

Holds 2 matches each month . . .

Hansford gun club has 60 members



MICKEY COOK AND WORLEY SMITH display steel plate targets used in silhouette target shooting which is held monthly at the Hansford Gun Club range located halfway between Gruver and Spearman, Smith [right] is president of the 60-odd member gun club which has been in active operation for the past two years.

Over 60 Gruver and Spearman gun enthusiasts have joined together to form the Hansford Gun Club and hold sanctioned target shoots twice each month at the club's range located squarely between the two Hansford communities on FM 1818.

The club practices the growing sport of silhouette and action pistol matches which have grown rapidly across the nation over the past few years.

Headed by club president Worley Smith, the club is open to all pistol shooters and includes .22 rifle competition as well, notes the club president.

"We have a few good shooters, and

a lot of ordinary people, too," declares Mickey Cook of Gruver who stepped down from the president's spot this year. "A lot of people don't think they can compete against our club members, but it's all broken into classes."

Silhouette shooting consists of two divisions, small bore -- which is .22 pistols -- and big bore which is anything larger than a .22. Then there are classes within each division.

Shooters take turns firing at objects made out of steel metal plates cut into the shape of animals. The targets -- chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams -- are set on platforms at various distances from the firing lines.

The chickens are about 4-inches tall and stand 25 meters from the firing line. Next are the pigs, about 6-inches tall, at 50 meters. The turkeys, approximately 12-inches tall, stand at 75 meters and at 100 meters are the biggest target the rams, which measure some 14 x 24-inches overall.

In the .22 competition, the steel plates are 1/4-inch thick. Big bore competition plates are 3/8-inches thick.

The purpose of a match is to see how many targets you can knock down at the different distances. There are five targets at each range.

Competition classes include un-

classified, B and A. Unclassified is for anyone who has never competed while B class is for shooters who have scored between 0 and 14 target knockdowns in a match. A class is for those who have scored more than 15 knockdowns.

The Hansford Gun Club -- reactivated about two years ago following a long lay off -- holds two meets each month on the first and third Sundays. The first Sunday is for silhouette matches while the third is reserved for action pistol matches.

Action pistol matches require not only accuracy, but speed as well.

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62 percent tax hike in offing at Hansford hospital district

The Hansford Report

by JAMES JARRETT



No one likes being the bearer of bad tidings, not even newsmen, believe it or not.

Thursday evening I sat in on a hospital board meeting and watched Al La Rochelle deliver bad tidings to a stunned group of board members.

In this edition, we are delivering that same message to our readers. If you aren't stunned you're made of sterner stuff than most.

What we need to keep in mind is the tax increase being discussed is to get the hospital out of a hole that has been dug for the past two years. It's nothing that happened overnight, but the hole is getting deeper.

It's time to start filling in the hole. For those of you who aren't familiar with what a board member of a hospital district is faced with, let's take a look at the position.

First of all, it's unpaid. Hospital board members are generally solicited by commissioners of the county court. They are asked to serve. And they choose to serve, certainly not for prestige because you'll very seldom hear anything about them except in cases such as we're facing now.

It's definitely not because of the pay. That's mentioned above. In fact, it generally costs board members to serve in the form of time lost from what they could have been doing.

In some cases, businessmen lose business because of decisions which must be made. Hopefully this is not only seldom, but rare as well. Yet it does happen.

To get a board member to work under these conditions takes a special kind of person. It's called dedicated. And that infers one who cares enough to do the job right.

I have witnessed some boards which are composed of members who are nothing more than rubber stamps. I've also witnessed boards who poured

blood, sweat and, if not tears then the next best thing, into their work.

In Hansford county we're fortunate to have the latter group.

In the two meetings I've had the privilege to sit in on, I have seen a group who have done their homework. There were very few things on the agenda which were unknown to them.

Of course, that didn't keep them from being shocked at the news of the needed tax increase. And they'll work on it and do the best job humanly possible, of that I am convinced.

What it will down to eventually, is a decision by the people. And that decision could be whether this community even needs a hospital.

It sounds pretty cut and dried when put that way. Perhaps it would be better to ask if we need to take care of our senior citizens who are the primary users of the hospital.

Or perhaps we need to ask if we should provide a place for treatment of our young people, our children. Perhaps we should look at ourselves and try to determine whether we'll even have need of the Hansford hospital.

Then, maybe, we can make an intelligent decision as I feel confident the hospital board of directors will do.

Whatever your decision, make it known. Pro or against. Intelligent decisions are made by listening to the input of others. And it's needed here.

Board of directors for the Hansford Hospital District include Les Barkley and Jerry Hunt of Gruver, Jack Oakes, Rosa Lee Butts, Alton Ellsworth and John Trindle of Spearman.

Friends, that's a pretty good crew you've got working for you.

The fish -- or something -- keep stories piling up here at the newspaper office.

The other day, Willard Davis brought in a polaroid of a pair of catfish he had caught at some private lake.

Now Willard claims he caught 34 of these beauties, all weighing in the 6 to 7-pound range.

In the picture he was only holding two. I'll grant you they looked in the 6-7 pound range. I'll have to take his word on the other 32. And he's kin to Billy Miller. I don't know whether to take that into account or not.

ARB hears 5 protests

A total of five protests were heard by the Hansford county appraisal review board Thursday with all but one of the protests denied, reports Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the district.

