

Spearman delegation goes to Austin

Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce are making plans for a Spearman delegation to fly to Austin on March 21 to participate in the 71st Legislative Session where members will view their ideas on pending legislation. Chamber members ask those interested in attending to call the

Chamber office at 659-5555. The trip is open to anyone who would like to attend. Chamber manager, Cora Queener reports that if those interested in going make reservations to her by Monday, Feb. 27, they will be able to get the less expensive flights.

Members of the "Spearman Delegation" will meet with area representatives including Dick Waterfield and Teel Bivins. Also on the agenda for the group includes the visiting of the Capitol on March 22 and attending the Texas Chamber of Commerce

breakfast on March 23 before returning to Spearman.

Local bank applies to reserve board

The Board of Directors of First State Bank of Spearman is applying to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company. The holding company First State Bankshares, Inc. will be owned by the same people that currently own First State Bank of Spearman.

The purpose of the holding company formation is largely for income tax purposes and to enable First State Bank to have the benefits of a holding company as other area banks have.

First State Bank officer, Mike Schnell commented, "There should be no problem in forming the holding company due to the bank's sound financial condition." He added, "We at the bank want to let our customers know that there will be no change in the day to day operation of the bank if the application is granted."

First State Bank should learn if the application is successful sometime in May.

Social Security beneficiaries increase in county

The Department of Health and Human Resources has recently released information showing the number of Social Security beneficiaries in Hansford County and surrounding counties, and the increase over the yearly period.

In Hansford County, 876 residents were benefits of Social Security, compared to 790 in 1986. The average monthly checks for those receiving Social Security is \$463.04. Beneficiaries of Social Security in the county increased 11% between 1986 and 1987.

Of Hansford and nine surrounding counties, the average increase of beneficiaries was seven percent, with two counties, Roberts and Carson, decreasing in the number of beneficiaries. The largest increase of beneficiaries of the ten counties came in Wheeler County where there were 1330 beneficiaries in 1986 and 1679 in 1987, or 26% increase.

Social Security representative to be in city Mar 9

A representative from the Pampa Social Security office will be in Spearman on Thursday, March 9 between 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Hansford County Courthouse. The representative will assist anyone with Social Security matters.

The representative also reminds the public that most Social Security matters can be handled over the telephone with Social Security's toll free number, 1-800-2345-SSA. The telephone line is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Workshop set to aid personnel skills at area grain elevators

Operators and employees of grain elevators on the Texas High Plains, in eastern New Mexico and the Oklahoma Panhandle can get the latest information to help them more effectively comply with federal standards by attending a special workshop in Amarillo on March 10.

The workshop will be from 8:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service with cooperation of the Tri-State Chapter, Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

There is no registration fee, but those planning to attend should notify Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Service entomologist at the Amarillo center, telephone (806) 359-5401.

Changes in standards for grain grading, which have an impact on maintaining grain quality, went into effect last year. The workshop will address those issues and other concerns of the industry, said Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension Service entomologist at Lubbock, a member of the planning committee.

The program has been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture for three continuing education units toward the five required for recertification by commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators. However, the program is designed for and is open to anyone in the grain industry, Morrison

stressed.

Dean Rea, of Rea Commodities, Inc., Canyon, will open the workshop with an overview of the industry.

