

\$7,453,911.55 paid to taxing entities . . . 95 percent of 1988 taxes collected

Hansford county taxing entities are in receipt of some 95 percent of their tax money for the current fiscal year with \$7,453,911.55 collected against \$7,861,629.28 billed, according to information released this week.

The two agencies responsible for billing and collecting taxes in Hansford county -- the Hansford county tax assessor-collector and the Hansford county appraisal district -- list only slightly over \$400,000 in taxes uncollected.

The reports for the tax assessor-collector's office cover Hansford county, the Hansford Hospital District, the Hansford Water District and the Palo Duro River Authority.

The Hansford county Appraisal District is the billing and collection agency for the cities of Spearman and Gruver as well as for the Gruver ISD, the Spearman ISD and

the Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD.

The best rate of collection from the appraisal district reports show the Gruver Independent School District in receipt of 96.1 percent of their current year's tax rolls.

The Gruver ISD taxes totalled \$1,888,904.93 with all but \$73,343.70 collected through Tuesday of last week.

The Spearman ISD has collected 95.7 percent of their \$1,909,071.02 in taxes billed with \$81,671.97 uncollected through the same reporting date.

The Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD has the most outstanding taxes, showing 11 percent uncollected with \$66,291.95 outstanding on taxes billed of \$603,923.53.

The city of Spearman has \$35,723.20 outstanding, or 10.3 percent uncollected with the city of Gruver still has \$10,850.04 or 9.2 percent uncollected.

The city of Spearman's tax roll for the 1987-88 fiscal year is \$347,329.93 while the city of Gruver's tax roll is \$118,345.49.

The agencies billed by the appraisal district carry a combined tax roll of \$4,867,574.90 with all but 1267,880.84 collected between the five entities.

Those entities carried by the Hansford county tax assessor-collector's office had total tax billing of \$2,993,984.04 for the 1987-88 fiscal year with all but \$139,899.23 collected through Thursday of this past week.

The 95.3 percent collection rate holds true for all agencies covered by the county tax office.

The county and special road fund billed out \$1,253,326.72 with collections of \$2,854,217.49 through their reporting period Thursday.

The Hansford Hospital district has collected all but \$71,674.77 of

their \$1,530,104.69 tax roll.

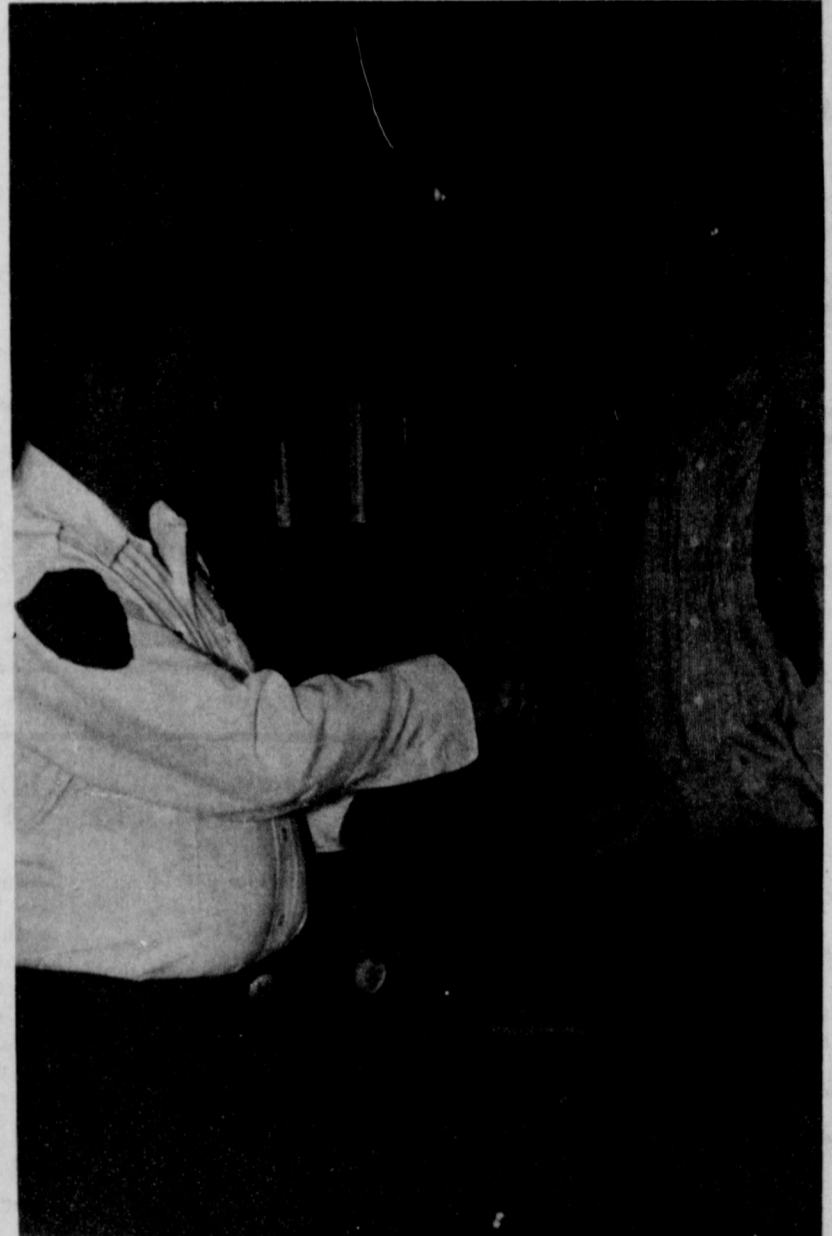
The Palo Duro River Authority has collected all but \$8,114.24 of their \$170,179.73 Hansford county taxes while the water district has only \$1,923.95 outstanding on tax roll of 140,372.90.