In all, 15 protests were filed with the Appraisal district, but 10 were settled prior to the review board meeting Thursday.

The protests were made against the 1987-88 appraisals recently completed by the Hansford County Appraisal District as mandated by state law.

This is now done every two years with

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Hansford Hospital District board of directors are busy pouring over a working budget presented to them at their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening which could result in a 62 percent tax increase -- from the current 26.2 cents per \$100 valuation to 46 cents per \$100 valuation -- in order to overcome an \$875,000 deficit from the 1986-87 fiscal year.

The deficit results from a combination of factors including a \$375,000 deficit carried over from the 1985-86 fiscal year along with less-than-expected revenues received during the 1986-87 fiscal year which began Oct. 1, 1986.

In addition, the Hansford hospital had experienced a higher than expected bad debt load which totals almost \$117,000 during the first nine months of operation.

The 1986-87 proposed budget had estimated only \$77,018 in bad debts for the current year.

Medicare and medicaid charge offs, coupled with DRG charge offs by the federal government, total almost \$100,000 through the first nine months of operation.

A budget work session has been scheduled for the board. They will meet this Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the hospital board room to start hammering out the upcoming budget.

At their regular meeting, directors authorized hospital administrator Al

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FNB to host 3rd annual net tournament

The Third Annual First National Bank tennis tournament to benefit the Hansford Y program will be held July 30-August 2, reports Don Townsen, president of the Spearman financial institution.

The tournament will have both a junior division and an open division with junior competition to run July 30 and 31 while open competition will be held August 1 and 2.

Entry deadline for the tournament is noon on Wednesday, July 29 with entries to be turned in to the First National Bank offices of West Seventh in Spearman.

Entry fees for the junior tournament are \$7 for singles events and \$14 for doubles play. There will be competition for both boys and girls in four different age brackets -- 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under as well as 16 and under.

In the open division, entry fees are \$8 per single event and \$16 for doubles. There will be competition in mens and womens singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles play.

There will also be three classes of competition in the open division with A, B and C brackets.

Entry forms can be picked up at the First National Bank office in Spearman.



HANSFORD HOSPITAL DIRECTORS go over the monthly financial report presented to them by administrator Al La Rochelle (far left). Board members present [from the left and around the table] are John Trindle, Jerry Hunt, Alton Ellsworth, nursing home director Dennis Robertson and board director Les Barkley.

Hansford Masons host Spearman 4-city lodge installation

Some 70 to 75 Masons and their wives, representing four Panhandle cities, will be in Spearman Tuesday evening when the Grand Master of Masons in Texas officially installs officers for the four lodges.

John E. "Jack" Kelly of San Antonio will be on hand for the installation services as the Rock Island Lodge of Dalhart, the Darrouzett Lodge, the Gruver Lodge #1326 A.F. and A.M. along with the host Hansford Lodge #1040 A.F. and A.M. meet in Spearman.

The installation ceremony will be preceeded by a dinner at 7:15 Tuesday evening. The installation -- which is open to the public -- will be held at 8:03 that same night.

Also on hand for the installation will be the Grand Marshall of Texas, Fred E. Allen of Mt. Pleasant.

Gruver officers to be installed include Bill Been as Worshipful Master, Forest Reichen as Senior Warden, Dick Hindergart as Junior Warden;

Ted Evans as treasurer, H.M. Frazier as secretary, Wayne Schott as Senior Deacon, Martin Rasor as Junior Deacon and T.J. Been as Tyler. Stewards had not been named at presstime.

Spearman officers to be installed include J.R. Collard, Jr. as Worshipful Master, James Lair as Senior Warden, Mike Schnell as Junior Warden;

Albert Graves as treasurer, Cecil Biggers as secretary, R.L. McClellan

as Senior Deacon, Dwayne Smith as Junior Deacon;

Stewards will be Bill Stevens and Loyal Turner with R.L. Uptergrove as Tyler. Chaplain had not been named as of presstime.

Spearman All Stars downed by Gruver, 8-2

The Spearman All Star youth baseball squad was unable to overcome a 6-run Gruver lead from Tuesday evening as they dropped an 8-2 decision to their Hansford county rivals Thursday evening in the Guyton All Star baseball tournament.

A Tuesday evening contest was postponed until Thursday between the two teams. The Tuesday evening game -- called by rain -- had seen the Spearman squad fall prey to numbing errors and Gruver capitalized on their miscues to jump out to a 6-0 lead when the game was called.

Thursday evening, Spearman came back with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth stanza which were answered with a pair of Gruver scores that same inning to leave the final at 8-2, Gruver.

Spearman's Donnie McMahan and Landon Swan scored the two runs off an error by Gruver.

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Spearman has routine city agenda

City of Spearman council members will go over a fairly routine agenda at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, reports Jim Murray, city manager.

Included on the agenda is the amendment of a traffic ordinance concerning turning across lanes. The amendment is to take out some ambiguous working within the ordinance.

City fathers will also hold a public hearing on a proposed zoning change requested by Verlin Hagerman on a property already zoned for heavy industrial building.

Hagerman's request is to change the zoning to planned development which would allow him to open a cafe and build a residence as well as open camping lots for intenerant mobile home parking. He also plans a shop building.

This will be the second hearing on the proposed zoning change request. The change has already been recommended by the Spearman zoning and planning board.

The city will also consider adoption of a resolution favoring expansion of the sales tax base to be forwarded to the Texas legislature now sitting in special session in Austin.