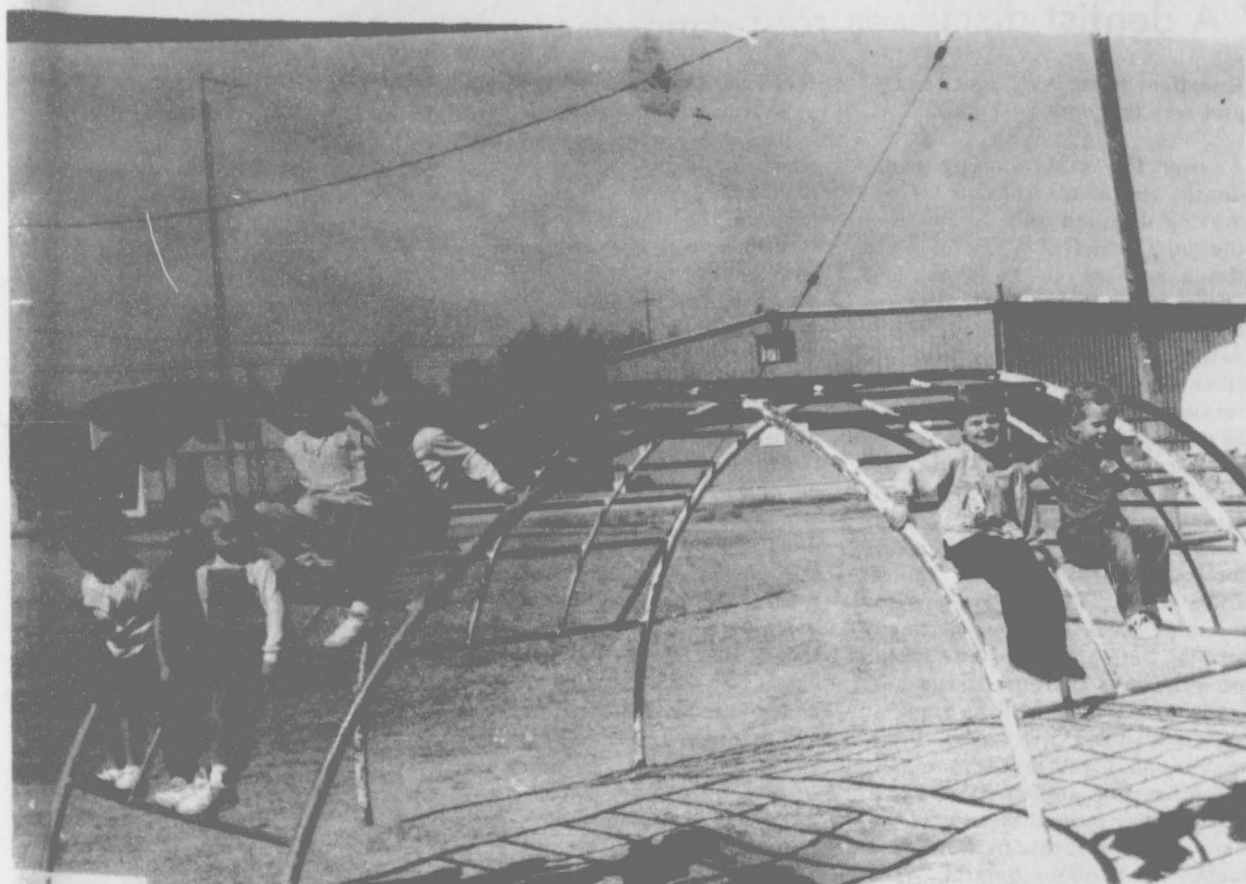
Changes in the grain standards and their effect on wheat quality will be explained by Jim Frahm. He is director of planning and evaluation for U.S. Wheat Associates, Washington, D.C.

New regulations for metal phosphide fumigants and principles of their use will be discussed by Don Shaheen. He is vice president and technical director of Degesch America, Inc., Weyers Cave, Va.

Stored grain protectants will be discussed by Terry Pitts, entomology manager, research and development, with Gustafson, Inc., Plano. Dr. Roy Parker, Extension Service entomologist at Corpus Christi, will report on the experience with grain protectants in Texas.

Dr. Ron Noyes, Extension Service agricultural engineer at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., will explain aeration and turning. Another OSU Extension specialist, Dr. Gerrit Cuperus, IPM coordinator, will discuss principles of integrated pest management.

Occupational Safety and Health Agency issues will be covered by Dwight Fenton, corporate environmental compliance officer with Unity Equity Co-op Exchange, Enid, Okla.



Donna Trantham's pre-school class seems to already be in the "Spring Break spirit" as they anxiously climbed the bars at the Swimming Pool Park this past Friday morning. The weather was beautiful Friday, and many students are hoping for the same

kind of fair skies since they will be out on Spring Break in the Spearman schools beginning Tuesday afternoon by getting out early. The break will continue through Friday, March 3 and school will resume again on March 6.



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Area residents show concerns over possible closing of Guymon hospital

Jason and Chad TeBeest were walking out near their corrals one afternoon in July of 1985. Four year old Jason unknowingly roused a rattlesnake that promptly bit two-year-old Chad on the lower leg as he followed in Jason's track.

Within 30 minutes after the bite, Chad was receiving the antivenom, under the care of Dr. Pena, in the Guymon Memorial Hospital's emergency room. He, then spent 24 hours in intensive care and returned home after three days. Chad's mother, Amy, reports that Chad has not had subsequent problems from the bite. It was very possible, because of Chad's young age, that skin grafts might have been needed but probably because his treatment was so prompt there have been no other complications. "I appreciate the hospital in Guymon," says Amy, "I don't think Chad would have made it all the

way to Amarillo."

The J. P. TeBeest family lives in the Oslo Community, just south of the Oklahoma border. In fact, J. P. and Amy live about five miles south of the Texas/Oklahoma border.

Amy's opinion about Memorial Hospital is shared by many Texas residents. The majority of Oslo residents have always used the Guymon hospital and medical staff. These same people are concerned about the possibility of the Guymon hospital closing.

