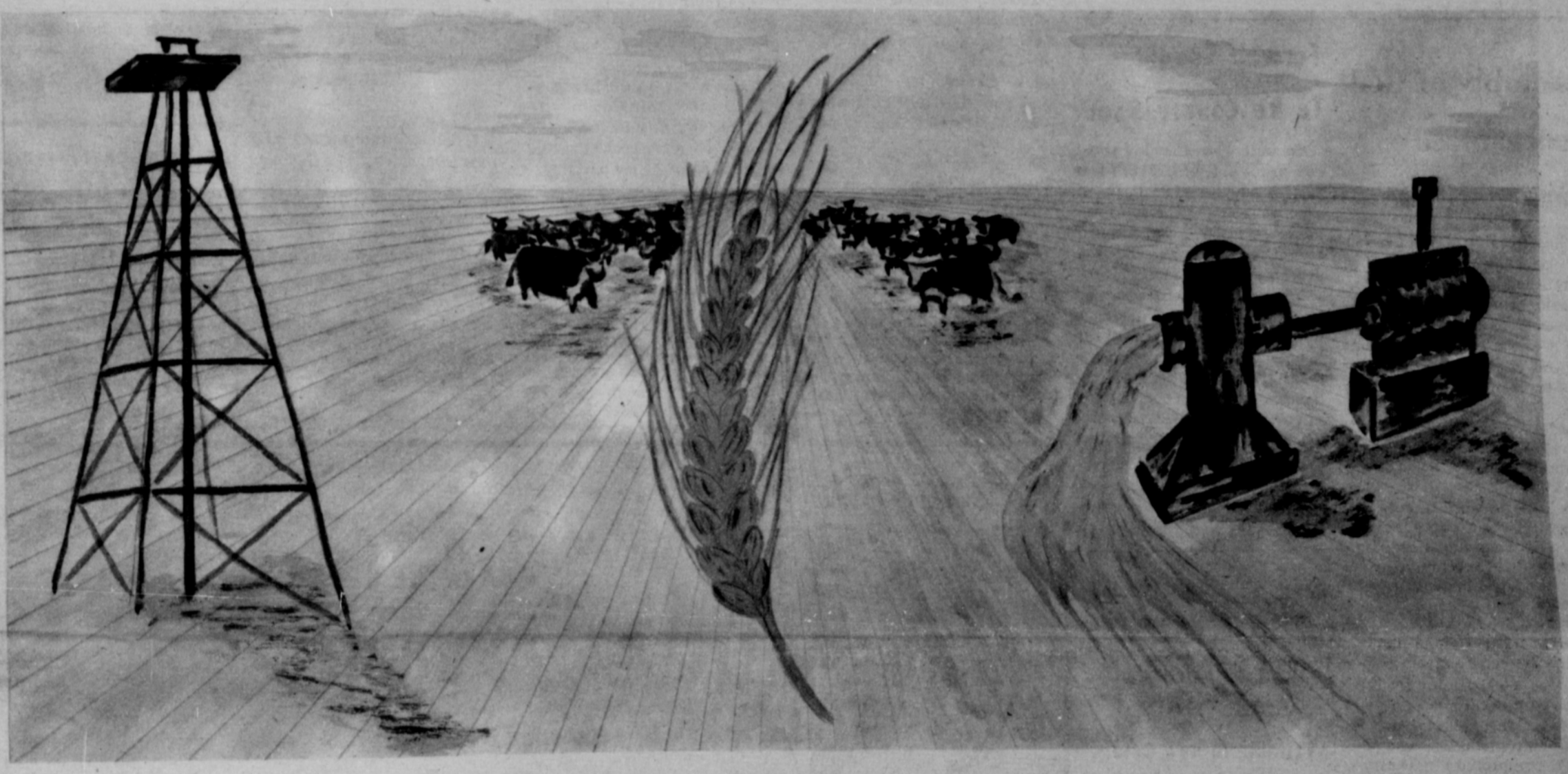
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HANSFORD COUNTY TEXAS



75TH ANNIVERSARY

Post Offices "Came And Went" in County

Records from Washington show many interesting facts about the history of Hansford County. The most outstanding facts lie in the Post Offices of the county.

In December of 1887, a Post Office was established at Appleton with the Postmistress being Addie L. Bayne. In February of 1890 it was discontinued and moved to Waverlon. Waverlon was located on the Palo Duro Creek to the west of Hansford. This office was established in February of 1888 with Ballard P. Ward acting as Postmaster until it was discontinued in November of 1890 and moved to Hansford.

Mulock Post Office was established in 1899. This office was located to the east of Hansford on the Palo Duro. Ira Murlock was the Postmaster, followed by Jennie Simmons, Henrieta Caldwell, Rosa Robinson, Austin Robinson and Lula Newcomb. This Post Office was discontinued in 1918 and moved to Hansford.

In 1904, Kirksey Post Office was established to the north of what is now Gruver. The Postmistress was Josephine Kirksey. This office was discontinued in 1906 and moved to Guymon.

The town of Lucern was established in 1908 with a hotel and Post Office. Tom Cook of Indiana was instrumental in starting this town. The Postmaster was John Barnes. The office was discontinued in 1914 and moved to Zulu.

The Spearman Post Office was established in May of 1917 with Hattie Maize as Postmistress. Others who have held the office have been Lyman J. Hillhouse and Claude P. Ellis, among others. Don Smith is the present Post Master.

In 1925, the Record Post Of ice was established with Lura Spivey as Postmistress. This office was discontinued in 1929 and was moved to Gruver.

The Gruver Post Office was established in 1925 with Blanch Jones as Postmistress. Josie Evans followed her in 1929. Others held the post until 1935 when Blanch Jones Tabor took the position back and has held it ever since.

The Morse Post Office was established in 1925 with Ruth Etta Powers as Postmistress. Leona Coffee took over in October of 1929 and following her were Roberta Kelly, Walter Franklin Harris and his daughter, Lerene Williams, who presently holds the position.

Jaycees Were Extended By Borger Group in '59

The Borger Jaycees came to Spearman in January, 1959 to extend the Spearman Jaycees.

The first meeting was held in March of 1959 and the charter was signed Feb. 27, 1959. The Spearman Jaycees were incorporated July 2, 1959.

Robert Adamson was the first president of the Spearman Jaycees. Other officers were J. D. Helms, vice-president, Jett Mason, secretary-treasurer and Frank Cockrell, Jimmy Shieldknight, James Pendergraft, J. L. Brock and Edward Dear were directors.

J. D. Helms, the group's first vice-president, is currently serving as president of the Jaycees.

FIRST TO ENLIST IN WORLD WAR I

Max Lackey was the first Hansford County boy to enlist when World War I was declared. Max is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lackey and now lives in California.

Dan Dacus and Roy Nollner were co-captains of the Lynx 1947 Regional Championship football team.

Morse beat the Spearman Lynxettes for the county basketball championship in 1947.

In 1952 the Spearman Lynx Band was led by Billie Greever, Drum Major, and Nancy Overton, Anne Riley, Noreen Cates, and Beverly Morse, majorettes.

Members of the 1952 Student Council at Spearman High School were Ed Goddard, Wesley Weston, Judy Meek, Andy Burleson and Billy Lackey.

Joel Lee Lackey and Frankkie White were freshman favorites at S. H. S. in 1948.

In 1947, the Lynx football team scored 221 points to their opponents' 70 points.

The Lynx won their first Regional title in football in 1947.

Grady Pearson coached the Lynx to their first regional title in football.

Cheerleaders in 1952 at S. H. S. were Nell Close, DeAnna Johnson, Janice Seaton, Mary Jane Cayton and Judy Meek.

County Was Named For Judge Hansford

Hansford County was named for Judge John M. Hansford, a controversial figure who came to Texas in 1937 and settled near Jonesville (Scottsville) in what is now Harrison County.

Judge Hansford led a colorful life, taking a leading part in the politics of his section of the state. (The county seat of Harrison County is Marshall, in extreme East Texas.)

In 1838, John Hansford was elected to the lower house of the Congress of Texas from Shelby County and was chosen Speaker of that body. On Jan. 31, 1840 he was appointed Judge of the Seventh Judicial District of Texas and served in that capacity until he resigned in 1842. The "Regulator-Moderator War" was at its height during this period in that section, and Judge Hansford was not entirely able to steer his way through this.

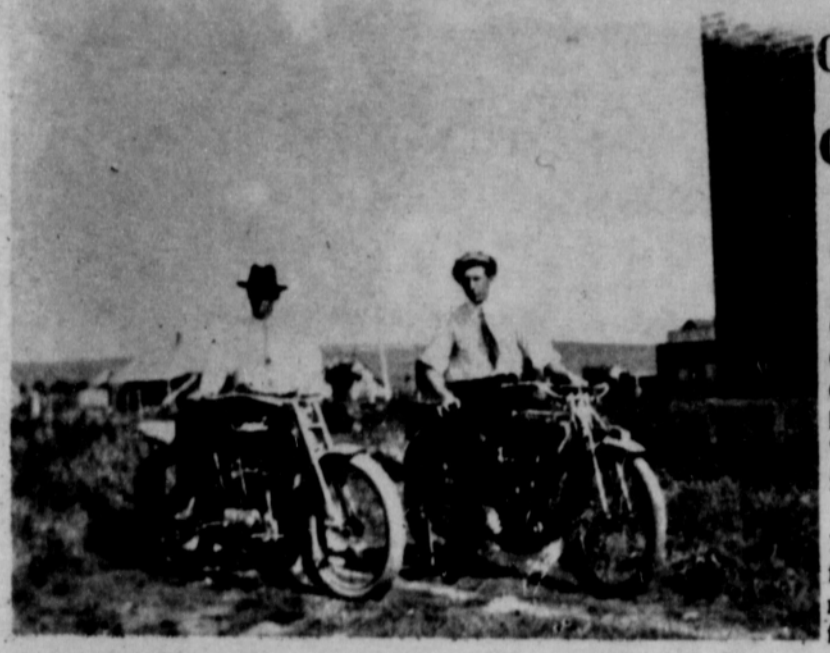
At that time he abandoned his Court because of the strength of the assembled mob. Articles of impeachment were at one time preferred against him, but to solve all difficulties, he resigned his office and the articles were withdrawn.

After leaving the bench, he retired to his farm near Jonesville. In 1844, while he and his wife were attending church one Sunday morning, a mob took possession of his place and demanded possession of some slaves he was holding under a writ of sequestration. Upon his return and his refusal to comply with their demand, he was shot and killed in the presence of his wife.

The town of Spearman was actually begun in about 1917 and was named for a Santa Fe surveyor who surveyed the railroad going into town.

"Cold" applied, according to Bancroft, to the River Rio in 1689, during DeLeon's espedition, as a testimonial to the low temperature.

The name "Rockwall" was given to that county for a very unusual reason. An underground rock wall, apparently built by a prehistoric race, gave the county its name.



DUDES— Johnny Spivey (left) and P. A. Lyon are shown on their motorcycles.

Community Bible Church in Gruver Began in 1961

The first Sunday School and Church services held by the Community Bible Church of Gruver were conducted by the Rev. Herbert Hughes on May 7, 1961 in the Gruver Memorial Building.

On Wednesday night, May 31, 1961, the Rev. W. L. Porterfield officially assumed his responsibilities as the church's first pastor.

The congregation, composed of 47 charter members, met in the Memorial Building until Sunday morning, Feb. 11, when the first service in the new brick building was held.

By January of 1961, all the indebtedness had been paid and the new church building was dedicated Sunday, Feb. 10, 1963.

During the life of the church there have been 29 baptisms, 23 professions of faith, four infants dedicated and two weddings. The present membership is 68 and the Rev. Porterfield still serves as pastor.

Alternate squares of liver with squares of bacon and broil. Brush with butter or margarine (melted) several times during the broiling.

Methodist Organize In Gruver '29

The Gruver Methodist Church was organized in 1929 with services held in the Gruver State Bank building until May, 1930. Following that, services were conducted in the Gruver School auditorium.

A large brick community church building was dedicated to the services of the various churches in Gruver Feb. 21, 1932 and the Methodists used it until they moved into their own new building.

The Gruver Methodist Church was on a circuit until November of 1937 when it became a full time charge.

In 1948, the Methodists purchased the old Community building but found it needed repairs so great that they decided to erect a new building.

They moved into the structure that they now occupy, a magnificient brick building, in November of 1951.

The membership of the Gruver Methodist Church is now 324 and the present pastor is the Rev. R. L. Kirk.

Ever cook beef brisket (on the top of the range or in the oven) in a barbecue sauce? Nice for a change.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK— This was a scene in early day Spearman when two banks were located here.

1954 cheerleaders at S. H. S. were Belva Sparks, Rose Coury, Elma Pool and Judy Meek.

All School Favorites in 1956 were Roena King and Chunky Blackburn.

Jimmy DeArmond was president of the senior class at S. H. S. in 1953.

Bobby Nollner was selected as Most Likely to Succeed in 1956, at S. H. S.

Nearly a fifth of the U.S. population one year and over moved between April 1961 and April 1962, according to the Census Bureau.

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Assembly of God Reorganized Here in 1948

The Assembly of God Church in Hansford County was first established in the early 1930's. For some time the Church worshipped in a rented building and in the homes of some of the new members. Because of the severity of circumstances the Church was disbanded in the mid-thirties.

In 1948 the Church was again organized. Mrs. W. D. Cooke, Mrs. Minnie C. Kirk, and Miss Flora Hoskins were largely responsible for the reorganization. The Church was organized with about ten members at that time. Attendance ran in the teens.

The Rev. W. E. Cox, one of the early pastors, and the members of the congregation constructed a building for the Church to meet in.

Today the Church has enlarged in membership and recently completed a new sanctuary. Attendance now runs in the sixties.

The Rev. J. V. Barker, present pastor of the Church has served the congregation almost 5 years.

Most Of The Pineapple

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's pineapple companies packed a total of 30,395,233 cases of pineapple fruit and juice last year.

Hawaii produces more pineapple than the rest of the world's growing areas combined.

Farwell Sought To Be County Seat

Farwell was founded about two miles east of Gruver (near what is now the Maupin farm) around 1885. The town was never platted, but the first school in Hansford County was probably located there.

When the county was formed in 1889 Farwell sent a rider to Old Mobeetie to seek the county seat at the same time that Hansford sent M. B. Wright for the same purpose. Later, after the town died, some of the buildings were moved to the Jones (Gwenfred Lackey) ranch.

Friction matches were first made in 1827.

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Court Records from 1889 Reveal County's Growth

March 23, 1889

First meeting of the commissioners court. Presiding officer-Jim Cator, Commissioners-Ira Neff, Bert Cator, A. J. L. Cator and J. H. Wright. Cler-Jos. Arnold, Sheriff-J. H. McGee, Treasurer-B. P. Ward and Counselor-W. H. Woodman.

September 14, 1889

(Because there was no courthouse the first county records were kept in Old Mobeetie.)

The Court ordered the county clerk to proceed to Mobeetie, Texas, to transcribe the records for Hansford County.

The court ordered that a stove be purchased for the county clerks office with sufficient coal for winter use.

January 2, 1890

The following treasurer's report was made and approved: Jury fund $10.13, R& B Fund $129.44, General Fund $212.39, Jail and Courthouse Fund $517.76.

April 29, 1890

A petition was filed requesting a special election to decide whether or not there should be a county school.

The tax rate would be 10¢ on $100 valuation.

The whole county would become one school district.

May 13, 1890

The court ordered that county bonds be issued in the amount of $12,000 for the purpose of building a courthouse and jail. The bonds were to be dated and signed on or before August 4, 1890, to run for fourteen years.

July 29, 1890

The clerk was ordered to insert advertisements for proposals to build a 40 feet by 40 feet, three story, stone county courthouse in the following newspapers: The Wichita Daily Eagle, The Kansas City Daily Star, The Topeka Daily Capitol and the Hutchinson Daily News.

September 1, 1890

The court ordered that $12,000 bonds be sold to the State Board of Education. The bid for the courthouse was let to Wenzel and Seymour Contractors and Builders from Kansas City, Missouri, for their $13,132 bid.

October 15, 1890

The builders were unable to obtain sufficient stone, so the court ordered that the courthouse and jail be completed with pressed hand brick at an additional cost of $5700.

November 11, 1890

The court ordered that county bonds in the amount of $6,000 be issued to complete the courthouse and jail in brick.

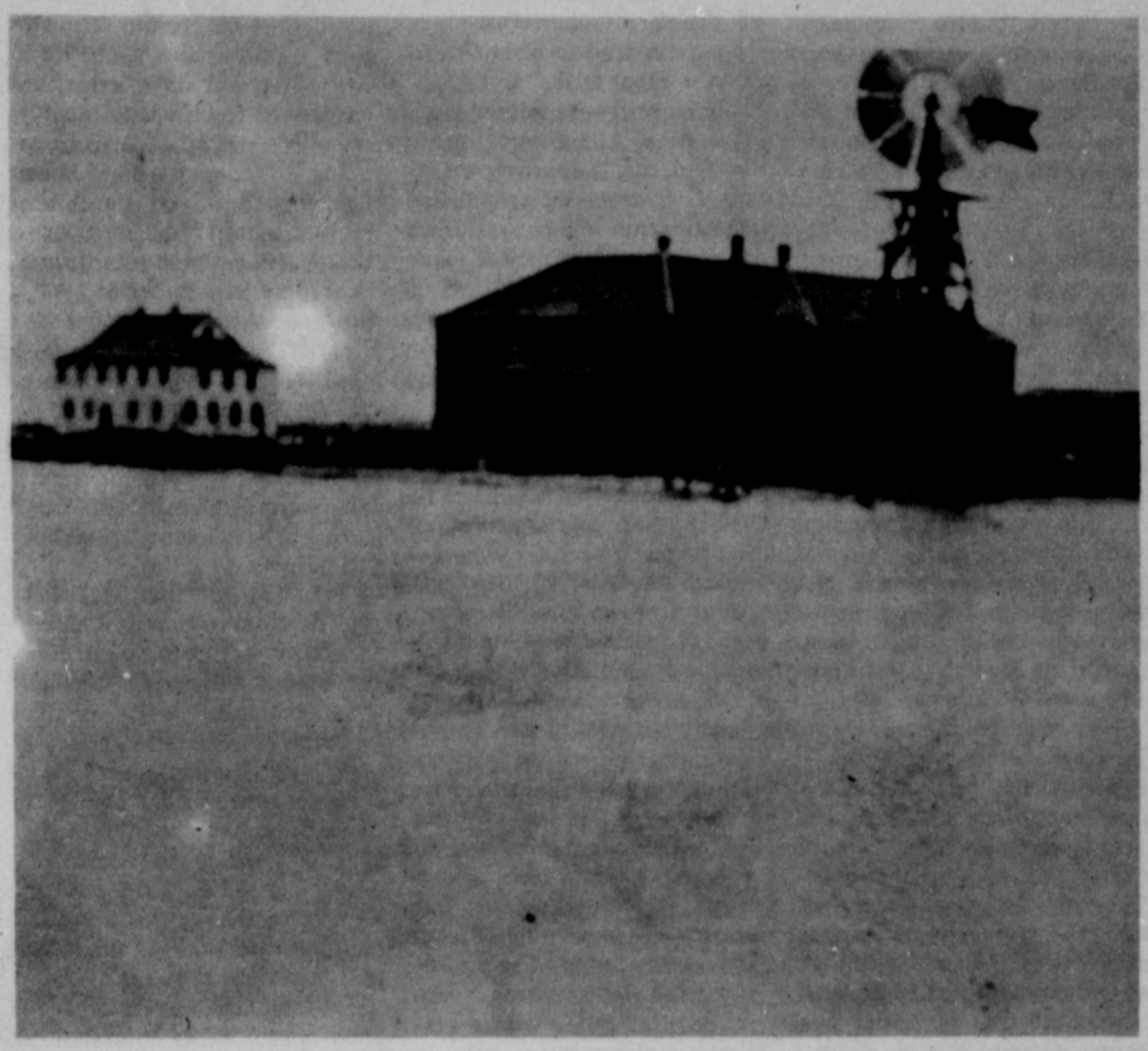
(On April 11, 1891, there was a tornado. Most of the houses were destroyed and many were not rebuilt. The people then lived in dugouts. The new courthouse was destroyed.

April 27, 1891

An agreement was made with Wenzel and Seymour to build a one story brick courthouse using whatever materials that were available. The roof of the structure was to be the same, except the tower was to be left off. This new courthouse was to be completed in July, 1891, and was to cost $5670. Hansford County was relieved from all liability and indebtedness on their previous contract.

May 11, 1891

A report was given on the disbursement of $100 for relief of Hansford sufferers was accepted and filed. Sixty dollars was accepted from Ochiltree to be disbursed to the sufferers by the county judge.



AT OLD HANSFORD— The Court House at Old Hansford is shown with the school in the background. This photo courtesy of Freeman Barkley.

August 10, 1891

Agreement between Wenzel and Seymour and Hansford County Commissioners Court: Will build one story brick courthouse using material on hand as April 27, 1891, plan-- tower on roof to be left off. Walls and partitions to be 13" thick. Plastering, same as original plan. Vault in basement. Double walls. Brick each wall to be 9" thick with 2" air space. Good concrete floor. Building to be complete September 29, 1891. Price $5675.

September 2, 1891

The court ordered that the courthouse roof be cut down in height from 10'6" to 5' and be covered with tin instead of shingles.

October 5, 1891

The court ordered the final acceptance of the courthouse. A written guarantee was to be delivered to the county judge that the roof would remain in good condition and would not leak for three years.

The county judge was ordered by the court to buy 2 stoves, ½ dozen cuspidors, 2 dozen chairs, 2 tons coal, 1 case coal oil, 3 hanging lamps, & sufficient lumber to make a judges stand and benches for the courtroom.

The court ordered that the county clerk have the windows, baseboards and floors of the courthouse washed or do this himself and put in a bill for the tasks.

March 28, 1892

The court ordered that M. B. Wright be instructed to clear away rubbish from around the courthouse at once. And the court ordered that L. S. Cator be employed to examine the courthouse roof, anchor it in the best manner possible, and do whatever soldering needed.

April 4, 1892

The court ordered that the old roof of the courthouse be removed and the new roof to be shingles.

April 18, 1892

The court let the roof contract for $1112. They also ordered that work be done in the cellar and on the doors and that the courthouse grounds be graded on an even slope.

May 8, 1893

The court asked that bids be accepted to put up a six wire fence around the courthouse square.

April 16, 1895

The court contracted to put down a well with a windmill 30' from the southwest corner of the courthouse square. The price of the mill and tower was $140.

June 10, 1895

The court paid $500.58 for the well and windmill.

August 12, 1895

The county was divided into three school districts. The court ordered that the sheriff be instructed to prohibit bathing in the county tank.

February 10, 1896

Wire fences were valued as follows: 3 wire fence $20.00 per mile, 2 wire fence $15.00 per mile.

May 14, 1900

The court ordered that all parties who wish to give a dance in the courthouse must first deposit $10 with the sheriff who will credit it to General fund. The courthouse must be kept in a condition that will be satisfactory to the sheriff.

November 12, 1900

The court ordered that $30 collected for use of the courthouse be sent to Galveston.

December 17, 1902

R. M. Richardson was employed to put in the window glass panes that are broken out of the courthouse for 10¢ per pane.

May 11, 1903

The court ordered that R. M. Richardson be paid 70¢.

August 10, 1903

The court decided to advertise for bids to stretch wire around the courthouse yard and to build a gate and water tank to be connected with the large tank. This was to be covered so that stock could not molest it.

June 13, 1904

The court ordered that the courthouse be repaired: reroof with tin and shingles, repair doors and window lights, cover entrance to the cellar on the south side, put new steps on the north and south doors. The court rejected shingles from a Guymon lumber yard. J. E. Foster was to get California red wood shingles from Canadian, Texas.

May 12, 1908

The Hansford and Guymon Telephone Co. were paid $11 for the phone box at the courthouse.

June 11, 1908

The sheriff is hereby notified to move all parties, except county offices out of the courthouse immediately.

August 10, 1908

Rall Richardson was paid $2.25 for 27 rabbit scalps.

July 6, 1909

The court ordered that all public gatherings of whatsoever kind or nature, except court, be prohibited.

July 31, 1911

The court ordered that Burroughs Adding Machine Co. be paid $375 less 2%, net $367.50 for an adding machine. (This machine is still in the clerks office in the courthouse.

October 11, 1919

The sheriff was requested to see that all automobile owners in Hansford County paid their registration and taxes and was to place numbers on the cars.

April 13, 1921

A petition was presented to call an election to Incorporate the Town of Spearman. The judge issued an order for the election to be held May 14, 1921.

June 6, 1921

Election return for the Town of Spearman: Mayor- H. E. James, Marshall-E. L. Byrd, Aldermen-F. W. Brandt, B. V. Andrews, R. L. McClellan, W. R. Mossey, M. C. Head.

December 14, 1921

The court ordered that an election be held Jan. 17, 1922 to determine whether 2/3 majority of the legal voters desired removal of the county seat from Hansford to Spearman.

January 26, 1922

Election returns: For Spearman 277, For Hansford 157.

November 14, 1922.

G. P. Gibner was appointed county health officer.

January 18, 1927

A petition was presented requesting an election to determine whether or not the county seat should be moved from Hansford to some other place in the county.

March 12, 1927

Election returns: To Spearman 654, To Gruver 307, Stay in Hansford 33.

The box in precinct 1 was contested and the clerk ordered to remove the ballots from the courthouse for safekeeping.

July 2, 1927

A petition was presented asking for an election to decide whether or not to remove the county seat from Hansford to Spearman. The election was to be held August 6, 1927.

August 12, 1927

The election resulted in favor of moving the county seat from Hansford to Spearman.

