

Hix Wilbanks: The sheriff without a gun

Editor's note: The following article is the eighth in our Centennial Series covering Hansford County's history and deals with events in roughly the 1930-1940 time period. Next week's story will cover the 1940's, with an emphasis on World War II and its effects on the county. We invite all readers to share their memories, letters and photos dating to this decade in next week's article. Contributors can telephone the Spearman Reporter at 659-3434 during regular business hours.

by Jean Ann Behney

Hix Wilbanks was known as "the sheriff who never wore a gun" during his two-decade term as a law enforcer in Hansford County. Many residents consider this quiet man, whose career spanned three decades, to be the county's best-loved sheriff.

Born Howell Wilbanks in 1885, Hix came by covered wagon with his pioneering parents in 1902 to the Texas Panhandle from Cleburne, Texas, in Johnson County. Hix was 16 years old at this time and worked with his father, A.M., drilling water wells and "cowboying" on the famous XIT ranch.

There was nothing in these early years Hix spent in Hansford County that would have indicated his future role as the sheriff, although he was known for his honesty, calm temperament and the flashing light blue eyes under his heavy brows. Perhaps it was these eyes that first attracted Trixy Winn, a young school teacher. She became acquainted with Hix while boarding at the A.M. Wilbanks home, and in 1908 the couple was married by Reverend Wilson in his dugout parsonage five miles northwest of Old Hansford.

At this time, young women teachers had to be unmarried, so the couple actually eloped since Trixy did not want to give up her teaching position at Happy Jack School. As Beth Wilbanks Phelps and Ruth Wilbanks Bryan, twin daughters of Hix and Trixy, tell the story today, their mother reported to school as usual the Monday after her marriage only to find that their secret was "out" -- on the blackboard in large letters were her new name and her students' congratulations! Trixy then received permission to continue with her teaching career.

The young couple settled on land joining land owned by his father and brothers (all together they owned four sections) bought for ranching and farming, located two and a half miles southeast of the Spearman townsite. After a few years, four daughters came along to liven things up on the home place. Mary Wilbanks Hazelwood, currently of Fort Worth, was their firstborn, followed by the twins, Ruth and Beth, both of whom reside in Hansford County today. The day they made their appearances, Hix had begun a barn-painting project which was hurriedly abandoned when Dr.

Haney announced after the first baby's birth, "I believe there's another one!" Julia Wilbanks Billingsly, who lives in Lubbock, rounded out the quartet and Hix and Trixy were also foster parents to Marcus Larson, another Spearman resident.

In 1918, Hix was approached by several men, including A.F. Barkley, and asked to run for county sheriff. Trixy had some reservations about this, but her husband still got the best piece of fried chicken and his favorite kind of pie at home after he was elected.

"Mother thought that Dad was the smartest guy in the world, and he doted on her," comments Beth. "She thought there would be some danger involved with the job of sheriff and that worried her, but she didn't work against him," adds Ruth.

After the 135-vote countywide election, Hix served a three-year term as sheriff from 1919-1922. One of his friends, Alvino "Skeet" Richardson, ran against him in 1922 and defeated him by two votes, but after 1928, Hix ran against Skeet for the office of sheriff. He won this time and was re-elected for eight consecutive two-year terms. He was later known to comment that Skeet had "done a better job than I could have," during what was known as the county's "lawless period" (mid-1920's) because of the increased criminal activity associated with the oil boom heyday in and around Borger.

During his first years in office, Hix established his own kind of law enforcement, which, in these early days, turned out to be entirely effective. He never made one arrest in three years, but he sent word to accused parties to come and see him at his office, and usually they did! There are even accounts of gentle reminders to those who didn't show up within a reasonable time in the form of mailed postcards.

"His technique was to talk people into using their common sense to solve problems," explain Ruth and Beth today. Both remind the reader that these were the "law-abiding" days of Hansford County. "Dad didn't carry a gun, because he was a modest man and there just wasn't that much crime," reports Ruth. The sisters recall that the Wilbanks family knew something was really happening when Hix did come home to get his gun. "He didn't talk much about his job to any of us, even Mother," says Ruth, "but of course we heard later what the situation was, because it was a pretty small place where we lived." When the Spearman School caught on fire in 1923, Hix used his gun, shooting it three times in the air, to alert the townspeople, who arrived to form a firefighting brigade. Sheriff Wilbanks kept his gun "handy" in later years, often in his car.

There was no jail in Hansford County prior to Skeet Richardson's term of sheriff from 1922-1928, so prisoners were chained to

a bench and guarded until their trials or put in "the calaboose," an old railroad car with poorly fitted windows and doors. Richardson helped to design the jail in the mid-twenties, which was located behind the modern-day county courthouse in Spearman.

In addition to collecting and assessing the taxes, Hix was called out to deal with domestic quarrels, raid bootlegging operations, and deal with thieves and vagrants. "There was some petty theft in those days," Beth admits, "but sometimes during the Depression, it was just hungry people stealing food." The sisters remember one case in which a boy from Oklahoma stole some chickens. During his trial, the young man's wife and baby stayed at the Wilbanks' home. After he was let go, the family left Hansford County, but every year after that, Christmas gifts arrived from them for Hix and his family and the man never broke the law again.

"Dad didn't believe in putting a first-time offender or teenagers in jail," explains Ruth. "He would bring them home instead." The women remember nights that their mother got them out of their bed, put them in with their sisters, and remade their bed for one of these young men in trouble with the law.

Hix Wilbanks is best-known for two things in the county's fifth decade of history: the responsi-

bility he held as sheriff for inspecting farms and ranches for loan approvals in the bankrupting thirties, and his detective work in solving the county's murder mystery in 1941.