Penalty and interest begins this month on unpaid taxes both at the tax assessor-collector's office and through the appraisal district for all governmental agencies involved.

The penalty and interest begins with a seven percent added charge in February and grows by an additional two percent through June when it reaches 15 percent penalty and interest of all taxes owed.

Then penalty and interest jumps to 28 percent in July with the two percent accumulation continuing to be added each additional month the tax bill remains unpaid.

By Jan. 1, 1989, penalty and interest would total another 40 percent.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR honors were awarded to SVFD firefighter Johnny Ring by Spearman Mayor Ralph Blodgett during special award ceremonies Thursday evening at the Spearman Fire Department. The Fireman of the Year award is an annual honor which is voted on by the membership of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

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PDRA to finalize dam site construction plans

Palo Duro River Authority board members hope to finalize plans to begin working towards actual construction of a dam across the Palo Duro draw at their regular board meeting Tuesday.

That meeting will be held in the PDRA board room in the Pittman-Shieldknight building in Spearman at 2 p.m. that day.

At presstime Friday, PDRA land negotiators appeared to be within hours of purchasing the final tract of land for actual construction of the dam.

However, should a negotiated settlement fail to materialize prior to Tuesday's meeting, the board would be forced into condemnation proceedings in order to ensure a time-table for construction start remains effective.

The PDRA board has already purchased the tract of land where the spillway for the dam will be located.

In other action Tuesday, the PDRA will consider a Natural Gas Pipeline contract for moving pipeline on the construction site.

They will also hear a report from

Hansford county Appraisal District chief appraiser, Alice Peddy, concerning the district's current

budget and refund policy. Board members will also consider authorizing PDRA board mem-

bers to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association conference in Fr. Worth Feb. 24 and 25.

With open house next Sunday . . . Spearman Moose observe group's 100th celebration

The Spearman Moose Lodge #2212 is joining with their national organization this month to celebrate the group's centennial observation with a special open house next Sunday, Valentine's Day.

The open house will be held in the Lodge's building from 1 to 5 p.m. with free cake, coffee and cookies.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the afternoon on the hour, each hour.

During the past year, the Spearman Moose Lodge has kept a busy pace in the city -- a pace which included the 1987 Easter Egg Hunt for young children.

They also provided a free Saturday afternoon movie during the Christmas holidays, along with a sack of candy and nuts to those who attended.

The Spearman Moose Lodge awards a scholarship each year to a graduating Spearman high school senior.

They also provided a special donation to the Spearman Boy Scout troop and had a special Thanksgiving supper for senior citizens.

In celebration of both Valentine's Day and the Moose's 100th birthday, the Spearman Lodge delivered a pair of flowering potted plants to the Hansford Manor Nursing Home.



THEY'RE ALL SWEETHEARTS. . . Moose Lodge governor Harry Stumpf presents a pair of flowering potted plants to Hansford Manor residents as part of a nation wide observance of the centennial celebration of the group. Accepting on behalf of Manor residents are Bill Russell [seated] and Juanita Baxford.

TEAMS exam to be given

Spearman high school freshmen will participate in the Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills -- TEAM -- testing this week.

The tests will be administered in the high school auditorium Feb. 9-10-11. Exams will begin each of the three days at 8:25 a.m.

Some 62 Spearman freshmen will take part in the 3-day exams which cover writing, reading comprehension and math.

There is no time limit on the exams. Students will begin each day at 8:25 and are excused back to classes when they finish the exam.

SISD board in meeting Tuesday a.m.

An executive session to review teaching personnel as well as review and take action on administrative contracts for the Spearman ISD will be held at the board of trustee's meeting Tuesday morning.

The meeting will be held in the board room of the Spearman high school building beginning at 6:30 a.m. that day.

In open session, the board will consider the school financial report and hear a summary of tax collections.

They will also discuss communications from the Texas Education Agency concerning the repeal of the federal motor tax exemption and information on state funding.

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser with the Hansford county Appraisal District will meet with the board to explain the Appraisal Unit's refund and audit.

Trustees will consider revisions to the local career ladder requirements and will order a school trustee election which will be held May 7. They will also appoint an election judge.

Along with other routine items, the trustees will discuss the charitable gift from the Gus O. Birdwell estate as well as beginning discussions on budget development for the next fiscal year.