January 24, 1928

Court action on removal

March 14, 1929

An election to decide whether or not to move the county seat was ordered to be held April 20, 1929.

April 25, 1929

Election returns: For Spearman 876, For Hansford 13, For Gruver 399.

The sheriff was ordered and directed to move from Hansford to Spearman the following: All seals of office, books, records, documents, papers, furniture, fixtures, equipment and paraphernaliea of every kind and character belonging to, owned or used by Hansford County in connection with the transaction of said county now located at Hansford.

May 13, 1929

First session of commissioners court held in Spearman-no quorum.

December 14, 1930

The court decided to advertise for bids for a courthouse.

February 13, 1931

The court accepted a bid from Kreipke Construction Co. of Oklahoma City for construction of a courthouse for the sum of $41,449.

A bid was made for the Gruver Community Church by L. H. Gruver for $600 for the old courthouse at Hansford.

Catholics Worshipped Here 1900's; Church Wasn't Built Until 1950

As early as 1900 Catholic services were held in Hansford County. Fr. James Kelly was assigned to duty in the northern tier of Panhandle counties. There being no Church, he would stop at the Charles and John O'Loughlin ranch home for Mass.

Although Mass was offered at various homes through the years and later in the Court House, it was August 10, 1950 before a Church building was dedicated.

After Fr. Kelly, next in line came Fr. Clinton. By this time the Charles O'Loughlin family had moved away and Fr. Clinton now said Mass at the ranch house but with Mr. and Mrs. John O'Loughlin (Uncle John and Aunt Kate as they were affectionately known).

When the Church was dedicated in 1950, among those attending was Aunt Kate O'Loughlin of Santa Monica, Calif. who has since passed away.

Fr. Andrew Quante, now retired, was the first priest to offer the Holy Sacrifice of Mass outside a private home. Uncle John O'Loughlin again came to the rescue. He asked the well-loved sheriff, Hix Wilbanks, for permission to use the county court room on Sundays. Permission was given and Fr. Quante came from Borger twice monthly for Mass.

Fr. Daly and Fr. Washilla followed. Then Fr. Charles A. Knapp came each Sunday for Mass at the Court House and often on Holy Days (days set aside by the Church as comparable to Sundays). Mass was also celebrated in the late Joe and Mrs. Venneman's ranch house.

Fr. Mathew Schafle, Pastor of Borger, then took over Spearman as his mission and obtained an assistant from Dumas, Fr. B. J. Binversie. Fr. Benny, as he was affectionately known, was given the task of providing for the spiritual needs of the Catholics not only in and around Spearman but Perryton as well.

All this time money had been collected and invested looking forward to the day when a Catholic Chould could be erected in Spearman.

In 1949 land was purchased from Marion Glover and a five room rectory was built and furnished by the Venneman families. Fr. Benny could then be near his work.

Late in the fall of 1949, work was started on the first Catholic Church in Hansford County. Again the O'Loughlin and Venneman families played a great part in donating land and money for that purpose. J. L. Hurter, John Venneman and Dr. R. L. Kleeberger were appointed as trustees.

The Spearman Mission was made a Parish in 1950 and Fr. Bernard Binversie became the first pastor Feb. 4, 1950.

Others who have served the Church are Fr. Monroe Matthiesen, Fr. Gerard Lynch, Fr. Edward Kieran and the present pastor, Fr. Fred Hyland.

Only a few of the pioneer Catholic families lived to see the realization of their dreams, the erection of a Catholic Church in Spearman. Mrs. Joe Venneman, who makes her home in Amarillo and Spearman, is one of the remaining pioneers who came to the Panhandle when the going was rough, who kept the faith and helped make it possible for Catholics of the future to have a place to worship.

Denominations Jointly Formed Union Church

The Spearman Union Church was organized in the early part of 1921 and the Church was built and paid for. The church was dedicated in May 1921.

In charge of the services were the Morton Sisters and Dr. C. P. Nelson of Detroit, Mich. who were conducting a revival here at the time.

People of all denominations came to worship, as there was only one other church in town. And today all faiths still come to worship and are welcome.

The church has been remodeled to meet the growth that has been made in later years.

The original board of trustees were the following: E. A. Greever, Lon Hays, Edd Barber, Mr. Glover and L. M. Womble.

Of the more than 50 million enrolled in school at the start of the 1963-64 school year, 2.3 million were in kindergarten, 31.2 million at the elementary school level, 12.4 million in high school and 4.3 million in college or professional school.

Morse Celebrated Two-Railroad Prosperity in 1930

In 1900 this area was open range with no paved roads or fences, just wagon trails and half dugouts dotting the country side to serve as homes for the early pioneers. Four rural school houses served both for educational purposes and social gatherings. They were located at Lone Star, southwest of Nature's Park; Leib, which still stands midway between Morse and Pringle and was built in 1902 on land donated by Will Blakely; Centerville, two miles north of the present Jack Johnson place, and Alpha, located west of Pringle on the Logan land.

As early as 1908 there was an attempt made to route a railroad through this part of the country. A. E. Weist was the promoter of the scheme (which it turned out to be.) The line was to run from Dalhart to Dumas, then to Parksdale, northeasterly to the Jarvis land, then to Old Hansford on into Ochiltree county. Weist favored passing near the W. J. Morton ranch and the Leib neighborhood. Directors were named June 11, 1908, and the terms of the contracts stipulated that each section of land in the county was to be plastered with a $500 mortgage for a capital stock of $500,000 to get a charter and cuild a railroad which would be owned by the citizens. The surveyed route was found to have included a site of one man's chicken house which he declared he would not move. People began to look closer into the plan. One pioneer wife was quoted as saying to her husband, "We haven't been able to have a cow for these kids and you go and buy a railroad." It was discovered that this railroad attempt was a promoter's scheme before too much damage was done. Although this area needed a railroad, fate destined that it was to be the late 1920's before such an event was to occur in the Morse area.

With the building of the Amarillo-Liberal line of the Rock Island railroad, there was established a townsite at what is now known as Morse. It lies just over the line between Hutchinson and Hansford county with most of the town being located in Hansford county. It is exactly midway between Liberal and Amarillo. The schoolhouses from Centerville and Lone Star were moved into Morse and two school districts were formed with most of the Leib and Alpha areas going to Pringle. These events occured in 1929.

In November of 1930 the Santa Fe received a permit to build a line from Spearman to a connection with the Rock Island tracks at Morse. H. S. Durham, H. C. Coffee and a Mr. Burgess, all Amarillo men, were the promoters of the town.

With the coming of the two railroads to Morse a big celebration was held in the town. Among the dignitaries present were Lewis Nordyke who made the main address, Wes Izzard, and Gene Howe, newspapermen from Amarillo, and a number of high ranking railroad officials of both the Santa Fe and Rock Island lines. A big barbecue and lot sale was held, along with the parade in which Bones Hanks, driving a team of mules, and Roscoe Parks and H. I. Gay, acting as clowns, were featured. A rodeo was held in the afternoon and an airplane, something new to most people, was available to offer rides to the public.

Morse was the home of a great many business establishments during the early boom. Among these places of business were four lumber yards, a drug store and pharmacy, three grocery stores, two cafes, three service stations, three wholesale stations, four grain elevators, a dry goods store, a news stand, newspaper and printing shop, a doctor, telephone exchange, a barber and beauty shop and a cleaning establishment.

According to the first issue of the Morse Monitor, March 27, 1929, the future of Morse was bright with the headlines reading "Rock Island now constructing line from Morse to Dalhart," "Sante Fe to extend line to Morse", "Morse becoming center of railroads and state highways", "Many new businesses are locating, see great future ahead."

Other notes taken from the early editions of the Monitor include items concerning the establishment of the first post office, April 24, 1929, listing Mrs. Etta Powers as the first postmistress followed by Mrs. H. C. Coffee; the organization of a Sunday School with the first congregation gathering in the large store room at the Panhandle Lumber Company's office and later moving to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coffee. After the school buildings were moved into town, Sunday School was held there with the first corps of teachers being Mrs. A. J. Womble, Mrs. Bob Balentine, Mrs. Earl Hickle, W. L. Cotton and Mrs. Coffee. Rev. A. E. Fowler, a Baptist minister from Fort Worth, who was in Morse visiting his daughter, was the minister to deliver the first sermon. Each Sunday a different preacher occupied the pulpit.

School was held in temporary buildings until the completion of a new building in 1930. A Mr. Turman was the first superintendent followed by J. B. Speer who was a first rate promoter of the school. Mention of the school's first football team is made in the early editions of the Morse newspaper, dated Nov. 27, 1930. The Mustangs closed the season with five wins and three losses, playing against Stinnett, Plemons, Gruver, Spearman and Dumas. Boys making up this early day team were Woodrow Forrester, Gordon Parks, Willie Ray Gay, Earl Madden, LeRoy Sheets, Ollie Roy Stevenson, Alton Mowery, Henry Davis, Fred Womble, Lewis Harbour, W. Holman, Harrison Cambern, Branch Sheets, Fredrick Forrester, Mike Balentine, Frank Womble and Horace Tompkins.

Organization of the Morse Chamber of Commerce was in 1930 with Roy Womble heading the organization.

Fred Kreigner, who directed the band at Leib for many years, organized a community band at Morse in 1930 with Alva Henderson elected as president and Willis Lackey as secretary. Other members of this early day band were Ralph Forester, Woddy Forester, Fred Womble, Fredrick Forester, Frank Womble, Bruce Womble, Clyde Miller, Mack Dortch, Earl Hickle and Cecil Webb.

Another interesting note gleaned from the files of the Monitor is the mention of a bank to be established in Morse. Evidently, from the printed record, all but a few shares of stock in the bank had been placed by December of 1930 and the stockholders were rushing completion of the bank papers in order to be ready to open by the middle of January. A congratulatory letter from the late Dr. G. P. Gibner of Spearman appeared in one copy of the paper, commending the town on securing such a bank.

In the same issue of the paper there was an announcement that Morse would have gas within six weeks.

What happened to the proposed bank, the gas, many of the business establishments, the predicted bright outlook for this town" The answer can be found in two phrases. "the dirty thirties and the depression which followed." The town was new, the businesses were still feeling their way and had little reserves to fall back upon, and many of the farmers themselves were faced with bankruptcy.

One by one the businesses closed their doors, people moved their homes to greener pastures, many farmers gave up and moved on, but a remnant held on through those terrible years.

After the depression lifted and the prosperity of the war years came, other towns that had been standing still began to move forward, but Morse was not one of them. The oil fields, located to the south and west of the town, were close enough to make the town grow, but there were no houses for rent, there was no natural gas, and much of the town property had to go through a process of law to receive a clear title.

Some still maintained that, given time, Morse would grow: to others, this dream was a fantasy. The school struggled, a consolidation move was urged by some, a attempt was made to move the senior class to a neighboring school. All of these things were defeated by people who still saw a ray of hope for our town and community.

Then, irrigation came in full force to this area. Mike Ballentine had drilled a well in the 1940's, but old timers shook their heads. Irrigation---here--it would never work. Then Henry Reid put down some wells and in 1951 Earl Henderson and H. B. Parks drilled a well. Today, irrigation is a common rather than a rare thing. It seems to be part of the answer for the farmer's problem, and perhaps the town's problems too. The editor of the Morse Monitor probably could have told us this thirty years ago, for he wrote in his opening edition "Hansford County has a wonderful and abundant water supply; it is underlaid with a veritable ocean of water."

History has recorded Morse as a town with a bright and promising future when it was established, and a courageous community when it held on during the depression. Growth was almost nonexistent for a few years, but since irrigation has proved to be economically sound, and an experiment is being made with sugar beets in this vicinity, the future looks brighter. Four new businesses have been established here since September of 1963, the school enrollment has increased, several new homes have been built and people are constantly inquiring about houses to rent. There are none for rent at the present time, but there is a plan being discussed to build some houses for this purpose.

Two years ago the local 4-H club decided to promote Morse through the Community Improvement Program. Through this program a community building has been secured, a park is being developed, house numbers, street signs and rural directories have been placed, various safety projects have been carried out, telephones have been secured and the community is working together to gain what they need. The Lion's club has been most active in promoting community betterment. One of their most outstanding projects was the caliching of the streets of the town and the cleanup of the city dump.

School Menus

MONDAY, APRIL 20
Tomato Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Spinach
Dill Pickle Spears
Fruit Salad
Crispy Corn Bread
Butter Milk
TUESDAY, APRIL 21
Baked Ham Slice
Buttered Corn
Lyonnaise Green Beans
Carrot-Pineapple Salad
Ripe Olives
Chocolate Cake
Bread
Milk
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
Smothered Steak
Buttered Rice
Seasoned Peas and Carrots
Combination Tossed Salad
Peach Halves
Coconut Bars
Bread
Milk
THURSDAY, APRIL 23
Baked Wieners
Chili Sauce-Buns
French Fries-Catsup
Seasoned Blackeyed Peas
Butter Cake-Lemon Sauce
Milk
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
Hamburger-Mustard or
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Seasoned Beans
Potato Chips
Sliced Tomato, Onion, Pickles
Cherry Cobbler
Milk

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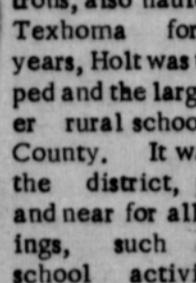


Calvin Holt

Community Named For Calvin Holt

The Holt Community is located 14 miles southwest of Spearman. The father of the Holt Community was Benjamin Calvin Holt. He was born Sept. 2, 1878 in Centralia, Mo. and moved to Hutchinson County in 1898. He and Berda Maye Kirk were married Nov. 5, 1905. To this union six children were born, O.C., Maudie, Myrle, Newton, Fred and Nolan. Mr. Holt filed on some land and spent the remainder of his life on the farm and passed away Sept. 21, 1952. He donated seven acres of land for the Holt school and cemetery, which were named after him. The first one teacher schoolhouse was built in 1907. The patrons donated their time and hauled the lumber by wagons from Channing to build the schoolhouse. The first teacher was Walter Harris in 1907. As the community grew, a three teacher schoolhouse was built in 1916. The patrons, also hauled lumber from Texhoma for the house. For years, Holt was the best equipped and the largest three teacher rural school in Hutchinson County. It was the center of the district, people came far and near for all kinds of meetings, such as track meets, school activities, Sunday school and church, community plays, singings and picnics. The Holt school district consolidated in 1935, half of the district with Spearman and half with Pringle. Medlin Patterson drove the first Holt school bus to Spearman and Charles Davis drove the first school bus to Spearman and Charles Davis drove the first Holt bus to Pringle. The Holt Community was more like a large family and there remain a lot of happy memories.

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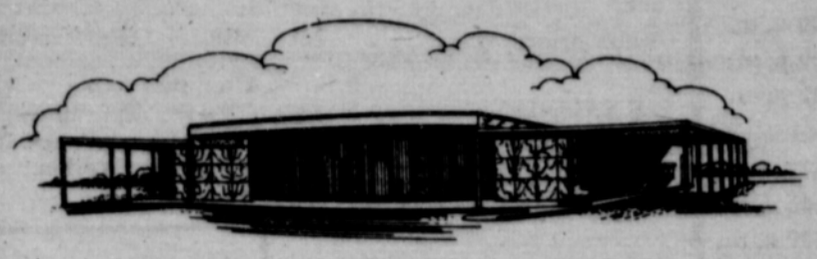
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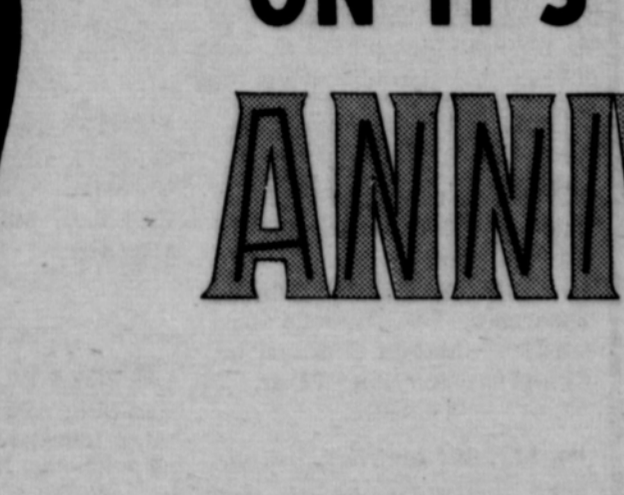
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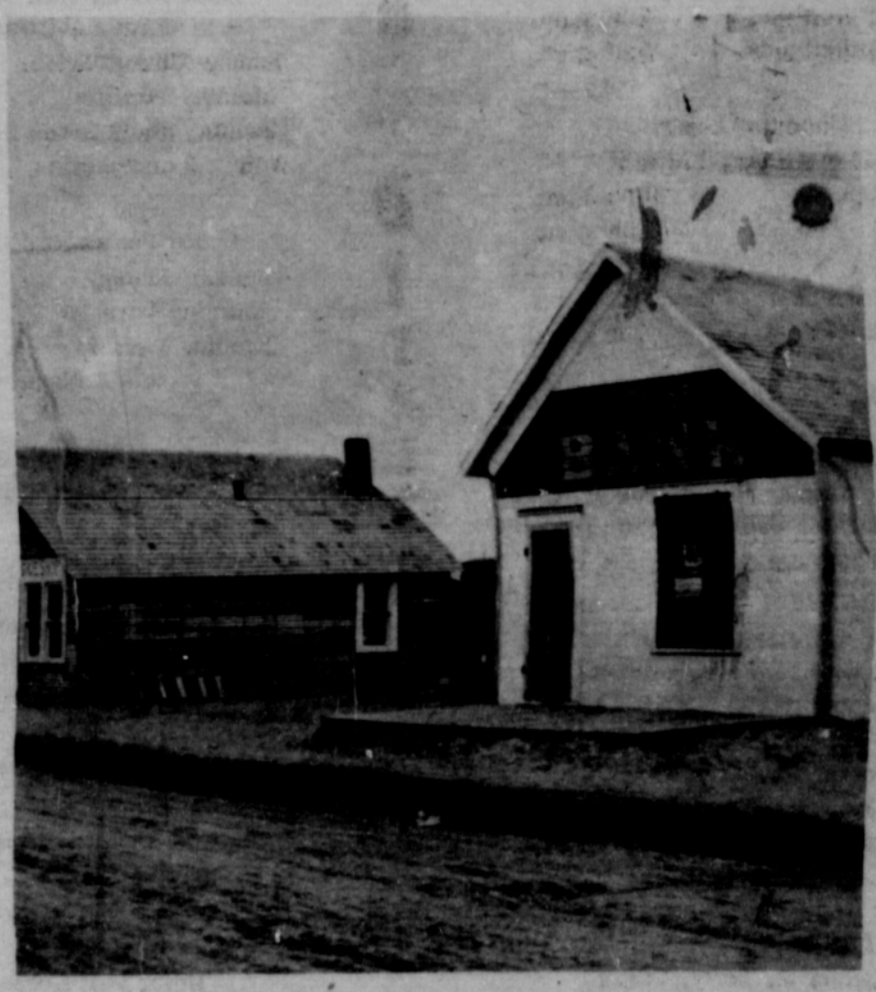
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Church Directory

Apostolic Faith Church
Roland Haney, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Fast and Prayer Service	
9:30	3:00

Assembly of God Church
Rev. Vance Barker, Pastor

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
Charles Milner, Minister

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Worship	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Ladies Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Baptist Church
W.S. Herring, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Preaching Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening Service	7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Rev. W. Graham Pugh, Minister

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Youth Meetings	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Luther M. Berry, Pastor

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Training Union	5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening Prayer Hour	7:30
Wed. Choir Rehearsal	8:45 p.m.

First Methodist Church
Brother Charles Gates, Minister

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
M.Y.T.	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:30 p.m.
Women's Society of Christian Service	
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

First United Presbyterian Church
Everett H. Cain, Jr., Pastor
11th and Cotter Drive

Sunday Church School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Study Group	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.

Pentecostal Church

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	7:30 p.m.

5th & Hazelwood

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Rev. Fr. Fred Hyland

Sundays	10:00 a.m.
Catechism Classes	11:00 a.m.
Week Days	
Mon., Tues., Fri., Sat.	8:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	7:30 a.m.
First Friday of Month	7:00 a.m.

Spearman Lutheran Mission
Farm Bureau Bldg.-Spearman
Robert Cordes, Pastor

Worship Services	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.

Union Full Gospel Church
Rev. George R. Bollinger, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Bible Classes, Sunday	6:45 p.m.
Evening Worship	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

Oslo Lutheran Church
18 Mi. N.W. of Gruver
Robert L. Cordes, Pastor

Sunday School (includes adults)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Services	11:00 a.m.

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T26-S26-tfc

What's In A Name?

ROME (AP)—Italy's state tobacco monopoly keeps coming out with new Italian brands under English names. It started with a cigaret called "Stop," and then there was "Cowboy." After that came "Virginia" and "Start." The latest is simply called "Pack," and its wrapper shows a polar bear on an ice-pack.

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First Gospel Services Held 1923; Church of Christ Built in '26

After the establishment of Spearman there were a few members of the Church of Christ who moved to this section of the country. Since there was no building for them to meet in, during the year of 1921 members of the church met in the homes of the A. H. Starrs and Mrs. J. B. Tower. These dozen or so persons got together with members of other denominations in 1922 and helped build a building which could be used by all groups at different times. That building is now the Union Church building in Spearman.

The first gospel services of the church were held by Brother Templeton in 1923. By 1925 the membership had grown to 25 or 30 members and in 1926 the congregation built an auditorium in which to meet.

In the early spring of 1945, work was begun on the auditorium where the congregation is meeting today. A new educational building was added in 1958.

Brother Paul Hernion was the first preacher who taught in the new building. He was followed by Brother Dale Pearson, who was the first preacher fully supported by the church.

When the rains came or the snows fell, it was almost impossible to meet for services because the prairies were boggy and without bottom, it seemed.

The only survivors of the first congregation who still live in Spearman and worship at the Church of Christ are the Claude Sheets family.

Some of the very active pioneer members of the church were Lena Pearson and daughter, Walter Daniel, Mrs. J. B. Tower and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Starrs, Mr. and Mrs. Dacus, Claude Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilbanks and Mrs. John Sheets.

In 1960, the present building at Second and Haney was completed with a seating capacity of 430 persons.

Now serving as minister of the congregation is Charles Milner.

Often the names of satellites are acronyms — words formed from the initial letters of compound names. Examples are Samos (Satellite and Missile Observations Systems), Midas (Missile Defense Alarm System) and Tiros (Television Infrared Observation Satellite).

Baptist Are Organized In 1929

The First Baptist Church of Gruver was organized on Sunday, Dec. 1, 1929 with 34 people presenting themselves for membership. Two others joined the group in 1930 and were counted among the 36 charter members of the church.

Charter members who are still active in the church are Mrs. Leo Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris and Mrs. Mary Fletcher. Ben Harris, a deacon, was choir director for the church for about 31 years.

The first building was built in 1931 and the first Sunday School was organized that year in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gruver. The first service was held in the new church May 17, 1931 when Brother W. H. Forbes was pastor.

Other pastors of the church have been Oscar Paschall, Herbert Hughes who is retired and still makes his home in Gruver, Chester O'Brian, George Massingale, Bill Burton and A. G. Purvis who has recently resigned effective April 15.

The present church building was erected in 1953 and the membership of the church is 460.

Cator Boys from England; Became First Residents

(This article was written from notes by Mrs. J. R. Keim and the book "Short Grass and Longhorns" by Laura V. Hamner.)

Bob and Jim Cator, the first permanent residents of the Panhandle, came from England. Their father, Captain J. Bertie Cator, was Administrator of the Port of Hull, England. Bob (Arthur) Cator, the elder, was educated as a draughtsman and Jim was educated as a surveyor. But, there was no demand for men with these skills.

Advertisements sent out by the Kansas Land and Investment Company, telling of the marvelous opportunities for farmers in western Kansas, fell into the hands of the Cators. Although the boys knew nothing of farming, Captain Cator, in March, 1871, sent the boys over to begin farming in a new land.

After seeing the plight of the farmers around Dodge City and the many difficulties they encountered, the Cator boys decided to become buffalo hunters. From July 1 to September p, 1873, they killed between six and seven thousand beasts. When the panic of 1873 caused the bottom to drop out of the buffalo hide market, they hunted wolves and coyotes until things went back to normal.

The day after Christmas in 1873, the Cators began digging back into a bank on the North Palo Duro, starting the first home in the Panhandle. They made a room large enough to sleep in and closed the opening with pickets.

In May of 1873 they learned that A. C. Myers had come down into the Panhandle and started a trading post somewhere close to the old Bent trading post of three decades before.

Adobe Walls opened for business in May of 1874 and existed only about six weeks, but that period of time was marked by the most famous Indian battle of the Panhandle. The Indians attacked and failed, but they succeeded in doing what they intended to do. They discouraged wholesale buffalo hunting in the Panhandle.

As the buffalo egan to decrease in number, the Cators became ranchers. They bought their cattle in June, 1878, and started a store in July of the same year.

In the fall of 1879, the first women to come to the northern part of the anhandle arrived. Captain Cator sent his daughter, Clara, the elder of the younger boys, Bert, and Jennie Ludlow, Clara's friend, to the Panhandle from England. In time, both girls fitted into life at Zulu Stockade, tending the store and post office assisting Postmaster Jim. In 1882, Jennie and Bob Cator were married.

Soon after this, Jim made a trip to England where he was for many months in the care of a physician. He met the physician's daughter, Edith Land, and they agreed that he would return for her later. The "Big die-up" in January of 1886 almost exterminated the Cator herd. Bob decided to sell his share to Jim and to move to Oregon. And, Jim wrote Edith and asked her to come over to him rather than to wait in England for him indefinitely. She came with her brother, Arthur, in 1887.

