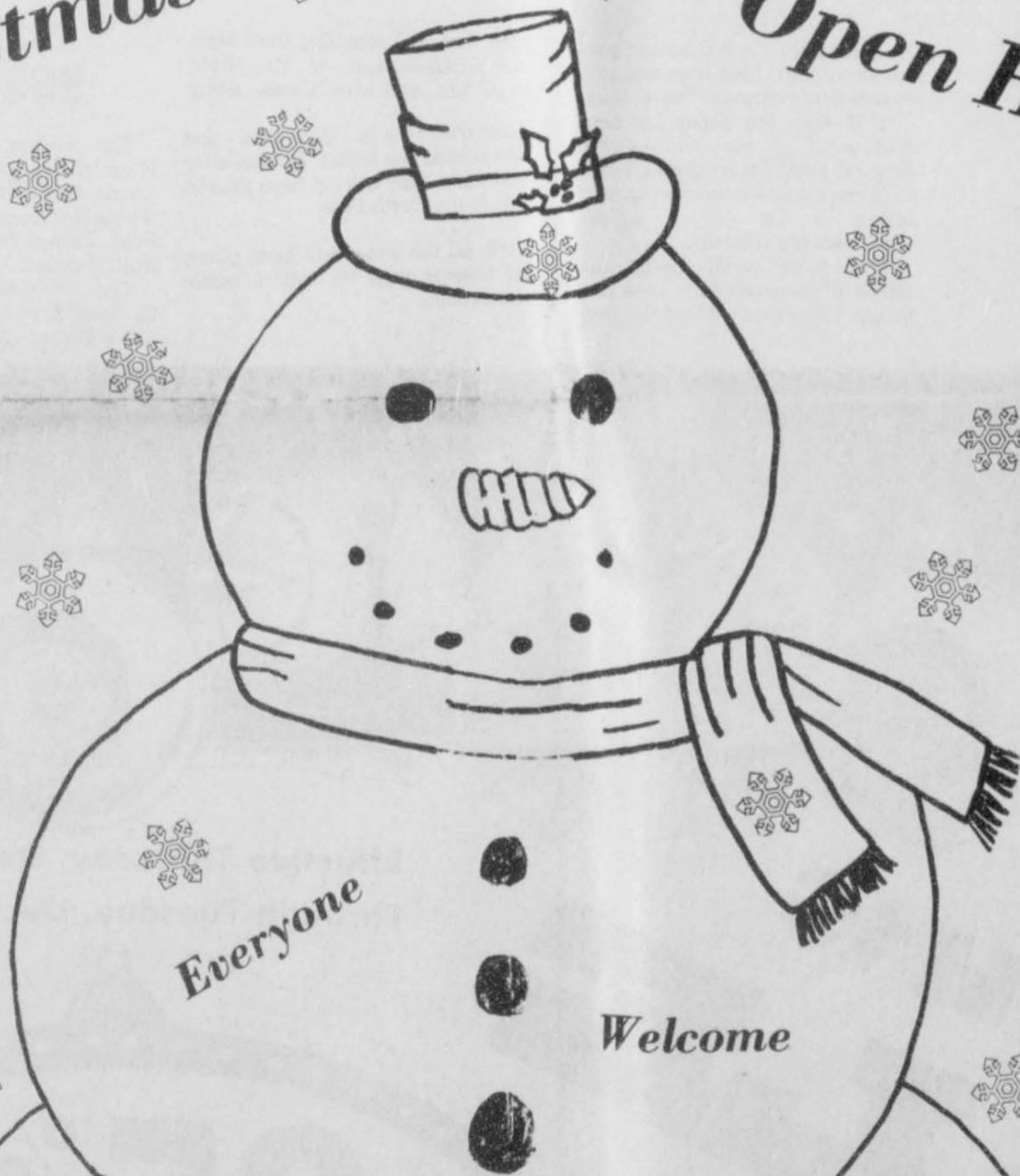
assurance that licensed medical personnel is available. If needed, 24 hours per day.

Come and Dance

The Boots and Slippers will Dance tonight, December 12, 8:00 p.m. At the Golden Age Center in Gruver with Murry Deasley Calling. Come Join the Fun!!!

Christmas

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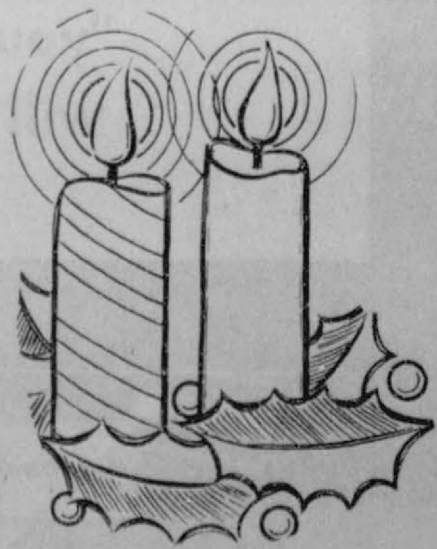
December 18th

COME IN AND JOIN THE FUN !!!!

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Seated left to right, Carol Pack, Barbara Cluck and Janie Kunselman, Rubyjo Wilbanks, Joyce Johnson and Ruth Shaver. Standing: Mary Rae Lamb, Albert Grave

Sesquicentennial Committee met Monday

The Hansford County Sesquicentennial Committee met Monday at the First Christian Church to continue plans for the February Celebration to be held in the Gruver High School Auditorium February 1, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

It will be a Super evening with Cloggers, Fiddlers, Square Dancers, Son of Texas by outstanding Citizens, Bank and Speciality Groups.