John Garrison of Guymon, hospital board member, reports the Guymon hospital is suffering from "a severe financial crush. Several circumstances have added up to put the hospital in this position, including new medicare/medicaid policies and the skyrocketing operating costs. The hospital is a

county hospital that has previously been a self-supporting entity. The board, to help alleviate the problem, has proposed a one-cent sales tax for three years."

Dennis Stedje of Oslo said, "I think the one-cent sales tax is the fairest way to give those of us who don't live in the county a chance to with county tax dollars, but because of distance we utilize the Guymon hospital. The sales tax is a good way of equalizing the support all over."

"We really need that hospital support the hospital. We support our county hospital in Spearman and I would gladly pay a sales tax to keep it open," said Laura Dahl, also of Oslo. Laura's opinion is wide-spread.

Those from Oslo are not the only Hansford County residents concerned about the hospital. Linda Tidwell remarked, "It is scary to

me. I hate the thought of the hospital where my kids were born, and the only hospital I have ever been admitted to, closing."

Peggy Frick, a Gruver resident and patient of Dr. Nick Bentley, is expecting a child in April. She hates to wonder if her doctor will be here next year.

Jamie Casdorff, another Gruverite, said, "It scares me to death. I trust Dr. Hallford and want to know that when I need him, he'll be there. I don't know what I would do without him."

When Texas County, Oklahoma citizens are called to vote on the one-cent sales tax, it is hoped they are aware of the people unable to vote. These same people regularly support the Guymon retail businesses and would happily pay an additional sales tax to help the Guymon hospital.

Magazine editor visits city; reviews quilts

The Editor of *Creative Quilting*, bi-monthly magazine for quilters came to Spearman last Friday, Feb. 24 to spend a few days with Fabric Fotos owner, Charlene Bulls.

Creative Quilting is published by Grass Roots publishing which also publishes four other magazines. The magazine is published in New York. Editor, Jan Burns, first met Bulls at a Houston market where Bulls had set up a quilt stand. Burns approached her asking to borrow some wooden collectibles for a photograph.

The pair met again in other quilt shows. Later Bulls contacted Burns about Fabric Foto items that might be interesting to put in the magazine.

Burns and Bulls spent most of their time together over the week-end working on product development. They exchanged ideas about quilting improvements that

WTSU and Texas Tech combine science program

Officials of West Texas State University and Texas Tech University's College of Engineering have agreed to a corresponding affiliation in a dual degree program of studies. The program, effective fall 1989, will allow students to earn a baccalaureate from WTSU and a bachelor of science degree in an engineering discipline or in computer science from Texas Tech.

"The dual engineering degree was pursued in order to formalize our pre-engineering program," Dr. Vaughn Nelson, head of the de-

partment of mathematics and physical sciences and director of the Alternative Energy Institute at WTSU, said.

"It will benefit the students because basically WT is less expensive than Tech. Plus students from smaller schools who aren't used to being thrown into a lot of math and physics will be able to pick that up here before going on to Tech."

Most of the students pursuing the dual degree will spend the first part of the program at the West Texas State campus in Canyon and will complete their studies at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The total degree program is expected to take five years and consists of 60-80 hours of general education, chemistry, physics and mathematics from West Texas State and 70-85 credit hours in an engineering discipline or computer science at Texas Tech.



Magazine editor, Jan Burns, [left] and Charlene Bulls proudly display this quilt that will be featured in the July-August edition of "Creative Quilts." The

quilt is the product of Sophie DeLuna's and Charlene Bulls' talents.

staff photo

Hansford Health Shelf



A dentist discusses root canal therapy

Question: What is a "root canal," and why is it done?

Answer: Root canal therapy (endodontic treatment) consists of removing diseased pulp tissue from the pulp canal of a tooth. Pulp tissue consists of the blood and nerve network within the tooth. Once the pulp is removed, eliminating all bacteria, the canal is cleansed, shaped, disinfected, and refilled with an inert material, such as gutta percha paste. (This can be thought of as a sort of "plastic" dentists use.) The canals are sealed after they are filled. (see diagrams)

The two most common reasons for root canal therapy are trauma and a physical irritant. Trauma can be a physical blow or continual striking of an opposing tooth, which injures the pulp tissue and leads to its infection. A physical irritant can be decay or a large restoration. In either case, the pulp may become inflamed and an abscess may form at the root of the tooth. This in turn can cause the tooth to become painful. (see diagram)

Question: Why not simply pull this tooth?

Answer: It is almost always better to save a tooth than to remove it. Approximately 95% of teeth respond to normal root canal procedures (The other 5% respond to surgical procedures.) and these teeth can then remain useful and functional as long as other remaining natural teeth. A tooth treated by root canal therapy is not "dead." It is called "non-vital" because the pulp has been removed, but it still receives nutri-

tion from the surrounding tissues.