According to a 1953 newspaper report on the sheriff's life, written by Margaret Kirk, part of Hix's job in the '30's was "to go out and inspect farms before farmers

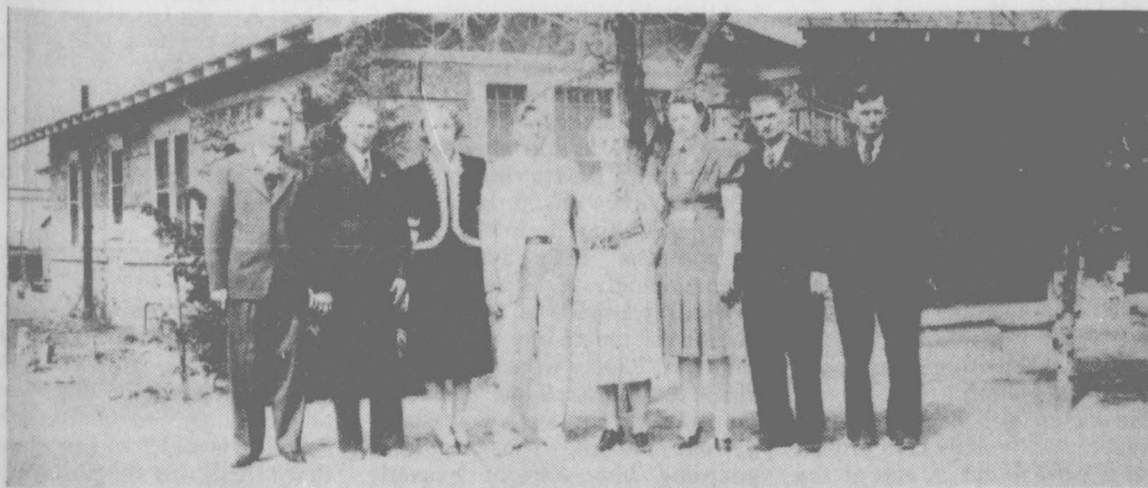
could get a loan that would help them hang on a little longer." According to local residents, "He never did find a farm that he couldn't approve for a loan!"

Then came a murder mystery that was to make "the sheriff who didn't wear a gun" a household name to detective storyfollowers for many, many years. The story could be titled "The Case with

Only One Clue."

It began when Noble Watson spotted a body at the bridge of Cold Water Creek on his way to Gruver. It was about eight in the morning on March 20, 1941. He approached the body and saw that it was a woman "who appeared to be dead." (These and the follow-

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Susan and Floyd Wilbanks celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Spearman in March of 1940 with a gala celebration at their home. This home, shown in the background, was the first house constructed in Spearman in about 1920, and was made of hand-formed concrete blocks. The Wilbanks' anniversary party was attended by over 500 well-wishers and family members and as a surprise finale, the 54-piece Spearman Band marched to the home and played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" at the end of a delightful concert. The Wilbanks' 50th Anniversary marked the second time in Hansford County History that a pioneer family celebrated such

an occasion without a death in the family during fifty years. [see today's "trivia" article.] The Wilbanks wedding anniversary party was considered by many to have been the best and biggest celebration in the county's history up to that point, and with good reason. This couple was not only well known, but well loved, too! Those pictured here are [l-r] Lawrence Wilbanks, Henry Wilbanks, Fay Wilbanks Klutts, Floyd D. Wilbanks, Susan Wilbanks, Spray Wilbanks Bradford, Virgil Wilbanks, and Hiram Wilbanks. Hix Wilbanks was a first cousin of this family.

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Austin archeologists explore PDRA site

Archeologists have arrived at the Palo Duro Dam site to look at some 20 odd sites on the PDRA property. They have arrived from Austin where they are employed by Archeological Research, Inc., a publicly-owned corporation.

From the studies and testing the group did two years ago at the site, the group found material that dated back to (by carbon testing) some seven or eight thousand years old.

Peter Nichols, one of the archeologists, said that two or three of the sites or finds from their last visit had already been washed away by flooding. This seems to support the idea that Johnnie Lee, PDRA general

manager, told members of the State Historical Commission. His views were expressed something like this, "If you don't let us build the dam, all of the sites will be washed away by flooding anyway."

The group of archeologists at the PDRA site now is made up of five persons. About the first part of June, they expect to add eight more to the team.

The work of the archeologists is not expected to slow the progress of construction at the dam site in any way, as the archeologists studied the sites closest to the actual dam construction on their last visit.

The archeologists commented that the finds found so far at the PDRA site showed good preservation due to the soil conditions. The creek bed had kept the finds wet or damp, and the lack of acidity in the soil also kept the finds in good condition. The quality of the finds has brought about a hope for some exciting prospects. A paper written by some of the archeologists of the PDRA site brought response from a college professor who studies this type of evidence. He

expressed his desire that more finds from the site might help explain some of the tribal movement of distinctly different bands of Indians in the area. No other evidence, as yet, has provided this information.

Also on the positive side for local history enthusiasts, the local Stationmaster's House Museum will be the curator of the finds. This was allowed due to the work

of the archeologists and local historians, along with the help of some at the State Historical Commission. It is unusual for such finds to be allowed to stay in the area. Certain standards must be met for this to be permitted.

Of the more than 20 sites the archeologists will review, it is not known how many of these sites will be chosen to study further. That decision will be made in the months to come.

Alliance plans service

The Spearman Ministerial Alliance has set a community-wide worship service as a part of the Hansford County centennial celebration. A choir made up of people from throughout the community is being formed to sing for this service. The service will be held Sunday, June 4, at 6 p.m. in the Spearman High School auditorium.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this choir can do so by attending

the rehearsals. Rehearsals are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church Wednesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 31. Those wishing to sing are asked to bring a pencil. The music will be provided.

