

# The Spearman Reporter

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, HANSFORD COUNTY, THURSDAY DEC. 26, 1957

## Whippo Of Perryton Is With Dinner And Trophy Standing Record In 1957

Charlie Whippo, division manager of the Panhandle Community Public Service and employees were honored by a dinner in Perryton on Monday, Dec. 16 for showing the best operating record in 1957.

## A. L. WILSON BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, long time Spearman citizens, have moved back to Spearman for good this time. A. L. will be employed with the C and H Motors as he has bought an interest in the business. He also will maintain his insurance business, and serve his many customers in this area. Mrs. Wilson, the former Bobby Jean Lackey, and their two sons, Steve, 5, and Mark, one year old, are all glad to be back home. Macias Construction Co. will begin construction on a new home for the Wilsons soon after the first of the year, on S. Barkley Street.

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Services are still being held each evening at the apostolic Faith Church, at 7:30, and on Tuesday night, New Years eve, there will be a Watch Night service, beginning Dec. 23rd. Elbert Pool, a local young man who has been called into the ministry will be bringing the message each evening until return of Evangelist E. W. Dickson, on Friday Dec. 27th. Evangelist Dickson will resume services.

An invitation is extended to all to attend services by Mrs. E. A. Greever.

## Only Four Pages This Week

Following the custom of most of the weekly newspapers in the Panhandle, we are printing our paper this week Monday Night to catch the noon mail to Gruver Tuesday. This will enable the employees of this newspaper to enjoy maybe two days for the Christmas holidays.

Please do not phone us and ask where the rest of your newspaper is this week. We found out that we did not have any foreign advertising scheduled for this issue of the Reporter, and most every firm in Spearman advertised in the big anniversary issue last week, so we did not ask for any advertising. We also found out that there was not much news happening Saturday and Sunday—so we just printed this four page newspaper. We have covered all the news we could locate, and trust that you as subscriber will be charitable and be satisfied with our one four page newspaper during 1957.

Eddie Faye (Mrs. W. J. Miller) insisted that we print a page thanking the folk of this area for their excellent cooperation and support during 1957. Guess we should have... but how can you use an entire page saying THANKS A MILLION. We do appreciate the liberal patronage we have received and we do wish every citizen of this area a Happy, prosperous and Healthy New Year in 1958.

EDDIE FAYE MILLER  
WILLIAM J. MILLER  
MRS. WILLIAM M. MILLER  
WILLIAM M. MILLER

Mrs. T. L. Patton, president of the Italian American Club, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Patton, major of the Italian Air Force, and Mrs. Patton. Major Patton will be his 17 years to duty in Japan.

Major Patton completed a tour of duty in Japan and returned to an Air Force base in Texas, and Mrs. Patton, major and fish.

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## New Citizens Of Spearman

New citizens of Spearman are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Helms and son, Brent, who are living at 1006 South Evans. J. D. is an attorney and is associated with James P. Linn. During the past year the Helms have been living in Amarillo where J. D. was employed as Tax Attorney for the City of Amarillo and the Amarillo Independent School District.

J. D. received his license to practice law in December, 1956, and graduated from the University of Texas Law School with a L. L. B. degree in January, 1957. Prior to entering law school he attended Texas Technological College, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting.

Three years were spent in the Air Force, and most of that time he was assigned to the Retraining Program of the Air Force as a career counselor. Having lived in Floyd County most of his life, there has been no problem of adjusting to a small town and the wide open spaces.

Mrs. Helms, better known as Donna, is a teacher by profession. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from West Texas State College in elementary education and has taught in Austin and Lubbock. At the present she is attending the duties of housewife and mother; however she is also working on a Master's Degree by attending the Amarillo Center, an extension of West Texas State, two nights a week. Allison, in Wheeler County, was Donna's home before her marriage.

Brent, a boy of two, like most children of his age, is happy as long as he can be boss and has someone to play with.

After spending two weeks without a place to live, the Helms are now happily settled in a new house, and are enjoying living in Spearman and meeting the people.

There may be a reason for all things—but it is different with some people. The secret of success is the ability to deliver the goods.

## Bill Davis Graduates

STILLWATER—Bill Davis of Spearman, Texas, a student in the Graduate School at Oklahoma State University, is one of more than 9,300 students enrolled this semester at the state's land-grant university at Stillwater.

This year's students are the first to enroll under the new name of the university, changed from Oklahoma A. & M. college during the summer by act of the state legislature and the board of regents.

USO is in its 67th year of service to Oklahomans, fulfilling the four-fold function of land grant universities, resident instruction, extension, research and public service.

## Oslo News

Three weeks have passed now without receiving any moisture here.

The James Stedje family had Sunday dinner in the O. J. Hoel home.

The Jodie Knudson and Terry Huse families are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Bosque, County, Texas.

There are many cases of colds and flu here.

The Oslo School gave a Christmas Program for the public in the school house on Friday night.

Lt. Jg. and Mrs. O. A. Hardwick, Jr., of Corpus Christi visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hardwick, from Friday until Sunday.