When a tooth with diseased pulp is pulled, it leaves a space. If that space is not filled with a prosthetic device, such as a bridge or partial denture, the other teeth will usually drift into that space. This drift can cause the dental arch to crumble. It's like pulling a couple of bricks out of the middle of a wall -- the bricks left will start to shift towards that space. Replacing the pulled tooth with a prosthetic device is generally more expensive than saving that tooth through root canal therapy.

For some patients, economics dictate whether or not they want their dentist to do root canal therapy. As many as 50% will elect to simply have the tooth pulled and those who don't follow up the extraction with the placement of a prosthetic device, are running the risk the serious problems drift can cause.

Question: How long does a root canal take?

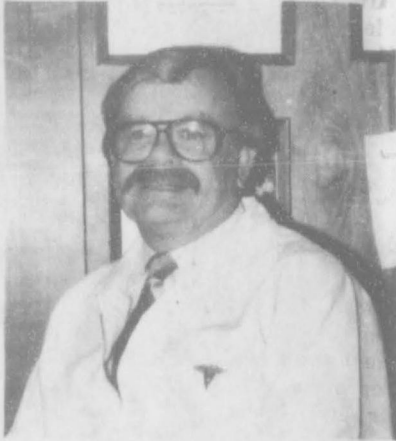
Answer: Root canal therapy takes place in a series of appointments and is usually accomplished in two to four visits to the dentist's office, each lasting 30 minutes to one hour.

Question: Is root canal therapy painful?

Answer: Root canal therapy is seldom a painful experience. Much depends on the condition of the tooth, the degree and duration of the involvement and the patient's own reaction threshold. Dentists have the means to control any discomfort a patient may have.

Question: What happens after the root canal therapy is completed?

Answer: Post-treatment care is very important. A treated tooth, which is non-vital, can become brittle. Therefore, a crown is often indicated to protect the tooth from stress breakage. With this additional protection and good oral hygiene, a treated tooth will remain useful and functional for as long as



EARL NOVAK, D.D.S.

EARL NOVAK, D.D.S., has been practicing dentistry in Spearman since 1961 and does approximately four root canals each week. He completed his undergraduate studies at Oklahoma State University in 1957, where he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Zeta honor societies. He received his Doctor of Dental Science degree in 1961 from Baylor University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Novak's professional memberships include the Texas Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Orthodontic Society, the International Orthodontic Society and the Panhandle District Dental Society. His past honors include the "Personalities of the South" award, Who's Who in the South and Southwest and the Texas Dental Association's "Goodfellow Award."

"I enjoy dentistry because I enjoy people," says Dr. Novak. "I've got the best job in the world."

Dr. Novak and his wife Barbara have two grown children, Hunter and Cinda.

Comptroller warns court decisions may cost taxpayers

State Comptroller Bob Bullock today alerted local governments that recent court decisions may cost them \$60 million or more in refunds of bank franchise tax money they got in 1985-87.

Bullock said that banks seeking refunds will look to the local government entities for that money.

The problem comes from court decisions invalidating parts of the franchise tax law which covers all corporations. The Legislature brought banks under the franchise tax for the first time in 1985 and earmarked the tax money for local governments.

The 1987 Legislature "repaired" the tax law so that the taxes paid in 1988 and the \$40 million expected in 1989 should not be affected, Bullock said.

Bullock told local officials they can expect to see refund requests starting next month.

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Jobless rate still climbs, but picture still positive

Approximately 621,800 Texans were unemployed in January according to Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the Texas Employment Commission. "This caused the state's unemployment rate to escalate for the first time in many months," said Commissioner Nabers.

The January unemployment rate of 7.6 is up from 6.2 in December but is still well below the year-ago rate of 8.4 percent in January of 1988. The drop in employment was due primarily to seasonal factors. Many workers were laid off in

January following the Christmas rush and inclement weather curtailed many outdoor activities, causing further job losses.

Unemployment went up in all of the state's 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas, but Lubbock with a rate of 5.4% was the brightest spot in the labor picture. Bryan-College Station with 5.6% and Dallas with 5.9% were close behind. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area recorded the highest rate in the state with 18.5%.

Other areas recording double digit rates included Laredo with 15.1%; Brownsville-Harlingen, with 13.3%; El Paso, with a rate of 11.0% and Beaumont-Port Arthur, with 10.9%.

"The state's economy continues to improve," said Commissioner Nabers, "and we do not see fluctuations such as this as being unusual. Seasonal factors always impact the rate and, although it is extremely disappointing to see any increase in the number of unemployed workers, we feel good about the overall outlook."