The town of Old Hansford was platted not far away now and the county was organized. Jim Cator was elected the first county judge and Arthur Land the first county treasurer.

Jim started a bank at Old Hansford, the only bank in the upper Panhandle. He did all he could to get the railroad to come through Old Hansford. When it went through Spearman, his bank was the first business to make the change and move to Spearman.

In the museum in Canyon, people can see the "Big 50" gun with which Jim Cator killed sixteen thousand buffalo in three years. This gun was made by the Sharp Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, Conn. in 1840. The ramrod and two cartridges are still intact. The antelope skin that Jim wrapped about the gun is still in good condition. This gun is the symbol of the passing of the old buffalo days in the Panhandle.

First Phone Ran On Barbed Wire

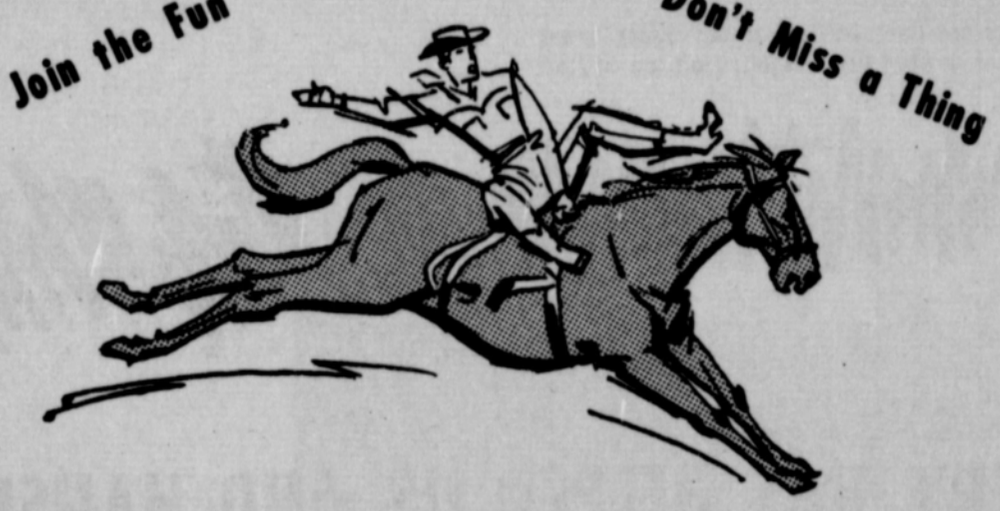
The first telephone in Hansford County started out on a barbed wire. The boxes were ordered from Boston, Mass. and the line was constructed by Guy and Wallace McKay.

This first line ran on the top barbed wire of the fences belonging to the ranchers. At the gates the line was put up over the gate on long fence posts so it would not interfere with going through gates. The line started at Guy McKay's and ran on his fence, then on Jones' fence, then Les Cator's, then Jim Henson's, then Gus Ward's, through the town of Old Hansford to Wallace McKay's fence.

The first night the telephone was in was a big event. The McKay's neighbors gathered at each McKay home to talk to each other.

Hansford County's Diamond Jubilee

APRIL 15 - 16 17 - 18



HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday	8 p.m.	Religious Meeting
Thursday	8 p.m.	Hootenanny
Friday	8 p.m.	Beauty Pageant
		Queen's Ball following
Saturday	6 a.m.	Fly-In Breakfast
	9 a.m.	Old-Timers Reunion
	10:30	Parade
	12:00	Barbecue
	2 p.m.	Rodeo
	9 p.m.	Dance
Sunday	2 p.m.	Rodeo

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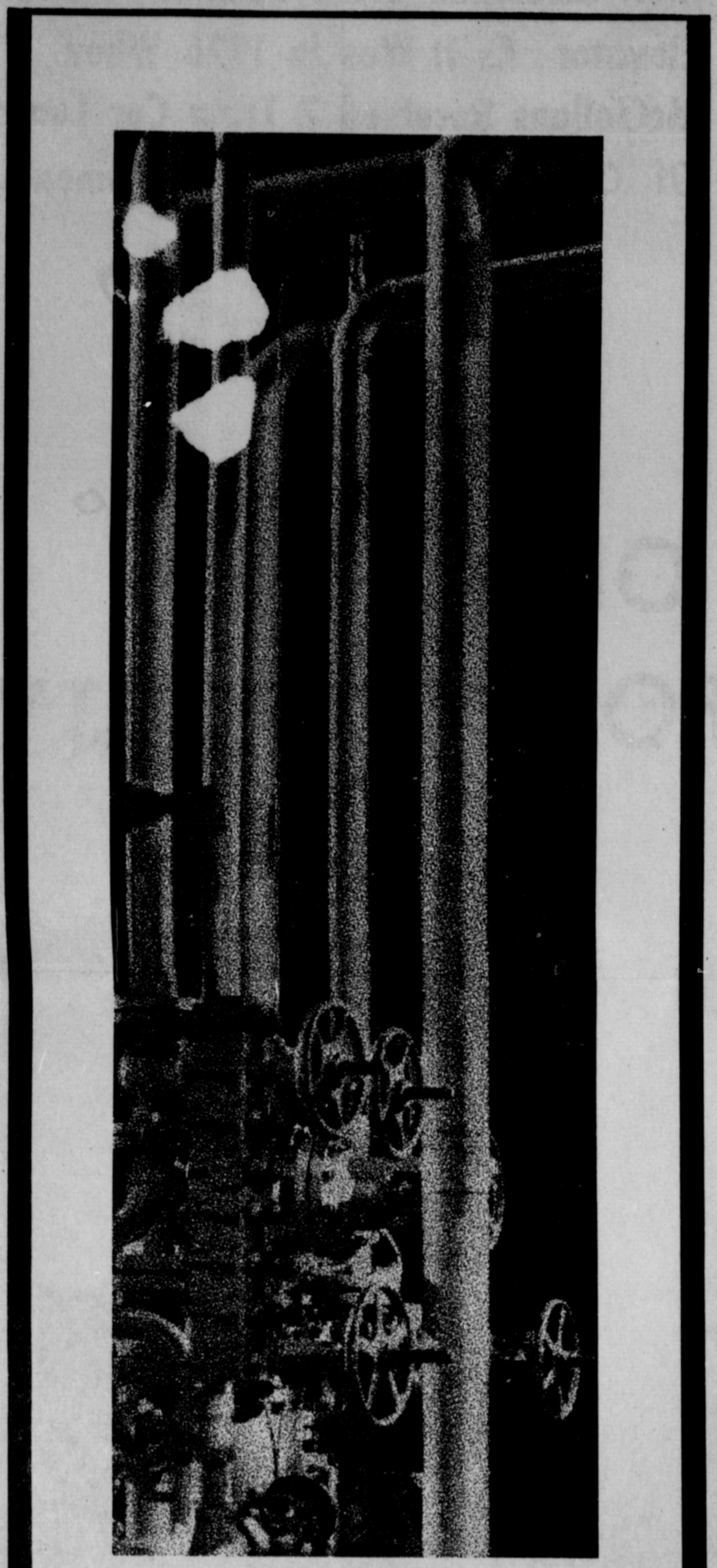
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44 Years Have Passed Since P-TA Organized

Through the years since 1920 when the Spearman P-TA was organized, the group has used a variety of projects to raise money for their work.

This year's presentation of two one-act plays was a first for the P-TA. Proceeds from the project will go toward the scholarship fund which makes available the beginning of a college education for some deserving student.

The P-TA, now in its 44th year in Spearman, does not have a record of the first president. The first records show, though, that Mrs. W. D. Cook was president in 1922-23.

The record of projects goes back only to 1955-56 when the P-TA purchased books for the grade school library, allotting $75 for the project. To raise money for the project, the P-TA served 125 people at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

In 1956 and 57 the group held a rummage and bake sale and used the proceeds to gravel the parking area west of the school.

For the 1957-58 school year the group completed the parking project and served the Farm Bureau banquet to gain funds with which to work.

During the 1958-59 year, the group served pie and coffee at each meeting to raise money. Their project for the year was to sponsor polio shots to over 140 students.

In 1959 and 60 the Spearman P-TA completed a variety of projects. They honored the teachers with a reception at the beginning of school, donated tooth brushes for the first graders, and made available T. B. patches for the first through the seventh grades.

For the 1960-61 school year, the record shows that a "bakeless bake sale" was held to raise funds for the group's projects.

Last year, 1962-63, the P-TA again gave toothbrushes to the first graders and this time to the second graders too.

Projects for the present year have included T. B. Patches and again the toothbrushes for first graders. Besides the plays, the group sold candy for a money-making project.

Those who have served as P-TA president in Spearman are the following:

1922-23 Mrs. W. D. Cook
1923-24 Mrs. G. P. Gibner
1924-25 Mrs. J. H. Buchanan
1925-26 Mrs. J. H. Buchanan
1926-27 Mrs. Sid Clark
1927-28 Mrs. Sid Clark
1928-29 Mrs. N. F. Noe
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1930-31 Mrs. J. E. Womble
1931-32 Mrs. E. C. Womble
1932-33 Mrs. A. H. Wilcox
1933-34 Mrs. J. E. Womble
1934-35 Mrs. W. R. Finley
1935-36 Mrs. Paul Roach
1936-37 Mrs. Paul Roach
1937-38 Mrs. F. J. Daily
1938-39 Mrs. F. J. Daily
1939-40 Mrs. C. E. Campbell
1940-41 Mrs. F. J. Hoskins
1941-42 Miss Ethel Deakin
1942-43 Mrs. M. W. Graves
1943-44 Mrs. Louise Archer
1944-45 Mrs. A. J. Curtis
1945-46 None recorded
1946-47 Mrs. C. A. Castleman
1947-48 Mrs. C. A. Castleman
1948-49 Mrs. George Buzzard
1949-50 Mrs. Russell Townsend
1950-51 Mrs. Helen Fisher
1951-52 Mrs. W. W. Jarvis
1952-53 Mrs. Bill Russell, Jr.
1953-54 Mrs. W. W. Jarvis
1954-55 R. Paul Smith
1955-56 Mrs. E. J. Copeland
1956-57 Mrs. George Collard
1957-58 Rev. Waid Griffin
1958-59 Joe Dan Bryan
1959-60 Roy L. McClellan
1960-61 Everett Tracy
1961-62 J. O. Jarrell
1962-63 Frank Cockrell
1963-64 James P. Linn

Presbyterian Church Organized in '60; Dedicated New Building Here in '64

A small group of people interested in forming a Presbyterian Church in Spearman met March 22, 1960 at a restaurant to discuss ways and means with Dr. Lynn Rankin and the Rev. Bill Everheard, two Presbyterian Ministers from Amarillo.

In the month of June the Presbytery sent a young divinity student from Trinity University, Michael Price of Pampa, to serve during the summer months.

The group met in the Home Demonstration Club Room (where they were to meet for three years and seven months).

The Rev. Clarence Wylie assumed the duties of Presbyterian pastor here in October of 1960. At this time Ralph Blodgett and James P. Linn donated ground for the church site in Blodgett and Linn Addition.

On November 6, 1960, the First United Presbyterian Church was formally organized with a membership of 43 persons. Rev. Wylie was the organizing minister.

In February of 1961 the church obtained a permanent manse located at 1100 S. Barkley. Before that time, the church had rented a house to serve as a manse for the Wylies.

The Rev. James O. Jarrell was called to fill the pulpit as the church's first duly installed minister and served until June of 1962. While the church sent out calls for a new pastor, the pulpit was filled by various "supply" preachers from surrounding Presbyterian Churches.

The Rev. Everett H. Cain, Jr., present minister, accepted the call of the church in July of 1963.

The group continued to meet in the club room but ground was broken for the permanent church home in June of 1963. The cornerstone was laid Dec. 15 in an impressive ceremony conducted by John R. Collard, Grand Master of all Masons in Texas. The church opened its doors for worship in the new building Jan. 5, 1964.

The Presbyterians have just held an open house, April 5, to introduce their minister and his family to the people of Spearman and on April 12 held the formal dedication of the building.

The Rev. Clarence Wylie of Lubbock, now retired, was principal speaker for the dedication.

Bridge Beautification

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan State Highway Department has under consideration a plan for painting the state's bridges maroon, foliage green, beige, rose, cinnamon, and light green. The reason: simply to make the bridges more attractive.



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Queen's	Barbecue	Fly-In Breakfast

John R. Collard

Methodists Trace History To County's First Church

The First Methodist Church of Spearman was begun almost 64 years ago in November of 1900 when the Rev. W. B. McKeown was appointed to the Coldwater Mission. This mission embraced all of the counties north of the Canadian River except the towns of Channing and Hartley on the west and Higgins and Lipscomb on the east.

On Feb. 1, 1901, the Rev. McKeown preached his first sermon in Hansford County in the Ace Powers home northeast of Old Hansford on the Palo Duro Creek and on July 1 of that year the Hansford Charge was organized. The organizational meeting was held under a cottonwood tree east of the Powers home, about 60 or 70 yards from the ranch house on the banks of the creek. The house is still standing but is unoccupied.

The Rev. McKeown continued in this mission until 1904 when he was forced to resign because of his health.

On May 15, 1904, although there were no regular preaching services, a Sunday School was organized at Hansford, meeting in the Court House with 25 scholars and four teachers attending. The record shows that there was "a small attendance but a good lesson". The subject of the lesson "Jesus Teaches Humility".

In 1905, the trustees of the Hansford Charge acquired a five acre tract of land about 15 miles north of the present town of Spearman for church and cemetery purposes. J. H. Wright, trustee, donated the material for the building and the men in the neighborhood erected what was known as "Huff's Chapel". It served as a meeting place for all denominations until about 1908 when it was sold to the Presbyterian Church and was moved.

In 1906, a Sunday School was again organized and it has been in continuous operation since that date at Hansford and later at Spearman.

Being without a building at Old Hansford, the congregation worshipped in the Court House. The Hansford Charge continued to be part of this circuit until November of 1929, at which time (the church having been moved to Spearman in the meantime) it became a full time charge.

In 1910 during the pastorate of T. E. Graham a "temporary structure" was erected at Hansford to accommodate the growing church. It was used for some six years. The building cost approximately $200 and was erected by citizens of the community with the major portion being done by the pastor.

The building was quite primitive and during the winter, the church members had to meet elsewhere. However, the makeshift church lasted until 1916 when a second building was erected. This building was dedicated in May of 1916 with an all day service and "dinner on the grounds".

Tradition has it that during the pastorate of S. Walsh Franklin in 1915 that he, having no other means of transportation, walked from Hansford to Plemmons (a distance of some 25 miles) to fill his appointment there. The people of the Hansford Church and others were so impressed by the consecration and determination of this young preacher that they raised funds and bought a Model T Ford for his use.

In 1919 when the Santa Fe built their railroad through Spearman, the citizenship of Hansford moved to the new town of Spearman. The church building and the parsonage which had been built a little earlier, were moved to Spearman during the summer of 1920. This church building, along with an annex secured in 1933, were used until the present building was completed in 1949.

As early as 1939 the Women's Missionary Society recognized the need for a larger church building and made the first contribution to the fund.

During the pastorate of the Rev. W. B. Hicks (1941-43) a box was placed in the church for a special collection and members were asked to contribute the price of at least one brick each Sunday. This added a great deal to the building fund.

The building committee for the new church building consisted of R. L. McClellan, C. A. Gibner, George Buzzard and T. D. Sansing. The Rev. R. S. Watkins, then pastor, also contributed much to the plans and supervision of the building.

Many of those who had dreamed and planned for the new church building did not live to see the fulfillment of their dreams. For these, memorial services were held in the old building on July 10, 1949 at 11 a. m., the last services in the old church. Many of those present at the last service in the old building had worshipped in it with their children and their children's children so it was both a sad and a happy occasion. Among these pioneer Methodist families were the McClellans, the Barkleys and the Buchanans.

Among those things moved from the old church to the new one were the pulpit stand and Bible, the silver Baptismal font, the recording chimes which had been given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Haney, and the electric organ which had been dedicated in 1946 to the memory of Hansford County boys who had been or were in service.

In 1960, a new educational building was begun, in order to meet the continued growth of the church. This building was dedicated in April of 1961.

C. E. Campbell, senior member of the church in terms of birthdays, a man active in various capacities of church life, turned the first spade of soil for the educational building. He was not privileged to see the building completed though. Mr. Campbell died before the building was dedicated.

Not In The Smoky Mountains

IRVINE, Ky. (AP) — Estill County authorities closed a section of a rural road near Rice Station because it was smoking.

Officials said black shale or slate had been used to construct a fill beneath a 100-foot stretch of the road and somehow it became ignited and gave off noxious fumes.



Dunniber School, Euma Hawkins, Teacher

Assembly of God Comparatively New Church in Gruver

The Assembly of God Church of Gruver was started in June of 1962 by a group of people who were interested in having a church of their denomination in this community. At this time, Rev. Robert G. Slaton was called to be their pastor and has served in this capacity since that time.

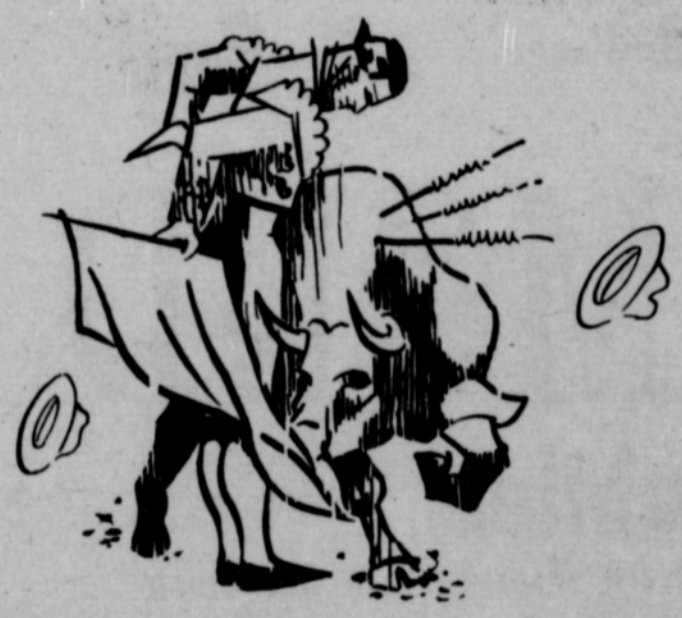
For a few weeks the group met in the American Legion Hall and then purchased the old Church of Christ building on Fourth and King Streets.

The church does not have a charter membership as yet but has 44 members enrolled in the Sunday School.

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Waka History Dates Back to 1902 Mail Route

The history of Waka dates back as far as 1902 when the mail route, running 34 miles from Old Hansford to Old Ochiltree, was a long one. There needed to be a point between these two places to dispatch the mail. An ideal place seemed to be at the D. B. Stump farm which was 12 miles from Old Ochiltree and 22 miles from Old Hansford. After the family was notified, a post office was established at this site.

The question came up, "What shall it be called?" At this time, the Levi Ebys, who lived nearby the Stump farm, had the idea of naming the new post office after their home town in Indiana, Wawaka, meaning wet or swampy ground. This name seemed as well as any, so the post office was named Wawaka.

Mrs. D. B. (Libby) Stump ran the post office from 1902 to 1904 then the post office was moved 2 miles south to John N. Stump's farm where his wife, Nannie, ran it until 1919.

At this time, the Santa Fe railroad built a line equally dividing the farming and ranching areas. Placing a switch every 5 miles, the closest switch, Burnside, was 3 miles west and 3½ miles north of the Wawaka post office. The Bartlett family donated land at the switch for the townsite of Wawaka. By donating the first lots, the money was used to dig the city well, which is still in use, on emergencys, although a new well was dug a few years ago. The Bartlett family also donated lots for the school, church and cemetery, which is still maintained. In 1919, Ed Stump and others named the streets for the families in the community.

It was fitting that the post office be moved to the railroad, but because the name, Wawaka, was too long, the railroad would not accept it. In 1921, because of another switch by the name of Burnside, Texas, freight was being missent and the railroad decided to accept the shortened name, Waka. The name change became legal in 1927. Ed Stump was the first postmaster at the new location and also one of the first families to live in the newly formed town.

From the post office and switch, the community gradually grew into a small and prosperous town. In 1919, the Dunnihoo School, located 2 miles east and ½ mile aouth of Wawaka was started, and in 1920, the school was moved to the present school site. The same year, a petition was circulated by Farnsworth to form a precinct including Waka and Farnsworth, but was defeated by Wawaka.

P. M. Berry built the first grain elevator in 1919, which is part of the Holland Grain at the present time. Later the Equity, in 1921, built an elevator. In 1924, the Panhandle Lumber yard was built. Also during this time, many businesses were built. A barbershop operated by Buck Corbin was opened, along with a cafe, bar, car garage and filling station (operated by Ed Stump in 1922); post office mercantile (owned by Bill McLarty); grocery store, and a blacksmith shop, owned by Emil Mier. The telephone switchboard was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burger in 1921 in a building which was moved from Farnsworth to Wawaka to be a bank building although a bank was never formed. The building still stands, now Mrs. Della Miers home, one of the two original buildings still left from Wawaka. In 1921, along with the other businesses, the Union Church was built. Services were held there until the 1940's and finally torn down in 1957.



Waka Union Church, Built in 1921

In 1922, the Dunnihoo School was moved and a new building, costing $8,500, an Alamo type building, was built at the same location. The building was a very modern one with 2 large classrooms, a kitchen, and stage room.

Then came the depression during the dirty thirties, and gradually the businesses closed down and people moved away. The post office, school, church, and elevators were the only public places left in the late 1930's.

In 1927, the Church of the Brethren was built and services were held there until 1963. The building still stands.

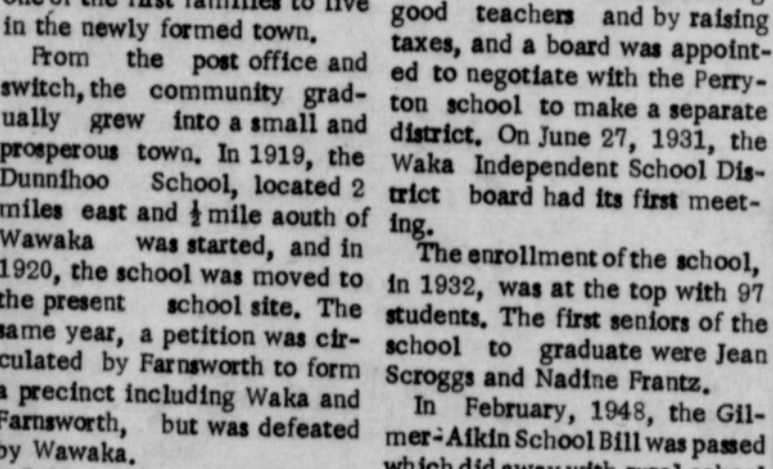
In 1931, the Waka community felt Perryton was being unfair to the school in securing good teachers and by raising taxes, and a board was appointed to negotiate with the Perryton school to make a separate district. On June 27, 1931, the Waka Independent School District board had its first meeting.

The enrollment of the school, in 1932, was at the top with 97 students. The first seniors of the school to graduate were Jean Scroggs and Nadine Frantz.

In February, 1948, the Gilmer-Aikin School Bill was passed which did away with rural school districts. Battling for its life, the community went to the polls and once again, succeeded by defeating consolidation with Perryton.

In 1951, the debt to Perryton was paid off and projects were immediately started, the first one being rest rooms. During the 1950's, new school buses were bought and tile was laid on the and restrooms. The district has floor and air conditioners were 48 square miles with the evaluinstalled. In 1960, the present ation being 7 million compared to cafetorium, costing $30,000, that of $900,000 in 1950.

and a new teacherage were built. In 1963, the new Church of the This was the first of the building Brethren was built just west of program, with the follow-up of the old church and parsonage. the present new plant being built Costing $62,000, the structure in 1962. The new plant, costing is very modern and gives the $235,000, was built with the old town, along with the new Alamo type school being torn school, a very up-to-date look. down with many fond memories Waka has had its ups and of childhood days going with it. downs during the past, but the The new plant consists of a cafe- citizens of Waka feel it is on torium, gymnasium, concession its way up once again with new stand, offices, library, laborafamilies moving in continually. tory, classrooms, teachers work- The present population is nearly room, supply room, book room 100 strong and new businesses have popped up during the last few years. Among them Berry Grain, Holland Grain, Equity, & Rogers Sales and Service, Carter's Gas and Grocery has joined the ranks of the business houses in Waka. The post office was recently moved into the new store, with Mrs. Carl Carter being the post mistress. The school enrollment is climbing with 40 students enrolled with 5 full time teachers and a part time choir instructor and band instructor. Last year, 1963, the streets were caliched by local farmers donating their time and trucks; mercury street lights were installed; old streets, having been closed for lack of use, were re-opened and street signs, co-sponsored by the P-TA and Waka Home Demonstration Club, were installed on every corner of the streets. New homes are being built and others have been moved in and have added much to the moral of Waka.



Waka School House, Built in 1922



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era Wroten's Story

Call of Open Range Lures Families to Hansford County

DITOR'S NOTE: The Plainsman sincerely appreciates the fol-wing article, written especially for us by Vera B. Wroten, one Hansford County's most colorful pioneers.

I, Vera B. Wroten, am a tired old woman. I have just had 00 trees topped, throwing every limb over the fence myself. he boys hauled these branches to my brushpiles, where I han-led every one again, placing them on the brushpile where I anted them. This was all to the tune of $300.00 and for 4 days could not even walk, one heel gone and my legs given out. I en cleaned out 3 water tanks, cleaning the sides with a steel rush, then 50 pounds of lime in each tank, working this lime the bottom and sides, and I now have three of the most beau-ful tanks of water I ever saw. I am still so stiff I can hardly ove and my poor fingers are practically rigid; my mind is dull nd I can't spell, especially since studying Spanish, so this pa-er, if you can call it that, will be a mess I know, but here is e story of my life, that is what part of it I can put on paper.

