

# Gruver farmers fly to McAllen

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## Methodist Plan Seventh Missionary Conference



THE REV. AND MRS. DICK AMOS

The First United Methodist Church has set their Seventh Annual Missionary Conference for March 10-12.

Thursday, March 9 at 5 p.m. a 24-hour Prayer Vigil will begin.

Events scheduled for Friday, March 10 are a prayer meeting by missionaries and those interested at 5:30 p.m. at 6 p.m. a church wide supper will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 11 schedule begins at 7 a.m. with a breakfast prepared by the men.

On Sunday, March 12 a prayer time in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. starts off the activities.

Ms. Rucker graduated from Denver City High School in May 1977. She attended Texas Tech University, where she earned a B.S. degree in Home Economics Education in May, 1976.

Mr. Amos first went to Japan in 1958 as a crusader in a campaign of scripture distribution.

## Gruver Farmers arrive in McAllen

GRUVER, TEXAS—Special, Friday morning—In a talk with Bob Hicks, at the Gruver American Agriculture office, Friday morning, we learned that four Gruver farmers are now in McAllen and visiting with the Spearman farmers, who are being held in jail.



MARGARET BRABON

School board members are meeting regularly, interviewing prospective coaches for the Spearman school system. Board members stated this week that they may be able to announce the hiring of a new Athletic Director and football coach by Monday.

The goal for the Missionary Faith-Promise for the upcoming year for the local church is \$28,000. The theme is "Exercise Your Faith" and "Watch It Grow."

At this time your newspaper would like to thank George (Punk) Jackson for his 9 years of service to the school and our community as a school board member.

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Eldon Southerland, Rebecca Westerfield, Pat Mendehall, Elice Renteria and son, Jason Turner, Vicki Crawford, Leslie Barnes and Thelma Blevins.

## Junk Vehicle Ordinance

The city is acquiring a new flatbed truck, has adopted an ordinance relating charitable and non-charitable solicitation in the city and has adopted an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 353 and defining certain terms, dealing junk vehicles as a public nuisance, providing a fine and penalty, providing for disposal of junked vehicles and granting authority to enforce the ordinance.

The actions were taken Tuesday, Feb. 28, during the regular city council meeting in City Hall.

The low bid of \$10,014.19 by Joe Traylor Ford was accepted on a motion by Alderman Jim Nicholson and seconded by Alderman Frances Loftin.

## Mayor Opposed In City

Three incumbents, Spearman Mayor Ralph C. Blodgett and Aldermen Bill Pittman and Brad Beedy, and Edwin Limbucker are candidates in the April 1 election during which voters will select a mayor and two aldermen through the election process.

The defenses of the defending State AA Champion Spearman Lynettes were ridden from inside and out Friday night, March 3, in the Lubbock Coliseum by an aggressive and well-coordinated team of Slaton Tigrettes who sidetracked 51-49 a return trip by the Lynettes to the state girls championship.

From then on the Lynettes had to play catch-up, resulting in more of those costly turnovers, while the Tigrettes continued out-manoeuvring Spearman and widening the scoring difference.

Eight Spearman farmers, who with a group of American Agriculture farmers attempting to stop agriculture imports from Old Mexico, into the U. S., were arrested, along with a total group of 250 farmers at McAllen, Texas, (Hidalgo) Thursday.

The American Ag headquarters in Spearman was buzzing with activity Thursday, as many members of the families of the arrested men came in to try and learn what was "going on" in the valley.

Word received late Thursday night, was that McAllen hit 88 degrees, and in the Texas Panhandle, the weather dropped to a cold 10 degrees and everyone agrees that the "hot spot is at McAllen!"

Incumbent Jim Davis, Dr. Bob Phillips, Mrs. Linda Holt, Jarvis Letty Porter and Tommie White were the five candidates for two positions on the Spearman Independent School District Board of Trustees in the April 1 election as of the filing deadline of 5 p.m. of March 1.

## School Trustee Race Has 5 Candidates

White Spearman had managed to keep within four points in that first period, things began to become bleak in the second stanza which ended with the Lynettes on the short end of that 39-26 score.

During the final outing, the Lynettes came within seven points of the winners but that was as close as they could get.