Nabers added that the picture statewide is still positive and emphasized that job orders are up and the majority of unemployment tax rates for employers are considerably lower than this time last year.

We wish to express a very deep felt thank you to all of you in Spearman and Morse who provided food, flowers, kindness and prayers during the loss of our beloved husband and father, Dave Schick. May God bless each of you.

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Connie and Jeanie Chambers
and family
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LONESOME WHUT?

If you are like most Americans, you just finished watching an epic western on TV about two old birds in Lonesome Dove, Texas. A scarlet woman in the film hung around the saloon and did light housekeeping for chicken feed.

Then one day an outlaw named Jake Spoon flew in to roost a spell and hatched up a plot to steal some horses and cattle. The plan was to drive the whole lot to Montana so as not to give Texans a bad reputation.

After a short incubation period, Jake sweet-talked the only woman in town into feathering his nest on an exclusive arrangement. Gus, the Texas Ranger, who also had an eye for fine poultry, said it was perfectly alright. He even acted truly remorseful later when he had Jake hung.

Gus had these two pigs who spoke Latin and were not for rent. Which is more than one can say for some of the heifers along the trail.

Along the way, they ran into various bad characters who tried to ruin their whole day. One guy hated sodbusters. He shot some. Then he hung the same guys. Then he set fire to them. Then he got really nasty.

There was a half-breed bird who ruffled lots of feathers. His name was Blue Duck, son of Donald.

Grandson of Daffy. Blue Duck said he could fly so he jumped out of a second-story window. By the time he hit the ground, Blue Duck had a new name...Dead Duck.

The two rangers, Gus and Woodrow were lifelong friends. Gus was attacked by Indians, kept his scalp but lost one leg to a scalpel. He refused to let the surgeon take his other leg preferring to die of blood poisoning rather than medical bills.

Woodrow made Gus a promise that he would take him back to Texas for burial. He rented a U-haul mule and wagon and kept his promise although he was a bit sloppy about it when the buzzards got to Gus once, dumped in the river once, and buried under a makeshift cross that read "We don't rent pigs" in Latin.

Larry McMurtry, the author, wrote the story. He says he was inspired by a van, with a sign on the side of it, from the Lonesome Dove Baptist Church near Ft. Worth. So I gave them a call. They were not real pleased with the publicity. No, they don't cut cards for anything and they don't rent pigs.

They were even thinking of changing the name of the church. Somehow it wouldn't be the same to attend services down at the Lonesome Meadowlark.



Nineteen students participated in a "Public School Art Class" which is a class required for all elementary education majors. Panhandle State University elementary education students and area children participate in the class. Students enrolled in the class are given the opportunity to work with

children in a classroom situation. Pictured are [L TO R], Cariann Alvarez, El Reno, Ok.; Buffy Lynch, Crawford, Tx.; Christy Cooper, Gruver; Laura Dear, Spearman; Kathy McDowell, Sunray; Children are [L to R], Patrick Collins, Amber Borrelli, Jennifer Lark, all of Goodwell, Ok.

Legislation may reform retirement program

State Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, this week filed legislation that would provide earlier retirement and other significant pension improvements for all public school employees.

At a Capitol news conference this week, Sen. Parmer was joined by the bill's backers, the Texas State Teachers Association, to lay out Senate Bill 368, legislation that would shave years off the required age and years of service for full retirement for teachers and other school employees.

The bill, which would cost the state \$3 million, would reform the state's Teacher Retirement System (TRS) by providing retirement without loss of benefits to persons who have accumulated any combination of years of service and age totaling 85 years. The current law provides for full retirement only after a person's age and years of

service total 95 years.

"It is my belief that the immediate savings to the state by early retirement of those now approaching the age of 65 will offset this small increase in cost because these are the people at the top of the pay scale," Parmer said. "They would be replaced by many who are just now entering the profession on the lower end of the salary schedule."

TSTA President Charles Beard called the legislation a step in the right direction for making teaching and other types of public school service more attractive as careers.

"Texas provides its school employees a miserly benefit package," Beard said. "Teachers get a minimum pay schedule that's ranked 27th in the nation, five days of sick leave with no paid holidays, and a 'bare bones' retirement program..."

Sen. Parmer said he believes the effect of the bill will be to help avert a teacher shortage that could occur as early as 1990.

"I believe this bill will go a long way in persuading middle-aged teachers to stay in the profession at a time when national teacher shortages will be occurring in every state," Parmer said.

Senate Bill 368 would also provide retirees greater flexibility in options for beneficiary payments. For instance, currently if a retiree chooses to accept a lower benefit payment in order to guarantee lifetime payments for his or her spouse, the individual will receive the lower amount even if the spouse dies first. The bill would provide that the retiree's payment would revert to the full amount when the primary beneficiary dies.