My dad came from Mississippi, my mother from Louisiana. y mother's father was a doctor, who was killed in the Civil ar. This left my grandmother a widow with several children nd her greatest aim was to get her daughters all married before e dies. Anyway somewhere along the line my mother and fa-er married. She was a modest, well educated lady and my fa-er a handsome, debonaire polecat. He later became a Texas nger and no tougher ever came. They finally moved to Hask-l County where most of us were born, my mother never having doctor at these births. When a county was organized my dad id he could not breathe, so kept moving west until we landed miles north of Amarillo and just north of the Canadian River one section of homesteaded land. We lived there some five ars, but found this one section was not enough to sustain a fa-ily of our size and as we were in the L. X. pasture, there was no nance of getting more land, so we filed on four sections in ansford County; my sister, Mrs. Jeffie Jackson and I living on e of the original sections. While living on the Canadian River, e children roamed all over the brakes and sandhills and it seems me now we were always looking for strange things. One day e saw a hawk or an eagle fly from under a jagged ledge and tarted investigating. We found some bones that my brother said as not an animal bone, so we started digging and soon dug up n Indian skeleton. This skeleton still had hair on the torso, ron bracelets, four on each wrist and we found lots of beads, rrows etc. We called our dad and he turned this skeleton over o the head of the L. X. ranch as we were on their ground. I un-derstand this skeleton is in the Fort Worth Museum, probably un-der the name of Clark, Hardin or the L. X. Ranch.

Our two older brothers were busy half the time pulling people out of the treacherous quicksand of the Canadian River, which we had to ford in wagons, buggies and horseback. One incident has always haunted me. Four cowboys, one was my brother, were crossing the raging river and one boy and horse got into a whirlpool. The other boys threw him ropes as he would come up, but he could not catch them and the third time he came up, he shouted to the others "Adios Boys" and went down for the last time, he and his horse being drowned. When we would get into this red quicksand, the red would never come out of our under-wear and I have always wondered why someone did not manu-facture paint out of this red clay, this color being so permanent. How I do appreciate the Canadian River bridge.

As I said, we moved to Hansford County and the very first thing we had to do was build a shelter, which was a dugout in which we lived for some eight years. We then had to have wa-ter and it seemed an age before we could get a well drilled and after getting the horse drawn rig, it took six weeks or longer to drill. In the meantime we hauled water from the Medlin well 7 miles away. We had no roads, just ruts and half the water would be sloshed out of the 4 barrels covered by washtubs, then we would have to go right back for more, making two trips a day or 28 miles. Antelopes were all over the plains and these poor thirsty antelope would come up in the night and drink our precious water and we would be so mad at them. Finally we had plenty of precious water and I have been water conscious ever since. If you want to see a Wild Woman, just look at me when I see our Very Life Blood being wasted. The next thing we did was break out some farm land. The first 160 acres was done by our boys with a two horse walking plow, they walking also. This plow did not break more than a foot of sod it seems to me. We raised oats, millet maize and of course truck garden such as pumpkins, watermelons, pie-melons, turnips and things we could bury in the ground for our winter food. We freighted from Texhoma or Guymon every bit of flour, sugar, coffee and coal when we could afford to buy coal. This was done with two wa-gons and eight horses, the trip taking from five to six days and the freighters having to arrange the trip so they could camp at the few windmills on the road. There was really no road, just ruts. I know I have picked tons of cowchips, which we burned for fuel and cooking. I was stung by a scorpion under every chip. I am an expert on cowchips, knowing the ones that pro-duce the most heat.

After 8 or 10 years in the dugout, we raised enough wheat to build a house, this house was built with $.30 wheat and the lumber which was all freighted from Texhoma for an eleven room house with three porches, costing $3,000. Before we moved into this house, a mansion then, we gave a big blow-out. People with cars came from Amarillo, Dalhart, Texhoma and Guymon. The natives came in buggies and wagons and brought all the children with blankets, quilts etc., and we bed-ded the children all around the rooms and the people had to stay till daylight as it was too dangerous to try to travel at night with ruts for roads. We cooked 14 hams, had numerous loaves of bread; a big wooden box of crackers and we made gallons of coffee in the wash boiler. The neighbors brought miriads of cakes and pies. We had an orchestra of two fiddles, guitars and everybody slung a wicked hip. In fact, it was the affair of the year.

We had to make our own entertainment. All we youngsters wanted to do was to get togethers. We Lackeys all played some-thing and I know now it was not good, but loud and no one seemed to know the difference. We had a tennis court and lots of young horses and we spent most every Sunday breaking broncs.

One of our greatest problems was schooling. At first we went to the McCoo School 7 miles east. It was too dangerous to go in the winter for we had blizzards, dust storms and terrible grass fires but went in summer. When a grass fire would threaten the school house we would take buckets, sticks, spades or anything we could get our hands on and every child would carry dirt to save the school house. We had box suppers and singings and pro-grams at the various school houses and we had the best times when we could get together this way. We had no radios, cars or television and the only form of communication we had was the telephone on the top barbed wire fence. Everyone was on this one line and when we would hear the bell on the wallphone tingle, we would rush to hear what we could. Our mail came twice a week from Guymon in a horse drawn mail hack. We had a terrible snowstorm and the mail could not come from Guy-mon for 6 weeks. President Teddy Roosevelt had been dead these 6 weeks before we heard the news.

No one had cars and it was hard for a doctor to get to the sick. We had deaths without doctors, births without doctors, blizzards and droughts. The only thing we could really count on was Water, Cold, Clear Water and now that is being threaten-ed. Can you imagine this country without a drop of OUR VERY LIFE BLOOD?

The families in this country at this time were the Wilbanks, Archers, Douglas, Sparks, Wombles and we Lackeys. We were all poor, but we managed to survive and I think we were hap-py, as we knew nothing else than what we went though. The first car I ever saw was an old wornout One Lung Studebaker and if it was in real good repair, it would go five miles an hour and I thought I would just die until I got to ride in it. We fin-ally bought a Surrey, with the fringe on top. It had a scooped out bottom that fairly froze our feet and we had to heat rocks and bricks to keep from freezing, but that made no difference, we were really up there and in style. The Lackeys had arrived.

We had no tractors, but we advanced to the place that we had disc plows of course drawn by 8 head of horses. We finally cut our wheat with headers and hauled it to stacks on barges built on wagons. It would take a month to cut 150 acres and six weeks to thresh the grain. The header men made $3.00 a day, an unheard of price, but the other workers $1.50 a day, which was also a good price. All the neighbors would come in and help cook and one field done, we would then all help the next one and EAT. I never saw men eat so much in my life. I don't know where we ever got enough money to buy the food, every mouthful having to be freighted from the railroad.

I think the greatest thrill I ever had was the time I drove to Texhoma in a wagon and saw train smoke. Of course we were half a day before we reached town, train and civilization, but I watched that smoke the entire time.

How times have changed and what great progress since 1902. But I would not want to go on the Wagon Train. I have had IT.



VERA WROTEN— is shown with this antique piano which is in a storeroom of her home. Vera and her sister, Jeffie Jackson, make their home at the ranch home of their late parents, the M. H. Lackeys who came to this area and homesteaded land. The home is about six miles south-west of Spearman. The antique piano is approximately 85 years old and is an interesting relic of the past.

This article about Vera Wroten was written by Margaret Kirk and appeared several years ago in the Amarillo paper.

SHORT SUMMER SCHOOLS were the only ones available to the Lackey youngsters. Grass fires, blizzards and distances were a triple threat to formal schooling. But mother's teaching was a year-round affair. It included musical instruction.

The whole shebang played the piano. Vera also played violin. Montie, an older sister, became an outstanding music teacher, studying first in Amarillo and later at the Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Montie taught Max, her youngest brother, but she was never able to turn his taste from popular music, at which he is tops.

VERA WAS A LITTLE GIRL but her favorite quotation was: **"A little learning is a dangerous thing, drink deep or taste not of the Pierian spring." She hankered for learning. She talked it day and night. Mother understood. The short summer schools were not enough for this** child. Vera was allowed to work her way through grade and high school in Amarillo.

For 7 years she lived with wonderful families who encour-aged her and helped her stay in school. She speaks of Mr. and Mrs. John S. McKnight as her guardian angels. And of Miss Laura V. Hamner and Miss Lizzie Eppler as the two greatest teach-ers of all time.

Money and time prevented Vera from entering into sports, which she loved with all her eager, childish heart. Too, these limitations barred her from the social bracket she would have enjoyed.

MATERIAL THINGS could not alter her highest aim. They could not prevent her from attaining the goal she had set when she was 12 years old. Vera B. Lackey was the highest honor girl graduate in the class of 1909.

She was awarded a scholarship to the University of Texas and one to Georgetown, but she could not avail herself of either. There were younger children at home just as ambitious and deserving. So again she went out on her own to enter teachers' college.

Now Vera wonders how she ever had the courage to leave home and expect to stay in college a year when her financial rating was five flat dollars. This bill was securely tied in a little cotton handkerchief and hidden deeply in her paste board telescope bag. That was all. It was her grubstake for a year, hardly the price of a modern youngster entertainment. For one single evening. But she stayed the full year.

One summer Vera taught a summer school, down on the river. all of its appointments were very The building had no windows and primitive. There were only five children, so she let them sit on the steps most of the time.

Vera also taught at Medlin and at the Penner School. Often she went home with a pupil to spend the night. The parents were so hungry for company they would sit up till hours and when they got up the next morning — that was at all hours, too — the chimney would still be warm.

SKUNK TRAPPING SEASON created a problem for all rural teachers. It wasn't a matter of solving it, for that was never done. It was a matter of endurance. The entrance whiff was bad, but as the trappers got warm the odor got worse. After smelling it an hour or so a tolerance was built up for that day. After all, skunk season only lasted about three months.

One Christmas Vera and a bunch of young folks were going down to Reimers, on the Canadian River for a week-end party. The old buckboard got stalled in the sand which was pretty quicky. The party was getting panicky. One gal start-ed screaming. It brought results. Out of the sedge and brush ap-peared several cowboys on broncs.

IT SEEMED THE ONLY WAY out of their dilemma so the five girls rode out behind the cowboys. Good dresses couldn't be considered. The broncs couldn't pitch with quick sand threatening their feet and a double load on their backs.

Four of the horses bogged on out with their burdens rather placidly. The animal Vera took her chances with had other ideas. He started to sit down in the mud. A cowboy rode up by her, with his hand extended and yell-ing. "Make for the stirrup, gal, make for the stirrup."

She gladly took orders. Agile as a cat she made it and they rode out each in a stirrup.

WORLD WAR ONE STRUCK. Max, Vera's youngest brother, was the first Hansford County boy to enlist. That left only Inez, a sister left lame by an accident and the little sister, Jeff, at home.

Still another grievous fact was made known to the family. The wonderful mother was dying of cancer. Vera gave up her teach-ing career and went home to help care for her mother and carry on the farming.

It was harder than teaching. With eight horses Vera and Jeff plowed, harrowed, harvested with binders and reepers and freighted all their supplies 60 miles.

WAR ENDED AND MAX came home. The gentle mother had died. There had been such a gap in teaching. Vera didn't care to go back to the profession.

Music was a solace. She decided to go to Kansas City and study violin. She and a friend, Sophia Harris, Texhoma, Okla., went to-gether. They found rooms with a young couple who lived in a three-story house plus basement. Fiddling didn't bother the land lords. In fact they were gone half the time.

Sophia was a fair violinist at the time and Vera wasn't bad. Avid desire drove them to practice hours on end. When hot summer came they decided to get a lot of practice done before it got too hot.

They thought 5 AM would be a good hour to start. One of them would go to the third floor and the other one to the basement.

The third morning a policeman called with a warrant to arrest them for disturbing the peace. He looked at their fiddles and made a quick character study.

Vera told him flat out she knew he was bound to be mistaken. They hadn't done anything. The neigh-bors hadn't said anything about them disturbing anybody. He had to be mistaken. They hadn't been rowdy or made any noise.

SOPHIA WENT TO BAWLING. She stamped her foot and told the cop he wouldn't talk to her that way if her dad was there. He gave them an appraising glance and his professional manner gave way to a smile.

"Where are you girls from?"

"I'm from Texhoma, Okla.,"

Sophia gritted out with all the defiance of her soul.

"And you, miss?"

"Hansford, Texas," Vera said with Panhandle pride.

"How long you been here."

"Four days," they chorused.

"Listen kids, don't nobody practice music in a city, except in the music colony. Maybe you bet-ter take this address and move over. And another thing, some-times us boys gets the wrong number. When we do we don't make no arrest unless we get the second call." He didn't.

Old Lucern was located on the southwest quarter of section 260, block 2, Gh and H. Lu-cern was first named Buran, however, because there was another Texas post office call-ed Buran, the name was changed to Lucern. The town was never platted and never incorporated. The hotel run by Fred Hoskins' aunt and her hus-band, the Barnes, was moved to Gruver after the town began dying away.



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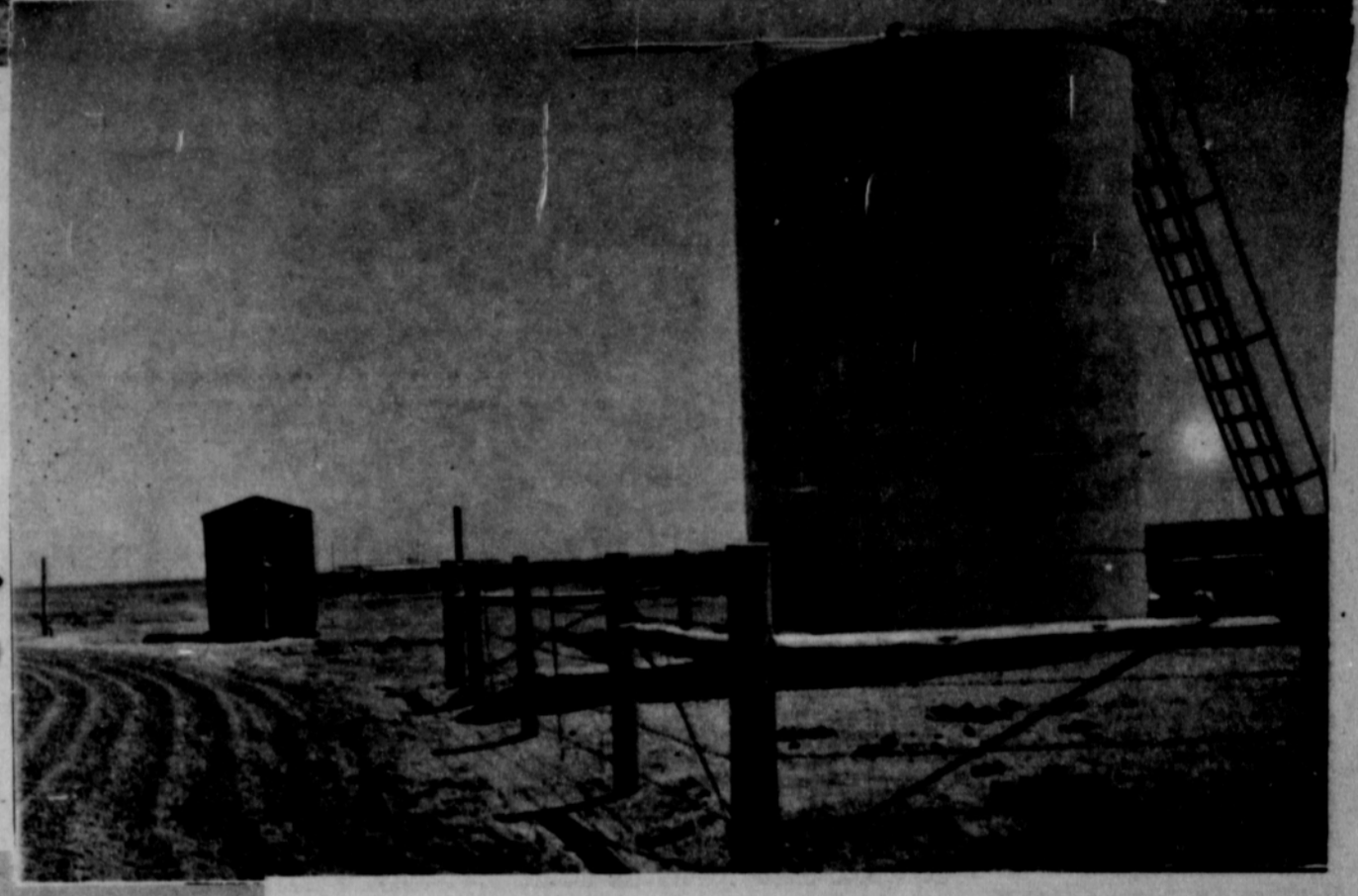
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75 Years of Progress





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AT OLD HANSFORD--The late Edgar Womble (right) and an unidentified customer are shown in the drugstore Mr. Womble owned at Old Hansford. Note the fire extinguisher in the center of the photo, near the safe. In a town of frame buildings with no supply of water, fire was a paramount danger.

Neely Team Wins Tourney

April 7 was the last night of play for the Pintopplers League. Final standing of the teams follows: 1. Jim Neely's; 2 Ivans; 3 Cut Rate; 4 Boxwell's; 5 Blodgett & Linn; 6 S&L Motors;7 DeVonna's; 8 Spearman SuperService.

Individual trophies and Sponsor's Plaques were given to the first three teams.

Individual awards were as follows: 1st High Game-Jane Meek-215; 2nd High Game-Juanita Tucker-209; 1st High Series-Jane Meek-539; 2nd High Series-Juanita Tucker-529.

The plaque for the individual raising their average the most went to Peggy Robinson, who raised her average 16 pins. This award is determined by comparing final averages against the individual averages after 21 games have been bowled.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE HANSFORD COUNTY CELEBRATION

Wednesday night	8 p. m.	Religious Gathering
Thursday night	8 p. m.	Hootenanny

Friday night 8 p. m.
Miss Hansford County Contest and Queen's Ball
Saturday 6 a. m.
Fly-In Breakfast, Grunewald's Restaurant
9 a. m. Old Timers Reunion
Joe Trayler Motor Co.
10:30 a. m. Parade
12:00 Noon, Barbecue
2 :00 p. m. Rodeo
9:00 p. m. Dance
Sunday 2 p. m. Rodeo

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School Board Says No Cutback on Funds

Spearman's public schools are not going to suffer because of a failure to provide the necessary tax money, if the majority of the board has its way.

In a fast session that handled 17 different items of business, a long discussion with the coaching staff, and an executive session before midnight, the board went on record to continue to meet the money needs of the school.

Lloyd Buzzard set the pace for the board when he said the board cannot expect to operate without more funds.

He said the school is growing every year, we are getting less money from the state because of the area's rising economic index, and the board knew when it passed the present tax program it would not meet the growing needs.

He continued that if we cut the physical education program this year to keep from raising taxes, then next year some other program will be cut to keep taxes down. Soon the entire school program will be suffering.

After discussing the merits and objections to physical education and hearing the administration's recommendations on physical education, the board put it in the minutes officially that the school will have physical education from the second grade through high school. This was a four-two vote with Ira Harbour and Max Baggerly maintaining their positions that the program was not necessary.

There will be no organized athletics for sixth graders, but the administration felt the children will benefit from an organized PE program as much as competitive athletics.

In another improvement move the board gave the administration permission to have summer school if 38 students agree to attend for six weeks at a cost of $40. The school will take students from all surrounding towns.

Charles Gill was hired as Assistant Principal. He will be responsible for all night study halls and drive a bus in the afternoon. He also teaches math.

Pete Summerville was hired to drive the half route being driven by Mr. Pendergraft.

After going over the athletic budget item by item with the coaches, the board approved a budget of $18,748.00. Don Seymour told the board that an increase in number of students participating make the increase necessary. More students are playing sports every year.

The board turned down Coach Seymour's request for a year's extension on his contract. The board stayed with its policy of not considering a contract until it is in its last year. Coach Seymour has one more year on his contract.

The United States imported more than 125 million pounds of tea last year, the Tea Council of the U.S.A. reports.

Miss Texas, Mrs. Texas Here for Beauty Contest

One of the highlights of the Miss Hansford County Beauty Contest will be the appearance of Miss Texas, Miss Jeanne Richey Amacker, who will perform and will also act as one of the judges for the beauty contest.

Mrs. Texas will also be here to act as a judge for the contest, according to Zack Fisher, chairman of the celebration.

The contest will be held in the Spearman High School auditorium with 22 girls participating. Miss Kyra Crum, last year's winner, will crown the new queen.

The beauty pageant will begin at 8 p. m.

The Queen's Ball will be held at the Community Building following the contest.

Grandfather of all the temporary office buildings in Washington is a yellow brick one on the Mall. Built in 1856, it first served as the District of Columbia Armory. Since, it has been a Civil War hospital, a museum warehouse, an aquarium, a motion-picture studio, an office building and a government paint shop.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS-

The Plainsman sincerely thanks everyone who helped in gathering all the historical information and pictures used in this souvenir edition celebrating the 75th anniversary of Hansford County.

When Moses climbed Mount Sinai he looked out over one of Asia's most desolate spots. The landscape is one of saw-toothed mountains, eroded slopes and stark valleys.



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Post-Nuptial Shower Is Given for Mrs. Martin

Mrs. James Martin, the former Orlene Fullbright, was honored April 11 with a bridal shower at the First State Bank.

The table was laid with a white hand crocheted cloth over pink and centered with white carnations and pink roses flanked by tall pink tapers.

The honoree was presented with a corsage of white carnations, and her mother and the groom's mother were presented corsages of white carnations.

Hostesses were Mmes. Ruth Caro, Preston Smith, J. W. Pipkin, Roger Odegaard, Howard Keyser, Elrick Wilson, Frances Sim, B. J. Garnett, Earnest Sluder, Harold Bowen, Jesse Lowe, Junior Lusby, Mona Shubert, W. R. Davis, George Bollinger, Darrell Longley, Eldon Martin, Rex Jones, Virgil Floyd and Miss Mary Frances Vernon

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Mrs. Birdie Knight and daughter Martha Ann and a girl friend of Woodward, Okla. spent the weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellsworth.

3 from County To Graduate

Three Spearman students are among the 400 at West Texas State University who are candidates for degrees at the spring convocation May 24, according to Dr. Walter H. Juniper, dean of the university.

Michael Crawford is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Robert Sims will receive a Bachelor of Science degree.

Jerry Sparks is receiving his Bachelor of Music Education.

High School Honor Roll Given for Fifth Six Weeks

The following students are listed on the honor roll for the fifth six weeks at Spearman High School:

Bill Greenway
Janice Trindle
Lynne Garnett
Gary Cates
Gloria Ricketts
David McClellan
Linda Spoonemore
Rick Collins
Donna Slaughter
Kathi Pattison
Barbara Scroggs
Vicki Kunkel
Doris Slaughter
Bonnie Driscoll
Margot Kilgore
Karen Gibson
Frances Whitson

HONORABLE MENTION

Mac Crawford
D'dee Collard
Judabeth Lovett
Kathryn Smith
Norma Stowe
Nelda Vanderburg
Mart Brillhart
Nan Sheets
Mary Ellen Barkley
Carla Archer
Janie Kirkland
Burton Williamson
Bethany Donnell
Qlo Crum
Leslie Crooks
Gail Upchurch
Linda Lesly
Jane Allen
Jennifer Patton
Pat Pattison
Susan Hutchison
Linda Smith
Kate Kilgore
Gwen Hanners
Lloyd McWhirter

Mexican Dinner To Be Served By Altar Society

The Sacred Heart Altar Society held its regular monthly meeting April 7th at 7:30 p. m. in the Rectory.

Mrs. Frank Porter, chairman, presided at the business meeting, and explained programs for the new year. Mrs. Charlie Lopez reported on plans for the Mexican dinner to be held April 25 from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. All the cooking will be done by the Spanish women of the Parish. Prices for the meal will be $1.25 for adults and 75¢ for children under 12. The dinner will be served at the Home Demonstration Clubroom and tickets will be sold to the public.

Mrs. Renner reported on food supplies contributed to the Children's Home at Panhandle, a lap robe sent to St. Ann's Home for the Aged and magazines and stuffed toys sent to St. Martin's Mission.

Delegates from Spearman to the Pampa Spring Deanery meeting to be held at St. Francis, are Mmes. C. A. Kleeberger, Jack Moran and N. F. Renner.

The meeting closed with prayer for the Lay Apostle The next meeting will be May 5.

Attending were Mmes. Frank Porter, Steve Lopez, Jerry Morris, Charlie Lopez, Janice Gleichnew, Ray Lopez, C. A. Kleeberger, Joe Lopez, Damon Gregg, Felix Saenz, Jack Moran and N. F. Renner, and two new member, Mmes. Don Schmehr and Don Allen.

Future Readers Of The Plainsman

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Partridge are the parents of a daughter born at 4 a. m. April 15. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and has been named Melanie Rachelle.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cates of Spearman and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Partridge of Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray Nunley of Perryton are the parents of twin boys born April 7 in Hansford Hospital. Donald ay weighed 5 lbs. 3½ oz. and Lonnie Edward weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz.

Day By Day

One of my most pleasant experiences this week resulted from a complete oversight on my part.

Last week I gave a recipe in my column for pineapple cake and in the frosting as I listed the ingredients, I failed to notice that 1½ cups of powdered sugar was left out.

Well, anyway, as always, I didn't like having an error like that in my column, but I had so many calls that it more than made up for my embarassment at my proofreading.