The next meeting of this group will be at 10 a.m. Monday January 6, 1986 at the First Christian Church.

Janie Kunselman is Sesquicentennial Chairman of the February Activities.

SPORTS

The Gruver Greyhounds and Greyhoundettes will play in the Sunray tournament this week. The girls will play at 4:50 against the Liberal Squaws. The boys will play Hartley at 6:10 p. m. Both of the Gruver teams will be heavy favorites in the tourney.

Weather bulletin: Many of the basketball games in the area were cancelled Tuesday night because of the ice storm in the area. The Gruver roads are extremely icy Wednesday of this week and more snow is possible for Thursday.

The first winners in the Spearman Retail Merchant's Christmas Promotion were; Becky-\$50.00 gift certificate from Boyd's Family Shoes; Betty Love-\$25.00 gift certificate from Interstate Savings & Loan to be redeemed anywhere in Spearman; Carl Smith-\$25.00 gift certificate from Interstate Savings & Loan to be redeemed anywhere in Spearman; Louise Vanderburg-\$25.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at Cross Stitch Corner; Altha Townsend-\$25.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at Cross Stitch Corner; Jo McLaughlin-\$25.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at Evelyn's Beauty shop; Kelly Burch-\$25.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at Evelyn's Beauty Shop.

winners for the Retail Merchant's Christmas Promotion are: LaNita Bosley - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at The Desk Set; Charlie West - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at Gillaspie Chev. - olds.; Ronnie Antelek - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at Gillaspie Chev - Olds.; Melinda Dennis - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at Pride Mart; Cahries Kruse - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at The Desk Set; Carol Winter - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at Spearman Super Ser.; Cheryl Whitefield - \$25.00 Gift Cert. to be redeemed at Spearman Super Service.

There will be 7 (seven winners each day, register now at all participating merchants. By shopping SPEARMAN FIRST, you can be a winner!

Here are Tuesdays, December 10,



Mrs. Claus may come to Gruver---as Santa is still busy fixing for Xmas!



to publish letters to Santa

Once again it's that time of year for all the good little boys and girls to write their letters to Santa Claus.

This year, the paper has been designated as an official, area drop-off point for letters to Santa. Children are welcome to bring their letters to the office, downtown Main Street.

The paper will print the letters in its paper each week and in our Christmas edition on Dec.

24th, before forwarding the letters via reindeer mail, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, along

later than 10 a.m., Dec. 23rd - and the sooner the better. Letters after that date, they will not have time to reach the North Pole.

with all the elves, will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Santa Claus will stop in Gruver on December 19th to hear all the good boys and girls wishes for Christmas. He will be visiting at the Gruver State Bank from 3-4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for this special event.

Pre-schoolers are encouraged to arrive before school is out so that Santa will be readily available for everyone.

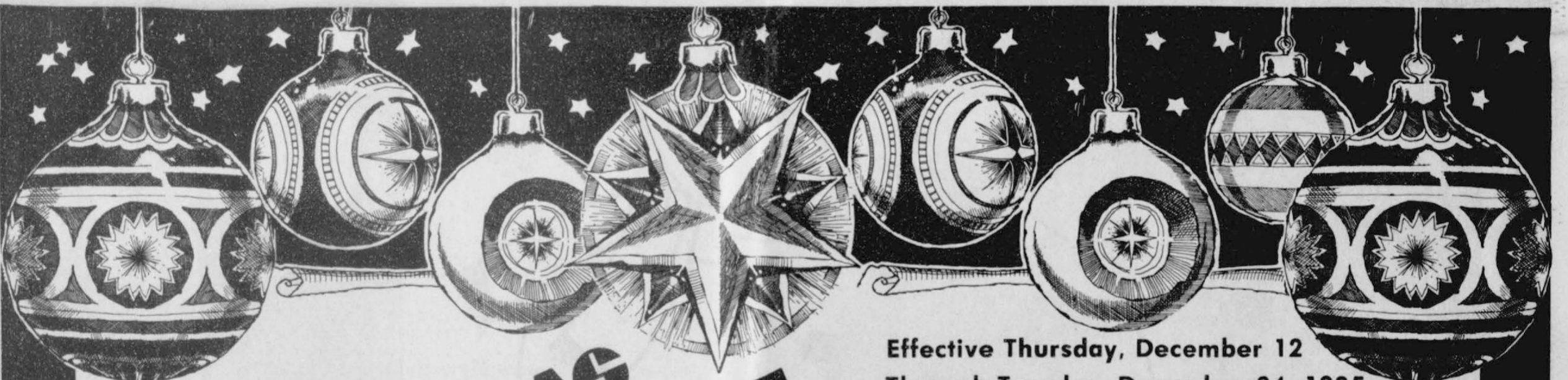
GRUVER MUSIC CLUB MET

The Gruver Music Club met on Tuesday, November 26 at the Methodist Church with Mandy Derington presiding. After reviewing the budget and the regular order of business, the members enjoyed a program of the Methodist Men's Quartet: Carly Knight, Buddy Murrell, Del Cluck, and Danny Cochran. They sang several inspiring Bill Gaither songs. The current musical note was given by Beulah Bort. A meditation on Thanksgiving was given by Lucy Pittman. The members then adjourned for refreshments. Hostesses for the day were Frances Murrell and Marguerite Nelson.

HOSPITAL

The patients in the Hansford Hospital are: Aubie Sparks, Jason Vanon, David Stewart, Christopher, Schmehr, Donald Ross, Daniel Ross, Dawn Ross, Ella Hull and Ruth Garrard.

The patients that were dismissed were Mable Adams, Crista Urban and W. Jones.



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