County to hear request for \$100 retention fee

A pathology retention fee highlights an otherwise routine agenda for Hansford county commissions Monday with pathologist Ralph Erdman of Amarillo requesting a \$100 monthly retention fee from each county of the 30-county area he serves.

Commissions will meet in the commissioner's court room beginning at 10 a.m. Monday.

Erdman is requesting the retention fee from all counties he serves, in lieu of an autopsy fee increase from the current rate of \$500 to a new charge of \$1,000 per autopsy, reports Hansford county judge R.L. McClellan.

The Amarillo-based pathologist serves the Panhandle area, performing autopsies where required by law.

In addition to the lab work, he also makes himself available for court room appearances when necessary, McClellan notes.

Counties who agree to pay the \$100 per month retention fee will continue to be assessed the \$500

per autopsy fee while those who forego the monthly charge will be assessed \$1,000 per autopsy.

In addition to the Erdman request, commissioners will also hear a report from Hansford county Appraisal District's chief appraiser Alice Peddy, concerning the district's refund and audit.

They will also consider a list of equipment and prices from the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department to help outfit a truck to work county grass fires.

Commissioners will meet with sheriff R.L. McFarlin concerning wage and hour legislation and will hear the treasurer's quarterly report.

They will also consider renting a tent for the annual stock show which is held each March on the grounds of the Spearman county barn.

The Hansford commissioner's court has rented the tent for the event for the last two years, McClellan states.

The HANSFORD REPORT

by JAMES JARRETT

Occasionally, we have been accused of using those mystical \$10 words in this column -- words which invariably have more than three syllables.

That doesn't really bother me that much. If you have reason to pause and reach for the dictionary, then I've helped to increase your word power -- a feat which Reader's Digest has done well over the years.

However, there's a difference between writing for this column and putting an ad together. For the most part -- as many know by this time -- I enjoy a fairly wide latitude when it comes to writing the Hansford Report.

When it comes to writing advertising copy, however, I invariably bow to the wishes of the advertiser.

Take the word cornucopia. The word comes to us from ancient mythology and is, quite literally, the 'horn of plenty' from which an abundance of food can be taken without ever running dry.

Over the years, the term has been applied to many different items whenever a person wants to let their readers or listeners know that there's a never-ending supply of whatever it is they are discussing.

I attempted to use the word

'cornucopia' in an ad for my good friend, and customer, Don Townsen -- but he stopped me short with a firm warning about using those \$10 words.

Indeed, he urged the old 'KISS' principal which means, of course, Keep It Simple, Stupid. So, I took out the word 'cornucopia' and used another phrase.

Lo and behold, the other evening on the boob tube -- which has been described as the intellectual wasteland of America -- and, in a pizza commercial no less, a comedian used the word cornucopia in describing the amount of topping on their particular pizza pie.

Now, we'll probably never get Don to admit it, but I fervently believe that the problem he had with the word 'cornucopia' stems from the fact that he had forgotten what it meant.

When I took the time to explain it's meaning, I could tell that he did indeed, remember the word. But, no he still didn't want it in his ad.

I have always felt a certain sadness which borders on pity, for those individuals who are forced to work with figures day in and day out.

They tend to lose their perspective on the real world. In that gr . . .

Immunization clinic reset for Feb. 22

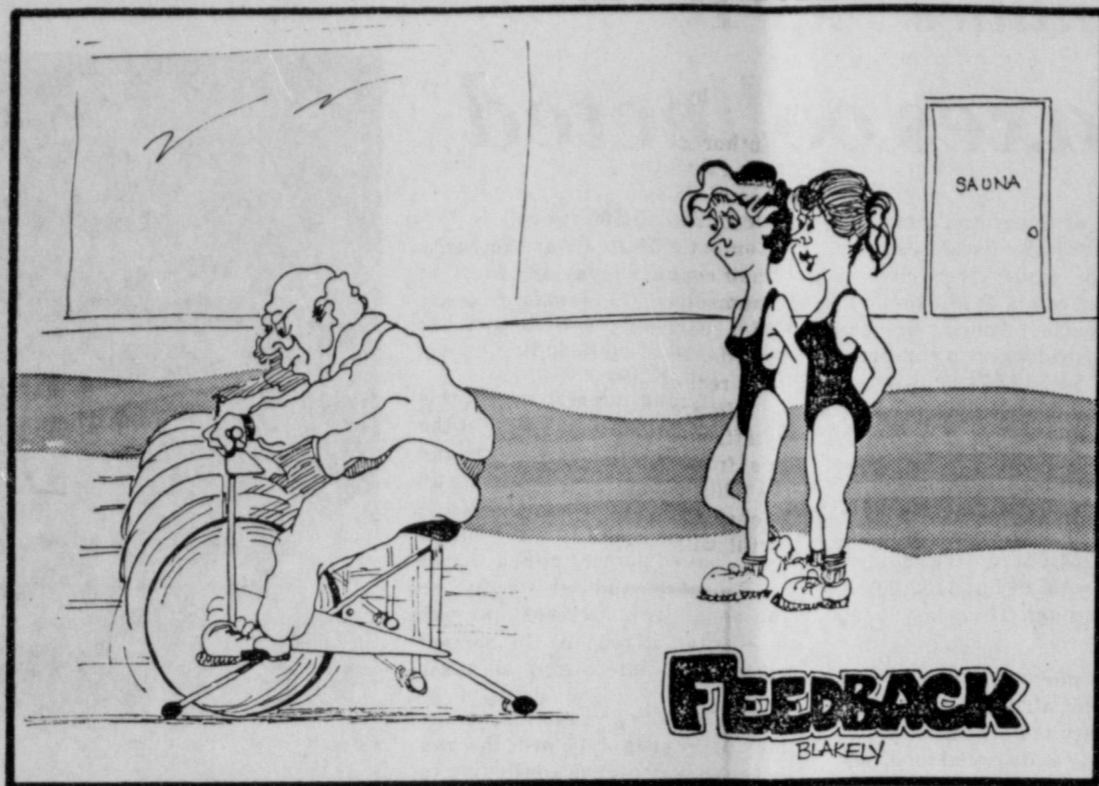
An Immunization clinic originally scheduled for last week has been moved to Monday, Feb. 22, after icy road conditions this past week made it unsafe for the Texas Department of Health officials to come to Spearman.