## Max Boyer Of Perryton Sworn In As Judge Of 84th District Court



Max Boyer, for 25 years practicing attorney at Perryton was sworn in Saturday morning as Judge of the 84th District Court. Boyer was appointed to fill out the term of the late Judge Jack Allen, by Governor Price Daniels. The ceremony was public and friends of Mr. Boyer filled the District Court room at Perryton. Ernest O. Northcutt, left in the picture above, Judge of the Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals of Amarillo, administered the oath of office.

Atorney and County officials of Ochiltree and Hansford county were present for the ceremony, as were something like 200 friends of Mr. Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer and son Don were introduced to the audience, and Judge Northcutt formed a receiving line to shake hands with friends after the court was recessed. Judge Boyer opened court at Perryton at 11:00 a. m. Saturday and disposed of some of the litigation for attorneys who were in Perryton. Judge Boyer opened court in Spearman today (Monday) and we understand will recess court this afternoon until after the holidays.

## Wife Of Former Spearman High School Athlete Dies At Borger

Hundred of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mort Lynch and the Lynch family, who lived here for a number of years, were shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Billy Lynch and two of her children as result of carbon monoxide poisoning at their home in Borger the past week end.

Billy Lynch completed high school at Spearman and attended Tech at Lubbock. He was an outstanding student here, and he played basketball with the Lynx team while in high school.

Since we are going to press late Monday of this week on account of the Christmas holidays, we were unable to learn of any of the funeral arrangements for the deceased members of the Lynch family. We learn from news reports early Monday morning that a second child died at a Borger hospital.

We were unable to locate Virgil Wilbank for additional information Monday. Virgil is an uncle of Billy Lynch, and the Mort Lynch family lived on the Wilbanks farm southeast of Spearman for a number of years.

Printed below is the story of the tragedy as written by Ed Desvries, Staff writer for the Borger Daily Newsman.

Poison fumes snuffed out the lives of Mrs. Lynch and her baby daughter early Saturday morning as the family was about to celebrate both Christmas and a wedding anniversary. Her husband and another child—a two year old boy—survived near fatal doses of carbon monoxide gas which filled their new home during the night.

Dead are Mrs. Waynada Lynch, 38, and her three year old girl, Billy Wanda Lynch. Both were found dead in their beds Saturday morning when neighbors forced their way into the home at 124 Davenport.

The husband, Billy Lloyd Lynch, 29, was found collapsed across the doorway between the kitchen and living room. The boy Mort William Lynch 2nd, was unconscious in his bed. (We learn Monday morning that the child died).

A local physician estimated that death took place at least an hour before the woman and girl were found at 9:30 a. m. An autopsy performed on the body of Mrs. Lynch Saturday night indicated that she died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

A family friend, D. P. Hubbard called at the home about 9:30 Saturday morning to check on the condition of the Lynches. The four members of the family had been ill for two days after moving into the five room house in Kessler Heights. The sickness which had caused the severe vomiting was thought to be a nausea due to the virus disease.

As Hubbard rang the doorbell he saw the body of Lynch sprawled on the floor between the kitchen and living room beyond a doorway. The Christmas tree, decorated with lights and garlands, stood in the living room. Inside the home was garnished with Christmas decorations from Mrs. Lynch's native Holland. Although the tree held only a few presents, dozens of children's toys and brightly wrapped gifts were found hidden in a closet.

Friends said Mrs. Lynch had hired a baby sitter Friday night to care for the family. The first sitter collapsed after being in the house a short time and was driven home. Another sitter was called and also

had to leave after becoming nauseated. A third baby sitter remained in the house until 2 a. m.

A check of the air circulating heater Saturday afternoon indicated that it was not properly ventilated and was producing carbon monoxide gas in large quantities. All windows of the home were closed during the night, causing a continuous flow of stale air to circulate through the heater, produced carbon dioxide gas and later converted it into lethal carbon monoxide.

The poison gas had no odor and apparently the occupants did not suspect that the heater was generating its fatal carbon monoxide fumes.

A friend of the dead woman telephoned the house at 8 o'clock Saturday morning and received no answer. Since the third baby sitter left about 2 a. m. it was determined that the family had been overcome about 2 a. m. and 8 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were preparing to celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary during the holidays. They met in Europe while Lynch was stationed overseas. In 1953 Mrs. Lynch came to America to join him and they were married during the holiday season.

Mrs. Lynch, a member of the First Baptist, is survived by her mother in the Hague, Holland. The child is survived by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mort Lynch of Pantex, and an uncle, Leonard B. Lynch of Amarillo.

## LYNCH SERVICES AT 10 A. M. THURSDAY MORNING

Funeral services for the family of Billy Lloyd Lynch, will be held at the First Baptist Church in Borger, Thursday morning, at 10 A. M. Rev. Winifred Moore will be officiating. Interment will be at Dalhart, 2 P. M. Thursday.

Services will be held for Mrs. Wynanda Lynch, wife and mother and Billie Wynanda, age 3, and Mort William II, age 2.