I do hope everyone who tried the recipe did call and check. But then surely no one went ahead and made the icing without sugar, I hope.

It is very pleasing anyway, to know that what you write every week is being read by someone. I'll confess that every once in awhile I do wonder.

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I hope you're enjoying this special edition featuring historic events in our county. Much of the history was new to me, especially about Morse and how close it came to becoming a town of some size. It does seem a shame that the "dirty thirties" reduced its growth so.

The people who live at Morse are certainly a hard-working, civic-minded lot. If you'll find the story elsewhere in the paper, you'll see that they are today quite aware of their civic needs and are working diligently to take care of them.

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Our special thanks to all those who helped us so much in gathering the history of Hansford County. There are so many who assisted that I won't name them for fear of omitting a few, but I will say thanks to our special correspondents, Mrs. H. B. Parks at Morse, Mrs. Carroll Ladd at Waka and Mrs. Maude Posson of the Holt Community.

We realize that we just scratched the surface in collecting interesting historical facts pertaining to the past seventy-five years in Hansford County, but the time element figured greatly in our anniversary edition as it has a way of doing every week.

We are, however, proud of this "Diamond Jubilee Special Edition".

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I'm looking forward to interviewing Mrs. R. E. Lee, concerning her recent trip around the world. She is so observant of current political conditions and items of historic interest in all the countries she visits, that it is a real treat to talk with her concerning her travels. I hope to have a story about her trip in the very near future.

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I realize I'll have to proofread this very, very carefully but I'd like to share another recipe with you.

This very unusual cake recipe came from my Dad's secretary, I was a little dubious at all those candy bars in a cake, but I tried the recipe and it's simply luscious.

MILKY WAY CAKE

8 Milky Ways
2 sticks margarine or butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2½ cups flour
½ tsp. soda
1¼ cups buttermilk
1 cup chopped pecans

Melt Milky Ways and one stick of butter; set aside. Cream sugar and other stick of butter. Add eggs, beating well. Add alternately, flour (sifted with soda) and buttermilk. Lastly, add candy and butter mixture and stir in nuts.

Grease tube pan (you need not flour it), cutting two layers of wax paper for the bottom. Grease the wax paper, too. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until done.

Third Anniversary Party Held at I.O.O.F. Hall

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families gathered together at the I. O. O. F. Hall Saturday evening April 11 to celebrate the third anniversary of their lodge building.

Tables were gaily decorated with fresh bouquets of spring flowers. A beautiful birthday cake with three candles was baked by Ruth Caro. A delicious chicken supper was served followed by the showing of the film, "Follow the Bamboo".

Games were played after the film. Delon Kirk received the door prize.

Out of town guests were present from Gruver, Perryton, Canadian and Guymon.

The Rebekahs will meet in regular session April 23 at 7:30. A party for the Blue Bonnett Team will follow the meeting.

Dessert Bridge Club Meets

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hohertz were hosts to the Dessert Bridge Club in their home April 11.

Pat Dear and Don Floyd had high scores.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Edward Dear, Don Floyd, Sid Evans, and the hosts.

Before you peel that orange grate off a little of the rind and add it to applesauce, canned or homemade.

Program On Faith Given By Minister

The Dahlia Flower Club met April 13 in the home of Mrs. Olin Sheets.

Mrs. Frank Davis presided. Mrs. Holly Riley, lesson leader, introduced the Rev. Charles Milner, minister of the Church of Christ. His topic was "Faith" and his message was enjoyed by all present.

Attending were Mmes. H. M. Shedeck, Frank Davis, H. H. Crooks, Lee McClellan, Earl Riley, Jesse Womble, Bob Morton, Bob Baley, Lida Allen, Jimmie Davis, Deta Blodgett, Charles Gates and the hostess.

Ballingers And Watsons Host Club

Messrs. and Mmes. Bill Ballenger and Sam Watson were hosts for the Saturday Night Bridge Club April 11 at the Farm Bureau meeting room.

Bob Skinner and Helen Watson had high score, and Vera Beth Hicks and Pat Cates had low score.

Attending were guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. McClellan, and members, Messrs. and Mmes. J. K. Hicks, Bob Skinner, Garland Head, H. P. Cates, Richard Holton, Ken Conrey, Jimmy Linn and the hosts.

Program on Iris Given For Delphinium Club

Mrs. D. W. Page presented the program Monday, April 13, for the Delphinium Flower Club when members met in the home of Mrs. Medlin Patterson.

Mrs. Page attended the National Iris Convention and told of the iris gardens in Colorado Springs and also in Japan.

Mrs. Page showed slides of many of the places she has visited and highlighted her talk with pictures of gardens in Amarillo, Borger, Pampa and Spearman.

Mrs. Patterson opened the meeting and roll call was answered with "My Favorite Iris".

Attending the meeting were Mmes. A. D. Reed, John Bishop, Cecil Crawford, Raymond Kirk, Claude Smith, W. A. Ellsworth, the hostess, Mrs. Patterson, and the guest speaker, Mrs. Page.

The next meeting will be April 27 in the home of Mrs. W. B. Hull.

HOLT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slyter of Sharon, Kan. were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Susan.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kirk were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fiedler of Albuquerque, N. M.

Mrs. Yetive Dodson of Dalhart visited recently Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Rosson of Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swink of Perryton.

Mrs. R. Dyrel Kirk of Houston is a grandmother again. Her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rush of Houston have a new daughter born Saturday, April 11. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. and has been named Alice Colleen.

Art Kirk of Lake Jackson is visiting his brothers, Delon, Herbert, Raymond and Buster Kirk.

Barkleys Honor Annual Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Barkley were hosts for a banquet for the Annual Staff of Spearman High School Friday April 10, at 7:30 p. m. at Sutphens in Borger.

Attending were Mary Ellen Barkley, Nelda Vanderburg, Burton Williamson, Mac Crawford, Bill Blackburn, David Hester, the sponsor, Miss Pat Howard and the hosts.

Two members of the staff, Mike Skinner and Pauledde Hester, were unable to attend.

Mrs. Gibner Is Guild Hostess

Mrs. Pope Gibner was hostess to the Arts & Craft Guild Friday April 10 in her home.

Attending were Mmes. C. A. Gibner, Ned Turner, Nolan Holt, Freeman Barkley, Bruce Sheets and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 17 in the home of Mrs. Nolan Holt.

Party Held at Don Knox Home

Mr. and Mrs. Don Knox were hosts April 10 to their Bridge Club. Betty Porter and Don Knox had high score and Garland Head won the 9 hi kitty.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Irvin Davis, Chalmers Porter, Garland Head, Ray Robertson, Billie Miller and the hosts.

Supper Held Covered Dish

The Wednesday Night Class of the Church of Christ enjoyed a covered dish supper and 42 party Friday, April 3 at the Home Demonstration Clubroom.

Each couple brought a couple as guests.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Calvin Bodey, Hoyt Biles, Ben Upchurch, Jack Carroll, Charles Beagle, Edwin Pearcy, Hartley Simmons, Clyde Whitehead, and Millard Tucker.

IN APPRECIATION

The drawing on the cover of section two was drawn by Mrs. Earl (Bobbie) Novak, in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Hansford County.

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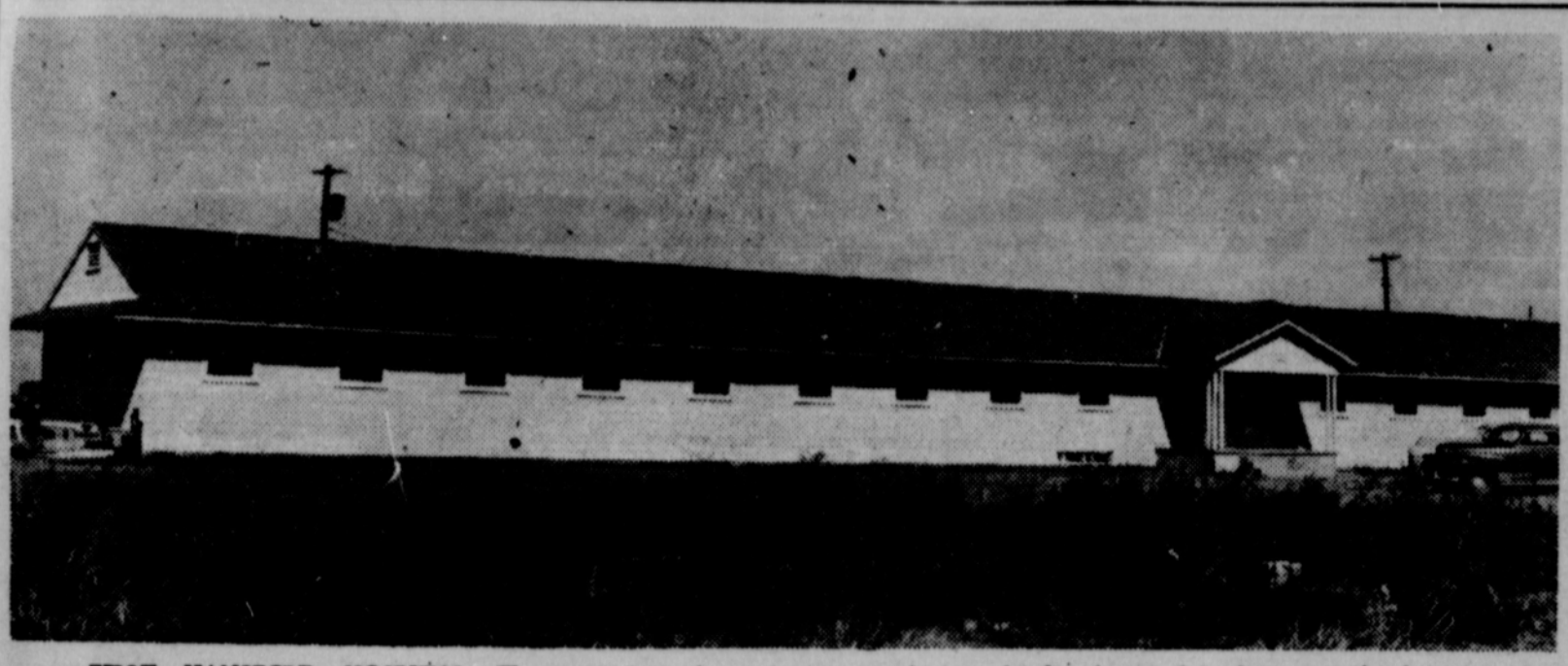
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Shurfine Tall Can
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FIRST HANSFORD HOSPITAL--These two Army barracks were made into the first hospital in the county back in 1947. The idea was born in 1944-45 when Miss Tompkins, the Home Demonstration Agent, pointed out the need for a rural hospital here. Around 400 memberships were sold at $100 each to raise money for the hospital.
PHOTO COURTESY JACK OAKES

Citizens Banded Together To Secure First Hospital in Hansford County

It is believed that the first doctor to come to Old Hansford was Dr. McCoy. Following Dr. McCoy, was Dr. Deacon, then Dr. Collier, Dr. Jim Haney, Dr. G. P. Gibner, Dr. R. T. Spencer and Dr. J. E. Gower. Dr. Gibner practiced first in Old Hansford and then moved to Spearman. Dr. Spencer had an office and some rooms (probably the first semblance of a hospital) over the Spearman Reporter building but left Spearman before 1930. Dr. Gower and Dr. Gibner had offices in the McLain Building on Main Street. During the early years of Spearman, Mrs. Angus McKay, a registered nurse, had a "hospital" in her home. For several years this was the place where babies were born and medical treatment was received.

The first idea of building a hospital in Spearman was conceived around 1944 or 1945 when Miss Charlotte Tompkins, Hansford County's Home Demonstration Agent, pointed out the need for a hospital to several of Spearman's citizens and supplied them with a pamphlet entitled "Hospitals for Rural Communities". Finally, a group of citizens banded and the first hospital board was formed consisting of Orville Walker, Howard Brillhart, Fred Hoskins, W. R. Greever, H. L. Wilbanks, Everett Vanderburg, and Mrs. Bob Hayes.

At this time the people were very reluctant to vote bonds to build a hospital, but the task of building with no money was finally overcome when the board, after having studied many rural community hospitals, discovered a very successful co-operative hospital in Elk City, Okla. It was decided that a hospital in Spearman operated similarly would fit the present needs of the town. This proved to be true because the people were receptive to the reasoning that it would cost them less to become a member and pay for their medical care in the form of yearly dues than it would to pay for this care after each trip to the hospital. Around 400 $100 memberships were sold.

The charter was obtained on August 22, 1945, and the open house was held Aug. 28, 1947. B. J. Garnett donated a city block to be used for the hospital site. Army barracks were brought here from Dalhart and converted into the County's first hospital. At this time, however, the hospital was not a county hospital and was called Hansford Hospital.

Many difficulties were encountered in these barracks. There was no administrator at this time and board members were called upon at any time of the day or night to solve such problems as finding a nurse to fill in for one who couldn't take her regular shift or to fix the heat that had just gone off. But the fact that a hospital was essential became even more evident as time passed and Spearman grew. In 1951 the taxpayers voted to accept a proposed $50,000 county hospital bond and Hansford Hospital became Hansford County Hospital.

The first doctor to come to this hospital was Malcolm Wyatt, M. D. He was paid a monthly salary and used a wing of the hospital as his living quarters.

The first patient to be treated at the hospital was W. A. Schubert. He came to the hospital on the morning of September 1, 1947, was treated and released.

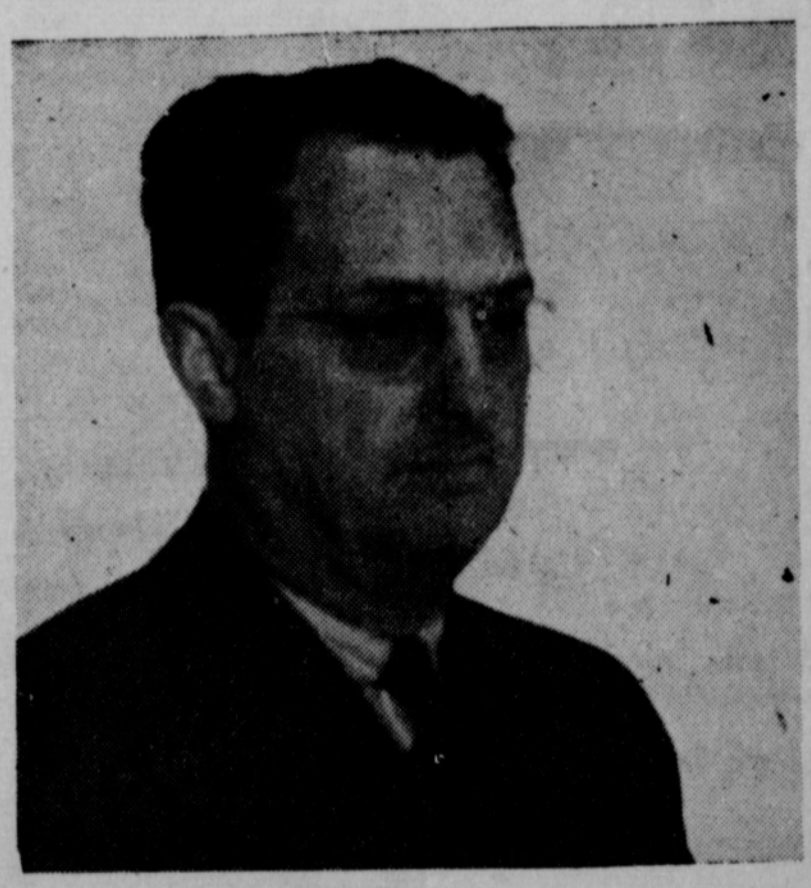
Mr. H. R. Stetson was the first major surgical patient in the hospital. He underwent surgery on September 14, 1947.

The first baby born in the Hansford Hospital was Karen Ann Weant, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weant. She was born in the new hospital at 9:24 p. m. September 15, 1947, and weighed seven and three-fourths pounds. Karen Ann and her mother were given $70 in money and a large assortment of gifts by the merchants.



DIRECTORS-These people comprised one of the first boards of Hansford Hospital. They are back row, left-right, W. R. Greever, Everett Vanderburg and Fred Hoskins, front row, Wesley Garnett, Orville Walker and Mrs. Bob Hayes.

There are more than 70 airports in Honduras, some hardly larger than a soccer field.



Barbecue King —

C. A. GIBNER--president of First State Bank in Spearman, was presented a certificate of merit as the Barbecue King of the Great North Plains on October 30, 1947.

THE MORSE CODE

ATHLETIC BANQUET

An athletic banquet was held at the Morse School Cafeteria Friday night honoring members of the football and basketball teams in the high school.

The tables were centered with Barbie dolls dressed in various athletic costumes. Placecards were pictures of each team member. The homemaking class, under the direction of Mrs. James Lanier, was responsible for the decorations.

The invocation was given by David Johnson. Acting as master of ceremonies was Johnny Brumley, superintendent. The speaker was F. G. Crawford, coach at Claude. The Mustang coach, James Lanier, presented the captains of the team and Mrs. Lanier presented the cheer leaders. The program closed with the singing of the school song.

Guests were faculty members, school board members and the athletes and their dates.

LIONS CLUB

Thursday night the Morse Lions Club met at the school cafeteria. The program was presented by three demonstration teams from the 4-H club. They were Allen and Bill McCloy, Sharon Parks, Patricia Henderson, Suzanne Dixon and Sylvia Parks.

BRIDGE PARTY

Lynn and Martha Davis hosted a bridge party at the community building recently.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. L. M. Womble, Gene Brothers, Earl Henderson, Grant Miner, Tom Dortch, H. B. Parks, Al Carter, Charles Reid, Gene and Perry Dixon and the hosts.

Mrs. Alec Alexander and Ray Alexander of Farmington, N. M. flew to Morse Saturday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Parks.

Mrs. Lorene Williams is back in the post office after being ill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kelly spent Sunday visiting with the Jack Dortch family of Amarillo.

Mrs. John Tolliver of Phillips was a caller in the Pearl Dixon home Friday evening.

Students of the Morse school spent Saturday in Darrouzett attending the literary events of District I-B.

Among those attending the stock show exhibitors banquet in Spearman Friday night were Don McCammond, Wilson McCloy, Mark and Doug McCloy, Willard and Monte McCloy, Jack and Dwight Gillispie, H. B. and Wade Parks.

Traffic Tips

Vehicle entering intersection of roadway controlled by yield right-of-way sign:

The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield right-of-way sign shall in obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions, or shall stop if necessary, and shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian legally crossing the roadway on which he is driving, and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

A driver of a vehicle who violates this act shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than two hundred dollars.

Lions To Hear Rev. Palmer

The Rev. Bob Palmer of Anchorage, Alaska, whose church was in the center of the quake-stricken area, will speak next Tuesday at noon at the Spearman Lions Club. He will give first-hand information concerning the diaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Ayers and family were called to Calumet, Okla. Friday due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Lilly Ayers. Funeral services were held at El Reno, Okla. at the Church of Christ, Monday, April 13.

CIRCUS OF FOOD VALUES!

Del Monte 14 oz. bottles
Catsup 5/$1

1 lb. can
Coffee 79¢

Del Monte WK or Cream
Corn 303 Size 4/$1

Tomatoes
Firm, Juicy
Carton
29¢



Loin Steak
lb. 89¢ USDA Choice

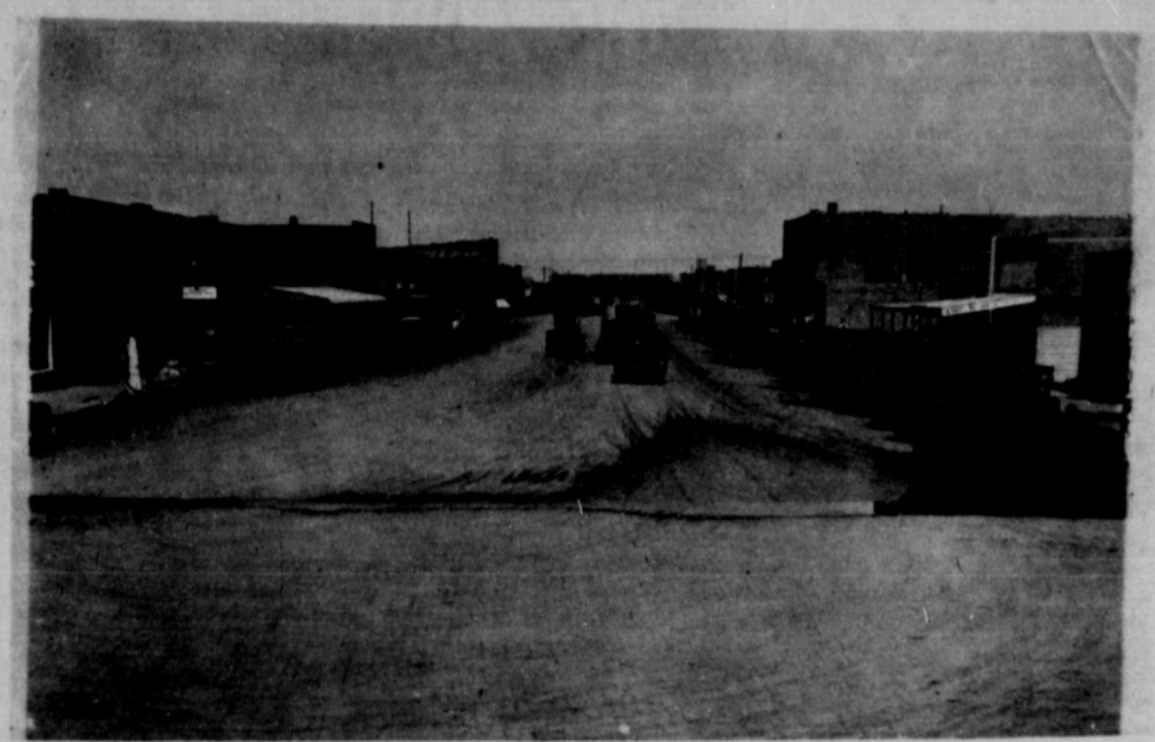


Sunray
Bacon 2 lbs. 98¢

Homemade Sausage lb. 49¢

Del Monte Cut 303 size
Green Beans 4/$1

ICE HOUSE OPENS THIS WEEKEND
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MAIN STREET IN THE EARLY 30's-Main Street was the only paved street in Spearman for many years. When this picture was made, some of the businesses located here were the Confectionery, the Ladies Store, Hill Bros. Grocery and Meats and Harbison Furniture Co.



HANSFORD HEADLIGHT-Mrs. J. H. Buchanan is shown hand-setting type and her husband, the late J. H. Buchanan is at his typewriter at the Hansford Headlight newspaper office at Old Hansford. The old George Washington press at the right was one of the first presses made. The picture was made in the early 1900's.

PHOTO COURTESY MRS. BUCHANAN

Bowling Beat

CITY LEAGUE
April 8, 1964

TEAM	WON	LOST
Spearman S. Serv.	37	15
Consumers Sales	31	21
J. M. Huber Corp.	31	21
Anthony Electric	27	25
Alton's Gulf	18	34
Bowl Mor Lanes	12	40
HIGH TEAM GAME		
Consumers		817
Super Service		774
Huber		760
HIGH TEAM SERIES		
Consumers		2250
Super Service		2192
Anthony Electric		2125
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES		
Sam Watson		498
Allan Saltzman		486
Vester Hill		476
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME		
W. Brownlee		194
Vester Hill		182
A. Saltzman		181

STRIKE OUT LEAGUE
April 9, 1964

TEAM	WON	LOST
Blodgett & Linn	32	16
Swydens	26	22
Sparks	23	25
Southwell	22½	25½
Lee Oil	21½	26½
B&B Sales	19	29
HIGH TEAM GAME		
Blodgett & Linn		894
Blodgett & Linn		889
B&B		866
HIGH TEAM SERIES		
Southwell		2497
Blodgett & Linn		2477
Swydens		2421
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME		
Lee Gruenwald		218
Ramirez & Dear		211
Richard Burke		210
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES		
Edward Dear		570
Ab. Gamble		561
Lee Gruenwald		560

PINTOPPLERS LEAGUE
April 7, 1964

TEAM	WON	LOST
Jim Neely's	83	29
Ivan's	70	42
Cut Rate Grocery	68	44
Boxwell's	67	45
Blodgett & Linn	61	51
S&L Motors	46	66
DeVonna's	36	76
Spearman S. Serv.	17	95
HIGH TEAM GAME		
Blodgett & Linn		712
Cut Rate Grocery		710
DeVonna's		699
HIGH TEAM SERIES		
Boxwell's		2020
Cut Rate Grocery		2002
Jim Neely's		1965
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME		
Jane Meek		171
Helen Etter		169
Jane Meek		167
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES		
Jane Meek		483
Jerry Locke & Helen Etter		457
Rae Butler		455

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HOOTENANNY

Thursday - 8 p.m. - High School Auditorium

The Barkley Brothers
Gruver

The Mojos
Pampa

Bobbie Peddy
Gruver

Bruce Ayres
Gruver

Don and Darlene
Perryton

Hody and Don
Gruver

Ken and Frank
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* Featuring Rod Barkley, Singing Emcee
* $125 First Prize
* $75 Second Prize
* $50 Third Prize

Many changes have been made in the last 75 years. John Deere has helped make many of these changes and will be a leader in future improvements.

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The Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club met Saturday night at the Community Building for a rip-roaring time. Pinky Pearson was the caller for the night. Seven couples from Perryton, one couple from Liberal, and four squares from Spearman attended.

The Ochiltree club took home the visiting banner.

After the dance a business meeting was held. Ola Mae Henry was elected vice president and Sandy Russel reporter.

The club was asked by the Rolling Plains Wagon Train to entertain on April 30 at the campsite near the Hitch Ranch as the train travels to Guymon's celebration.