The clinic will be held that day in the foyer of the varsity gym at Spearman junior high.

Immunizations will be administered for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus as well as for other childhood diseases such as mumps, measles and Rubella.

You Are Invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Dana Sandavol bride elect of Clint Sanders Thurs., Feb. 11

from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church Hostesses: Mary Brock Nita Bynum Martha Boyd Jeanie Laughlin Sandy Russell



FRED DECIDED TO TAKE OFF A FEW POUNDS WHEN THE LOCAL WEATHERMAN COMPLAINED THEY WERE PICKING HIM UP ON SATELLITE RADAR

REPORT

I include bankers, accountants, CPA's and that genre. About the only time those people are loose is when they're away from their office at a party some-

where enjoying a little libation. The ones to really pity are those who are tea-totalers. They never unwind. I believe Don falls into this latter group.

My only point to Don and our readers is -- if it's good enough for a pizza commercial on TV, then surely it's good enough for this newspaper.

Yes, that's right -- in the future our readers will be blessed with a cornucopia of \$10 words.

Our congratulations this week to the Spearman Moose Lodge which -- along with their national organization -- is celebrating the order's centennial this month.

Harry Stumpf is heading up the local observation in Spearman and the group couldn't ask for a better spokesman.

From my dealings with Harry in the short time I've been in Hansford county I have learned that he is a one-man, walking chamber of commerce for several different activities.

But none are so dear to his heart as the Moose Lodge and the Spearman Boy Scouts -- in fact, children in general.

He has channelled his activities to benefit the youth of Spearman and Hansford county in a variety of ways -- even using the Moose Lodge on occasion to accomplish something worthwhile for them.

Spearman wouldn't quite be the same without Harry's smiling face and cheerful disposition.

Nor would the youth enjoy many of the things they enjoy without Harry's efforts to see that such things get done.

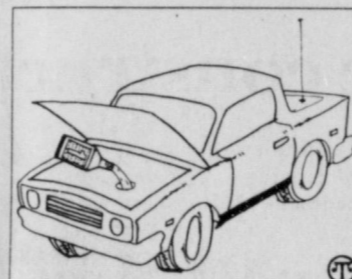
So, Harry, on behalf of our

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DANNY CLOSE TANYA KIMBROUGH

Close-Kimbrough announce engagement

The engagement and approaching marriage of Tanya Kimbrough to Danny Close is announced this week by the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kimbrough of Johnson, Kan. Close is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Close of Spearman. The couple plan a March 19

wedding in Spearman.

Club News

TOWN AND COUNTRY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

The Town and Country Extension met this past week in the home of Delinda McLaughlin.

The meeting was called to order by President Ronda Bynum. Roll call was answered by 11 members and one guest. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Thank you notes were passed around. Mrs. Bynum asked for nominees for Citizen of the year. Delinda McLaughlin read the 1988 recommendations. Janie Kunselman reported on the Council meeting.

The program was given by Michele Davis on heart attacks. The next meeting will be at Pam Ledgewood's.

Members attending were Ronda Bynum, Carma Dorton, Wanda Eakins, Darrie Francis, Janie Kunselman, Pam Ledgewood; Laura Mackie, Delinda McLaughlin, Lavon Reid, Lynna Renner, Dixie Smith, and one guest, Debbie Wolfe.

WHEAT \$2.75
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You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring DeVonna Boyd & son Philip Andrew Friday, Feb. 12, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church. Hostesses: Mary Brock Sandy Russell Jeanie Laughlin Ruth Bryan Beth Phelps Loretta Cook Rose Isenhower S14S-2tp

Crisis Center Report

by Mary Frances Ellzey

Hooray for our second annual Mexican Pile-on fund-raiser!

Many thanks to the First Christian Church for allowing us to use their kitchen and fellowship hall. Many thanks to Kris Aylett, who remodeled the occasion, and to the other board Members and volunteers who set the tables, prepared the meal, served the food, and cleaned up. Furthermore, from the leftovers, we had a re-run at our noon Board Meeting on the following Monday.