## Sheriff Nabs Car Thieves

Sheriff J. B. Cooke apprehended Fred Ward, giving his address as the state of Nebraska, and Gilbert Walters, giving his address as the state of Kansas, last Thursday morning. The two men are charged with having stolen a 1949 Ford car at Ashland, Kansas. The car was abandoned at Perryton Wednesday night, and apparently the men spent the night in Spearman and were apprehended by our Sheriff's office Thursday morning while attempting to leave Spearman.

The two men were turned over to the state of Nebraska.

If you have a sense of humor use it occasionally in looking over yourself.

## WILL INVITE THOUSANDS



TO INVITE THOUSANDS—Mardi Jones will be serving as the official hostess for Texas Methodists during the remaining days of December as she enters thousands of homes across the state via radio and television to invite Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship at a watch night service in some Methodist church on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 11 p. m. She will also give her invitation on movie screens in theaters throughout the state. For the first time in history, believe leaders, every Methodist church in Texas is expected to have a watch night service. All services will be conducted in the state during 1958.

From every walk of life, Texas Methodists will gather in city, town and rural churches at 11 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted throughout the state in 1958. For the first time in history, says Quay Parmer of Fort Worth, director of the campaign, every Methodist church in Texas is being asked to have a New Year's Eve communion and watch night service.

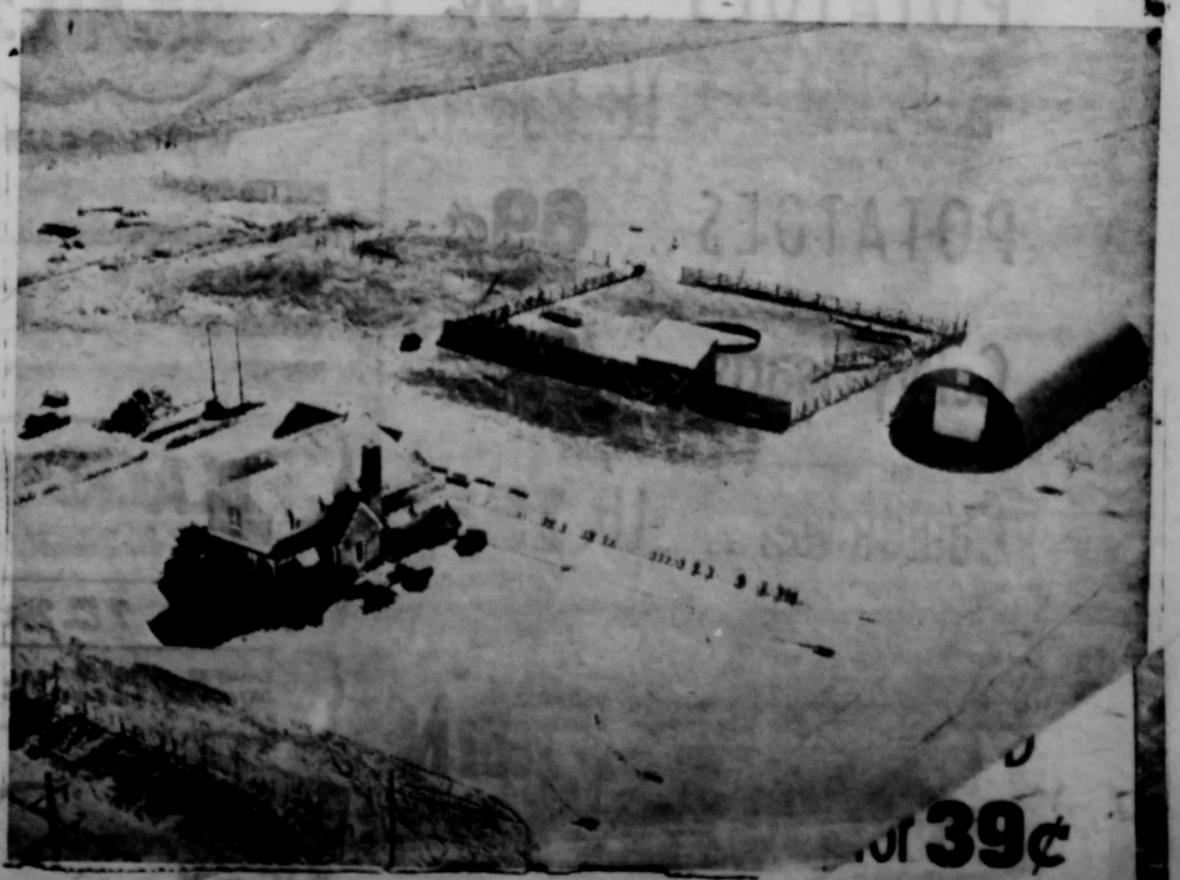
Plans also call for a prayer vigil in Methodist churches beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 11 p. m. on Dec. 31. Other scheduled events of the years crusade include an ALL TEXAS Census on Sunday, Jan. 26. Areas responsible will be assigned to each church.