The next dance will be April 25 with Robert Adamson calling. New members are welcome.

Draft Quota Down in May

The state draft quota for May calls for 258 men, compared to 448 for April, Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, said Wednesday.

The state quota of 258 for May is the Texas share of a national call for 7,000 men, all for the Army.

The state Selective Service director also announced pre-induction physical and mental examinations for 6,000 men in May.

Local board quotas for the May call are scheduled to be mailed to the state's 137 local boards on April 10.

The May quota will be filled mostly with men who are volunteers under 26 years old and nonvolunteers ages 19 through 25. Most of them will be 22 years old.

No man whose draft board file reflects that he is maintaining a bona fide family relationship with a wife or a child or children will be selected in response to this call.

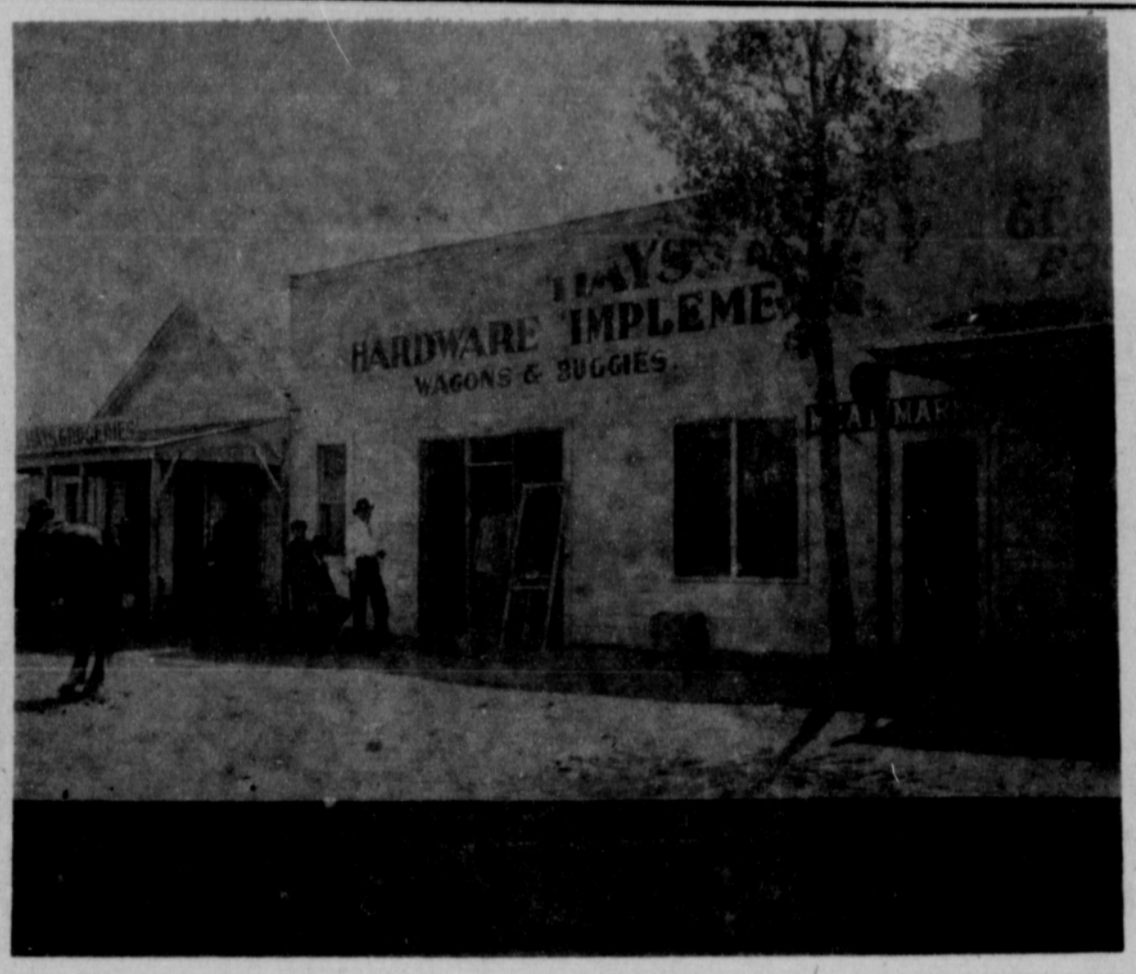
Mrs. Guthrie Is HD Club Hostess

The Town and Country Home Demonstration Club met April 7 in the home of Deloris Guthrie.

Roll call was answered by "A Talent I Would Like to Have". The business meeting was conducted by Sandra Ladd.

The program on wardrobe planning was presented by the new HD agent, Miss Linda Webb.

Attending were Mmes. Janet Hutto, Nelva White, Donetta Green, Janice Secrest, Angie Sheets, Lenora Beagle, Sandra Ladd, and the agent, Linda Webb.



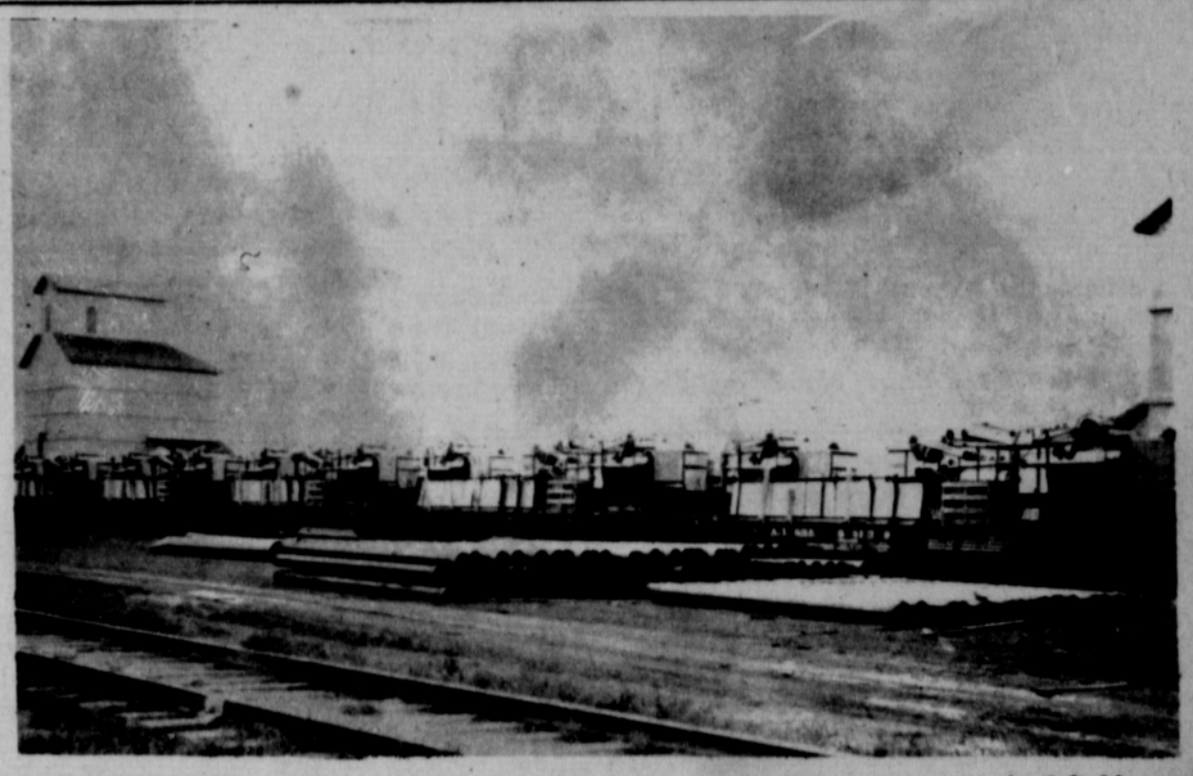
EARLY HANSFORD BUSINESS- Shown in the door of Hays' Hardware and Implement store is Lee Richardson. Others by the door are Millard Martin, Horace Hays and Floyd Hays.
PHOTO COURTESY FLOYD HAYS

18 County Women Attend HD Meeting

Delegates from Hansford County attending the annual spring meeting of District I, Texas Home Demonstration Association in Perryton, April 9 were Mmes. W. B. Barnes and Flavel Ayers from Spearman and Mrs. Jack Crowl of Morse. Others attending were Mmes. Harold Groves, B. J. Garnett, Claude Jackson, H. M. ShedeckHartley Simmons, L. W. Rosenbaum, W. H. Tarbox, W. A. Ellsworth, and the agent, Linda Webb of Spearman and Mmes. M. W. McCloy, Jack Johnson, H. B. Parks, Roy Roper, Bessie Henderson and Mary Gillispie of Morse.

Principal speaker for the afternoon was Florence W. Lowe, Assistant Director of Home Economics Extension Service of Texas, who has recently visited the Scandinavian countries and Russia. She also showed films taken while in Russia. Also speaking was State Treasurer, Mrs. Maynard Gaines of Coleman and Mayor Spencer Whippo of Perryton.

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FREIGHT YARD- Early Spearman was a shipping point for farm equipment and oil field supplies. The Santa Fe yard was always busy. PHOTO COURTESY LEE McCLELLAN

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordes, Pastor
Oslo Lutheran Church

The shape of sin or our understanding of sin is far too superficial. We don't really understand what sin is until we understand the height from which and the depth to which man has fallen.

Originally we were created in the image of God. We were Holy. We as a human race had the power to choose God and good. But when the fall came, the human race could by itself no longer come to God, nor even desire to choose good. The fall has been passed on to all generations. From the perfect image of God to helpless human beings needing to be born again of Spiritual life.

In essence sin is a rebellion against the Father by the son (as Absalom going against his father King David).

Our civilized Texas and United States reagrds sin too much as merely robbery, adultery, murder, or a little cheating or a few curse words.

We need to see the absolute corruptness of man. . . ourselves without Christ. God chased the first Adam out of the Garden and shut the gate. An Angel with a flaming sword prevented his return. Do you see this banishment? And God was even sorry He had made the human race. And this rebellion by mankind was so awful it cost God His Son on Calvary. Do you see this costly condition called sin?

Man without Christ is perishing like cattle choking to death in a dust storm. Or the warm sleep of death coming to one freezing in a blizzard. Too many people have never seen their destruction before God---and thus see no need for the full Gospel.

To everyone living in total depravity (Sinful and helpless before God), the Gospel can heal. We're bankrupt. But complete in Christ as Savior. Christ takes our whole burden. "The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Our need of a Full Savior depends on how we view sin. I for one see the need of Christ completely cleansing me daily. Alone I'm helpless. And you?

A little chili sauce or catchup left in the bottom of that bottle? Add it to a meat-loaf mixture. If milk is going into the loaf you can "wash out" the bottle with the milk so you can get every smidgin of the chili sauce or catchup.

Services For Mrs. Dessaint Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Edith Blazer Dessaint, 78, of Spearman were conducted at 10 a. m. Tuesday in the First Methodist Church in Spearman.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Gates, pastor.

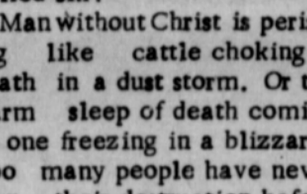
Mrs. Dessaint died Saturday afternoon in Hansford Hospital. She had been a resident patient of the hospital for almost 10 years.

She was born June 21, 1885 in Bennett, Iowa and was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Louis Dessaint of Miami, Fla., a sister, Mrs. Inez Kasiah of Monroe, La.; a step brother, George Buzzard of Spearman and a step sister, Mrs. R. K. Nussbaum of Enid, Okla., and one grandson.

Large ocean-going vessels can penetrate 2,300 miles along the Amazon — about three-quarters of the way across the South American continent.

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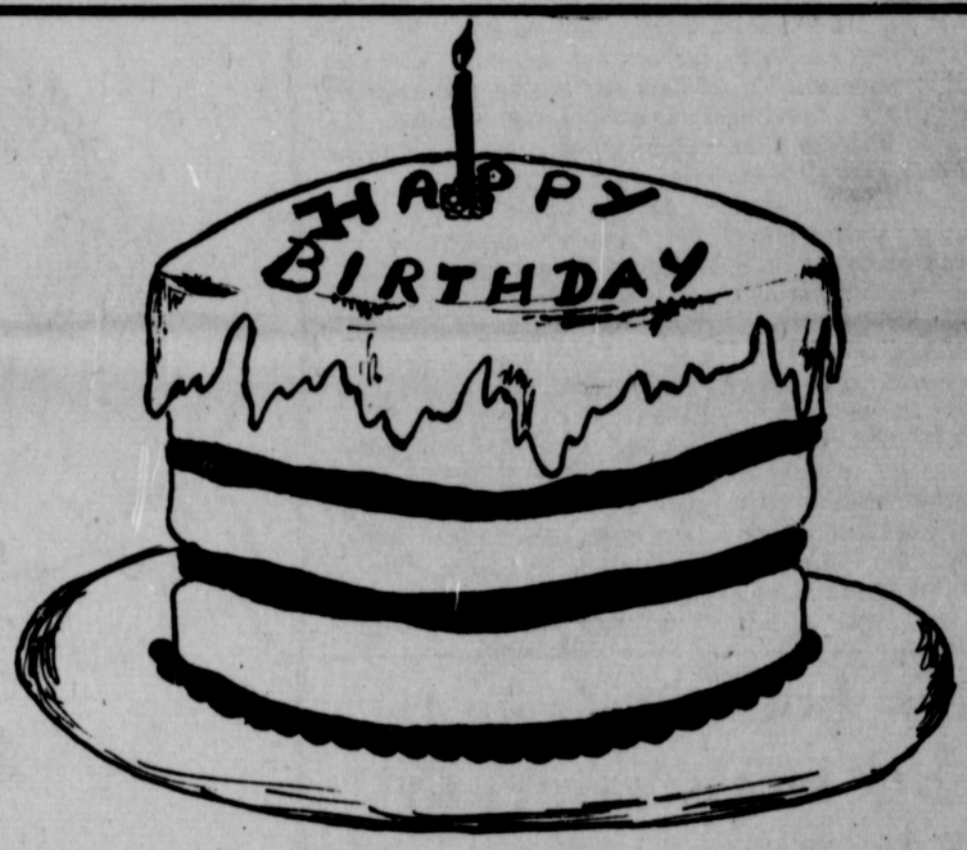
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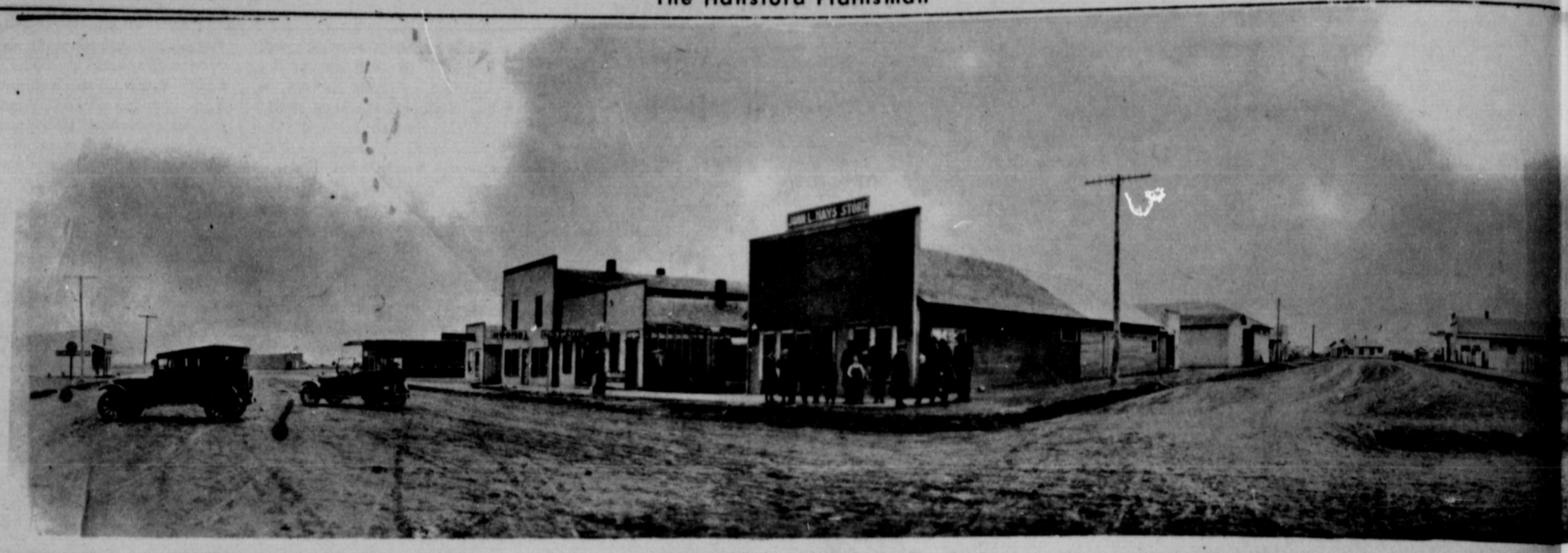
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SPEARMAN HARDWARE



SPEARMAN MAIN STREET- You see both ends of Main Street thanks to the early photographer's panoramic camera. The camera was in Davis Street between Hansford Abstract and the old Corner Drug. Business buildings and houses in the picture are (left to right) Forshee Hardware, Surprise Store No. 1, Fisher's Picture Show where the First Christian Church is now located, across the street is Bob Morton's garage, Townsend and McClellan Real Estate Loans, T. H. Taylor Rooms, Royal Cafe which had many owners, Jess Hays Service Station, John L. Hays Grocery, Down Davis Street is Panhandle Lumber Co., the house where Mildred Chamberlain now lives, White House Lumber is on the west side

Spearman's Main Street Has Weathered Nature,

Spearman's Main Street, like so many other small towns has had its ups and downs since the town was started in 1917 by the Santa Fe Railroad.

The town even had trouble getting started. Just about the time Santa Fe laid out the town and named it for a railroad official, the United States entered World War I and the building of the new town was overlooked until it was over.

The town started building and moving in from Hansford in 1919 and during 1920. When the movement started it grew fast and everyone started moving to the railroad. The railroad was built into Spearman in 1920.

The buildings moved here were frame buildings and the first ones built were frame. S. B. Hale built the first brick building for his drug store.

Four of the old buildings that were moved from Hansford are still on Main Street. They are the Brandt building at the corner of Main and Hancock. Just across the street is another one, the building now housing B&B Sales Co. Dry's Second Hand Store on the corner of Main and Davis was moved in and the small building behind it.

Tom Fisher had the first picture show. It was located where the First Christian Church now stands. P. A. Lyon said it had its own electric plant and everyone knew when the show opened because the electric plant engine could be heard all over town.

Lack of water and big fires did much to change the appearance of the street.

Lyon says there was no water system to fight the early fires and if anything caught fire there was little that could be done.

A fire on the east side of the street in March 1922 burned everything from the Guaranty Bank at the Davis street corner to the B&B Sales building at the Hancock street corner.

In 1924 the first city water system was installed with water mains to serve the downtown and provide fire protection. The day the mains were to be charged, a fire broke out on the west side of the 200 block. This one burned Hale Drug, Surprise Store No. 2, The Spearman Reporter and Hillhouse Drug.

After the fire finally burned itself out and was put out in the afternoon, the city finished work on the lines and charged them with water that night.

Lyon said the first water system for the town, before the water lines, was a well, a pump and water tank. The pump was powered by a hotball engine.

This engine had no ignition system nor carburetor. There were check valves in the fuel line. To start it, one put a torch under the ball at the end of the cylinder and heated it until it got hot enough for the gasoline to ignite when it was on compression. The hotter the engine got the better it ran, Lyon said.

He was the first secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and it was part of his duty to collect $2 from each business to pay the cost of running the engine.

Interscholastic League Events Here Saturday

Students from district 1-AA high schools and grade schools will compete in 19 different events here Saturday in the Interscholastic League Literary Contests in Spearman High School.

Spearman Superintendent James Bramlett will be director of the meet.

The first events begin at 9 a. m. and will last throughout the afternoon.

In high school competition there will be contests in Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Reading, Number Sense, Ready Writing, Science, Shorthand, Slide Rule, Spelling and Typewriting.

Grade school competition will be in Declamation, Number Sense, Picture Memory, Ready Writing, Spelling 95-6) Spelling(7-8)and Story Telling.

Schools to be here include Stinnett, White Deer, Boys Ranch, Dalhart, Shamrock and Spearman.

Because of the celebration Saturday the school cafeteria will be open for feeding the large number of school entries.

Phebus Rites Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy Josephine Phebus, 70, were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

The Rev. Luther Berry, pastor, conducted the services and Boxwell's were in charge of interment in the Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mrs. Phebus died at 3 p. m. Sunday in her home in Spearman. She has lived in Spearman for 17 years. She was born Dec. 9, 1893, in Mountain Grover, Mo.

Survivors are her husband, Roy of Perryton, a son, Austin Fieldon of Sacramento, Calif., four daughters, Mrs. Buck Nye of Morse, Mus. Bud Morley of Spearman, Mrs. C. W. Wilson of Gruver and Mrs. J. R. Dixon of Stanton, Calif., 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The skin of American Indians is not red but brown, sometimes shading almost to white. The Indians' fondness for painting themselves with red ocher or vegetable dyes led early explorers to call them "Redskins."



DON'T MONKEY AROUND ...

And Miss Part of the Celebration

"DIAMOND JUBILEE"

April 15—19 in Spearman

RELIGIOUS MEETING 8 p. m. Wed., Football Field	HOOTENANNY 8 p. m. Thurs. High School Auditorium	BEAUTY PAGEANT 8 p. m. Friday High School Auditorium
QUEEN'S BALL 9 p. m. Fri. Community Building	LION'S SPONSORED CARNIVAL All During Celebration	FLY-IN BREAKFAST 6 a. m. Sat. Grunewald's Restaurant
10:30 a. m. Sat. PARADE	NOON SATURDAY BARBECUE	2 p. m. Sat. & Sun. RODEO

Dance- 9 p. m. Saturday Community Building

SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION !

J. L. BROCK AGENCY



of Davis. Back on Main is First National Bank, Surprise Store No. 2, Hale Drug Co., C. W. King Real Estate, Spearman Reporter, Hillhouse Drug, one store not identified, Brandt's Store, Collard Real Estate and Hansford Abstract, Summers Hood Lumber Co., Santa Fe Depot, Andrews Hardware in the building now housing B & B Sales, Tom Silas Lone Star Hotel, Sid Clark's Barbershop, McLain Real Estate, T-Bone Cafe, owned by Joe Eden who rated as an outstanding cook, Shop Shop and the Guaranty State Bank, now the First State Bank. The tank truck in the street hauled oil to the Coble-Haywood test well on the Turkey Track Ranch. It was one of the first wells north of the Canadian.

Fire, Drouths and Prosperity From 1917 to 1964

Lyon said the water was pumped into a large open tank and people just came and dipped their water out of the tank.

"In the summer the dogs started jumping in the tank and some of the more "finicky" residents complained, "Lyon added, "so, we had to put a cover on the tank."

When the oil boom started in the Borger area, Spearman became a shipping point for oil field equipment. The freight came here by train and then went to the fields in trucks.

The first well north of the Canadian River was Gulf's discovery well north and east of Stinnett. It was drilled in 1922.

At one time, after three days of rain had made the roads impassable, there were no highways; one resident said he counted 86 trucks in Spearman, loaded and waiting for the roads to become passable.

In 1929 and 1944 many of the vacant lots were covered in grain from bumper wheat crops. In 1944 rain caught some of the grain on the ground and it ruined, giving the town a strong smell for a long time.

The drouths of the 30's and 50's were hard on Main street. Many businesses closed and many people left during both dry periods. Something has happened both times to bring the town back stronger.

In the 40's there was rain, big crops and the demand for crops brought on by World War II. The oil and gas boom in the mid-fifties stopped the decline the last time and this coupled with some good crops have spurred the town from a 1200 population in 1954 to a 4,000 population in 1964.

Irrigation now holds the key to even more growth in the years to come.