Paper profiles class of 1979

Editors Note: The "Class of 1979" will be having their 10 year reunion this summer. The Hansford Plainsman will be running a brief profile on the students during the next few weeks. We want Spearman to remember our exes.

Danny Dear - has stayed in Spearman. He went to work for Transpecto, where he is a pumper, right out of high school. Danny and his wife, Laura, live west of Spearman. She is going to college at Panhandle State University. Danny enjoys hunting.

Todd Brock - is married to fellow graduate Christy Collier. Both are graduates of Texas Tech University where Todd majored in finance and Christy in accounting. They now live in Dallas, where Todd works for Zigna Insurance Company and Christy works for the accounting

department of Sunbelt Savings. They have a 20-month-old daughter, Meg, and are expecting a new baby in May.

there. He has a little girl, Abbe, age 3. Chuck has become an avid golfer, a sport he took up in college.

Mike Ladd - recently graduated with his Master of Business Administration from Tulane University in New Orleans. He earned his Bachelor's Degree at Baylor University in Waco. He is helping his grandparents right now at Waka, as his grandfather recently had surgery. He hasn't made any further plans for the future yet.

Kelly Harper Armes - lives in Gruver. She married David Armes, a farmer-rancher. They have three children, Brant 9, Bray 6, and Teal 3. Kelly has taught dancing in Gruver and Perryton. She enjoys cross-stitch. Kelly's main interest right now is her children's activities, showing steers at stock shows at the present.

Chuck Eaton - is a senior engineer at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. He attended Texas Tech, but took his last semester at Panhandle State and graduated

I want to thank the nurses and Dr. Sangalang who helped me while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank all who gave me flowers, sent cards, sent prayer grams, and visited me. I appreciated it so much. Marguerite Nelson

Billy Snider - stayed in Spearman after graduation. He is a member of his family's business, Hi-Plains Auto. Billy has taken some college business courses at Panhandle State. He recently married, Robin Matthews, who is a hair dresser. Billy enjoys softball, water skiing and snow skiing.

Debbie Green Schumann - attended Abilene Christian University in Abilene for 2 years after graduation. Her husband, Victor, is a farmer-rancher in the Spearman area. They have moved to the country where Debbie gets to do her favorite hobbies, gardening and yardwork.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, food, calls, and flowers during the loss of our loved one. We'd especially like to thank Ricky Phillips, the ambulance crew and the hospital staff for all they did.

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Jim Laxson and family

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Sangalang named to Dean's List

Maria Sangalang, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Sangalang of Spearman, was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Dallas. She is majoring in political science and pre-law at the University.

The University of Dallas is a private Catholic-affiliated liberal arts institution in Irving. In order to be named to the Dean's List at the university, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better and carry a minimum of 15 credit hours a semester.

Doctor given staff privileges

Dr. Frank L. Henson, Doctor of Chiropractic, has been given staff privileges by the Board of Directors from Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. Dr. Henson had been granted hospital privileges earlier by the Board of Directors at Hemphill County Hospital in Canadian and Family Hospital Center in Amarillo.

Dr. Henson will be able to have access to the x-ray departments and be allowed to treat his patients in a hospital setting. Dr. Henson stated that there are times that patients, particularly those having to spend considerable time in bed, will benefit from chiropractic treatment. He said that he would, however, be working in conjunction with physicians in the treatment of any patient. He stated that he foresees more open communication between chiropractic physicians and medical physicians. Dr. Henson has a practice in Perryton and Canadian.



The Lynxettes effort to win Area competition failed last Tuesday night against Abernathy, but Spearman folks were none the less proud of their great efforts during the season.

Two highways in county to be seal coated

Two highways in Hansford County are among the Panhandle highways to be seal coated through the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation this summer.

High Plains Pavers, a Plainview contractor, has been awarded the contract to seal coat 232 miles of Northern Texas Panhandle Highways. The contractors' bid of

\$2,414,553.61 was the lowest of seven submitted on the project to the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission in Austin.

Hansford County highways to be paved include State Highway 207 from the Hutchinson County line to Spearman's north city limits, and State Highway 136 from the Hutchinson County line to State Highway 15 in Gruver.

Severe Weather Awareness Week declared Feb 26 - Mar 4

Governor William P. Clements, Jr., has proclaimed the week of February 26 - March 4, 1989, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management in conjunction with the National Weather Service and the Texas Insurance Advisory Association annually sponsors the week to encourage Texans to be aware of the severe weather problems that can threaten the state. Tornadoes,

heavy thunderstorms, hail, lightning, floods and flash floods are serious weather phenomena for which Texans should be prepared.