The choir will be under the direction of Carol Pack, music director at First Baptist Church. Sheryl Meek will be accompanist for the choir.

City Council agenda announced

The governing body of the City of Spearman will meet at 8 p.m. on May 23 for its regular business meeting at City Hall.

After consideration of the minutes of the last meeting, the council will consider a drainage study report for the alley between the 700 through 1000 blocks of Gibner Drive and Walter Wilmeth. The report will be presented by Brandt Engineering.

Next, council will consider awarding a purchase contract for a heavy-duty self-propelled sanitary landfill compactor for use at the municipal landfill.

Council will then move on to consideration of approving the final plans and specifications of the fire and emergency medical service station expansion project and authorizing the advertisement of bids.

Then council will consider

appointing citizens to several boards, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Electrical Board, Housing Board, Charitable Solicitation Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Airport Board.

Council will then consider appointing an assistant fire chief, captains and a secretary/treasurer for the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

Next, council will consider awarding a purchase contract for computer software for the police department and municipal court. One-half of the purchase price would be paid with a grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Division.

Council will then hear the proposed budget for the Hansford County Appraisal District for the 1989-90 year. Then they will hear a report for the city manager concerning unlicensed drivers of

mopeds on city streets.

Consideration of a resolution approving the revisions to the personnel rules and regulations for the City of Spearman, will be next on the agenda for council, and city's membership in the American Public Gas Association will be discussed. Council will also consider authorizing the Public Housing Authority to keep the past several years of payment in lieu of taxes.

The last scheduled item on the agenda will be the consideration by the council of appointing Jim McWilliams as Director of Public Works and setting compensation if approved.

Council will then open the floor to any other business citizens may have before adjourning the meeting.



Betty Boren of the National Child Safety Council presents Joe Raper, Public Safety Director, with an award for contributions to the safety of children. Mrs. Boren is back in Spearman to provide more child safety materials to the children of Spearman schools. The materials selected by the schools are being used by the teachers in programs for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Council's goal this year is to provide materials to

the children and parents on dangerous people, drugs, and other concerns including bicycle safety and crime prevention. Mrs. Boren also stated that 100% of the funds collected in the area for the program are used locally. Chief of Police, Joe Raper, notes, "I feel as though these programs are extremely beneficial to the children and their parents and will make each a more informed citizen of Spearman now and in the future."

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ing facts are taken from the official trial record.)

Watson got back in his truck, hurried to the nearest farm house, W.U. Cook's, and telephoned Sheriff Wilbanks. Law officials rushed to the scene and found that the woman, who appeared to be in her mid-forties, had died from head wounds. Plaster casts were taken of footprints and tireprints near the body.

Cook had seen a dark car with a white stripe heading toward Stratford earlier that morning with two people in it, but then the car returned traveling east with only a driver in it. There was no identification on the woman and the labels had been removed from her clothing, but the next day, Coy Holt and Fred Linn, Hix's deputy, found part of a green purse on the highway one mile west of Spearman near Horse Creek Bridge and a hammer near the Farwell Draw Bridge. This hammer was proved to be the murder weapon, as hair and blood taken from it matched those of the victim.

The victim still had no name, however, and the only clue proved to be a label found in one of the shoes. This label said "Sydell's Shoe Store." Hix sent one of his deputies, J. B. Cook, to Amarillo with the shoes and there, in an extraordinary coincidence, a traveling salesman who just happened to be in White and Kirk's Store identified the store where the show came from as one in Marion, Indiana.

Leaving his deputies to continue their investigations into the missing car and its driver, Hix left for Marion, Indiana accompanied by Deputy Buster Cator. There, a clerk at Sydell's Shoe Store identified the shoes as those sold to Mrs. Leota Murphy, and the Texas "detectives" located this woman's relatives. There, relatives informed Hix that Leota had left on a honeymoon with a man calling himself Robert E. Lawrence, whom she had met through some kind of lonely hearts correspondence club. Lawrence had convinced her to sell all her personal belongings and take the money with her in a money belt.

In the meantime, Deputies J.B. Cook and Fred Linn had discovered the license number of the dark car. It was traced to a Chicago woman who said she had loaned it to Orrin J. Brown between March 10th and 22nd. A relative of Leota's in Poteau, Oklahoma had seen the couple on their trip and was taken to Spearman to identify the body. A positive identification was made by this man.

Orrin J. Brown, it turned out, lived in Chicago and already had a wife. His apartment there was staked out by Hix, Cator and six men from the Chicago Homicide Division of the city police department. The cooperative Mrs. Brown lured Orrin J. Brown back to Chicago by promising him some jewelry. After a week, Orrin Brown returned to the apartment and was arrested and escorted back to Texas.

Mr. Robert E. Lawrence and Orrin J. Brown were the same man, and there was much evidence linking him to the murder of Leota Murphy. Brown was jailed in Hansford County's facility and his trial took place in May of 1941 in the district court. In spite of his denial that he had ever known the murder victim, the jury found him guilty and sentenced him to death. Brown was later executed at Huntsville Prison.

Erlis Pittman and Ward Spivey are believed to be the sole

surviving members of the 12-person jury that gave the guilty verdict in Orrin J. Brown's trial. "This case wasn't hard to judge, because of all the evidence," Erlis comments today. He recalls that the jury deliberated only an hour or slightly more before returning the verdict on Brown.