Many thanks also for the support we had from those who bought and ate the food!

We must raise about \$1700 more, through donations and/or (horrors!) another fund raiser, in order to meet our goal of a \$15,000 cash match for the funds we receive from the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant. So watch out!

Did you know that Texas is one of only 10 states that allows testimony about battering to be considered when assigning child custody? How strange that up to now battering has not been an admissible consideration. But hooray for Texas!

Furthermore, Texas is really cracking down on fathers who fail to provide child support.

In a recent survey, two-and-one-half years is the average length of stay of Shelter staff members. The

author of the article I read had been a shelter staff member for 10 years! Why do they leave? Plain old burnout - what we used to call Combat Fatigue. The wish to have their evenings or their weekends to themselves. To respond to an offer of a better paying job. In other words, they have feelings just like the rest of us!

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Texas and the federal justice system -- it never seems to end these days.

The governor last week headed off a prison system crisis and the wrath of one federal judge, only to find the state faced with possible fines from another judge for violations of court-ordered mental hospital reform.

Governor Bill Clements, with Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker Gib Lewis, used the new emergency provision to clear the way for construction of an additional prison which will keep Texas on schedule with prison reforms or-

dered by Judge William Wayne Justice.

But Judge Barefoot Sanders said his court also expects compliance from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, which he said is understaffed.

Pro-reform advocates urged Sanders to levy huge fines against the state if the violations continue, and he issued a last warning statement.

Dukakis Flexes Muscle

On the Texas campaign trail, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis flexed his political muscle by winning a plurality at the Mexican American Democrats state convention, and releasing a list of over 1,000 supporters, indicating he will carry the South Texas Democratic vote.

His stroke of strength raised the possibility of a rank-and-file ground swell against the party's chairman and money crowd which have endorsed Albert Gore.

Dukakis fell short of two-thirds needed for MAD endorsement, but led with 38 percent over second-place Jesse Jackson with 21 percent. Other candidates garnered less than 10 percent, except for Gary Hart, who was not nomi-

inated. Dukakis' list included two Texas state senators, Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi and Hector Uribe, of Brownsville, as well as Mary Alice Cisneros, wife of the San Antonio Mayor.

Robertson May Sue

On the GOP side, Pat Robertson said he will challenge, and sue if necessary, to change the state party's ruling making all six candidates eligible to win Texas delegates.

Robertson contends only he and Vice President George Bush submitted enough legal ballot petition signatures, and his challenge would effectively narrow the race here to those two.

The official polls are still out on Bush's progress after his televised confrontation with CBS anchor Dan Rather, also a native Texan, but word around the Capitol is it didn't help.

Contributions Unreported

The Travis County DA's office is investigating whether pro-betting and anti-betting forces violated state law by not reporting thousands of dollars used in the pari-mutuel gambling election.

Particularly at issue is whether

the missteps were fraud to hide thousands of dollars from out-of-state.

Other Highlights

The Republican Eleventh Commandment of speaking no ill of one another is shattered weekly, and the latest is an exchange between contenders for U.S. Senate.

After Amarillo Congressman Beau Boulter said he was the only qualified candidate, Houston's Milton Fox, a 14-year veteran of the Texas House, retorted that all Boulter has ever done is practice law and work in government, not business.

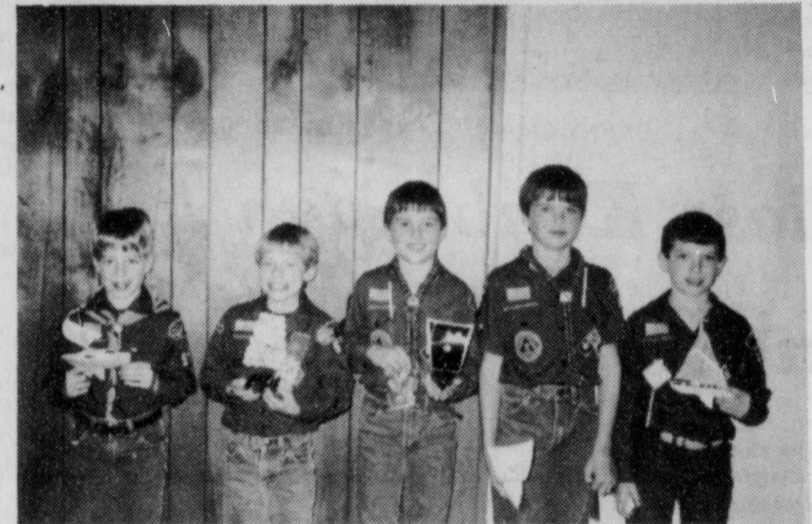
Texas has climbed to number four in the nation in the size of its electronics industry work force, behind California, New York and Massachusetts, in that order.

The Texas Capitol is a fire hazard and basic life-safety projects have been delayed in the present restoration, the State Preservation Board was told last week.

Recently-resigned Chief Justice John Hill joined the legal team representing the City of Austin against Houston Lighting & Power Co., the managing partner of the South Texas Nuclear Project.