## Stake New locations In The Hansford County Oil Field

In Hansford County, The Texas Company, staked No. 1 Morton, in section 114, block 4-T, T&NO survey, five miles southeast of Spearman. It is two miles northeast of gas and the same distance northwest of oil production. This well is located almost in the middle of a hot bed of oil and gas activity, including the Schnell-Gilmer and Tpm Eetter, and Wilbanks producers.

Phillips Petroleum Co. - Porter "A" No. 1 - 1960 from north & west lines Sec. 59, blk 45, H&TC - 9 mi. northeast Spearman - PD 6235. Phillips Petroleum Co. - Porter "A" No. 1 - 1960 from north & west lines Sec. 128, Blk. 4-T, T&NO - 3 mi. south Spearman, PD. 6400 feet. Wildcat - The Texas Co. - H. E. Morton, No. 1, 960 from South, 1960 from east lines section, 114, blk 4T, T&NO, 5 miles Southeast of Spearman, PD. 6250.

## MYSTERY FARM OF THIS AREA

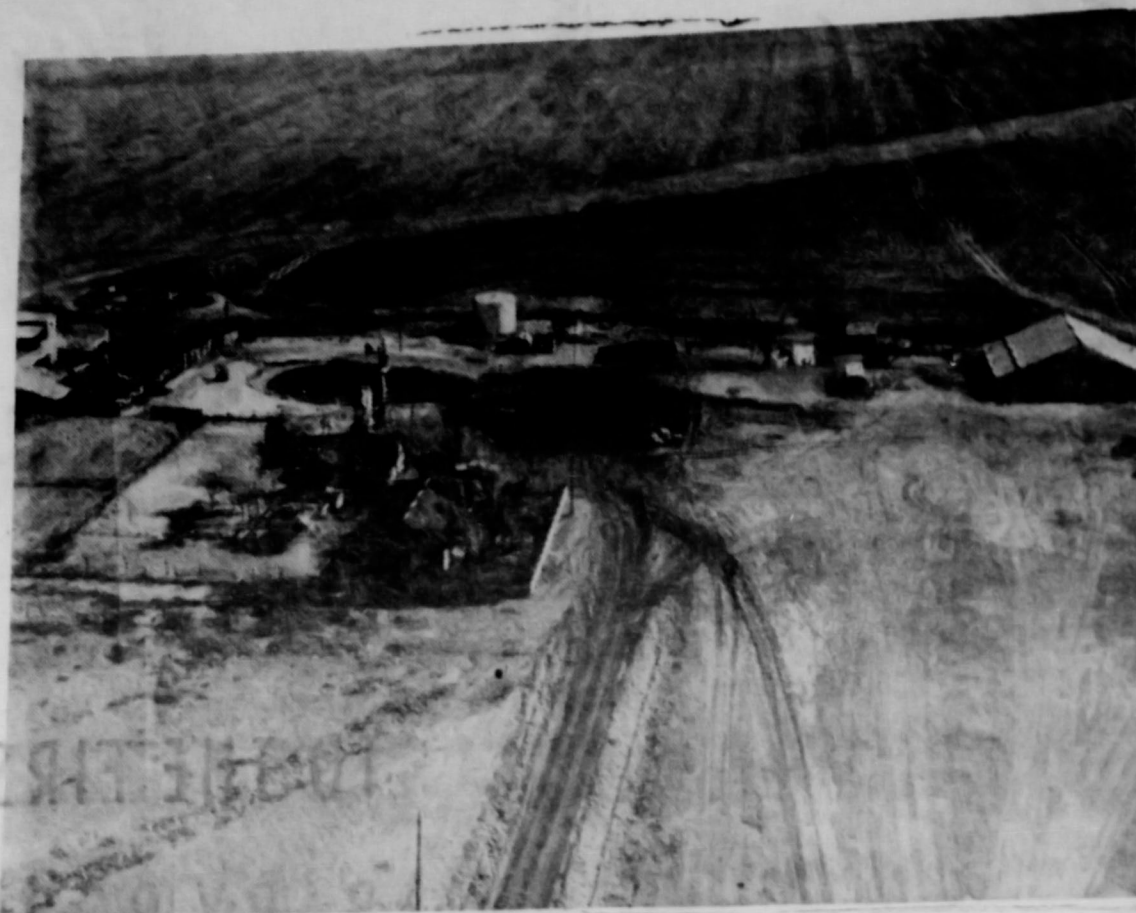


This is another of the series of Mystery Homes to be solved in a few months. If you can identify this home please write to the Reporter and you may receive a one year subscription to the Reporter as soon as possible. This enables you to write-up for the next week's newspaper.

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THE MYSTERY FARM IS LOVELY HOME OF MR. AND MRS. E. D. CLEMENTS

The ten room modern farm home, with two granaries and a large barn pictured above is the home place of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Clements, Southeast of Spearman.

To back up this splendid home Mr. & Mrs. Clements have done a wonderful job of rearing a fine family of two boys and two girls, and at the same time have accumulated quite a bit of Terra Firma. The former old East Texas cotton farmer who lived near Pilot Point, Texas in his early teen age days, came to this country without knowing any better than to work hard and save his money. Fortunately for him he was able to persuade the former Miss Gatlin of Duncan, Oklahoma to marry him back in 1920. During their lifetime this energetic young couple has accumulated four and a

half sections of the fine farming land in Ochiltree county and eleven sections of pasture and farming land near Highmore, South Dakota.