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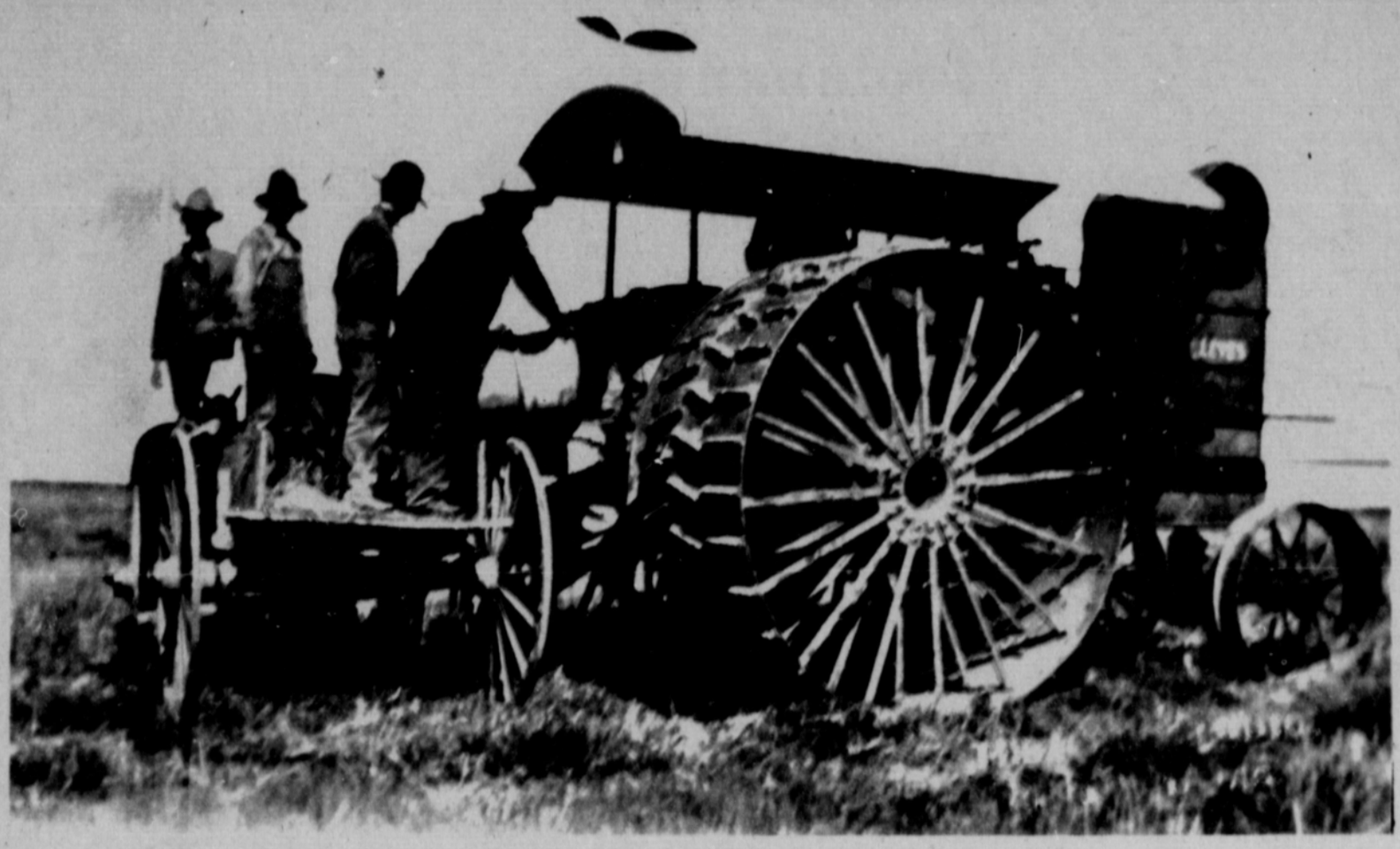
See Nelda and the other beauties in the Miss Hansford County contest Friday night at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.



Miss Texas will entertain at the Beauty Contest and will be a contest judge.

Mrs. Texas will be one of the judges.

Beedy FURNITURE CO.



FUELING— It took several men to fuel and operate the big, clumsy Reeves Threshing Machine used before combines came to Hansford County.



THRESHING CREW- These are just a few of the men necessary to thresh wheat in the early days in the county.

City Approves Zoning For Building Home

After hearing 30 people express themselves, pro and con, on the location of a home for the aged at Eleventh and Roland, the City Council Monday night sustained the Zoning Board's action of changing the zoning from A to C to allow the home to be built.

Five persons living in the block north of the proposed location for the home had presented a petition to the zoning board requesting that the zoning change not be allowed.

After the zoning board voted to make the change, Ray Lackey filed a protest to the board decision and requested the hearing before the council. Lackey said he filed the protest in behalf of the five families signing the petition.

The families protesting the location said they were not against the home being in Spearman, but they did not want the area near their homes changed from residential zoning.

They also asked the council what assurance they would have that if the zoning was changed for a nursing home that it would not be changed for something much less desirable.

Several of those living in the area recommended several other locations around town for the home. Mayor Bob Vaughn reminded them that it was not the council's business to pick a location. He said the home was being built by private funds as a business and the builder had asked for that location.

The Mayor said the council could only decide if it was going to allow the zoning change and what could be built there.

Most of those favoring the home were people who have worked to get a home here or older people. They all urged the council to allow the change because Spearman needed the home. Persons who have worked on the home said this is the first opportunity the town has had to get a home after three years of working.

Joe Smith said the group tried to raise the money, after three years they had raised only $5,500. The home will cost $150,000.

Two Uninjured In Plane Crash

Two Spearman men walked away from a minor light plane crash at the north end of the Spearman airport at 7 p. m. Saturday.

Bob Campbell and Jimmy Crawford were not hurt when the small two-place plane slammed into the wheat field near the runway.

Campbell said he was approaching the runway when he was caught in a downdraft and he could not get enough power to make the runway.

The landing gear was knocked off and the propeller bent.

Four Attend Perryton Meeting

The District Deputy President, Roberta Moulton of Perryton announced at the Panhandle Rebekah Circle meeting held in Perryton April 13th that she and her staff would meet with the Spearman Rebekahs Thursday evening, April 23.

Those from Spearman attending the meeting were Ruth Caro, Inez Holland, Rose Cummings and Caro Lee Frantz.

Surprise for the youngsters: cut up small colored gumdrops (not the licorice-flavored ones) and add to muffin batter along with raisins and nuts, if you like, or use alone.

Early and Last Hansford Fights Concerned Courthouse

The forerunner to Spearman and Gruver was Hansford in Palo Duro Canyon and the first county seat of the county.

Hansford was founded by J. H. (Huff) Wright around 1885, before the county was organized.

At that time all official county business had to be done at Mobeetie in Wheeler County. Farwell was the other town in the county and it was located in what is now the Wes Maupin's pasture northeast of Gruver.

Both towns wanted the courthouse and both sent riders to get the county seat. M. B. Wright, Hazel Morton's father, made the historic ride for Hansford. After Hansford got the "county capital" Mrs. M. B. Wright was named the first post mistress of the county.

One unconfirmed story about the voting on Hansford or Farwell as a county seat credits an unidentified Hansford supporter as passing the "jug" freely to the few prospective voters in the county.

Hansford prospered and its competitor, Farwell, died. It disappeared before the turn of the century. Hansford had the usual stores, blacksmith shop, a newspaper, The Hansford Headlight, founded by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, and a bank.

The town had a hard time getting the courthouse to stand up. It and much of the town was blown away on April 27, 1891. A one story building was then built. It was damaged by wind several times.

A railroad promotion idea and later a railroad put an end to the town in the beautiful canyon.

About five years before the Santa Fe built into the county a promoter tried to promote a locally owned railroad from Enid, Okla., to Dalhart, through Hansford and Dumas. It fell through after it was proved to be mostly a promotion scheme.

When Santa Fe started into the county no one expected them to build into the canyon. It is said that a law then required any railroad building within five miles of a county seat had to build into the town.

Residents of Hansford who still live in Spearman report that most Hansfordites accepted the fact that the town would move to the railroad. There was no concentrated effort to get the railroad to Hansford.

One other reason given for the people's readiness to move concerned titles to land. It is said the town was surveyed twice and there were many lots that could not get clear titles.

After much of the town moved to Spearman, the courthouse remained there. After three elections it was finally moved on April 25, 1929.

Mrs. Keezee Richardson, the County Clerk, was then County Clerk, also. She said there were lots of politicing about moving the courthouse to the east side or west side of the county or leave it in Hansford. Parties on both sides were accusing me of voting for the other side and all the time I was voting to keep it in Hansford. My home was there.

She still owns some lots in Hansford.

Today, Spearman still uses the Hansford Cemetery, and there are still one or two houses that were there when the town was thriving. But, the skid and spin marks in the dirt streets from the motorcycles of such young "wild ones" as Lee McClellan, P. A. Lyon, Johnny Spivey and others have faded into memories along with the music from the Hansford City Band.



FLOOD— This over-abundance of rail fell at Old Hansford.

Ownbey Gets Second In High Jump

Spearman Lynx trackmen finished last in the District Track Meet Saturday in Perryton with 14½ points. One Lynx qualified for the Regional Meet in Lubbock next weekend.

Dalhart won the meet with 169 points, Stinnett was second with 140½, White Deer was third with 99, Boys Ranch 48, Shamrock 28 and Spearman.

Jim Ownbey tied for second in the High Jump with Deward Strong of Dalhart and Ownbey will be going to the regional meet.

Ownbey tied with Pete Floech of Boys Ranch for sixth place in the broad jump.

Ronald McDonald of Spearman finished sixth in the 440-yard dash.

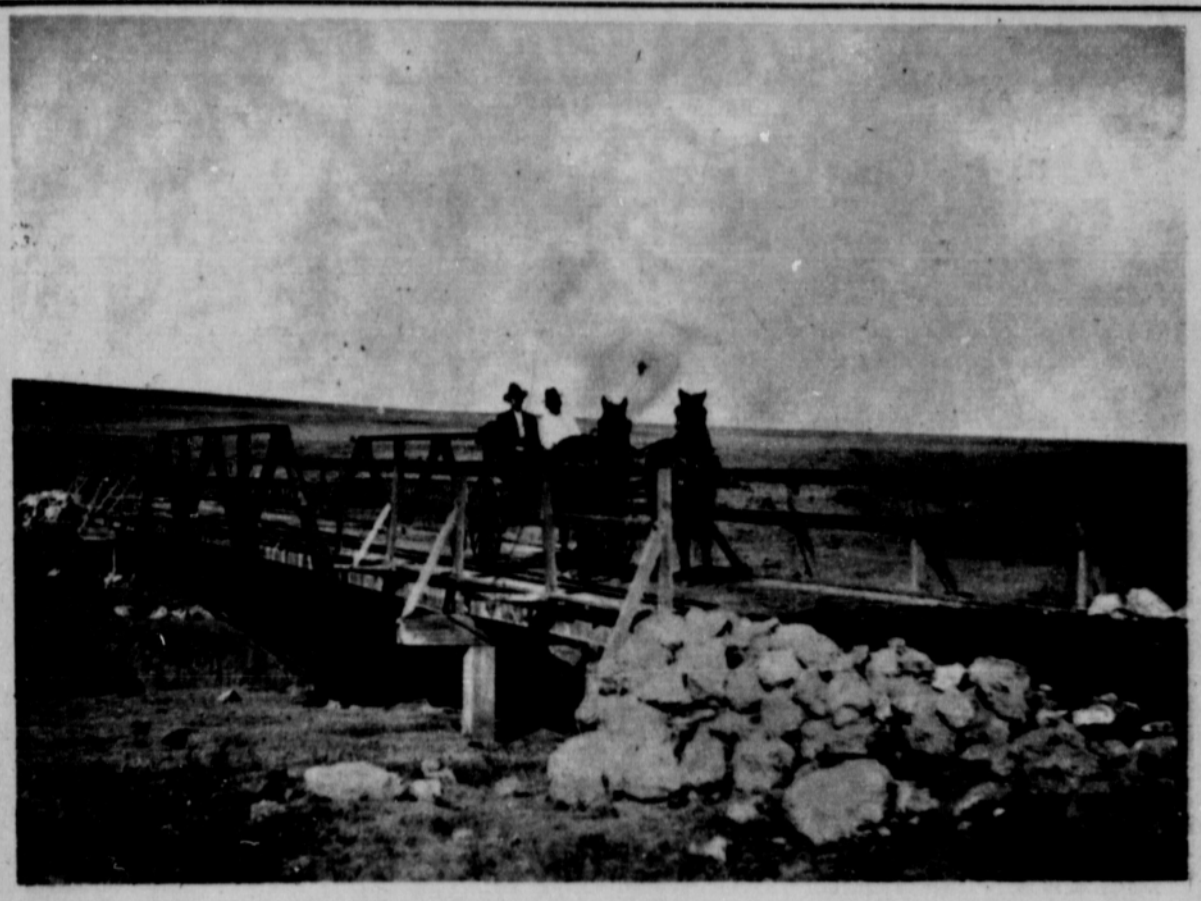
Spearman also picked up points when the mile relay team finished fifth.

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FIRST BRIDGE--Jess Hays and Tom Burgess are shown crossing the first bridge over Palo Duro Creek. The bridge crossed the creek north of Hansford near where Bill Hutton lives now. PHOTO COURTESY FLOYD HAYS

Hootenanny Draws Top Entertainers

Eight different groups or individuals will be competing for $250 in prize money and providing lots of entertainment at the Diamond Jubilee Hootenanny at 8 p. m. Thursday in the High School Auditorium.

Chairman Ed Dear urges everyone to get to the show early because seats will be on a first come basis. Admission is $1. 25 and 75 cents.

Rod Barkley of Gruver will be the singing master of ceremonies for the show. He will also perform with the Barkley Brothers of Gruver, one of the entries.

Bruce Ayres will be another of the top contenders in the show. He is winner of the Amarillo Hottenanny.

Two more Gruver entries will be competing. Bobbie Peddy will do a solo act and Hody and Dan will be a duet.

Other entries include the Mojos of Pampa, Don and Darlene Calvert of Perryton, Ken and Frank of Felt, Okla. and The New Folk Three of Portales, N. M.

All of these entries are professional or semi-professional entertainers and have been among the top contenders in shows over the area.

Dear promises a full evening of entertainment while the eight entries compete for the prizes.

Dear says the list of entries was kept small and the entry requirement higher to guarantee a good show and plenty of time for the favorite entertainers to perform.

Golf Club Will Meet

The Spearman Golf Club will have their annual meeting April 20, at 7:30 p. m. at the Hospitality Room at the First State Bank.

All members should attend this meeting as officers will be elected.

Mrs. Tarbox Is Circle Hostess

The Mary Martha Circle of WSCS met April 8 in the parlor of the First Methodist Church, with Mrs. W. A. Tarbox as hostess.

The meeting opened with prayer by Dorcas Collard and the business session was conducted by Minnie Jones. Announcement was made of the District WSCS meeting April 14 at McLean.

The devotional was given by Margaret Gibner and the lesson "The Changing City Challenges the Church" was under the direction of Patty Sheppard. Mrs. Grace Lyon reviewed Chapter 3 of the study and Mrs. Dorothy Groves showed slides of several cities taken when Mr. and Mrs. Groves were volunteer workers for the church.

Attending were Altha Townsend, Vera McClellan, Mary Sansing, Grace Lyon, Minnie Jones, Dorcas Collard, Margaret Gibner, Frances Rhodes, Mary Lee, Hazel Morton, Eleanor Crooks, Bertha Tarbox, Freda Sheets, Patty Sheppard and Dorothy Groves.

Mrs. Groves Gives Program

The Susannah Wesley Circle of WSCS met April 8 in the parlor of the First Methodist Church with Verna Gail Keim as hostess.

Patty Shep ard continued the study "The Changing City Challenges the Church" and Dorothy Groves showed slides of their work at Cleveland, Ohio with the inner-city Protestant Parish. The devotional was given by Verna Gail Keim and Barbara Haberthur read a poem "The City".

Announcement was made of the District meeting April 14 at McLean.

Attending were Margaret Adamson, Dorcas Collard, Dorothy Groves, Barbara Haberthur, Marie Hays, Verna Gail Keim, Patty Sheppard, Barbara True and Virginia Trindle.

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Mrs. John Terry and family
Mrs. Bob Clark and family

Brunch Held For Parishioners

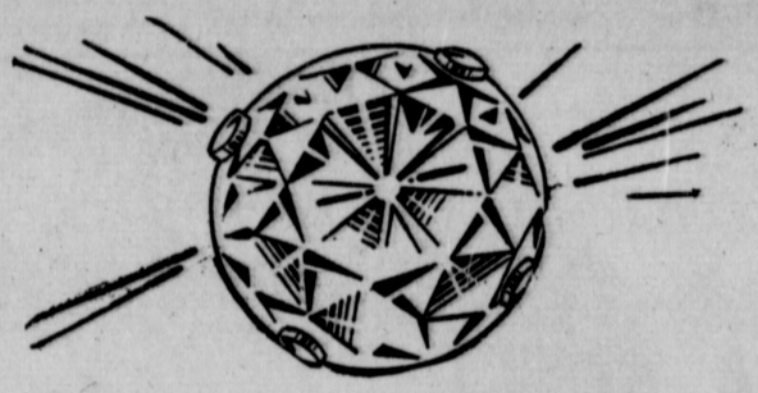
The parishioners of Sacred Heart Church enjoyed a brunch in the rectory immediately after Mass, Sunday April 5th. Hostesses were Mmes. C. A. Kleeberger, Jerry Morris and Hugh Banks. A bake sale was also held in conjunction with the brunch.

OUTSTANDING CIVIC WORKER IN 1947

Fred J. Hoskins was awarded a certificate of merit as the outstanding civic worker of Spearman for 1947.

Help Celebrate

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Jim Langdon has fully lived up to Governor Connally's expectations. He has conducted his office in the spirit of Governor Jim Hogg, who had the Commission set up in 1891 to look after the public interest in railroad and freight rates. It now regulates also truck and bus rates and the production of oil and gas. Judge Langdon will continue to keep transportation rates in line and see to it that our oil reserves are protected against waste and greed. This will help keep down Texas gasoline prices, already among the lowest in the nation.

Jim Langdon was elected District Judge twice and re-elected Chief Justice of the El Paso Court of Civil Appeals.

ON THE OTHER HAND—

Jim Langdon's Opponent Is a 10-Time Loser!

Jesse Owens, 69-year-old attorney, is still running for office after 38 years and TEN DEFEATS. He has lost the following races:

1926—Defeated for Sheriff of Foard County by L. D. Campbell.
1930—Defeated for District Attorney by John Meyers.
1932—Defeated for District Attorney by Ed Gossett.
1940—Defeated for District Attorney by T. Gene Rogers.
1946—Defeated for Court of Criminal Appeals by Tom L. Beauchamp.
1952—Defeated for Court of Criminal Appeals by K. K. Woodley.
1956—Defeated for Court of Criminal Appeals by W. A. Morrison.
1958—Defeated for District Judge by Tom Davis.
1960—Defeated for Court of Civil Appeals by James Denton.
1962—Defeated for Texas Supreme Court by Meade F. Griffin.

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HANSFORD HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients in Hansford Hospital this week are Joseph Logan, Ethel Walberry, Richard Tracy, Leona Morrison, Eileen Sutherland, Forest Cearley, Sam Barr, Nina Miller, Jack Lovett, Myrtle Mae Blodgett, Ann Sparks.

Dismissed were Edith Curlee, Kyra Crum, Kimberly Kees, Jim Miller, Stanley Garnett, June Mitchell and daughter, Mary Joyce Crooks, Dan Schrader, Mary Lee Nunley and twins, Sherry Cox, Marcie Secrest, Donald Coates, Johriee Vantreese, Hunter Ed Novak, Etta Harolson, Jerry Ford and Charolette Ford.

Mrs. Bob Hohertz was called to Canadian Sunday night when her mother, Mrs. Van Petree, suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Ray Lackey, Tim and Ann spent the weekend with relatives at Enid.

Eleven Charter Members When Baptists Organized

On March 14, 1920, the First Baptist Church of Spearman came into being after a series of services held by W. L. Tubbs and W. L. Younger with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burran, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barbour and Herman, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Black, Mrs. Eva Wilbanks and Henry R. Waldrop, eleven in all.

The church was organized under the declaration and covenant of the Pendleton Church Manual.

This same year, three lots were given to the Baptists. A small frame building was constructed on the property. This was a rudely constructed unlovely tar-paper-covered building that was the beginning of a series of structures that housed this congregation. Serving as a meeting place for the group were the tabernacle, which blew down and parts of which wrecked a small house; the school auditorium; a small frame church belonging to the Presbyterians; the basement and now the present structure housing the First Baptist Church.

The first Sunday School was organized March 21, 1920 with eleven members. The Sunbeams were organized that same year with 10 children participating.

In 1926 the church constructed a parsonage and in 1927 Brother J. H. Richards was called as pastor to the 42 members. He resigned March 1, 1933 and the records show there were 300 members at the time of his resignation.

The church purchased a two room frame structure for $75 in 1933, to add to the Sunday School facilities. During Brother A. F. Loftin's pastorate in December of 1935, the church began planning to construct the building where they now meet.

In 1939 the matter of the new building was seriously discussed and although there was only $75 in the building fund, the planned new building was estimated to cost $1, 200.

In February of 1943, the records disclosed that the church had raised $2, 375, and had purchased $1, 100 in bonds. The ground breaking for the new church was held in the fall of 1945. The Rev. Sam Malone was then pastor of the church. The cornerstone laying ceremony followed on August 1, 1947 and finally in May of 1948, the members moved from the basement of the new building, where they had been meeting, to the new sanctuary.

The Rev. Ray Stephens was pastor from 1948 until 1950 when he resigned to re-enter the military service. On the last day that Brother Stephens was here, a note burning ceremony was held.

The Rev. O. L. Bryant came to the church in 1952 and during his pastorate the church experienced much growth and felt a need to expand their facilities again.

In 1947 the church purchased a home at 1017 S. Townsend to house their educational director. And, in 1958, work was begun on the new educational building. This building was completed in October of 1959.

The latest building program by the church was the purchase of a new brick parsonage in 1961. The old parsonage was then sold and removed from the church property.

The present pastor of the church is the Rev. Luther Berry, who came here in September of 1961 from Lefors.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Row are in Ponca City, Okla. where Lowell is a patient in the Ponca City Municipal Hospital in a critical condition. He became quite ill while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Don Baker, and entered the hospital on April 6.

Christians Organized Here, 1926

The First Christian Church of Spearman was begun with evangelistic services led in November of 1926 by Jasper Bogue, District Evangelist. During that time, 39 persons became charter members of the church. They met for an indefinite period of time in the IOOF Hall.

In January of 1928, the church purchased an old bank building and later moved it to the corner lots they had bought.

Brother Bogue continued to preach and they had occasional revivals, adding quite a few to their roles.

In 1946, the church added a small stucco building which had Sunday School rooms. They used these buildings until 1949 when they were sold and moved away. The present church building was built on the same site.

Today, the First Christian Church in Spearman has about 300 members. The church is served by W. Graham Pugh, minister.

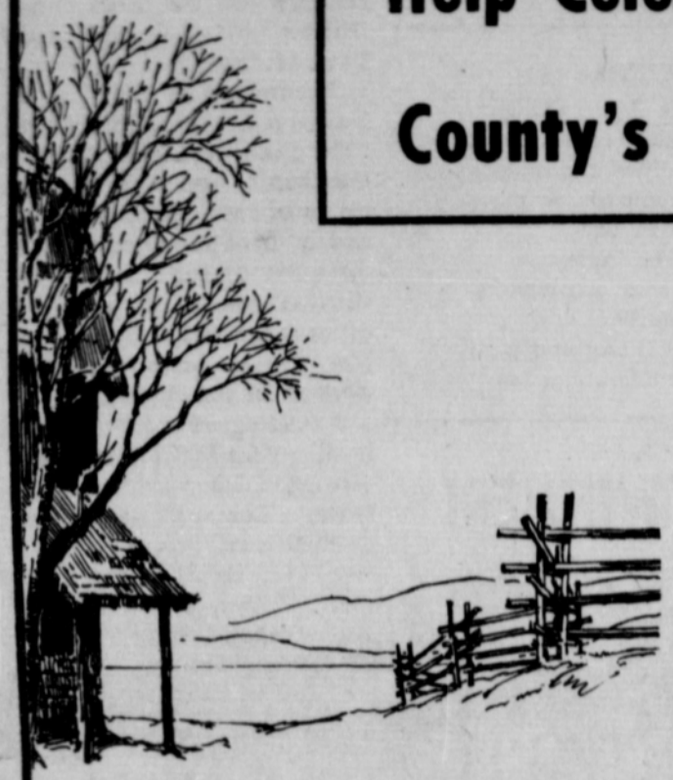
Revival Starts Next Week

Revival services begin next week at the Union Church in Spearman, according to the Rev. George Bollinger, pastor.

The Rev. Bob Palmer of Anchorage, Alaska, whose church was in the center of the quake-stricken area will be the preacher for the revival services.