## Hightower Comments

It is a very sad and very unfortunate fact that the past few weeks, at great personal expense, to tell their stories. I know that this type of activity does not reflect the thinking of the vast majority of the people in our area, and I regret that it has happened.

# Mayor Proclaims Public School Week

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** The Government of Texas, in January, 1978, officially designated the first week in March, 1978, as Public Schools Week in Texas, and asked that citizens throughout the state visit their public schools, learn more about their organization and operation, and get better acquainted with their school administrators and teachers, and

**WHEREAS** Public Schools Week in Spearman has become an outstanding annual event, having been observed during the past twenty-seven years with ever-increasing interest and participation of school patrons and parents throughout Spearman, and with tangible evidence that the people are wholeheartedly taking advantage of this special opportunity to see for themselves that Spearman Public Schools are in the active support and encouragement of all people is essential to the maintenance of a sound public educational system.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** That the officials of the City of Spearman hereby designate the week of March 6-10, 1978, as the twenty-eighth annual Public School Week in Spearman, and urge all citizens in the city to visit a public school during that week in order that they may get first-hand impressions of what and how the public schools are teaching their children, and that the officials of the City of Spearman encourage public school administrators and teachers to work hand-in-hand with the people of the local community, parent-teacher association, and other agencies and organizations interested in the improvement of public education, and that Spearman school administrators and teachers be encouraged to invite their townspersons to visit the schools, and to plan school events and public relations programs which will give both pupils and parents a better understanding of the vitally important role of the Spearman public school in our democracy.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this day of

C. Ralph Blodgett, Mayor of Spearman, Texas

## Drivers Ed Student Participate In TV Series

The Spearman High School Drivers Education students are participating in the "Learn and Live" TV series sponsored by Channel 10, KPDA-TV and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Spearman competed on a pre-recorded program Tuesday afternoon in Amarillo against students from River Road, Spearman won the contest 125 to 75. Points are counted on a 5, 10, and 20 point basis depending on the questions.

The re-recorded program will be aired at a later date. Students participating were Kenneth Rosser, April Peary, Tamara Scroggs, Chuck Steele is the sponsor.

Spearman will compete again April 4 against an opponent still to be determined. There are 32 area schools participating in this program. A final winner will be determined at a later date. Competition is similar to a tournament bracket with contestants eliminated on each round.

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Ed:

Washington Report: I found the statements of the National Delegate Assembly extremely interesting. The debate is spirited, to say the least, and you get the idea that "violence" is not completely out of the question here, either.

The delegates have been advised by more and more senators, congressmen, and aides that continued silence on the part of AAM on what particular bill AAM supports, out of the scores of bills that were introduced could well result in no bill at all coming out of Congress. AAM had taken the position in the beginning that they would support no bill until it came out of committee, but they are being told, and finally became convinced of it this week, that if they want input into the bill that finally emerges, it will have to be while it is still in committee. Accordingly, the delegates heard Sen. Hodges of Arkansas for several hours Monday night, and questioned him concerning his bill. He gave his opinion that we have one shot at getting legislation, and that his had the best chance. The delegates then discussed his bill from 12 noon until 7:45 the next day, and from 9 to 11 noon the following day. They met that evening and heard a couple of Senator Dole's aides, who are also on the staff of the Senate Ag committee explain Dole's so-called "flexible parity" bill, which is strictly a one-year bill, for 1978, although the aides said they thought the concept could be adapted to a long-term bill. Decision was that the AAM support the Dole Bill and it's companion in the house, the Sibelius Bill, whereupon the delegate from Utah, who had pushed hard for weeks for the Hodges bill, left the meeting, and did not return that night. Actually, the delegates had taken this action on Monday night, and then revoked their action in order to study the Hodges bill.

During the discussion on

Tuesday, the delegates had also declined to support an expression of approval of the Texas and South Dakota actions, feeling that they ought not to approve something which was out of their hands, and which could result in violence, since it is the stated aim of AAM that violence is not condoned. However, after the incident at the bridge at McAllen, they voted wholehearted support of the farmers involved, emphasizing that the National Delegate Assembly cannot oversee all actions everywhere in the country, nor is it their place to order or forbid any action, as each farmer in the movement is his own judge as to what he can do or should do to further the goals of AAM. The strong consensus was that after an action was taken on behalf of AAM, however, the delegates would not certainly express support for it.