City council members will also look over the Hansford County Appraisal District's proposed budget as well as consideration of a master plan for the South Park Addition.

Guidelines established for weddings, showers

It is the policy of this newspaper to offer as timely as possible news items within our pages and this includes shower stories, engagement announcements and weddings. However, due to the number of pages we print each edition, some limitations must apply.

Effective with our July 16 edition the following limitations will apply:
Shower stories: Will not be accepted if the shower was held more than two weeks earlier. Shower stories will be limited to a total of 10 column inches including the headline.

Engagement announcements: Pictures accompanying engagement announcements will be printed in a 1-column format in the paper. Story with picture and headline will be limited to a maximum of 10 column inches.

Wedding stories: After two weeks we cannot run a story, only the picture with a cutline. After three weeks we cannot accept either picture or story. Stories without picture will be run up to two weeks after the wedding. All wedding stories will be limited to a total of 20 column inches, including picture and headline.

Any stories which do not meet the criteria above will be handled in the following manner:

Stories of extra length will be edited to space maximums. Those wishing to run the full story may by paying \$5 per column inch for all copy above the maximums for each story.

Out of date stories will be run on a paid basis of \$5 per column inch for the entire story, including headline and picture, if applicable.

These guidelines are to help keep the paper from becoming over-balanced and to keep from eliminating other stories which have an equal right due to equal importance to appear in the same edition. Our readers help with these guidelines is appreciated.

Feedback



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ARB PROTEST

appraisals based on 100 percent of value.

The lone protest which was granted was in the favor of Trans-Am Pipeline Company which argued the value placed on a 20-inch line in the Pringle-Morse area was too high. The line had been installed several years earlier and had deteriorated, according to company spokesmen. Review board members agreed to the assessment.

Members of the Hansford Appraisal District Review Board include chairman Austell Burrus of the Pringle-Morse area, Bob Tilleson of Gruver, and Everett Tracey of Spearman.

Also present for the meeting were Troy Sloan, Louis Henderson, and Bob Key, all of Lone Star Appraisers, who helped establish the appraisal for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Hansford County Appraisal District board of directors will meet August 12 at 9 a.m. for their 1987-88 budget hearing. The meeting will be held in the Appraisal District building located at 709 w. 7th in Spearman.

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Spearman ISD in pair of meetings

The Spearman Independent School District board of trustees have a busy Monday planned with a noon meeting slated to hear proposed plans on the junior high building along with a long agenda for their regular meeting scheduled for the evening.

The noon meeting will be held in the SISD board room in the Spearman high school building.

Larry Donham, architect from Andrews, will be on hand to lay out several proposals for board consideration on possible solutions to the junior high building problem.

Monday's evening meeting will begin at 8 p.m., also in the SISD board room. Trustees may give tentative approval to a proposed budget which may include a three cent tax increase, reports Larry Butler, superintendent of schools.

Included in the meeting will be an executive session to discuss personnel.

Trustees will also consider employing an auditor for the 1987-88 fiscal year along with an IBM classroom network and consideration of a change in starting time for all grades in the school district.

Also included in the lengthy agenda will be consideration of football ticket prices, cafeteria meal prices and the setting of a date to adopt a tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Hospital Report

Patients who were admitted in the Hansford Hospital are:
 Sterling Miller Jeffery Contreias
 Saye McDonald Jop Franz
 Homer Sanders Raymond Lozano
 Juan DeLuna

Patients who were dismissed from the Hansford Hospital are:
 Ernest Newcomb Clyde Soapes Jr.
 Anna Sanchez & Son

Subscription sales tax is repealed

The Texas Legislature has passed a bill to eliminate sales tax on newspaper subscriptions -- a bill which becomes effective October 1.

In a special letter to newspaper publishers across the state, state Comptroller Bob Bullock gives the go-ahead to eliminate the cumbersome tax on all semi-annual or annual subscriptions which go beyond the October 1 effective date.

Subscription rates for the **Gruver Statesman** have been \$8.95 plus 56 cents sales tax for a total of \$9.51. In the future the rate will be \$8.95 total.

Subscription rates for the **Spearman Reporter** and **Hansford Plainsman** have been \$19.95 plus \$1.25 for a total of \$21.20. Effective immediately the tax is dropped to leave the total at \$19.95.

The sales tax will also be eliminated for out-of-county subscriptions as well.

Veterans Questions & Answers

Q -- Will I lose my VA compensation if I get a job?

A -- Employment is generally a factor in receiving VA compensation only if you are being paid at the 100 percent rate based on your unemployment ability.

Q -- The IRS withheld part of my refund for a Veterans Administration education overpayment that occurred in 1978. I want to request a waiver. What can I do?

A -- For overpayments incurred before 1983, the VA could consider a waiver request if received within two years of the initial notification to the claimant. In 1983 the time limit was reduced to 180 days. However, if you have evidence that shows you were not afforded due process rights, you should present your case to the VA.

Q -- What rating must a service-connected disabled veteran have in order to receive additional compensation for a wife, child or parent?

A -- Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated at 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents.

Q -- Is there a charge for the opening and closing of a grave in a VA national cemetery?

A -- There is no charge. However, expenses related to preparation, casketing or transportation of the remains from the place of death to a national cemetery must be paid from private funds. The VA may provide reimbursement under certain circumstances for burial expenses. Social Security pays a burial benefit to a spouse in some cases.