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WEST NOT SO WILD--Alvino Richardson, an early cowboy, takes a rest on this apparently gentle Hereford bull after roping the animal.
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Honor Roll Announced By Grade School Principal

1st Grade
Pam Conner
Randy Janzen
Mike Tucker
Ted Harbour
William Porter

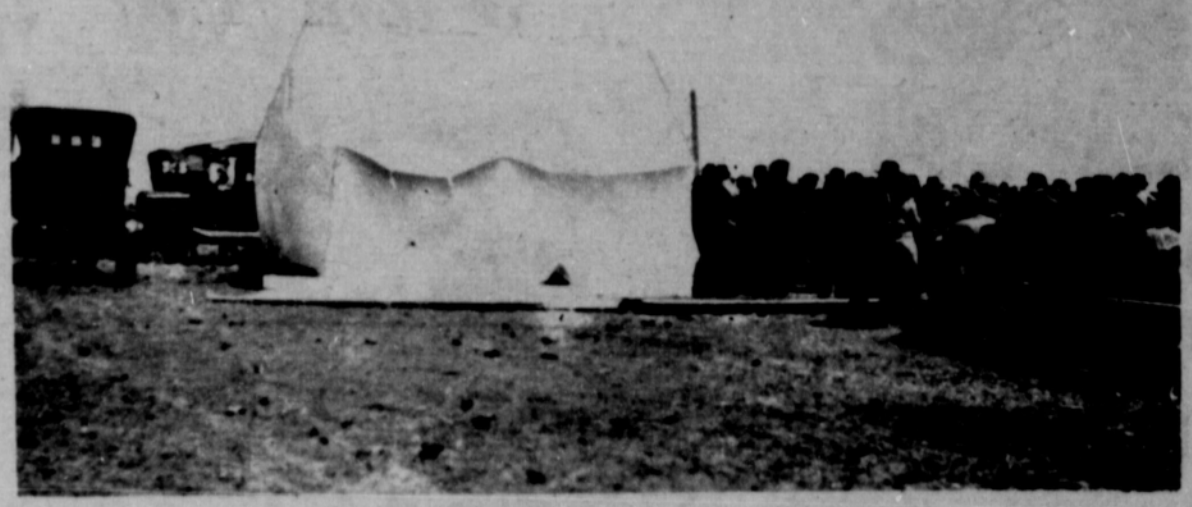
2nd Grade
Robert Cochran
Billy Hazelwood
Ken McClellan
Cindy Berner
Jane McIntyre
Brenda Thomas
Dixie Sheppard
Rhonda Jones
Brad Seymour
Randy Denham
Vickie Crawford
Gena Fields
Martin Hendrick
Roland Depew

3rd Grade
Scott Beedy
Cathy Dear
Steve George
Linda Ricketts
Kendra Brack
Jim Linn
Kerry Evans
Jeanie Porter
4th Grade
Ronnie Head
Bobby DeArmond
Danny McLaughlin
Camille Baggerly
Jody Healer
Lisa Hutchison
Linda Reneau
Amy Renner
Patricia Schnell

4th Grade Honorable Mention
Donna Jones
Debra Humphries
Jay Holland
Becky Sparks
Kathi Brown
Dee Vanderburg
Seth Palston
Gerry Harnish
Cynthia Kopke
Karen Kunselman
Sarah Connelly
Elizabeth Hohertz
Lezlie Nollner
Sheila Patterson
Diana Robinson
Lee Watson
Billy Brown
Ricky Driscoll
Larry Fryer

5th Grade
Sheryl Curry
Becky Sheppard
Jolinda Lee
Mark Massie

Honorable Mention
Betty Nixon
Bonnie Seymour
Pat Sloan
Jim Jenkins
Anita Smith
Danny Carroll
Gary Evans
Rosemary Burkhart
Wanda Green



CELEBRATION-Spearman was opened with a celebration in 1917. This snapshot shows the crowd that was on hand for the barbecue and opening of Spearman that spring.
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Denise Sparks
Kandy Vaughn
Kelly Rosenbaum
Devorah Jackson
Rhonda Linn
Karen Waggoner
Beverly Bohanan
Tony Harper
Billy Messer
Roy Pipkin
Mike Schnell
Mary Hazelwood
Roy Don Chick

6th Grade
Karen Baggerly
Danny Hendricks
Larry Hendricks
Richard Larson
David Holland
Jan Jones
Glynna Sanders
Sandra Shufeldt
DeAnna Sheets
Steve Spoonemore
Brenda Stout
Randy Weston

Honorable Mention
Lynn Brack
Marie Chitwood
Joe Clement
Joe Bill Cochran
Paula Higgins
Lynne Hohertz
Meg Conrey
Jimmy Jackson
Jo Ellen Kirkland
Lynna Mackie
Becky McClellan
Richard Nealy
Frances Nollner
Tommy Reger
Phil Sanders
Frank Wilmeth
Edwin Cornelius
Vicki Rosenbaum
Darral Tope

7th Grade
Connie Trindle
Barbara Bramlett
Dallen S roggs
Marilyn Blodgett
Pennye Sanders

Honorable Mention
Kirk Allison
Gail Hopper
Toni Hudson
Sherry Messer
Carolyn Coates
Glenda Adkison
Marcia Shieldknight
Lisa Curry
Sue Sloan
Mike Davis
Joe Hutchison
Gary Woolley
Marty Jones
Myrna Crum
Linnie Bollinger
Debra Largent
Bonnie Vernon
Randy Collard
Mike Banks
Marilyn Jones

8th Grade Honorable Mention
Susan Uptergrove
Rebecca Hutchison
Darlene Waggoner
Kay Jackson
Cloetta Fullbright
Cynthia Cochran
Cathy Mackie
Steven Baggerly
Debra Brock
Donna Ownbey
Debbie Hazelwood
Patty Barker

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Beedy and boys visited Sunday with his parents near Claude.



LADIES! GENTLEMEN! MAY WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE IMPORTANT FACTS:

Hansford' County's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

begins Wednesday, April 15 and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 19. There are special events planned to interest everyone...be sure you don't miss a single part of this 75th anniversary celebration!



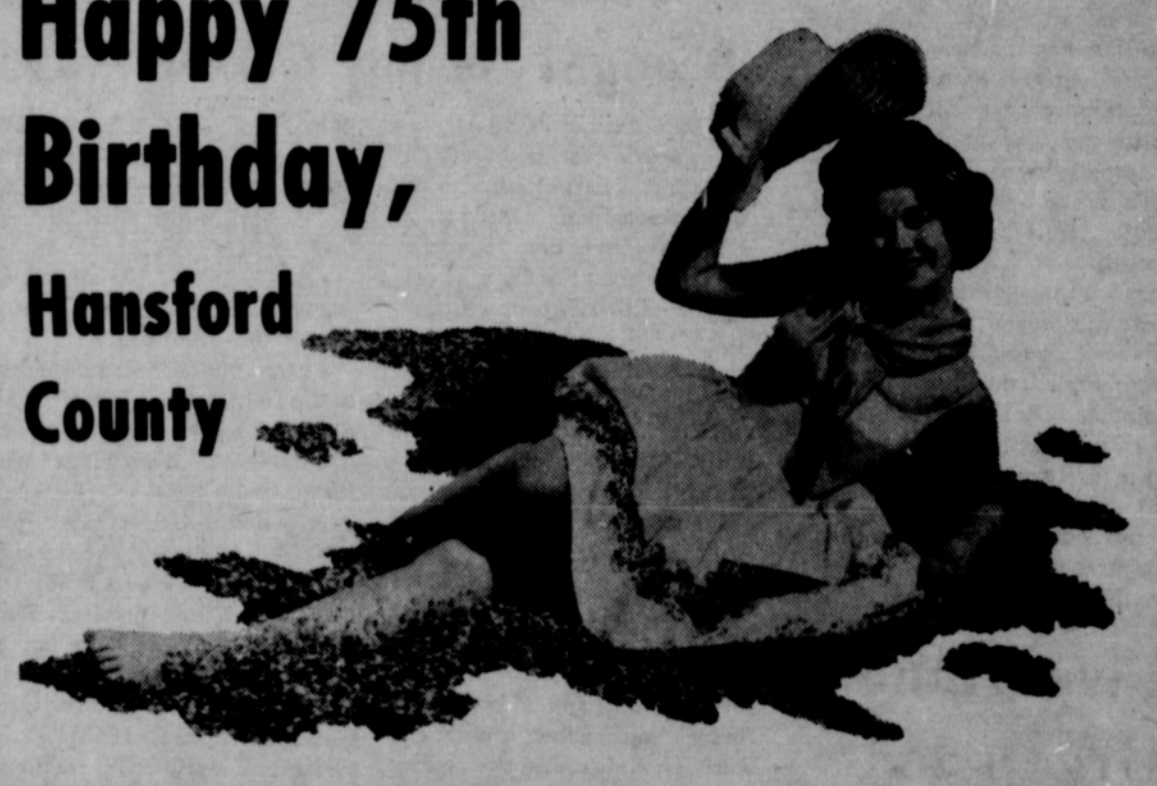


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* Fly-In Breakfast
* Barbecue

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Society Events From Out of the Past ...



Jonquil Club Organized In 1945

The Jonquil Flower Club was organized in 1945 by the Dahlia Flower Club. The first organizational meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Daniel Sheets and Mrs. Charlie Cox was elected to be the first president.

This eighteen year old organization's objective is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, to aid in the protection of natures trees and plants, and to encourage civic planting.

Helping to landscape Hansford County's first hospital was one of their first projects. Their most recent project is the landscaping of a plot located west of the Home Demonstration Club Room. They have planted bermuda grass in this plot of land and are turning it into a place of beauty.

Gladiola Club Has Had Park Since 1954

The Gladiola Flower Club was organized on December 3, 1948, by the Jonquil Flower Club in the home of Mrs. Jack McWhirter. Mrs. R. L. McClellan was the new organization's first president and of the nineteen charter members the following are present club members: Barbara Schnell, Estelle Jackson, Betty Jean Davis, Bodil Hutchison, Gwendolyn Smith, Jo Larson, Dorothy Buzzard and Sylvia Robertson.

At the present time the Gladiola Flower Club has twenty members and one honorary member, Dickie Robinson.

Their most important project is the park they have been working on since 1954. Each year improvements have been made and last year they decorated it for the Christmas season.

Five Women Organized Art Guild

In 1949 five women, Flossie Crooks, Lula Womble, Ruth Hutton, Noreen Roach, and Marie Kleeberger began taking china painting lessons from a pastor's wife here in Spearman. After four lessons the preacher was called to another church in another city. However, these women had enjoyed their lessons so much that they did not disband. They stayed together, wrote a constiution and organized themselves into the Arts and Crafts Guild. Each of the charter members asked another interested woman and they in this manner received their first new members.

The Arts and Crafts Guild is probably one of the most active organizations in Spearman. They meet every Friday in the home of a member to paint.



A bride dressed for her wedding day in 1900.

Mrs. Nichols Love of Flowers Brought Beauty to Dirty 30's

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden" Gen. 2:8. Largely due to the inspiration of Mrs. H. A. Nichols' love of and enthusiasm for growing flowers, three flower clubs were organized in Spearman in 1932. Mrs. Nichols was the wife of the Methodist minister here during the dust bowl days of the "dirty 30's", and her beautiful flowers contributed much to lifting the morale of all who knew her.

Mrs. E. Lee Nichols and Mrs. Johnny Bergner, guests from Texhoma, Okla. came to Spearman to organize a flower club, and so much interest was shown that there were enough ladies present at the meeting to form three clubs. Names were drawn from a hat for members of the Dahlia Club, with Mrs. F. J. Hoskins, first president; the Delphinium Club, Mrs. C. A. Gibner, president and the Snapdragon Club with Mrs. Birtie McNabb, president. A few years later, the Snapdragon Club disbanded with many of its members joining one of the other clubs.

Later under the sponsorship of the Dahlia Club, the Jonquil Flower Club was organized for the benefit of the younger women who were starting their yards; and still later, the Jonquil Club sponsored the organization for a new club, the Gladiola Club. Then the Rose Garden Club and the Bud to Blossom Club were organized.

The Delphinium Flower Club was Federated in 1948, and is affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. This club sponsors an annual Flower Show held in May.

The activities of the clubs have done much to beautify Spearman homes, parks, the swimming pool grounds and the cemetery.

TOWN OF OLD HANSFORD HAD SEVERAL BUSINESSES

The town of Hansford had several business establishments. Besides the post office there was a telephone office and a newspaper, The Hansford Headlight, run by the J. H. Buchanans. Mr. Caldwell had a dry goods store, P. M. Maize and Lon Hays and his father had the general store, Bert Briley had a blacksmith shop, F. W. Brandt had a store, S. B. Hale, Sr., had the town's first drug store and Dr. Gibner had his office in his home.

Billy Lackey was president of the Senior Class in 1954.

Elaine Daily Floyd and Don Floyd were named "All School Favorites" at Spearman High School in 1952.

Charlotte Martin and Chunky Blackburn were 1954 freshman favorites at S. H. S.

President of the Senior Class in 1957 was Larry Jacobs.

Sherry Cates and Peyton Gibner were All School Favorites at S. H. S. in 1954.

IN 1927

Interest in Child Care Brought Women Together

In 1927, 13 Hansford County women, dedicated to the study of child care organized the Twentieth Century Club, the first federated club in Spearman. Four of the thirteen women, Mrs. R. W. Morton, Mrs. P. A. Lyon, Mrs. F. J. Hoskins and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, are still active members of the club.

By 1930, the group had broadened its interests and began a program of civic improvement.

In 1931, the club organized three flower clubs, The Dahlia Club, The Delphinium Club and The Gladiola Club, which still function contributing a great deal to city beautifications.

The Twentieth Century Club is responsible for the Hansford County Library which came into being as a result of the work of club members. In 1933 the club sponsored a silver tea and book shower. With the help of the Lions Club and a donation from the Legion Auxiliary, a library was opened to the public in December of that year. Throughout the years, the club has backed the library with members serving on the Library Board, with an annual contribution, and many other library projects. Members have donated reference books, started the Memorial Plan for book donations, donated shelves and gave help in classifying the books.

The Twentieth Century Club has assisted in countless other areas of civic improvement. The club furnished a room in both the old and new Hansford Hospitals, sponsored the Girl Scout organization in Spearman and still expresses interest in the organization by entertaining the girls and their leaders each year with a tea. In 1963, the club donated money toward finishing the Girl Scout meeting house.

The club serves refreshments each year for the Old-Timers Reunion held during the Hansford County Celebration, sends gifts to the Wichita Falls State Hospital each Christmas, assists with the Cancer Drive and has contributed to two scholarships.

This past year, the club helped organize two Junior Clubs in Spearman, the Kimberly Junior Study Club and the Spearman Study Club.

With the help of the County Historical Survey Committee, the club has placed a marker on Highway 282 where the highway crosses the Old Tascosa-Dodge City Trail.

The club has three members who have served as officers of the Top of Texas District of federated Clubs. They are Mmes. J. R. Stump, P. A. Lyon and Deta Blodgett.

Several delegates of the Twentieth Century Club have just returned from the district convention in Borger where the club won 15 first and second place awards.

The Twentieth Century Club has made a undetermined amount of improvement in the cultural and civic life of the city of Spearman during its 27 years of existence.

Mary Louise Crawford was editor of the annual in 1956 at Spearman High School.

Helen Taylor was Band Sweetheart in Spearman in 1954.

1953 All School Favorites were Joe Mack Hill and Georgia Buzzard.

P-TA Council Brought First HD Agent Here

The Hansford County Council of Parent-Teacher Association was organized in Spearman March 21, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Bull of Perryton, Mmes. A. F. Barkley, J. H. Buchanan and Sid Clark of Spearman, Mrs. Roy Womble, Mrs. A. J. Womble and Miss Ollie Beck of Morse and Mrs. W. B. LaMaster of Perryton were among the organizing officers. Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, who still lives in Spearman, was extension chairman at that time and with Mrs. Clark and Mrs. L. F. Noe had helped in the organization of the Ochiltree County Council.

The first officers of the group were Mrs. Elmo McClellan of Gruver, president; Mrs. A. F. Barkley, Spearman, vice-president; Mrs. W. S. Durham, secretary; and Mrs. Ida Marable, Morse, treasurer.

The local P-TA units in Spearman, Gruver and Morse made up the organization.

With the cooperation of the Red Cross, a school nurse was secured the first year the group was organized.

When the first council yearbook was made in 1932-33, the projects of the group were to sponsor the Red Cross membership drive and the Interscholastic League in the schools.

Also this first year, Spearman started the hot lunch project and later it was taken over by the school.

In 1933-34, the council sponsored a drive to get every child a diptheria shot and in 1935, the Spearman P-TA was serving from 100 to 140 children daily at the price of 10¢ per plate. In Gruver, 150 children were fed daily at a price of 6¢ per plate.

Among other interesting projects the group has sponsored over the years were voting to get a Home Demonstration Agent for Hansford County and a county-wide health program in 1936, a study of undulant fever in 1939 with a committee appointed to assist the agricultural committee in stamping out the disease, and obtaining a mobile unit for T. B. tests for the county and compulsory immunization for school beginners in 1949.

The history of the council is not a history of spectacular achievements but rather of initiating movements for starting projects and then working with the local units to their completion. Many of the movements begun by the council have long since been taken over by other agencies and are now an accepted part of community activity. Among these are school lunches, home demonstration agents and county health program.

Presidents of the organization following Mrs. McClellan in 1931-32 have been Mmes. L. F. Noe, J. C. Tuttle, H. E. Campfield, Clinton Wilson, Sid Clark, W. S. Durham, J. H. Buchanan, V. P. Hill, C. E. Campbell, Tom Dozier, Moody Womble, Lester Howell, A. R. Bort, Henry Reid, Stanley Garnett and R. E. Vaughn. This list of presidents goes through 1952-53. A list of presidents since that time was not available.

HD Agent Came Here In 1937

Hansford County courthouse records reveal that funds were appropriated to employ a County Home Demonstration Agent beginning July 1, 1937, thus Home Demonstration work was begun in Hansford County. Pearl Locke was the first Home Demonstration gent employed. Seven charter members remain active in club work and can relate the great changes made in club work during the past 26 years.

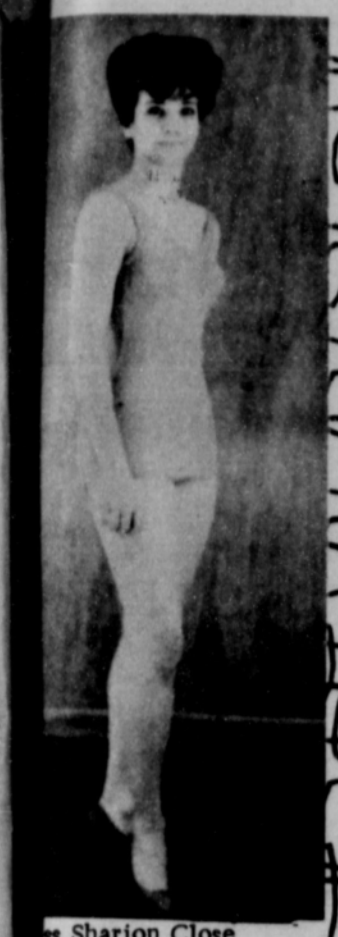
At present there are five clubs with 65 members.

Active Charter Members are Mrs. Virgil Hull, 25 years; Mrs. Frank Davis, 35 years; Mrs. H. M. Shedeck, 26 years; Mrs. W. A. Schubert, 20 years; Mrs. B. J. Garnett, 25 years; Mrs. W. A. Eilsworth, 25 years; Mrs. Mary Gillispie, 20 years; and Mrs. John Kenney, 30 years.

Mrs. Jack Johnson, Sr. and Mrs. M. W. McCloy, both of Morse, have been in club work for 30 years.

Mary McLain Brock was voted "best all-around girl" at Spearman High School in 1948.

Beauty Contestants



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e Hansford Plainsman



Miss Bethany Donnell
Hansford Implement Co.



Miss Robbie Ownbey
Anthony Electric



Miss Janice Brown
DeAnn's



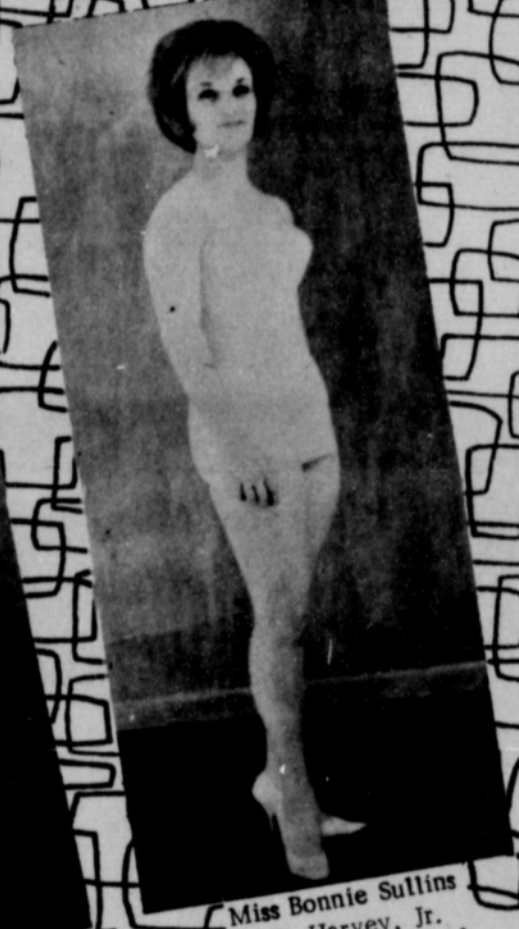
Miss Nelda Archer
Beedy Furniture Co.



Miss Frances Chesser
KTM Drilling Co.



Miss Susan Hutchison
Lady Fair



Miss Bonnie Sullins
T.C. Harvey, Jr.



Miss Saundra Riley
Etling Grain Co.



Miss Glenda Hoel
Riley Brothers



Miss Nicki Keyser
Cut Rate Grocery



Miss Mary Etling
Gruver State Bank



Miss Anita States
Gruver Motor Co.



Miss Linda Gilliam
Community Public Service



Miss Pauledde Hester
Excel Chevrolet



Miss Judy Bayless



Miss Karen Clawson —
Pat Westerfield

Beauty Contestants whose pictures were unavailable are Joan Hackley, representing J. L. Brock Agency, Jane Ann Henry, representing B&B Sales, Trulena Hintergardt, Sharon Parks and Patricia Henderson.



HANSFORD TOWN BAND- Hansford was at one time a thriving little town with its own band. The drummer wearing the derby is Russell Townsend's father and Keesee Richardson is the woman trombonist. Behind her, with the trombone is P.A. Lyon. To Lyon's left is the late J.H. Buchanan who played the bass horn. PHOTO COURTESY P.A.LYON



The 44' tall swamp tree slide on Skull Island at Six Flags Over Texas is built around what once was a fire escape at a dormitory at the University of Texas. Guests climb the spiral staircase around the outside of the tree and slide down the long corkscrew-type slide inside.



FIRST COMBINE--This is one of the first Case Combines sold in the county by Lee McClellan, pioneer implement dealer.



FREIGHT RIG-Ben Holt's 4-team hitch was the type of freight rig used to haul freight to Texhoma.

Saturday's Celebration Events

Events scheduled for Saturday during the Hansford County Celebration include a fly-in breakfast at 6 a. m. at Grunewald's Restaurant, the Old-timers Reunion at 9 a. m., at Joe Trayler Motor Company and the parade, beginning at 10:30. The Old-timers attending the reunion will be served refreshments by the Twentieth Century Club and will receive free barbecue tickets, courtesy of the Jaycees.

The barbecue will be served at noon and tickets will be $1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

RODEO PERFORMANCES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

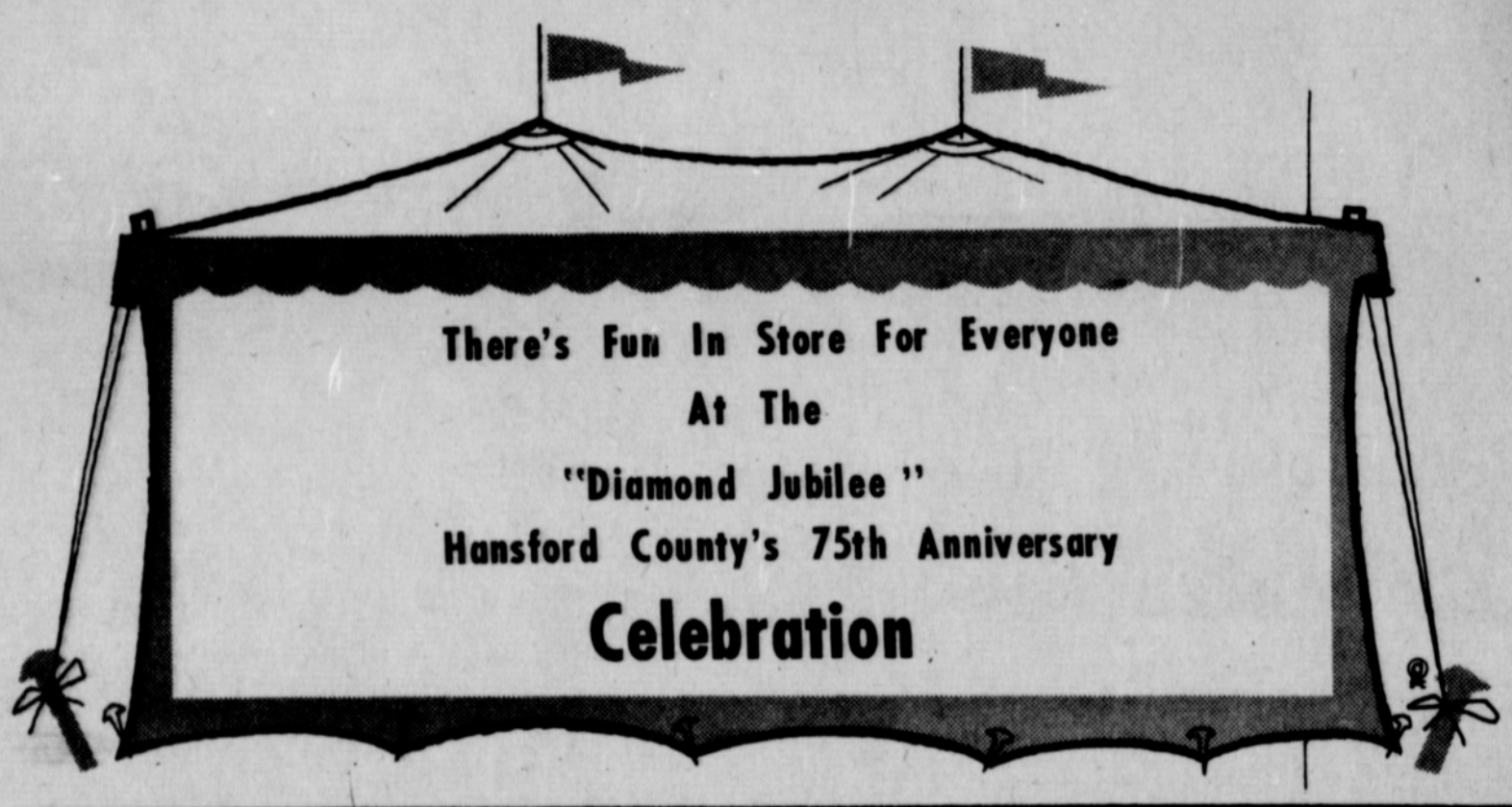
Rodeo performances during the Hansford County Celebration will be Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p. m.

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Celebration A Big Success!





SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY!

6:30 A. M. - Fly-In Breakfast 9:00 A. M. Old-Timers Reunion

10:30 A. M. - Parade 12 NOON - Barbecue 2:00 P. M. Rodeo

9:00 P.M. Dance

Join Your Friends... Don't Miss A Single Event Of The Bigger Than Ever!!

Hansford County Celebration



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