"The crime was certainly premeditated," he says, adding that letters were found among Brown's personal effects indicating that he was carrying on a correspondence with many women and trying to get them to marry him. "He was a wiry little devil and this woman (Leota Murphy) was just a gullible lady. He probably spent his whole life misrepresenting himself in order to rob women. We have no idea if Mrs. Murphy was the first victim or not, because he never did admit to killing her or anyone else," Erlis says.

Surprisingly, Erlis reveals that Brown's presence in Spearman's jail did not create any to-do in the county. "People were pretty calm about it," he explains, "because there was no way he was going to get out of there. Those deputies guarding him weren't exactly school girls!" On the other hand, there was certainly no feeling of sympathy for Brown, either, according to Erlis. "He was an arrogant little old thing," he comments, explaining that the murderer antagonized everyone, even his own attorney.

A final comment on the Murphy murder: Brown killed and dumped his victim in Hansford County thinking that he was "in the middle of nowhere" and the body would remain undiscovered for a long time. (He was probably interrupted while trying to stash the body under the bridge immediately after killing her.) Little did he know that people stuck together and helped one another in this Texas county, and that there was a very determined sheriff at the helm.

"Hix came out of this a big hero," his daughters Beth and Ruth say, "but he never thought of himself that way at all!" They explain that this crime and its solution was written up in countless detective magazines, but their father never wrote about it himself or even talked about it much, for that matter. Beth and Ruth claim Hix credited much of his success in bringing Orrin J. Brown to justice to the dedicated investigative work of his Hansford County deputies. The case also had its more personal moments, they reveal, as when their father and Buster Cator bought new hats in Chicago because their Texas apparel drew them a lot of unwanted attention.

"Hix felt responsible to the people of Hansford County during his years as sheriff," say his daughters, "and he was grateful to have the job during the Depression." Although their father experienced his share of sorrow in his later years, as when Trixy was killed in an automobile accident in 1959, he remained an optimist and loved to have people drop by for a visit.

"He was always optimistic," says Ruth, and Beth explains with a smile, "Most farmers are. They always think next year will be better if this year isn't good, and Dad came to this country when it was an unknown, so he always thought it held great promise."

In his nineteen years as Hansford County sheriff and many decades here as a much-admired farmer, father, and husband, Hix Wilbanks himself came to fulfill much of that promise.

Quiz Time!

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by Jean Ann Behney

Each week, the **Spearman Reporter** is featuring two quiz questions to go along with our Centennial Series of Hansford County history. Readers are invited to call in their answers by dialing 659-3434 and correct responses will be printed the following week.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

Short Answer Quiz Question: Who were Spearman's mayors in the years 1940-1950?

"Think About It" Question: What was the most profound effect World War II had on Hansford County and why?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Short Answer Question: For what or whom was the town of MORSE named? Two Morse residents were contacted for this question and both agreed on its answer. Roy Harris and Tom Dortch report that Morse was the surname of a Rock Island Railroad official from Chicago. Readers will recall that Spearman was a Sante Fe railroad surveyor. Many street names in Hansford County are the surnames of railroad officials as well.

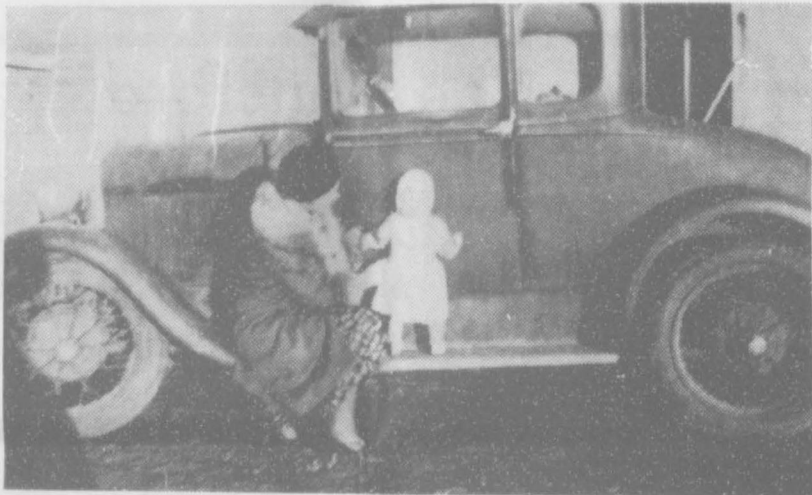
Think About It Question: Which was the greater devastation for Hansford County--the Great Depression the entire country underwent after 1929 or the Dust Bowl era this specific region of the United States experienced? A

reader (who declined to answer the question, by the way!) told me this question was like choosing between cancer and a heart attack; in other words, both the Depression and the Dust Bowl were terrible times for Hansford County. J.B. Buchanan and Buddy Etling were willing to come down on opposite sides of the issue, however, and we are pleased to report their answers.

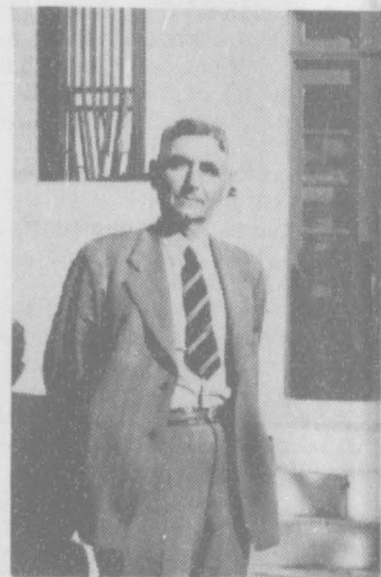
J.B. thought that the Great Depression was worse for Hansford County, because it affected everyone adversely, not just farmers and ranchers. He cited the fact that while some farmers lost their land, even people in salaried positions had to do without. The school board could not pay its teachers, for example, and had to use script. The Depression affected the entire country and only intensified the Dust Bowl and its devastation in the Panhandle.