Everett has been a very successful small grain farmer and cattleman, and trained his children well, so that they have in turn assumed a lot of responsibility, enabling the elder member of the family to take life a little easier. Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Butts (formerly Rosalie Clements) farm 2 sections of the land. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis farm a half section of the land while Deacon Clements is farming some of the other land, but we will have a story about him in next weeks Mystery Farm page.

Mr. & Mrs. Shorty Clements are supervising the 11

sections of South Dakota land. The four children all graduated from Spearman high school.

There are 10 grandchildren as follows: Glenn 14, Larry Butts 10, Terry Butts 4; David Clemens 14, Jo Clements 5, children of Mr. & Mrs. Deacon Clements 4 and Everett 6 months, children of Mr. & Mrs. Shorty Clements; Phyllis 10, Myrtle 6 and Patricia 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis.

The only complaint Everett has about his laws, is that they just farm for a hobby. Irwin makes his living at the horse races, and Herbert is known as the biggest sheep shipper in the Panhandle.

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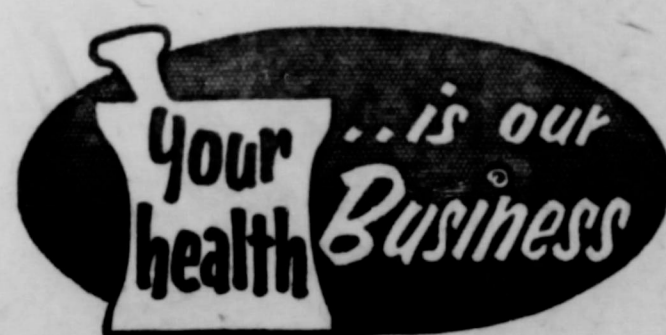
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## Weather

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
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12	48	15	0
13	66	21	0
14	68	30	0
15	62	24	0
16	58	32	0

The wheat is needing some rain according to most observers!

## Spearman Lynx Down Gruver In All-Time Thriller, 35 To 33.

### Lions Enjoy Tuesday Lunch

Joe Trayler and Gene Cudd had the program for the Lions Club when they met Tuesday noon. They turned the program to Sheriff J. B. Cooke who gave an interesting talk on "Bogus Checks". Sheriff Cooke passed out some examples of the bad checks. He introduced Ray Lester of the FBI out of Amarillo. Lester gave a talk on how the State and Federal agencies work on such cases as hot checks, Cooke, Lester and J. W. Gibner, of the First State Bank, ask all the merchants to be especially careful of taking checks they are in doubt of.

## Stores To Close For Holidays

According to the Chamber of Commerce all grocery stores and most other business firms will be closed December 21 and 26. Spearman merchants wish to remind all shoppers to plan your buying according to these two holidays.

## Gruver School's Holiday Activities

Gruver schools will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Friday December 20.

## Max Boyer Will Take Oath of Office Dec. 21.

Max Boyer, recently appointed District Judge of the 84th Judicial District by Governor Price Daniel, will take the oath of office on Saturday, December 21, 1957 at 10 o'clock A. M. The swearing in of the new judge will be in the District Courtroom at Perryton, which will be open to the public.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McCloy formerly of Morse, now of Hayden New Mexico, announce the arrival of a daughter, Nacelle, born Dec. 11, Mrs. McCloy was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Gillispie of Morse.

## Teen Age Party To Be Jan. 3.

The Adult Council of Teen Town met Dec. 5th to discuss the plans for a holiday party, but because of so many other activities it was decided to have the party Friday January 3rd. There will be a party after the basketball game played here on Friday nights in January. Teen Ager, keep the date of Jan. 3rd in mind and lets have a big crowd out.

## Spearman Born

Spearman came into being in October 1919 and it wasn't long after that when the Odd Fellows Lodge built their hall. When it was not used for fraternal purposes it was used by religious groups. The Presbyterian church was organized there in 1933. Eventually the Odd Fellows hall was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Matthews and turned into a two family apartment house. What went with the American Legion hall? How many remember the first Post of the American Legion organized here on Sunday March 16, 1920, in the Hansford court house?