Q -- I am a military retiree. I have been notified that my Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services [Champus] coverage ends when I am 65. Is this true?

A -- Champus or Champva, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration coverage ends when a recipient becomes entitled to Medicare coverage.

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HOSPITAL

La Rochelle to establish a \$325,000 line of credit in order for the hospital to remain in operation through the final three months of the current fiscal year which ends September 30.

"I know it looks pretty bleak right now," La Rochelle told board members Thursday evening. "But the future is nothing but bright."

That bright future comes in the form of bonds being retired on the Hansford Manor nursing home. A total of \$450,000 in bonds will be retired this year with another \$1.4 million to be retired in 1990 and the final \$2.5 million to be retired in 1996.

"Right now we are paying over \$400,000 each year in principal and interest on these bonds alone," the administrator reported. "As these debts are retired, our expenditures will go down while revenues on the Manor should remain fairly constant."

The Hansford Hospital District owns and operates the new nursing home facility which is nearing completion. Occupancy rate there is already over 60 percent. The 1987-88 budget projects a 90 percent occupancy rate.

The Hansford Hospital District board of directors have operated with a deficit budget all through the current fiscal year. Despite that and the other factors, this is the first time the hospital has had to look for a line of credit.

"Our biggest problem is the contractals [medicare, medicaid and DRG's] and bad debts," notes La Rochelle. "The hospital made \$4,000 profit in June before we figured in our losses from these. Instead of the profit, we wind up with a loss of over \$19,000."

Total revenue for June, after deducting all normal expenses, showed a profit from operations of \$4,695.55. After deducting the contractals, bad debts and clinic expenses, the hospital district wound up with a loss in June of \$19,270.60.

The hospital district -- in addition to the nursing home -- also maintains four clinics for local physicians, three in Spearman and one in Gruver.

Meanwhile, the Hansford Hospital District board has a gargantuan task before them and the first steps toward ironing out budgetary problems will come Thursday evening at the budget workshop.

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GUN CLUB

There are two basic competitions, both timed.

In the .22 speed match, a contestant goes through two rounds at four different distances, firing at 4-inch by 8-inch hinged metal targets.

First, the shooter competes for 10 years, than 15, then 20 and finally from the 25-yard marker. The shooter gets six shots at five targets at each distance. He or she then goes through the course a second time.

Any target left standing adds five seconds to the competitor's time. The shooter with the best time at the end of the match, wins.

The big bore competition is a timed event with shooters getting six shots at six targets. Here, however, they have a set amount of time to get off their six rounds. When time expires, they have to quit shooting. Score is kept by counting targets knocked down.

Each target knocked down counts as one point. The shooter with the most points at the end of two wins the competition.

"This is one of the few sports I've ever seen where your competitors actually go out of their way to help you," declares Smith. "It's the friendliest group I've ever had the pleasure to be associated with."

Members come from all walks of life -- from professional men and women to farmers and housewives. There's even a junior division for shooters under age 18. There are no distinctions, however, from male and female. Lady shooters compete right along with the men.

Match winners don't walk away empty handed either. Plaques and pins are awarded at each match.

First place prizes are always awarded and others may be awarded depending upon the number of contestants in any of the divisions. The club awards a trophy plaque for each three shooters in the match.

Pins for hitting five targets in a row are also awarded. The five in a row must be of the same animal such as five chickens, five pigs, etc.

The club's range is located in a caliche pit on land belonging to W.B. "Willie" Seitz. The pit is halfway between Gruver and Spearman off FM 2018.

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Holton associated with H&H Wells

Almost since agricultural irrigation came to this area, Richard Holton has been associated with it.

He and the late Jimmy Hester opened the H&H Water Well service in 1952. In the beginning their farming activities were slack and they felt the need of an off-season occupation.

Richard bought his partner's interest in 1958, and the business has been so successful that it soon became a full time occupation.

His sons, Jerry and Steve, are now stockholders with him. Richard is president of the board; Jerry is vice-president and Steve is secretary-treasurer.

The headquarters are located just west of the city limits on the Gruver highway. Services offered by the firm are "turn key" in irrigation, from the drilling to the maintenance after completion, with all equipment and repairs available.

H&H also does extensive municipal and industrial water well service. In addition to service, they keep available pumps, supplies and repairs. With all these phases, all during the slack seasons in agriculture, the firm stays well occupied.

In addition to the corporate officers, H&H has 9 employees. Pat Sutterfield is the capable bookkeeper-secretary. Others are Will Taylor, Eddie Taylor, Jerry Younger, Bob Ryllant, Don Moore, Billy Pat Underwood, Jan Hartsell, and Jan Van Winkle who works out of Amarillo.

The owners consider that the diligence, efficiency and loyalty of the employees in a large measure responsible for the success and reputation of the Corporation.

Richard was born at Carthage, Mo. and came to Spearman in 1926. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Holton who owned a grocery store here for many years.

He finished high school here and attended Texas Tech. He was in the Air Force in World War II, serving in the ground personnel.

For 38 months he was in Africa, Italy, Southern France and finally at Nuremburg, Germany.

He married Elizabeth in October, 1945. She was born in Lamesa and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Smith.

Both Richard and Elizabeth like to play bridge. She enjoys reading and he fishing. He has been very active in the National and State Irrigation Water Well associations, and they attend numerous conventions.