Buddy saw the Dust Bowl as the worse of the two, arguing that it was more injurious to health and land and the general welfare of Hansford County than the Depression was. He also believed the Dust Bowl brought more disillusionment, heartache and personal sacrifices to people here than did the Depression.

There is no right or wrong answer, as we have stated previously, but we would love to hear from some others on this question. It concerns a period of Hansford County history that must never be forgotten or ignored! G.W.? Don and Dorothy? Wren? Pauline? We are waiting!



The running board of this early 1930's Ford was a handy perch for year-old Margarette Wilbanks Evans as she posed with her mother, Nellie. The hat, or tam, worn by Mrs. Wilbanks was a very popular fashion item in this era.

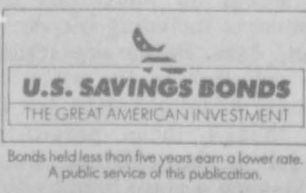


Sheriff Hix Wilbanks of Hansford County from 1919-1922, and 1928-1945.



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Staff bids editor fond farewell



A group of us at the **Spearman Reporter** was talking about the written test taken to get a Texas driver's license. One person was nervous because she was going to take it that day and didn't feel she had studied enough, but another said, "Oh, all you have to do is get 70% correct to pass."

Karen Goodman, our editor, looked up with a smile. "But I would want to earn 100%," she commented.

That remark does more to personify Karen than anything else we've ever heard her say, because she is an individual who never gives less than her best effort. In the past ten months that she has published the three county newspapers, Karen has worked countless 16-hour days, not even stopping to eat meals, in order to make the paper worthy of readers' time and money. The Saturday mornings that we were all sleeping in, Karen was down at the office, often with her family members helping, putting out the newspaper.

Her leadership during the regular work week created a positive atmosphere for staff members and, inspired by her dedication, we too began to do our part to improve the final product. And, in spite of a grueling deadline schedule and the smallness of our task force, the compliments started coming our way before long. These should have been directed to Karen, but unfortunately she rarely received them personally. She was always in the darkroom or

running to the printer in Perryton.

Karen could have merely tried to "pass" each week, but earning 70% has never been acceptable to her. In putting out a 100% effort, she has earned 100% - 100% improvement in the newspapers over the past year and 100% respect and admiration from those of us who know the sacrifices that effort required. We hope she - and our readers - realize how meaningful and wonderful her example has been, and although we regret her leaving, we know she'll soon be an inspiration to others in another work place.

Karen Means "Caring"

How do you say "Good-bye" To a boss that is your friend? Maybe we could say so long And not think of it as the end.

We've shared so many things In the office every day. The headlines came and went And changed us in a way.

Through it all we found a bond That each of us share. And even though you have to go We will always care.

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(Bye... we love you!)

by Sheila LaRochelle
May 1989

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Awards ceremony held for music students

Tuesday night, May 16, the music students, both bands and choirs, of the Spearman schools gathered at the Spearman High School Auditorium for the presentation of awards and recognition of the students that received other musical honors. The awards and recognition were as follows:

CHOIR

Elementary

Piano Solo

Matt Bailey (of Gruver) 1st; Tom Kirk 2nd; Wendy Woolley 1st; Kelly Shieldknight 2nd; Amy Schoenhals 1st; Tisha Ralston 1st; Michael Cummings 1st; Melissa Baker 1st; Michelle Garnett 1st; Vanessa Biggs 1st;

Vocal Solos

6th grade Josh Winegarner 1st; ensemble Mandy Lair, Heather Vinson, Mika Pipkin and Christina

Poole 1st;
7th grade Nikki Strawn 1st;
8th grade Brad Butler 2nd; Michael Cummings 1st; Brett Coates 2nd; Sammy Graham 1st; Michelle Garnett 1st; ensemble Alisha Zabin, Carla Burton, Carmela Gercken, Michael Cummings, Kim Slater 1st;

6th graders At the Festival received trophy for sweepstakes and were named outstanding 6th grade choir overall.
7th & 8th 1st in concert and 2nd in sightreading

Junior high choir

Outstanding girl Michelle Garnett
Outstanding Boy Sammy Graham
UIL solo and ensemble Michelle Garnett 1st; Elizabeth Pipkin 1st; Sammy Graham 2nd;

HIGH SCHOOL

Mechelle Graham - All State Choir member; Clint Patterson - All Area Choir member; Maranda Loomis - All District Choir and UIL
UIL solo & ensemble Mechelle Graham 1st; Maranda Loomis 1st; Clint Patterson 1st; Celebrate 12 1st; Shannon Baxter 2nd; Those receiving 1st divisions in the high school UIL choir contest will perform at state competition June 3.

Choir Contest Girls Choir - received patch for 1st; Mixed corale - received patch for sweepstakes; Director's award Maranda Loomis and Kathy Vanlandingham
Outstanding Girl & Boy Mechelle Graham and Clint Patterson.