A press release was authorized that reminded the Congress and Administration that they had been warned on Dec. 10th that if immediate action was not forthcoming from them to correct a deteriorating, critical situation in agriculture the responsibility for what might come was on their shoulders. The statement also charged the mayor of McAllen with ulterior motives in the over-reaction of his police at the bridge, insofar as he was heavily involved in the business of farm imports (vegetables, beef) from Mexico. It is expected that copies of these bills can come out onto the floor of the Senate and

House will be March 15th, though it will probably be later, and when they do come out, AAM intends to make a concentrated lobbying effort on their behalf, and will be pushing for a bigger influx of farmers into Washington than appeared in January.

On the morning I gave my statement to the Senate Ag Committee, the Canal debate had caused the time available to be restricted even more than we had been told, so that each person on a two-man panel had 2 1/2 minutes, instead of the 5 we had expected. I did the best that I could, but the most important part of my contribution was an attached letter from Purdue University concerning high wheat prices in most of the developed countries overseas (\$6.11 when wheat guaranteed European Economic Communities farmers, \$16.50 Japan guarantees theirs)—this caught the Senators' eyes, and they expressed determination to pursue this information further.

R. C. Porter

## Insurance Corner

### Historical Fire Insurance

Insurance was introduced into the colonies well before the revolution. Colonists put heavy emphasis on fire insurance. The first insurance contracts in the New World were policies placed with British companies.

1721. The first self-proclaimed fire insurance agent was John Copson of Philadelphia with a newspaper announcement that he would insure "vessels, goods and merchandise."

1735. Charleston, S.C., was the site of the first fire insurance company to be organized in America. "The Friendly Society for the Mutual Insurance of Houses." It was wiped out six years later by the city's conflagration.

1752. The first successful fire insurance company in the United States was the mutual firm founded by Benjamin Franklin and associates: "Philadelphia Contribution for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire."

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## Weather

February 23	55	27
February 24	59	30
February 25	57	26
February 26	44	25
February 27	51	33
February 28	49	31
March 1	40	27
March 2	40	29
TL. Prec. for February - 1.09		

### Important W.I.F.E. Meeting Set

There will be a meeting of the W.I.F.E. organization Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Barn.

All members are urged to attend as there is important business to be discussed and voted on.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK --** And Hansford County Judge Johnnie C. Lee signs the resolution designating observance of Public Schools Week in the County March 6 - 10, Ceril Batton at right, Worshipful Master of Hansford Lodge No. 1040, A.F. & A.M., in Spearman is a participant in the signing since the local Masonic Lodge will be very much involved the night of March 9, open house in the public schools of Spearman, serving coffee and doughnuts.

**Rebekah Lodge Meets**

Rebekah Lodge #290 met Thursday, February 23 in the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall with Noble Grand Inez Holland in charge of the meeting and Margaret Eller Vice Grand.

The Secretary, Mona Slater, read the legislation that will be voted upon at the assembly and the Lodge voted on how the representative would cast the vote of the Spearman Lodge that will be brought up in the assembly in Dallas on March 17th through the 21st.

A communication was read from J. O. Duncan, Jr., Grand Master of I.O.O.F., stating that March is "National Kidney Foundation Month".

Inez Holland and Mona Slater reported on their visit to Amarillo in January. They met with the Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas Mrs. Reid and the Assembly Secretary Sister Nettie Morris.

The Vice President explained her ideas and plans when she is installed as president of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas on March 18 in Dallas. The Assembly Secretary gave a

school of instruction.

Sister Mae Shaull, Lodge Deputy, presented Sisters Margaret Eller and Mona Slater their certificate of perfection.

Sister Mona Slater, District Deputy President, presented certificates of perfection to Sisters Mae Shaull, Ruth Caro and Inez Holland.

Mae Shaull, Chaplain Pro Tem, gave the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served to ten members present by Sisters Ruth Caro and Mae Shaull.

The next meeting will be March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall. Refreshments will be served by Sisters Deanna Kenney and Margaret Eller.

guest Mrs. Bill Whitson.

The next meeting will be March 28 in the home of Mrs. Sada Hoskins and Mrs. Mary Lee will have the review.