They are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he works in the Masonic lodge and V.F.W.

The Holtons have two sons - Jerry and his wife, Cindy have Shannon and

Jason; Steve and his wife, Molly, have Leslie. Both sons attended Spearman High School, attended Texas Tech, and are an invaluable asset to the firm.

H&H Water Well Service, Inc. has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for 30 years. Richard feels that the Panhandle of Texas is in rather a precarious situation, geographically, and economically, and certainly needs all the promotion and publicity a Chamber of Commerce can provide.

Information furnished by this Chamber has resulted in the H&H being contacted by out of state interests on several occasions.

In addition to promoting business, a Chamber of Commerce can instigate and encourage all types of activities that make Spearman such an excellent place to live and rear a family.

Hansford 4-H attends horse show in Amarillo

The District 14-H Horse Show was held recently at Amarillo. Hansford County 4-H members attending the district show Ann Marie Jarvis, Bonnie Jarvis, Billy Hayes, Deana Turner, Matt Archer, Mark Eakin and Matt Eakin.

There were 65 contestants in the competition, all vying for 20 positions to advance to the State competition to be held in Abilene July 20-25.

Hansford County 4-H members qualifying for State competition include Matt Archer - third pole bending, fifth barrel racing, fifth stake race.

Mark Eakin - Reserve Champion - Timed Horseman, second Registered Geldings - 5-years and older, second stake race, fourth barrel racing, and tenth pole bending.

Matt Eakin - Third pole bending, fifth barrel racing, fifth stake race.

Bonnie Jarvis - First hunter under saddle, third western riding, fourth showmanship, fifth hunter horsemanship, eighth western horsemanship.

Anne Marie Jarvis - Fourth registered geldings - 5-years and older, fourth western pleasure, sixth western horsemanship.

Deana Turner - First western riding, second hunter horsemanship, third western riding, sixth hunter under saddle, ninth showmanship.

Billy Hayes - First reigning, fourth registered gelding - 5-years and under. Billy Hays will also enter the cutting contest at State competition.

Hansford youth attend Amarillo steer, heifer show

The Third Annual Golden Spread Classic Steer and Heifer Show was held recently in Amarillo. Approximately 270 entries were judged during the 2-day show.

Quentin Harper took first Light Weight Shorthorn, Champion Shorthorn; Second Light Weight Shorthorn, Reserve Champion Shorthorn; and a first Medium Weight Shorthorn.

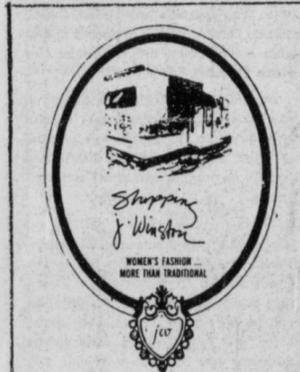
Lee Bob Harper claimed second in Light Weight Chianina, third Medium Weight Chianina, and second All Other Breeds.

Chris Brooks had a second in Limousin Heifer and a fourth in Heavy Weight Charolais.

Klint Venneman was third in Heavy Weight Charolais.

Brandon Vanderburg took fourth in Heavy Weight Charolais and fifth in Limousin. Brandon Close was fifth in Chianina.

Kevin Williams has a fifth in Simmental. Ronda Renner claimed sixth Light Weight Shorthorn. Randie Renner took sixth in Heavy Weight All Other Breeds.



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Clint Patterson will represent Hansford County 4-H in break-away and tie-down roping at the State Show.

Butler attends UIL academic committee meet

Larry Butler, superintendent of the Spearman Independent School District, attended the recent meeting of the University Interscholastic League Academic Committee in Austin. The five-member panel is a committee of the UIL's 20-member rulemaking Legislative Council.

The panel, which heard 17 proposals, voted to -

Create a team event for the math/science area, which includes number sense, calculator applications and science.

Clarify penalties in the team debate contest plan.

Add three contests for elementary and junior high schools, including a listening contest, a earth and life science contest, and a calculator applications contest.

The committee also requested that the UIL staff research the feasibility of contests involving word-processors and/or computers.

The UIL sponsors 27 academic contests, ranging from Lincoln-Douglas debate, one-act play and editorial writing for high school students to oral reading and picture memory for elementary students.

The recommendations of the Academic Committee will be presented to the full Legislative Council at its October 18-19 in Austin.



I made no bones about it. I'm a real sissy then it comes to medical attention. I have to have a local anesthetic when they take my blood pressure.

As I grow older, I find more and more of my friends are having aches

and pains. One guy I know went to the doctor twice, the second time in terrible agony but the doctor refused to reduce the bill.

A specialist gave him six months to live so he went to another specialist. Now he has a year.

He has a good attitude about it for several reasons: He's a positive thinker; he's a strong fighter; and he's 96.

He has also outsmarted all the doctors who gave him six months twenty years ago. "One of 'em told me I was too old to die young and shouldn't worry about it," he told me, "so I haven't worried since he died."

I once had to be hospitalized for a couple of weeks. The doctor told me he'd have me on my feet by the end of the month and he was right. When I got his bill, I had to sell my car.

I love it when people are admitted to the hospital for some embarrassing operation. They never tell you exactly what the surgeons did. And who can understand the explanations? "The left gluteal epidermis was incised to extract a foreign particle of metallic origin." Why can't they just say he sat on his wife's pin cushion?