BAND

6th grade

Outstanding Girl & Boy Nora

Nava and Joshua Castillo

7th grade

Outstanding Girl & Boy

Heather Baskin and Brad Delozier
Music Festival Awards

High School Band officers

Londie Bradley - president; Aprill Graham - 1st vice-president; Pete Ochoa - 2nd vice-president; Sandy Zamora - secretary/treasurer; Jennifer Reimer - brass captain; woodwind captain; Aprill Graham - percussion captain; freshman representative - Monica Blackman
Outstanding High School Band Member April Graham

John Phillip Sousa Award Londie Bradley

Music Booster's Scholarships

Choir Kathy Vanlandingham

Band - Mark Garcia

All American Hall of Fame

Seniors - Londie Bradley, Jennifer Reimer, Sandy Zamora

Juniors - Aprill Graham, Maria Gomez

All Region and All Area Orchestra

Aprill Graham - 1st chair timpani

Southwestern Oklahoma State University All Senior Honor Band

Jennifer Reimer

Texas Baptist All State Youth

Honor Band

Aprill Graham

UIL Region Solo & Ensemble

Jennifer Reimer - 1st; Aprill

Graham - 1st

State Solo & Ensemble

Jennifer Reimer, Aprill Graham

Greater Southwest Music Festival

Jennifer Reimer - 1st; Aprill

Graham - Outstanding 1st

All Area Band

Aprill Graham - 1st alternate

Five States Honor Band

Junior High

Sammy Graham - 5th tuba; Robert

Needham - 1st baritone.

High School Beverly Burton - 1st

alto clarinet; Karen England - 2nd

alto clarinet; Aprill Graham - 1st

timpani; James Macias - 5th

trombone; Alfonso Martinez - 5th

cornet; Jeremy Willingham - 2nd

baritone; Sandy Zamora - 3rd

baritone.

Panhandle Honor Band

Junior high

Brad Delozier - 1st timpani

High School

Monica Blackman - 6th bass

clarinet; Londie Bradley - 5th

trombone; Beverly Burton 1st
alto clarinet; Karen England -
2nd alto clarinet; Aprill Graham
1st timpani; James Macias - 10th
trombone; Cecely Porter - 2nd
contra-bass clarinet; Jennifer Rei-
mer - 3rd trumpet; Jeremy Will-
ingham - 6th baritone

Solo & Ensemble

Alma Martinez and Liz Fleming
2nd; Liz Fleming, Amanda Nob-
les, Jason Swink, Brad Delozier,
and Alma Martinez - 1st

Alan Hutchinson 1st, Nora Nava

1st, Joshua Castillo 1st, Trey

Porter and Tony Ortiz 1st, Clint

Sasser 1st, Heather Baskin, Alma

Martinez and Amanda Nobles 1st,

Alan Hutchinson, Trey Porter and

Tony Ortiz 1st; Brad Delozier 1st,

John Holt 1st, Amanda Nobles

2nd, Liz Fleming 1st, Grady Cline,

Jason Swink 2nd, Jason Swink,

Alma Martinez 1st, Mindy Hetzler

and Liz Fleming 2nd, Grady Cline

and Troy Brown 1st, John Holt,

Troy Brown, and Heather Baskin

2nd, Trey Porter 1st, Chad Gardi-

ner 2nd, Valentia Macias 1st,

Alma Martinez 1st, Chad Gardi-

ner 1st.



Aprill Graham received the Outstanding High School Band Member award and Londie Bradley received the John Phillip Sousa award.



Outstanding Girl for Junior High Choir - Michelle Garnett



Outstanding Boy - Junior High Band - Brad Delozier, Outstanding Girl - Heather Baskin



Outstanding Boy - Junior High Choir - Sammy Graham



Clint Patterson and Mechelle Graham receive the Outstanding Boy and Girl award for the high school choir.

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These students will be travelling to Austin June 3 to compete at the solo and ensemble contest there.



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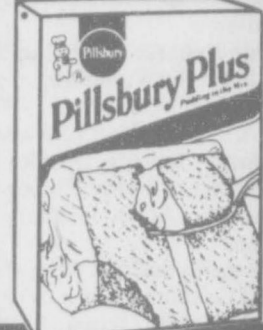
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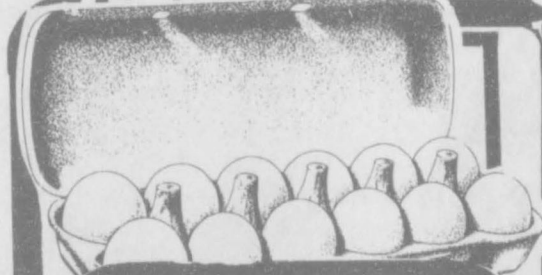
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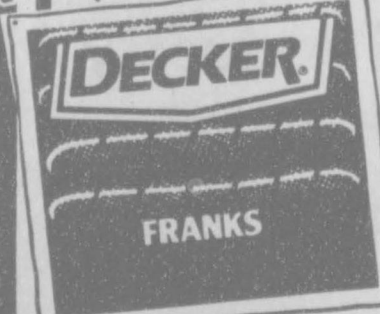


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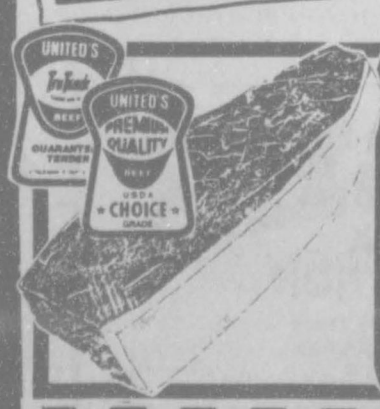
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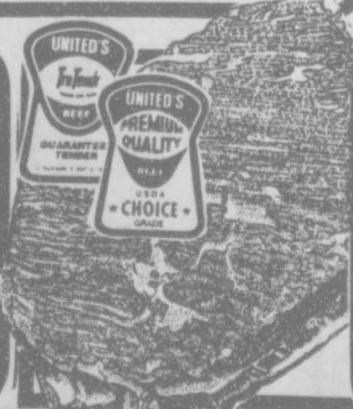
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9th day of May, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **HANSFORD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GEORGE ROOK ESTATE Cause # 347** and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Lot 1, Block 48 of the Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas

Levied on the 9th day of May, 1989 as the property of THE ESTATE AND HEIRS OF GEORGE ROOK, SR. BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 49, PAGE 124, IN HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,163.25 with interest from the 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of HANSFORD COUNTY, CITY OF SPEARMAN, SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
THIS 9TH day of May 1989.