**Band Students Earn Ratings**

On February 25, students from the Lynx Band attended the Solo and Ensemble Contest at WTSU in Canyon. A clarinet quartet consisting of Tina Cochran, Pam Largent, Tracie Keetch, and Marietta Davis received a division II for their performance. April Pezary, performing a flute solo, received a division I. Jennifer Umphress also earned a division I, the highest rating, for a French horn solo. Marietta Davis received a division II for a clarinet solo. These students are under the direction of Mr. Larry Prather and Mr. Mike Newsom and are to be congratulated for their fine performances.

The piano accompanist for the flute solo was David Evans and the accompanist for the horn and clarinet solos was Mrs. Donna Depe.

**Book Review Club Meets**

The Book Review Club met Tuesday, February 28 in the home of Mrs. Tom Etter with guest reviewer Mrs. Patty Sheppard giving the review "I Came To Love You Late" by Joyce Landorf. It was a biblical story about Mary and Martha. Members present were Mesdames: O. C. Holt, Sada Hoskins, R. E. Lee, Joe Trayler, Frank Hefner, John Berry and



The Rev. and Mrs. Ed Freeman with their Alaskan exhibit at Hansford County Library.

**Alaskan Items On Display**

The March Exhibit of the Month at the Hansford County Library in Spearman has been provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Freeman of the First Presbyterian Church in Spearman and is a collection of handcraft items they collected or had presented to them during their six years in that part of the world before it became a state.

The Rev. Freeman was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan and he and his wife worked closely with the congregation and residents of the region around that Alaskan city.

Thlingit beadwork, leather dolls, hair seal and baby booties. Also an Alaska birch bowl, Alabone shell, Tsingaling cedar baskets. Alaskan yellow cedar letter holder, Alaskan sea shells and a starfish along with a picture of the Thlingit communal house and totem.

Items on display include replicas of Thunderbird and King Johnson totem poles, a Japanese fishing net float, Aleut reed baskets, Thlingit silver jewelry, Eskimo walrus ivory jewelry.

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- MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1978**  
Ruth Sunday School Class  
Chapter #721, Order of Eastern Star - Hansford Lodge Hall  
Duplicate Bridge Club - Home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flowers  
Rotary Club - Martin's Steak Garden  
Blue Monday Bridge Club - Home of Mrs. Pope Glibner  
Spearman Study Club  
Ladies Dinner Bridge Club - Home of Mrs. Don DeArmond
- TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978**  
Spearman Volunteer Fire-ettes  
Lion's Club - Martin's Steak Garden  
Golden Spread Circle Meeting - Home Demonstration Club Room, covered dish  
Short Bridge Club - Home of Mrs. Herb Butt Baker & Taylor Women's Association  
Spearman Ministerial Fellowship Meeting - Assembly of God Church, 9:30 a.m.  
Holt Home Demonstration Club  
Old Hansford Home Demonstration Club - Home of Mrs. Bernard Byers  
Town & Country Home Demonstration Club - Home of Mrs. Lisa Pipkin
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1978**  
Mary Martha Circle of the UMW - Methodist Church  
Marsha Key Study Group - Baptist Church  
Lily Hundley Young Women - Baptist Church  
Susannah Wesley Circle of the UMW - Methodist Church  
Maranatha Bible Study
- THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1978**  
Bid-A-Bid Bridge Club - Home of Mrs. Vi Whitson  
Preceptor Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi - Martin's Steak Garden  
Rho Rho Society - Home of Mrs. Lisa Pipkin  
Twentieth Century Club - First Baptist Church, "guest day tea" with Spearman Music Club  
Rebekah Lodge #290 - I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall  
Xi Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi - Home of Mrs. Lynn Renner, Mrs. Steve Mathews - program  
Spearman Music Club - First Baptist Church, "guest day tea" hosted by the Twentieth Century Club
- FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1978**  
Girl Scout Leaders Neighborhood Meeting - Girl Scout House  
Hansford County Historical Survey Committee, Inc. - Station Master's House Museum  
Spearman Home Demonstration Club - Home of Miss Altha Groves  
Arts and Crafts Guild
- SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1978**  
Friday Night Bridge Club - Home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McGarraugh, Perryton

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