I know of a case where a guy told everybody he was being operated on for "Female trouble." His wife backed over him with a golf cart.

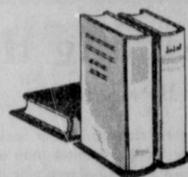
I've always preferred simple explanations myself like "It was an emergency operation. My teeth were numb."

If you are wealthy enough, I understand, you can get snob surgery. It comes with a rumor that it is a very exotic case and all the charts are unlisted.

When you call the hospital telephone number, an operator just comes on and tells you that the patient in question is not sick, not there and the discharge date is classified.

Somewhat it makes one nervous going into the hospital so it helps to joke about it but I think the nurses go a little too far when they store their syringe needles on a dart board and paint smiley faces around your belly button.

So I think I'll just stay healthy as long as I can. I'd much rather be a colleague of the medical doctors and be on their team, side by side in a desperate battle against impossible odds. I'll just be a caddy.



Hansford County Library

by Rita Curtis

Hansford County Library's summer reading program, "Animal Antics", concluded on Wednesday, July 8 with a pool party from 11:00 - 12:00 noon at the Spearman swimming pool. Approximately 89 kids and parents attended the event.

Two hundred boys and girls were enrolled in the six-week library program which began on June 2.

Library film shows each week were very well-attended, with 84 to 110 kids showing up each Tuesday morning for show time.

Texas State Library Certificates were awarded to 106 children who read at least ten books during the reading program. Boys and girls may continue reading for their certificates through the summer.

The winners of the bookmark contest this summer are Kelli Cummings, age 8 and Elaine McCubbin, age 9. Elaine and Kelli's bookmarks will be printed up by the Texas Panhandle Library System and distributed in the fall at our library. Marjorie Curtis judged the bookmark contest.

Children who submitted bookmarks for the contest may ask the librarian to laminate one of their bookmark entries. This will enable the children to keep their original bookmarks.

Three boys in "Animal Antics" made animal crafts for display at the library. Tom Kirk, Dib Kirk, and Chester Hutchison designed three unique snakes which can be viewed at the library.

"Animal Antics" was a highly successful reading program for Hansford County Library. The total circulation for June was 3,698 which was 400 more than June, 1986.

Special recognition goes to all the children who were so enthusiastic and such eager readers during the summer reading program.

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Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

The home of Ruth and Major Lackey is considerably quieter now than last week since a houseful of company has gone. Kay and Jim Orrell, with Amanda and James, came from San Louis Obispo, Ca. for a weeks stay.

Others who came for a shorter stay were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lackey with Mike, Sherry and Pam of Anson; Bobbie and A.L. Wilson and Todd of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson and Brent, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lackey and daughter of Albuquerque. They all attended the Lackey family reunion.

The judicial decisions of Judge R.L. McClellan may have been challenged last week when his jurisdiction included three grandchildren.

He and Mrs. McClellan entertained 2-year old Lauren, when her parents, Dr. and Mrs. David McClellan, and other daughter of Temple left her with them while they went to the mountains. They returned the past weekend.

Also Mark and Kevin stayed here while their parents, Becky and James Madison of Amarillo were in California.

Kathryn and Darell Edwards left Wednesday after spending several days in the home of her parents, Don and Wanda Smith. The Edwards live at Wheaton, Ill. and were accompanied by their two sons.

Kathryn, who left Spearman in 1968, entertained a number of old friends with a musical program Tuesday evening. Her field is opera and she amazed and delighted her audience by the calibre of her voice. She was accompanied on the piano by

Carol Ann Pack.

To add to the enjoyment of the guests, 13-year old Matthew played the piano including one of his own compositions. Not to be outdone, 17-year old Dennis exhibited some of his paintings, to the admirations of the viewers.

The Smith's son, Don, of Orlando, Fl. was also a guest.

Betty and Roy Lee Uptergrove took their visiting grandchildren to Amarillo on Thursday. It was the eight birthday of Staci McLain, and their great grandmother Irene Parks, left for the mountains with them, and 10-year old Jeff, grandson, is here also. The children are from Burnsville, Minn. and visited other relatives in the area.

Kenneth and Margaret Evans returned the first of the week from a weekend in the Taos area. They had taken their grandchildren to Denver after a weeks visit here.

Sean, 16; Chris, 11 and Matt, 7, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Evans who live in Denver. While they were here, Othere cousins from Amarillo and Spearman helped to entertain them.

Heather Reimer is back at home and changing her summer schedule. On July 3 she was practicing on roller skates in front of her home when she fell and broke her leg above the ankle.

She was taken to High Plains Baptist Hospital and is now in a cast. So for the next six weeks she will be learning to do a cross stitching in lieu of swimming and playing ball.

The consensus of opinion in the neighborhood is that every American, beginning with the President, owes an apology to Colonel Oliver North.

Pat Hoffman, a niece of Oliver Pendergraft, and her husband, Bill, of Houston were guests for several days last week of the Owen Pendergrafts.

On July 4, the Hoffmans, Pendergrafts, Allen Varnons, and Gregg Purcells of Sinnett gathered at the Richard Gaines farm for a cook out and an elaborate fireworks display.

To God a Note of Thanks

by Mrs. Greever

Friends during the first part of the night June 20th and early morning hours of June 21 while rain was falling at intervals from the heavens by the One who is the giver of all perfect gifts by revelation, this scripture in Hosea 10:12 came to me.