R. L. McFarlin, Jr.
SHERIFF
HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS

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THIS 9th day of May 1989.

R. L. McFarlin, Jr.
Sheriff
Hansford County, Texas

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8:00 p.m. upstairs
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AL ANON

Cyclists to trek across nation to fight disease

The American Lung Association (ALA) will make fund-raising history next summer by staging the largest coast-to-coast bicycling fund-raising event ever held in the United States.

The \$2.5 million TransAmerica Bicycle Trek, scheduled for June 5 through July 21, will be the largest fund-raising event in the history of the American Lung Association--The Christmas Seal People.

More than 400 cyclists are expected to carry the American Lung Association name across the United States from Seattle to Atlantic City during the third annual ride designed to raise more than \$2.5 million in support of the ALA's mission to prevent, cure and control lung disease.

If you would like to be a part of this historic ride, simply contact your local American Lung Association or call the National Trek Hotline at (800) 433-0528 to receive a detailed information packet.

"It's an ambitious goal, but believe me, there are a lot of ambitious bicyclists throughout the country who want to support our fight against lung disease," said Pat Fuszek, Special Events Coordinator of the American Lung Association of Texas. "This could well be the finest experience of a

person's lifetime."

Each participant will raise at least \$5,000 toward the two million-plus dollar goal. The lion's share of the funds raised will be turned back to the local Lung Association represented by the participants to help prevent and control such diseases as emphysema, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis and asthma.

Last year's TransAmerica Bicycle Trek raised nearly \$2 million for Lung Association programs and services nationwide as more than 300 adventurous bicycle trekkers completed the cross-country journey.

"The willingness of these cyclists to take seven weeks out of their lives for the ALA cause is truly remarkable," said Fuszek. "Their grit and determination to complete this challenging journey says a lot for volunteerism in America today."

The American Lung Association is among the leading non-profit organizations making use of long-distance tours as fund-raisers. Its most financially successful and widespread events are known nationwide as "Treks for Life and Breath."

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Enzie Copeland returned Monday from a busy weekend in Austin. Thursday evening, their granddaughter, Lori Leland, and a friend, Doug Glover, of St. Louis arrived. Both are students at Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

Friday morning, they all drove to Austin for the wedding of the Copeland's son, Kim.

He and Velma Sue Garcia of Austin were married in an outdoor wedding on Saturday, May 13. The ceremony was held in the picturesque garden at the historic "Green Pastures" Inn.

They will honeymoon on the island of Saint Kitts in the Caribbean. Kim is the Computer Programmer for the Austin Community Colleges, and is also an instructor.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Irene Brown on her passing. One can have many siblings, many children, and even many spouses, but to each person is given one mother-always standing by-for consolation, for understanding, for admiration-after all others have rejected or abandoned one.

Sherrill Meek attended the naturalization ceremony in Amarillo on Monday for Little Jessica, three-year-old adopted daughter of Bonnie and Mike Shrode. The Shrodes are missionaries in Ecuador and are on leave with relatives in Canadian and Spearman.

The Tuesday **Amarillo News-Globe** published a picture of that

distinguished appearing gentleman, James Cunningham, together with an article regarding his election as District Governor of the Lion's Club for 1989-90 recently.

This was no surprise to his ex-students--they had already learned he could tame lions!!!!

Delbert Allen underwent hip surgery on Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's Hospital. At this writing the results are inconclusive.

Mrs. Allen is with him as are his sons, Leslie and Murphy.

Lifted from the **Perryton Herald** issue May 14, 1989:

"Two men were convicted in separate cases during district court May 9. In a jury trial, Perry Allen Washington was convicted of a third degree felony, interference with child custody.

The jury sentenced Washington to six years in the Texas Department of Corrections, and levied a fine of \$3,500.

According to the record, Washington's mother, Merle Inez Washington, picked up the three-year-old daughter on July 22, 1988 for regular visitation, and the child has not been returned since to her mother, who was divorced from Washington in 1987.

The child is still missing, as is the grandmother. The Ochiltree County Sheriff's Department and County Attorney Bruce Roberson has been busy pursuing several leads, and hope to locate the child shortly."



These girls are the new 1989-90 Spearman Junior High cheerleaders. They are [l-r] back Trixie Pearson, Ashly Shieldknight, and Kiki Kelp; [front] Lisa Lillard.

Girl Scout Camp to begin

Spearman is having a Girl Scout Day Camp open to all girls kindergarten - 6th grade. The theme is (skills) and the girls will be going on hikes, making crafts, singing songs and playing games.

Registration will be May 27,

Scout council sets date for yearly camp

Yucca Girl Scout Council has set dates for their yearly resident camp held at Boiling Springs State Park. Girls may attend one week or two weeks.

The one week session, The Sampler Session will be June 4 - June 9 and is for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. This session offers a sampling of a broad range of camp activities. They will live in cabins and have most of their meals in the dining hall.

Other sessions June 4 - June 15 include the Cabin Unit, Tent Unit, Bike Unit and Cadette Capers. The Tent Unit will have girls sharing a tent with her buddy, learning campcraft, outdoor cooking plus lots of special activities. This unit is for girls completing 6th grade and up.

For the Bike Unit, each girl brings her bike in which she will be riding many miles during the two week camp session. The unit offers an overnight trip away from camp.