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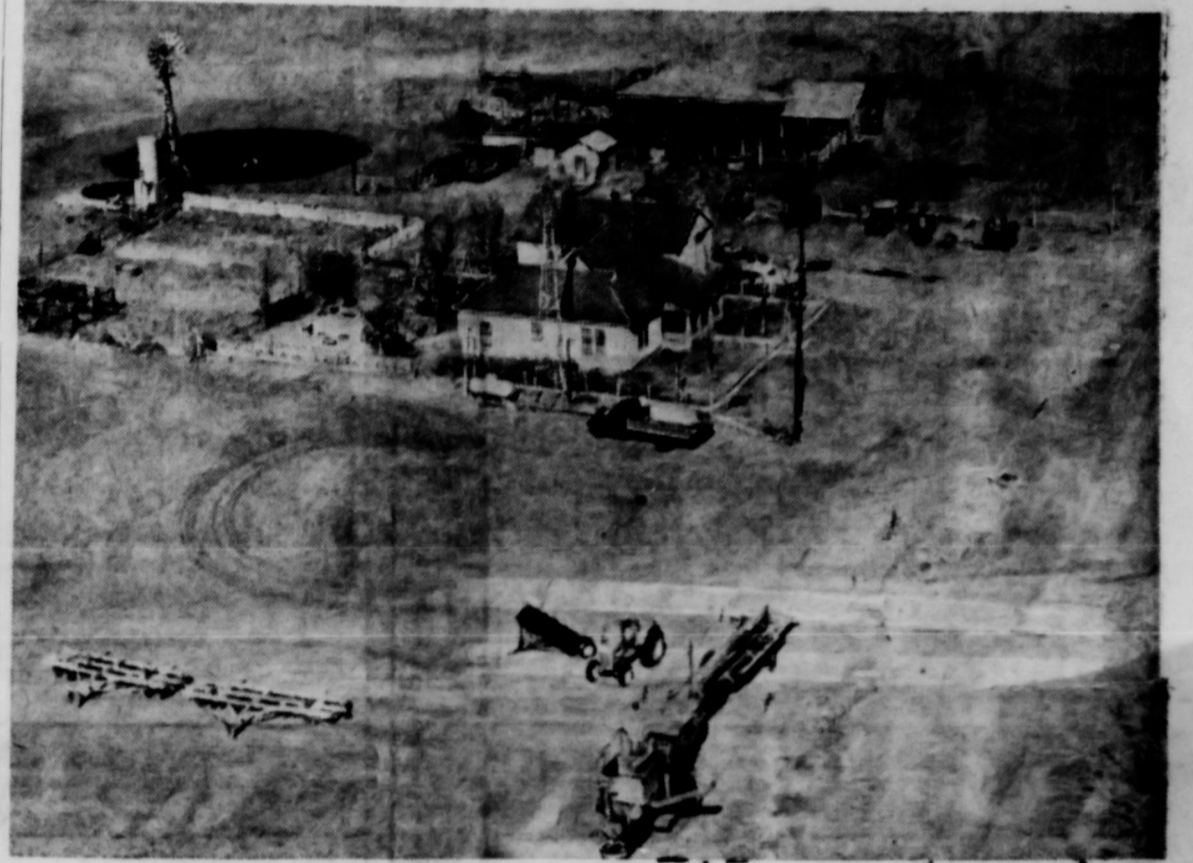
## Morse Chapel Church To Have Christmas Service

Special Christmas services will be observed Sunday Dec. 22 in the Community Chapel of Morse. In the morning services the Youth will give a worship service. The night services will be at 7:00 p. m. with all the children participating in the Christmas Story. A Christmas tree will follow the program with an exchange of gifts. A social hour will follow for all the churches. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Historical Facts

Here is a historical fact copied from the Spearman Reporter of Thursday, December 23, 1957.—A. A. Meredith, Works Progress Administrator, serving 26 North Plains counties, reported the District WPA office, at Amarillo, showed that during the first two fiscal years operations, Hansford county had spent \$52,123.00 on certified workers on WPA and their projects.

## MYSTERY FARM OF THIS AREA



This is another of the series of Mystery Homes to be published each week for many months. If you can identify this home phone or mail a card to the Spearman Reporter and you may receive a one year subscription free. Please send in your identification as soon as possible. This enables us to visit the home and prepare a write-up for the next weeks newspaper.

## Jehovah Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses announce the organization of a Bible study and Christian service center in Spearman. The information was released by H. B. Gillman, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Mrs. J. M. Cates, a witness and well-known resident of Spearman, has opened her residence at 716 South Townsend for a meeting place. Regularly scheduled Bible studies and public lectures will be held here and from Mrs. Cates' home also the group's ministerial effort will radiate to cover both the city of Spearman and its rural areas.

## There will be a Bible study each Tuesday at 8 p. m., using the study aid, "This Means Everlasting Life."

A public lecture, "What is Your Religion Doing For you" will be given by Mr. Gillman on Sunday, December 22 at 3 p. m. and the Watchtower Bible study will follow at 4 o'clock.

The group's regular studies will be conducted, and their preaching program will be supervised by Douglas Cullins, a ministerial appointee of the Watchtower Society, sponsors of the earth-wide activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

## Gruver Students Given Educational Testing Programs

Parents of the students of the Gruver High school will be given a comprehensive report of their children's scholastic ability and potentials, says Ralph Eddins, Principal of Gruver High school, and they want evidence that their school tax dollars are being spent wisely, he says.

To meet these goals the Iowa test of educational development were administered by Mr. Eddins and his staff on December 18-19 to students of the Gruver high school. The testing program covers 9 important aspects of fundamental development in four major areas: the ability to understand and use the English language; the ability to do practical everyday arithmetic reasoning; knowledge of both natural and social sciences, and the ability to think straight about common problems in these fields. Results of this program will show the scope of each student's background knowledge and the extent to which his scholastic abilities have already been developed.