"Last year, at least 13 people in our state lost their lives as a result of tornadoes, thunderstorm winds, lightning and flash floods," the Governor said in the proclamation. "Loss of life and property damage can be reduced if our citizens are prepared for severe weather situations."

The Division of Emergency Management is making available brochures on various severe weather preparedness tips to local emergency management offices for distribution to citizens. The Texas Insurance Advisory Association also plans to make information available. The National Weather Service will focus on a specific type of severe weather daily during Awareness Week.

PLAN NOW FOR SEVERE WEATHER

Although tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods can strike virtually any part of Texas at any time, spring seems to bring an increase in violent weather.

You can take precautions to assist yourself and your family in the event of a tornado.

Periodically hold a tornado drill so that family members know what to do and where to go if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. The safest part of a house during a tornado traditionally is the basement, but be aware of the potential for flooding if there is heavy rain in the area. Interior bathrooms, hallways and closets on the ground floor also offer protection from tornadic winds. Avoid windows and outside walls. Take along blankets or sleeping bags to protect yourself from falling debris and shattering glass, which are frequently the cause of death and injury during a tornado.

Make certain you have a portable radio and several flashlights (and fresh batteries for both) as well as bottled water, extra prescription medications and a first aid kit in your shelter area.

Remember, if a tornado strikes, electricity, gas, water and sewer service may be disrupted for several days.

Mobile homes and automobiles are dangerous places to be during a tornado. If you live in a mobile home, make sure all family members know where the nearest substantial shelter is. If you are in your mobile home or car and can't get to a better shelter: go outside, lie down in the nearest ravine,

ditch or culvert and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the possibility of flooding in low-lying areas. Do not hide under your mobile home or car because both can easily be picked up and carried away by a tornado.

Your local (city or county) emergency management office can provide you with additional information on severe weather precautions. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Texas Insurance Advisory Association and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are sources of information and publications on various weather phenomena for local governments.

Among the Neighbors

by HELEN FISHER

Deputy Jim Brown is back at home now after undergoing back surgery in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo a week ago Tuesday.

He is reported to be making good recovery, but it will be some time before he returns to his duties.

Howell Phelps of Austin spent the weekend here with his parents, Ray and Beth Phelps.

Rae and Ernest Butler attended the funeral of her brother Carl Parman, Sr., 64, at Reydon, Okla. on Tuesday. Rae remained for several days to be with her mother.

Audene and Verlin Beck, with Brooks and Barry, returned late Monday from ten days downstate. They first spent a weekend in Lubbock where their son, Monte, is

in Tech University. In San Antonio, Brooks and Barry exhibited their pigs at the stock show. They all also visited Verlin's brother, Larry, and Gloria Beck and their family who now live in San Antonio.

Later they went to Hondo where Verlin's uncle, Olin, and Mrs. Williams and family entertained them.

Their last stop was in Austin where they were guests of Audene's niece.

Patients admitted to Hansford Hospital since Monday are: Hope Lopez, Bradlee Carlyle, Holly Baker, Mary Hutton, Randi Burch, Leonard Cash, Clarence Week, Aurora Vela, Gene Leatherman, Gruver; Bill Burke, Morse; Melissa Bulkley, Stinnett; Walter Neufeld, Ken Rogers, L.L. Gipson, Denny

Moore, Borger.

Family members report that Freeman Barkley will remain in Amarillo in the home of his son, Bill, and family for several more days.

One night last week, Freeman blacked out in his home, and in falling, broke his right ankle. It is in a cast and healing, but he is not entering any foot races as yet.

Kudos to Candy Boxwell and Teresa and Randy Kirk, as well as to all the others in the P.T.A. that are giving of their time and talents to inspire children to greater potential.

They made an interesting presentation on Station KRDF Wednesday.

Measles outbreak still a threat

When an outbreak of rubeola (red measles) began in Houston last November officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) predicted that susceptible travelers might contract the disease and transport it to other cities. That prediction became fact, with several cases on college campuses traced to Christmas break in Houston.

Now, with the unusually large outbreak continuing in Houston, health officials have issued a new warning. TDH is concerned that many of the more than 50,000 people expected at Houston's livestock show and rodeo (Feb. 16-26) also could contract and transport the disease statewide.

While the new cases are occurring in all age groups, most patients are toddlers and infants less than 15 months old, and young adults, often high school and college students. Health clinics on several college campuses have reported a growing number of students with measles, most of whom were exposed to the virus during trips to Houston.

Robert D. Crider, director of TDH's Immunization Division, said that the Houston outbreak began late last year with about 50 infants and children. Until that outbreak began, only 17 cases of measles

had been reported throughout the state for the first 10 months of 1988. But by the end of December, the year's total reached about 250. New cases continue to be reported at an alarming rate.