Camp Capers provide older girls the opportunity to plan their own program, adding new challenges such as backpacking, water sports or career exploration. This session is for girls who have completed 8th grade and up.

Senior Girl Scouts who have completed the 10th or 11th grade are encouraged to apply as Program Aides. Those selected will share their skills with campers and assist employed staff.

Yucca Council invites girls who are not in Girl Scouts to come and participate in the camping activities. Registrations are available from the council office, Box 70, Guymon, Oklahoma 405-338-6414.

from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Girl Scout House 22 S. Endicott, Spearman. There will be two sessions. Session 1 (Mon. - Wed.) 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Session 2 (Thurs. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Fri. 6 p.m. - Sat. morning). Daisy's and kindergarten's cannot spend the night unless their Mother does. The location of both sessions will be at the Girl Scout House.

The cost for session 1 and 2 for registered girls is \$7. and non-registered girls is \$11. To go to both sessions, the cost for registered girls is \$10. and non-registered girls is \$14. Those not registered by May 27 will be charged an additional \$2.

Those attending all five days will receive a patch and Camp Tee-Shirts will be sold for \$5. for those wishing to buy one. If you have any questions or cannot make the registration date, please contact Rhonda Reichen at 659-2111.



Tony Pacheco

Catholic Women's

Guild awards scholarship

Catholic Women's Guild recently held a mass and dinner for all the seniors and parents. The seniors from the Catholic Church that are graduating this year include Maria and Pete Ochoa, Beatrice Lozano Comp, Benito Puentes, Tony Pacheco, Maria Vela and Jerold Blan.

The Guild expressed best wishes to all these young people and much success and congratulations.

The Women's Guild chose a scholarship winner for 1989, Tony Pacheco, Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pacheco Sr. and brother to Anna Pacheco.

He is very active in his church. He has held several offices in CYO, has been a Knight of the Altar for seven years, and twelve years in C.C.D., and has been elected to the Diocesan Youth Council for two years.

Born and raised in Spearman, he has attended Spearman Schools, and also held offices in different school clubs. He has been an honor student for four years and a member of the National Honor Society for three years.

Tony Pacheco is planning on going to college this fall. Sacred Heart Church congratulates the 1989 scholarship winner Tony Pacheco Jr., and expresses hope that he reach all his goals.

Karen's Kozy Korner

By Karen Babitske

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You can check your record yourself. Find out which credit bureau is used by the business where you plan to apply for credit. Contact the credit bureau to find out their procedure for obtaining a copy of your credit report. Some will only read you the record; others will provide you with a photocopy of the record. Some will only allow you to review the record at their office. You can get a free copy if you were denied credit in the past 30 days, or you may have to pay \$10 or more.

If you find an error and can prove that it is an error, put the complaint in writing to the credit bureau. That bureau must correct mistakes at no charge.

Center membership drive to end with ice cream social

The annual "Back A Youth" sustaining membership drive to raise money for the Hansford Activity Center is in full swing and will be ending Tuesday, May 23 with an ice cream and cake social at the Center at 7:30 for all workers.

Workers are urged to make all contacts before then and bring both cards and contributions that night.

Money collected goes toward keeping the cost of youth programs low enough for every child to participate if he/she wants to do so. Also, it provides memberships for those children who cannot afford one.

Many children and youth in our town participate in the varied programs provided by the Center.

If you haven't been contacted to give, and wish to do so, call 659-2591 and someone will come

pick up your gift. You may be billed later, or pay your gift by installments. All gifts, great or small, will be used. Remember, our children and youth are a valuable asset to our community, and your gift will be highly appreciated and will go to "BACK A YOUTH"!

Fort gets scholarship

Zoe Danna Fort, a student at Texas Tech University, is the recipient of the "Robert B. Price Scholarship." The scholarship is in the amount of \$350 and was awarded by the Texas Tech University Dads and Moms Association for the 1989-90 school year.

Fort is a senior animal production major. She is the daughter of Judy Irlbeck of Spearman and Larry Irlbeck of Spearman.

Students display cultural art work at county library

The "cultural arts-work" of sixteen Spearman children is currently on display at Hansford County Library until May 26. The exhibit showcases Spearman PTA's district entries in the National PTA Reflections program.

The results of the district-level selection were announced at the District 8 PTA Spring Conference in Amarillo. Following is a list of Spearman PTA's entries and their district awards. Those awarded a first place ribbon were forwarded to Austin for the statewide selection process.

Visual Arts - Pre-school: Erin Boxwell - 4th; Darcy McGee - 4th;

Primary (grades K-3): Chelsea Nollner - 2nd; Ashley Brown - 4th; Jennifer Schnell - 4th;

Intermediate (grades 4-6): Tina Baumgarner - 4th; Regan Boxwell - 4th; Trey Porter - 4th; Jr. High (grades 7-9): John Holt - 1st; Jason Sutterfield - 2nd; High School (grades 10-12): Pat Hunter - 1st;

Photography Primary: Lena Harbour - 4th.

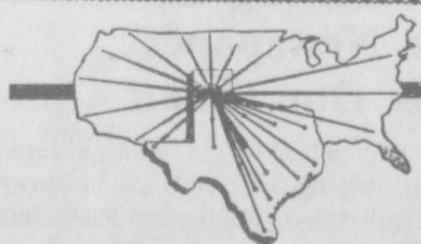
Music Primary: Kathryn Murphy - 4th; Intermediate: Benjamin Queener - 3rd.

Literature Primary: Kathryn Murphy - 1st; Janna Brock - 3rd; Chelsea Nollner - 4th; Intermediate: Tom Kirk - 3rd; and Regan Boxwell - 4th.

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