PROUDLY DISPLAYING THEIR VESSELS, these scouts were the Raingutter Regatta appearance winners. From left to right they are 1st place - David Zabin, 2nd place - Devin Delozier, 3rd place - Shan O'Quinn, 4th place - Shad O'Quinn and 5th place - Britt Savage.



WITH SMILES REFLECTING their delight these scouts are displaying the ribbons they received as the winners of the Raingutter Regatta race. They are [from left to right] 1st place - Shan O'Quinn, 2nd place - Ben Queener, 3rd place - Lucas Biggs, 4th place - Brad Brown and 5th place - Jason Genn.

Spearman Cub Scouts participate in race

A total of 23 Spearman Cub Scouts participated in the pack's annual Raingutter Regatta held this past weekend in the Spearman county barn.

Appearance winners for the event were first place, David Zabin; second place, Devin Delozier; third place, Shan O'Quinn;

Fourth place, Shad O'Quinn and fifth place, Britt Savage. Race winners were first place, Shan O'Quinn; second place, Ben O'Quinn;

Third place, Lucas Biggs; fourth place Brad Brown; and fifth place, Jason Genn.

Judges for the Appearance event were Russel McClure, Rick Riggins, Craig Schumann and Verline Winegarner.

Cub Scouts participating in the Raingutter Regatta included Matt Bailey, Lucas Biggs, Brad Brown,

Josh Bynum, Eric Cudd; Devin Delozier, Jason Genn, Clint Goodman, Tom Kirk, Jeremy Laird, Adam McCubbin, Casey Nobles, Shad O'Quinn;

Shan O'Quinn, Mark Allen Parker, Benn Queener, Domingo Renteria, Mario Renteria, Britt Savage, Greg Sharp, Coyt Tigrett, Scott Thompson and Davis Zabin.

In addition, eight new Cubs received their Bobcat Badges and five Webelos received their athlete activity badges.

February is "Genius Kit" month for the Spearman Cub Scouts.

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'87 5th Avenue. Crimson Red. Loaded. Leather. Lt. Hall.	\$19,099.00	\$3,186.09	\$1,000.00	\$14,912.91
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'87 Colt Vista Wagon. 4 X 4. Lt. Hall.	\$14,699.00	\$2,520.00	\$500.00	\$11,679.00
'87 D-150 Pickup. Loaded. Gold. Lt. Hall.	\$15,471.00	\$4,178.00	\$750.00	\$10,543.00
'87 Ram D-50. 4 X 4. Roll Bar Kit.	\$12,502.00	\$2,422.00	\$750.00	\$9,330.00
'87 LeBaron. 2-Dr. Coupe. Rosewood. Lt. Hall.	\$14,327.00	\$3,666.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,161.00
'87 LeBaron. 2-Dr. Coupe. White. Lt. Hall.	\$14,013.00	\$3,494.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,019.00

Consumer Cash Allowance Funded Fully by Chrysler Corp.

Mercury ...

'87 Cougar LS. Two-Tone Taupe. Lt. Hall.	\$15,602.00	\$2,776.00	\$600.00	\$12,226.00
'87 Cougar LS. White. Lt. Hall.	\$15,287.00	\$2,549.00	\$600.00	\$12,138.00
'87 Sable LS Wagon. Silver.	\$17,427.00	\$2,310.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,117.00
'87 Sable GS Wagon. Smoke. Lt. Hall.	\$15,403.00	\$2,298.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,105.00
'87 Sable LS. Red. Demo.	\$16,745.00	\$2,633.00	\$1,000.00	\$13,112.00

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Those intrepid fishermen, Louis Schnell, Butch Lasater and Pete Fisher returned recently from a trip to Guaymas, Old Mexico, off the Sea of Cortez. They drove all the way in order to have a vehicle to bring back the anticipated fish catch.

However, the gale force and constant wind is blamed for difficult angling. They are pleased with their supply of red snapper, salmon, and groupies, but a community fish fry is not to be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Nelson and Joanne Eaton attended the funeral of Loren Johnigan in Canyon on Tuesday.

Loren, a relative of the Nelsons, was the 20 year old student who died in the tragic accident on I40.

The services were held at the Hill Chapel on the W.T. campus with a packed crowd in attendance.

The many friends of Mike Garnett were dismayed to learn that he had to undergo serious spinal surgery on Thursday. Apparently an old injury had eventually resulted in the damage, though Mike's genial smile belied the constant pain of the last several weeks.

At this writing the surgery is apparently successful, though it is not known how long he will be

hospitalized.

He is in room 758 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shieldknight, Mr. and Mrs. Cy King, and Joyce Shieldknight attended the funeral of Mrs. Annie Shieldknight Tuesday in Amarillo.

She was an aunt of the Shieldknights.

Another Spearman citizen recovering from surgery in Amarillo is Ray Phelps. He is in St. Anthony's and family members feel that if he continues to recover that he will soon be back home. The surgery was Thursday.

Magda and Wesley Garnett were delighted to have their granddaughter in their home for more than a week during her semester break.

Lee Ann Garnett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Garnett, who is a student at Columbia, Md., also visited her relatives in Lubbock and Waco.