## TAKES PART IN WORLD'S LARGEST CIVILIAN AIR LIFT.

Phoenix, Arizona — (Social) J. I. Case dealers from all over the country, more than 3500 in total, saw firsthand the "new look" in tractor design at the million dollar World Premier here of the 1960 Case-O-Matic line available in traveling to Phoenix. The dealers took part in the world's largest civilian air lift, which carried more than 70 more than four-engined Mainliners some ten million passenger miles.

The J. I. Case Company unveiled the most complete line of wheel and crawler type tractors ever offered by a single manufacturer. Eight wheel type and four crawler models made up a 12 tractor line, more than twice the number of machines available from any other manufacturer. The new Case tractor family combines revolutionary engineering developments with advantages never before available in farm machinery.

## New Line Offers PHOENIX AUTOMATION

Highlighting the giant new line is the company's exclusive Case-O-Matic Drive. This new unit, similar to those available on modern automobiles, enables the farmer to select the proper gear, and then complete his job without shifting, stalling, or using a clutch. The new Case-O-Matic drive is the result of years of engineering research. It offers the farmer variable speeds in every gear range with constant power to match each particular job.

## Special Test Track Reached For Spectators

Dealers and guests viewed the new line in a spectacular presentation, including competitive tests of the Case-O-Matic tractors against the latest production models of other big agricultural tractor manufacturers. An obstacle course the size of a football field was specially erected to demonstrate the tractors.

## No Room In The Inn.

At one time or another nearly all preachers have preached a sermon on this text. As we look around the world today it is apparent that these words are still true. But when we look into the hearts and minds of people then, and now it is understandable. No room in the Inn... why should there be? The world then was not interested in the birth of a humble baby, of obscure parents. Had He come with pomp and panoply that would have been different. Men then were interested in material things. The Priests and the

program specialists to insure objective results. A self interpreting profile, furnished each pupil to plot his own scores and those of his class average, will serve as a report to parents. It gives them a picture of how their child scored, how he compared with his own class average, and with other students of the same grade level nationally. In addition, these profiles tell what the tests mean to the student. They give parents and child a better understanding of how their school is trying to provide the best education possible. This Iowa program is designed to help increase efficiency in the public schools. The program is being used throughout the country and is accepted by all institutions of higher learning as a standard measure of educational development.

## Four Newspapers Is 68 Years

From the old Spearman Reporter files we find Hansford county has had four news papers—well, even before the county was officially one, the little town of Farwell, on the Farwell draw came out with its first news paper, The Farwell Graphic. It was published in 1889 by R. M. Kelly, who was also owner at that time Farwell was bidding for the county seat. When it went to Hansford, Farwell and the Graphic went out of business in 1889.

Two men, Mr. Deffenbaugh and H. E. G. Putnam brought out the Hansford Herald shortly after the capital hamlet.

The Herald went out of business in the cyclone of 1890.

Judge A. E. Townsend established the next paper, The Hansford Investigator. He hired Harry Farnell as editor.

Then Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan were owner-publisher for 7 years.

S. B. Hale, druggist, established the Hansford Headlight. He sold out to Oran Kelly in 1917 who was editor until 1927.

He moved the paper to Spearman in 1919 and changed the name to The Spearman Reporter.

When Mr. Kelly's health failed he sold the paper to Nunn-Warren. They used a series of editors until 1931 when Dave Warren employed Bill Miller as editor and manager.

Bill bought the paper in 1946 and has put in full time except the two years he served in World War II. Preach Loftin was editor during that time.

And now my prediction is: Honest Bill Miller will be like our Panhandle dust and wind, we will have him with us always. Signed Margaret Kirk.

Mrs. Verma Kemney visited in the home of Mrs. J. M. Blodgett Sunday. Pharisees were hungry for power. Others would have been satisfied with wealth, and the destruction of the hated Romans. But no one was interested in one who would change their lives. So it is today the world is filled with power hungry men. How they secure that power is of little consequence. The rest of us are concerned with security. By that we mean money without work, without responsibility, and without concern for others. We have the so called United Nations. We all know they are not united. WHY? Because they deny entrance to the only person who can unify all men, The Babe of Bethlehem, who is the Christ of Calvary. NO ROOM IN THE INN... of course not, why should there be? He did not promise riches or political power to those who would follow Him. Yet he promised the three things men really want. Peace, Happiness and Security. Men are deluded into believing they can secure these by their own efforts, so we have all the problems that face us today. Let us remember His word as we celebrate His birth at this season. "My Joy I leave with you" My Peace I leave with you. Let not your heart be troubled. In Him was Light, and the light was the life of men. He that believeth on the Son Hath Life. Room for Jesus King of Glory Hasten now His words obey. Fling your heart door wide open Bid Him enter while you may. Make room in the Guest Room of your life for Him.