Crider said that the Houston area still is the source of most reports. "Between November, when the first of the Houston outbreak began, and early February, more than 900 cases of measles have been reported in Harris County alone," Crider said. "In all of 1987, there were only about 452 measles cases in the whole state."

Crider attributed the sharp rise in the number of cases to several factors. He explained, "Many people seem to have forgotten how contagious the measles virus is. It can infect any susceptible person who is exposed to it. By susceptible, I mean anyone who has not had the disease, or whose immunization was not successful—about 3-5 percent of those vaccinated. Measles is so contagious that until the advent of vaccines, few people reached adulthood without being infected—hence the misconception that measles is a 'childhood' disease."

He added that persons born before 1957 are likely to have been

infected earlier with red measles and are generally not considered susceptible to the disease.

Since 1981 state law has required that all children entering public or private school must show proof of

immunization for measles, or furnish a physician-validated history of measles illness. On physicians' advice to parents, most children are routinely immunized at 15 months with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. The result is that for some years, measles among young children dramatically declined. In 1983, for example, Texas reported only 37 cases.

The symptoms of red measles are fever, runny nose, cough, watery eyes, and a rash which first appears on the head and face, eventually spreading over the body. Crider stressed that red measles, rubeola, should not be confused with rubella, German measles, which can cause serious birth defects in the babies of infected mothers.

(For more information, contact Robert D. Crider, Director, Immunization Division, at 512/458-7284, or Margaret Wilson, Public Information Coordinator, Public Health Promotion Division, at 512/458-7405.)

W.T. Theatre to present

"Extremities"

West Texas State University's art, communication and theatre department will present "Extremities" March 2-5 in the Branding Iron Theatre. Performances on Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4 will begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday, March 5 performance begins at 3 p.m.

This dramatic and controversial play portrays a violent and realistic tale of one woman's battle against rape.

"It is a deadly game of power and control," said Director Royal Brantley. "All of the characters are pulled into an aggressive 80-minutes of justice, with everyone involved taking on the shifting roles of judge, jury, prosecutor and defender."

The cast includes eight WT students: Missye Pillow, Odessa; Lee Colette, Canyon; Jayme Cotton, Dimmitt; Christie Schmijell, Amarillo; Michelle Rebollo, El Paso; Christopher Besett, El Paso; Amy Yonker, Gallup, N.M.; and Stacy Bennett, Pampa.

The play contains violence, foul and abusive language as well as adult situations and is not recommended for children under 17.

In the interest of public service, the Rape Crises/Domestic Violence Center will be conducting brief seminars after each performance.

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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Supervision & Regulation Department, Station K, Dallas, Texas 75222. The comment period will not end before March 29, 1989, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 (as revised, 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)). Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit any comments on the application, contact the Community Affairs Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Mr. Andrew W. Hogwood, Jr., Assistant Vice President, at (214) 744-5150. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period. S17S-2tc (Sunday only)

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Dear Commissioner Nabers, I think your recent letter which accompanied the employer tax notices is misleading. For that matter, everything I have read recently about the unemployment insurance tax situation paints a very rosy picture and I, for one, am paying triple into this system what one of my ex-employees drew out in 1987. I also know other employers who continue to pay exorbitantly high taxes and yet all we hear is how taxes are going down. A less biased picture would be appreciated.

— P.A.
Waxahachie, Texas

Dear P.A., While it is certainly true that many employers have higher rates than last year, it is also true that over 50% of all Texas businesses received a substantial decrease in their taxes this year. Even with the increased taxable wage base, the minimum 1989 tax rate of .64% represents almost a 50% decrease from last year in the dollar amount paid per employee for this insurance . . . from \$112.80 to \$57.60. I understand that other people's relief is not much consolation for you, but the point is that we are doing everything we can to get rates down as quickly as possible. All employers must realize that

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Dear Commissioner Nabers, I recently participated in an Appeal Tribunal hearing on an unemployment claim that I feel was totally unjustified. My company prevailed at the hearing, but I think the whole time consuming and expensive process of a hearing could

have been avoided if the local office had done a more thorough job of investigating the claim in the first place. There is no way this ex-employee should ever have been awarded benefits. What can be done about this?

— A.H.
Bryan, Texas

Dear A.H., Not a thing. Repeatedly I receive this complaint from employers who are convinced that had they won at the initial stage of the claim, that would have been the end of it. This is not necessarily so because a claimant, too, has appeal rights and can request a hearing whenever he or she receives an unfavorable decision. The local office makes the most thorough investigation possible on initial claims. On disputed claims, 50% of the parties involved are unhappy 100% of the time and that is why the law provides for an appeal process.

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