"It is time to seek the Lord until He come and rain righteousness upon us." This at times I have meditated upon as to all it should mean to all we weak mortals made of dust.

First may we find the meaning of that word **time**.

Ecc. chapter 3 verse 1; to everything there is a season and a **time** to every purpose under the heaven. It would be profitable for all of us who tread this earthly sod to read this chapter from beginning to the end.

A season for everything that includes humanity. At our daily duties, yes of our goings and comings there is a time set to get it done, now with each of us at what **time** in life are we living?

Do we remember we are told our life is only as a vapour that appeareth for a little while then vanisheth away?

It is as a flower of the grass as a breath as a shadow that declineth. Do we remember the Bible tells us we have no promise of a tomorrow. And also declares this is the day of salvation the accepted **time**. If ye hear His voice harden not your heart.

Remember the importance of the word of God and Spirit agree Jesus is soon to return for all who have made themselves ready for that great and not able day? So knowing all of this what moves by all should be made?

This scripture in Hosea tells us it is **time** to seek the Lord. In another place in the Bible we are told to seek Him while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

John 5:39 Jesus said search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. Again Isa. 55:6 we find

these words, Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. (While you have the mind and strength).

Call upon Him while He is near (when the Spirit is stirring) and verses 10 and 11 tell us as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven returneth not thither but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing wherein I sent it.

By this we are told what Gods word requires of us that we have the bread that comes down from heaven giving life. That now is and that to come.

John 6:48 Jesus said I am that bread of life. Verse 50 this is the bread which cometh down from heaven that a man may eat thereof and not die.

Verse 51 I am that living bread which came down from heaven if a man eat of this bread he shall live forever. (throughout eternity)

Gods words are spirit and they are life no other book wherein we can find this life.

In Ecc. chapter 12 verses 12-13 and 14 we read of making many books. There is no end and much study is a weariness of the flesh. let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of a man for God shall bring every work into judgment. With every secret thing whether it be good or evil.

In Acts chapter 24 we read of a man named Felix that should be a lesson of warning. As Paul the Apostle reasoned with Him of righteousness temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered. Go thy way for this **time** when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

We have no word that **time** ever came and after two years to show the Jesus a pleasure he left Paul bound.

Isa. 55; every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters and He that hath no money come ye buy and eat ye come buy wine and milk without money and without a price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good and let your soul delight itself in fatness incline your ear and come unto me, hear and you soul shall live and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. Even the sure mercies of David.

Behold I have given Him (Jesus) for a witness to the people a leader and commander to the people.

Rev. 22:17 and the Spirit (The Holy Ghost), the bride (The church) say come and let Him that heareth say come and let him that is a thirst come and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.

Our text or study today, Hosea 10:12 it is **time** to seek the Lord (how long) until He come and rain righteousness upon us. Then we will be set free from sin, living a righteous life.

In Luke chapter 1 we are told through Jesus who paid the price for us we are able to live a life in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Hallelujah Thank you God.

PSU to offer continuing education summer course

Panhandle State University will be offering a continuing education short course for elementary teachers, "Pull Terrific Readers Out of the Hat -- Begin with Mother Goose Magic." This short course begins by exploring how nursery rhymes can be used for beginning readers.

Participants will learn how to set up a Mother Goose unit and spend time making materials for the unit. Participants will also discover how to use predictable books, big books, and thematic units in place of the basal reader.

Time will be spent making new reading materials for the classroom. All participants in the course are asked to bring poster board, tag board, chart paper, sentence strips, file folders, tracing paper, magic markers, scissors, glue, paper for making worksheets and other favorite make-it and take-it supplies.

"Pull Terrific Readers Out of the Hat -- Begin with Mother Goose Magic" is taught by Stacy DiMartini, a first grade teacher for Jefferson County Public Schools in Colorado.

DiMartini received her M. A. in reading and writing from the University of Colorado. She is the author of a book "Teaching Reading Through Mother Goose."

The short course will be offered July 13 through 16, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Panhandle State University. For information concerning enrollment, contact The Director of Continuing Education, Panhandle State University, P. O. Box 430, Goodwell, Okla.

Yucca girl scout group offers camp

Yucca Council provides progression in resident camp for girls beginning at Adventure I.

This camp offers a 3-day session for girls completing the second grade, with third graders having the option to attend the three day session or a 5-day session.

"Adventure I is a stepping stone for girls as they grow and experience camp away from home and for many, Adventure I is a first experience away from home", stated, Jo Biddle, Camp Director.

Boiling Springs Resident Camp held in June, provides camping for girls who have completed the fourth through twelfth grades.

This camp provides for girls living in cabins for one or two week sessions. This camp also has a tent unit that spends the two weeks session learning and living with the outdoor environment.

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Cost of the course is \$25.30. One hour of upper level undergraduate credit will be offered for successful completion of the course.

Close announce birth of son

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Close of Amarillo announce the birth of Brian Roger, born July 9 in Amarillo.

At birth, the new Close son weighed 6-pounds, 11-ounces.

Brian Roger is the grandson of Froyne Close of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers of Waka. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Close of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Accurson of Amarillo.

Artists are invited for slide contest

All visual artists living in Texas are invited to enter TFAA's "Texas Annual 1987", a slide competition sponsored by the Texas Fine Arts Association.