She checked out Texas Tech and also Texas A & M with an intention of transferring to one of them. While at College Station she was the guest of Anne Marie Jarvis and Andrea Archer who are students there.

Figures suggest Texas economy is recovering

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Tuesday said final figures on strong 1987 Christmas sales are a good sign that the Texas economy is recovering.

"A surge in consumer spending in December brought in more than \$619 million in state sales taxes," Bullock said.

The increase is well above any factor that can be attributed to the Legislature's hike in the sales tax rate last fall from 4.125 percent to 6 percent.

Bullock said a survey of major retailers shows that Christmas season sales were up an average of 5.5 percent this year compared to the previous year.

"That's a healthy gain that will translate into a better financial position for Texas merchants and an overall improvement in the economy for all Texans," Bullock said.

This is one more indicator that Texas is coming back from the economic doldrums brought on by the collapse of oil prices a couple of years back, he said.

Taxable retail sales in the fourth quarter of 1987 are estimated to total more than \$17.5 billion. This compares with retail sales in the fourth quarter of 1986 of \$16.7 billion.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the following item will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, at the office of the city manager up until 2:00 p.m., March 16, 1988, and then publicly opened and read.

24 month contract for service of new uniforms and service of walk-off mats.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the city. All bids received after the closing hour will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope of the type of bid being submitted.

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the city manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. S14 2tc Tonly

WITT LAND SALE

ADA and DANNY WITT will sell by sealed bid the following described tracts of land:

(1) Section 43, Block 11, W. Ahrenbeck & Bros. Survey, Ochiltree County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT the West 63.8 acres which is the home of Ada Witt, and SAVE AND EXCEPT an 8.9 acre tract which is the home of Danny Witt. This Section contains 320 acres, more or less.

(2) Section 47, Block 11, W. Ahrenbeck & Bros. Survey, Ochiltree County, Texas. This section contains 320 acres, more or less. There is located on said section a 1500 gallon irrigation well, with a 333 turbo 6 cylinder caterpillar engine, with gearhead, pump and underground pipe.

(3) Section 64, Block 11, W. Ahrenbeck & Bros. Survey, Ochiltree County, Texas. This section contains 320 acres, more or less. This section has a 1200 gallon irrigation well with a 12 cylinder GMC engine, pump, gearhead and underground pipe. There are also two livestock or domestic water wells on this section. Copies of the logs and other information regarding the wells from this section and also the well on Section 47 can be obtained from the office of Tark Cook.

(4) An 8.9 acre tract out of Section 43, Block 11, W. Ahrenbeck & Bros. Survey, Ochiltree County, Texas, which is the home of Danny Witt. Said home is located one mile west of Perryton on State Highway 15. The home is custom built with three bedrooms and two baths, containing 2,940 square feet. It has a large den with rock fireplace, cathedral ceiling, kitchen and dining room with bay window. The large master bedroom has

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walk-in closets. The home has central heat and air, utility room with built ins, patio, oversized two-car garage and a fenced backyard. There is a domestic water well for the home, and the home is located on an 8.9 acre tract that is fenced. It is landscaped with native buffalo grass, and with pine, bluespruce, pinon, and Russian olive trees. The tract also contains a 20 x 40 shop, hay barn and a 4-H feeding facility. This house will be shown by appointment only. For appointment call 435-6172.

You may bid on one or all of the above described tracts of land. Bids will be opened in the law office of Tark Cook, 601 S. Main, Perryton, Texas on the 15th day of February, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. at which time bidders will have the right to submit new bids. High bidder will deposit 10% as escrow deposit to be held by sellers and the balance will be due and payable upon closing. Sellers reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Sellers and buyers will enter into a real estate sales contract, and sellers will provide abstracts to date of sale. Buyer will have 14 days to inspect and submit title objections to sellers, and sellers will have a reasonable period of time to clear valid title objections at which time they will provide buyer with a Texas standard Warranty Deed.

One-half (1/2) of the mineral interest owned by sellers will be conveyed to successful bidder or bidders.

Announcements made the day of sale will supersede any statement made herein.

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HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY, FEB. 8
RIB B QUE/BUN
SALAD BAR
FRENCH FRIES
CHOCOLATE CAKE
MILK

TUESDAY, FEB. 9
BEEF BURRITO
MACARONI/CHEESE
SALAD BAR
MIXED FRUIT
MILK

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10
FRIED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
SALAD BAR
HOT BREAD
VANILLA PUDDING
MILK

THURSDAY, FEB. 11
CHILI
PINTO BEANS
SALAD BAR
CRACKERS
PINEAPPLE TIDBITS
MILK

FRIDAY, FEB. 12
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S Birthday
HONEST ABE HAM BURGER
BLACK MAN BUN
SPLIT RAIL SALAD BAR
FRESIDE FRIES
CANDLE LIGHT COOKIE
MILITARY MILK