Juror for this year's exhibition, surveying contemporary art in all media, is Susan Freudenheim, art critic, *The Tribune*, San Diego, Calif., regular contributor to *Artforum* magazine and former art columnist for *Texas Homes*.

Deadline for receipt of slides in August 10, 1987. Artists may submit up to 10 slides. In lieu of cash awards, at least \$2,000 will be distributed equally as honoraria to all accepted artists.

"Texas Annual 1987" will be on view at Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin's museum of twentieth-century American art, from November 7-January 3, 1988. A traveling exhibition will be assembled from the show, which will tour through 1988 to art museums and galleries statewide.

To request a call for Entries, call or write the Texas Fine Arts Association, P.O. 5023, Austin, Tx 78763, (512) 453-5312.

TFAA is Texas' oldest and largest statewide visual arts organization composed of working artists and supporters of the arts. Its programs include organizing three emerging artist exhibitions each year; touring selections from these exhibitions in Texas; presenting lectures, conferences and an annual Artists' Forum; and publication of a quarterly newsletter. Membership is open to all. For more information, contact the Association at the above address.

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For more information about registration, contact Yucca Council Office, P. O. Box 70, Guymon, 338-6414.

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TRIVIA QUIZ

By Steven Alan McGaw

June 22 saw the passing of an American icon, in the person of Fred Astaire. With his incomparable dancing and winning charm as an actor, Astaire seemed to embody a pluck and grace that were somehow uniquely American. His resume reads like a list of American film classics; *Top Hat*, *Swing Time*, *Royal Wedding*, *Silk Stockings*, just to scratch the surface. So, savor those memories and test your Astaire awareness.

1. What was Astaire's first film with Ginger Rogers?
2. One of Astaire's best films was *Silk Stockings*, based on the stage musical. Name the 1939 film which was the basis for both.
3. Identify the film containing the famous sequence in which Astaire danced on the walls and ceiling.
4. Astaire played Tuckleberry Haines in the film version of *Roberta*. Who played the role on Broadway?
5. Who was Astaire's very first dancing partner? (Hint: Astaire was age 7.)
6. Who directed Astaire in the 1968 musical, *Fintian's Rainbow*?
7. Who was Astaire's dance partner in *Band Wagon*?
8. Katherine Hepburn said of Astaire and Rogers: "He gave her class, she gave him . . ."
9. Who directed Astaire and Audrey Hepburn in *Funny Face*?

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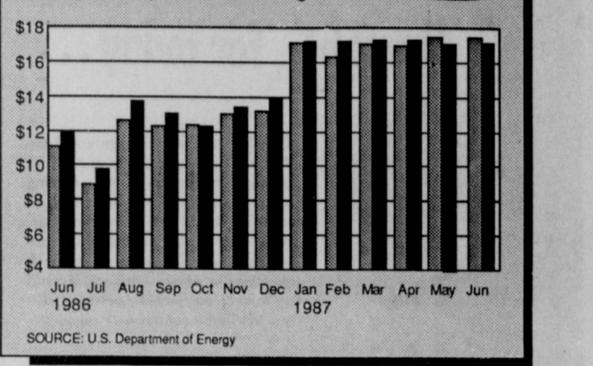
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The Energy Wire

While no sector of the economy is expected to volunteer for the committee's fiscal quest, it became evident last week that the panel will look at measures that cut both ways for the industry.

The committee released a list of about 200 revenue "options" that will be considered at hearings beginning this week. Congress needs the funds to keep within spending limits set by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction act for the 1988 federal budget.

Biggest-ticket items on the list are proposals that would help both the oil industry and federal government raise revenue, primarily by imposing fees on imported petroleum.

Setting a \$24 per barrel oil floor price with a so-called "variable" import fee would raise most of the revenue sought by Congress: \$15.7 billion in 1988, according to the committee's analysis. Even including exemptions for home heating oil and agriculture, the fee would still raise \$12.1 billion in 1988, the committee said.

Such a fee is called variable because it would always equal the difference between the pre-determined floor price and the average world price for crude oil. If the floor price were \$24, and the average world price were \$18, the fee would amount to \$6 per barrel.

However, the committee also calculated revenue for a new and more creative idea: A two-way tax that would hit oil imports if the cost of oil were lower than \$20. That would raise \$8 billion in 1988.

Several aides to oil-state congressmen on ways and means rated the straight import fees low on chances of passage, but the mix of a domestic fee with the import fee has received little debate.

More customary among the revenue proposals were measures to do away with the percentage depletion allowance for independent oil and gas producers and royalty owners and wipe out the deduction for intangible drilling costs for domestic companies.

Complete repeal of the percentage depletion allowance for all oil and gas wells would net the Treasury about \$300 million in 1988, while repeal of depletion for all wells except stripper wells owned by independent producers would net about \$200 million next year. Stripper wells produce less than 10 barrels of oil per day.

The committee listed two proposals for doing away with the longstanding deduction for intangible drilling costs, write-offs for such expenses as drilling fluids and pipe that are not reused in drilling operations.

Doing away with expensing of IDCs for both independent and major oil companies would raise an even \$1 billion next year for the Treasury, the committee's report said. Eliminating IDC expensing only for major companies could raise half that amount, \$500 million in 1988.

- ANSWERS:**
1. Flying Down to Rio
 2. Ninotchka
 3. Royal Wedding
 4. Bob Hope
 5. His Sister, Adele
 6. Francis Coppola
 7. Cid Charisse
 8. Sex
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