ELEMENTARY & JR. HIGH
MONDAY, FEB. 8
RIB B QUE/BUN
GREEN BEANS
FRENCH FRIES
CHOCOLATE CAKE
MILK

TUESDAY, FEB. 9
BEEF BURRITO
MACARONI/CHEESE
CHOPPED SPINACH
MIXED FRUIT
MILK

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10
FRIED CHICKEN
WHIPPED POTATOES
BLACKEYED PEAS
HOT BREAD
VANILLA PUDDING
MILK

THURSDAY, FEB. 11
CHILI
PINTO BEANS
COLE SLAW
CRACKERS
PINEAPPLE TIDBIT
MILK

FRIDAY, FEB. 12
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S Birthday
HONEST ABE HAM BURGER
BLACK MAN BUN
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Hospital Report

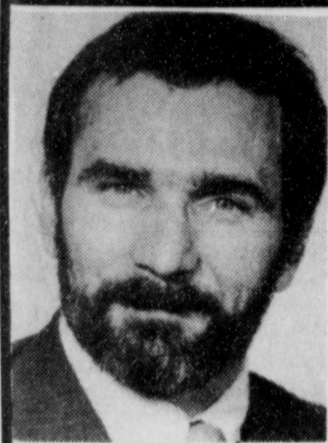
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The Name--Tharin--comes from a combination of two letters from the name of each of his three daughters.

Bambi Torres, his able secretary

and receptionist has been with Mr. Pearson for two years.

Bob Pearson is the son of Mrs. Jewell and the late Roger Pearson. He is a native of Ochiltree County and he graduated from Perryton High school, as did his wife, Jackie, also a native of Ochiltree County.

He earned his Doctor Juris Degree from Texas Tech in 1971, and he and Mrs. Pearson moved to Spearman in 1974. He and John Hutchison were associated in the practice of law for several years. Bob still practices law on a limited basis, particularly as it applies to real estate, oil and gas commerce.

He had always been interested in law and legal reading, and his

minor was in the field of agri-economics so when he was faced with a choice of going on to law school or accepting employment as a bank examiner, he chose law. Since his second year in law school, he felt a keen interest in real estate and oil, gas and related mineral subjects.

Although it is not his main concern, his legal background is certainly beneficial to him and his clients in the conduct of his business, or any other business.

Bob enjoys working in the career of his choosing and is pleased with the results. He stresses that there are incidents and situations not to his liking, in fact objectional, but generally finds his work satisfying and wouldn't pursue a career in another field. He is very conscientious in making sure his clients understand the ramification of all the contracts, leases and decisions as nearly as can be foreseen. He feels that the integrity of his firm is at stake.

He and Jackie have three daughters--Ginger, Laura and Carrie, all in school in Spearman.

His hobbies are woodworking, tennis, reading and guns.

Jackie has a degree in chemistry from Texas Tech. She is currently a Director in the Chamber of Commerce. She is the managing part-

ner in "Kid's Stuff", a shop for children's clothing.

The Pearsons attend the Spearman Church of Christ.

Bob is a strong supporter of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, having served both as a Director and President.

His observation is that while an individual business can be successful from the owner's efforts alone, far more success can be assured if the town and adjoining area is improved and an atmosphere developed to generate additional growth in the existing businesses as well as an environment conducive to creating new enterprises.

He is aware that much too often most of the effort and responsibility is borne by too few people, even though the entire community will reap the benefits of the dedication of the few.

Bob is impressed by the effectiveness of this Chamber; the unifying of the board, the executives and the membership. He expects considerable growth as a result.

He is not hesitant in saying that he always wanted to live in Spearman and is proud to call it home and to raise his daughters here.

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Social security office can help with changes

It is important that the people in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle area know when they should get in touch with Social Security.

A person should contact Social Security before getting his or her first job to get a Social Security number, which is required to get proper Social Security credit for earnings. People who change their names should also contact Social Security to get a new card. A person should allow at least 2 weeks.

The Social Security office should be called after a death in the family to see if survivor benefits can be paid.

Also call when someone in the family is disabled to find out if disability benefits can be paid.

Call at retirement -- at 65 for full-rate benefits, or as early as 62 for reduced benefits. A person should sign up for Medicare 2 or 3 months before 65, even if there are no retirement plans.

When a person calls Social Security, the people there can tell how much credit is needed to be insured for benefits.

Who can receive benefits, how to replace a lost Social Security of Medicare card;

How to get a free statement of the earnings reported to the person's Social Security record and what documents a person needs when applying for benefits.

Most all Social Security business

can be conducted by telephone. The number for the Pampa Social Security office is 669-1018. The office is located at 125 South Gillespie.

Cancer Answers

by Guy R. Newell, M. D.

Q How often should a woman have a mammogram?

A If you have no family history of breast cancer, you should have your first mammogram (an X-ray of the breasts) between the ages of 35 and 40. This gives your doctor a picture of the breasts in a healthy state that can be compared to future mammograms.

Between the ages of 40 and 49, you should have a mammogram every one to two years, depending on the findings in the first mammogram. After the age of 50, you should have a mammogram every year because 75 percent of all breast cancers are found in women in this age group.

A mammogram can pick up a cancer as small as one-fifth of an inch--much too small to feel. However, a mammogram should not replace physical examination of the breasts by a woman and her doctor.



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