The Buffs opened their home schedule Monday, Dec. 16, with Middle Tennessee, and then follow with Santa Clara, December 16; Texas Western January 11; New Mexico A. & M., Jan. 13th; Arizona State, Feb. 14 and Hardin Simmons, Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee are grandparents again. Their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee of Colorado Springs announce the birth of their new son, born Sunday Dec. 11th. Eck was unable to give us the weight, and said last he heard the kids had not named his grand son.

Spearman School holidays. Spearman schools will dismiss for Christmas holidays Friday December 20 and school children will not return to classes until January 6th.

Music Students To Give Program Sunday Dec. 22. A group of students from the class of Mrs. John Berry will present a musical program Sunday afternoon December 22 at 3:30 in the First Methodist church.

Students appearing will be: Sharon Kay Close, Mary Ellen Barkley, Cathy Lou Cates, Bethany Donnell, Yvonda Pipkin, Marilyn Schubert, Patty Archer, Kathy Crawford, Susan Hutchison, Carolyn Collard, Pauline Pipkin, Katy Hawthorn and Willa Fay Seitz. Other students will be presented at later dates. Interesting friends are cordially invited to attend.

Methodist To Have Christmas Cantata. "His Star is in The Sky", A Christmas Cantata by Bruce Carleton will be presented by the choir of the First Methodist church at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Dec. 22.

Mrs. John Berry is the choir director. Accompanists are Mrs. Bob Schnell, organist, and Miss Susan Sheets, pianist. Soloists are Mrs. Don Knox and Miss Jane Griffin. The public is cordially invited.

On Dec. 5, 1929, a Marine aviator, Capt. A. N. Parker, became the first pilot to fly over the Antarctic Continent.

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## Jimmie Hicks Ends Year As The President of Spearman C. of C.

New directors of the Chamber of Commerce were named Tuesday of this week. Oscar Donnell, Pat Patton, Andy Rhodes, Frank Massad, and E. J. Copeland were elected as new directors to work with Gene Cudd, Jimmie Hicks, Erwin Lyon and James P. Linn who are hold overs from last year.

Retiring directors were: Bud King, Olen Chambers, Dr. D. E. Hackley and Joe Day.

Directors elected the new officers for the Chamber of Commerce and they are: James P. Linn, President, Oscar Donnell, Vice President and Gene Cudd, Treasurer.

Last year Jimmie Hicks was president, and James P. Linn was vice president. Mr. Cudd held the treasurer's job last year.

## Sideoats Grama To Get Intensive Study

College Station, Dec.—A grant in aid from the National Science Foundation to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for \$15,000 will be used to finance a three-year intensive study of sideoats grama grass. Dr. Frank W. Gould, Department of Range and Forestry, Texas A & M College, will direct the studies.

Sideoats grama is one of our most widely distributed range grasses and in southwestern United States and northern Mexico one of the most valuable for range forage production, points out Dr. Gould.

"In areas where it is most valuable, it is also most available," he says. "It is these variable and the regions in which they are most concentrated that we will be investigating primarily." It is through that much of the variability within sideoats grama has come from hybridizations and crosses, perhaps involving other species of the grama genus.

Dr. Gould will grow a great many of the strains in a nursery at A & M where he will check the plants for variability and try to establish a key for evaluating their many characteristics. A similar nursery is planned for northern Mexico. Graduate assistants in the department and a former student in Mexico will assist Dr. Gould in the research studies.

Because of the wide adaptation of sideoats grama, major attention has been directed toward its use for re-establishing drought depleted range areas. However, much additional information is needed on the basis of its variation and its reproductive characteristics before the grass can be fully utilized for this purpose. Dr. Gould in his studies will attempt to find the answers which could open the door to a widespread breeding program.

## Gruver W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Chapel of the Methodist Church December 18, 1958, with Mrs. W. J. Eddleman in charge of the business part.

Mrs. Cuma Bort gave the lesson for today first. She showed a film of the General Assembly held in St. Louis in May 1958. After which Mrs. Bort gave the first part of intercession. Mrs. M. F. Barkley a part "God Seeks Intercession" Mrs. C. H. Winder, on "a God of Glory" Mrs. W. L. Harris on "God Seeks to reveal his power", and Mrs. J. V. Patterson on "Start the day with God".

The group sang "Breathe on me Breath of God", with Mrs. Nellie Sluder at the piano. Mrs. Cuma Bort made a talk on Faith and Prayer.

Then we sang "Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart". Our meeting closed with Mrs. Bort reading John Wesley's prayer.

Those present were Mesdames: W. J. Eddleman, A. Bort, W. L. Harris, C. H. Winder, Carrie Neilson, A. Evans, R. Murrell, J. V. Patterson, M. F. Barkley, Ted McClelland, D. L. McClelland, E. Sluder.

## Gruver School Lunch Menu

June Kindy Supervisor  
 January 5  
 Chicken Pie Biscuit Topping  
 Sweet Potatoes (candied)  
 Buttered Peas  
 Fruit Cup  
 Milk  
 January 6  
 Beans With Ham Slices  
 Spinach  
 Buttered Corn  
 Apple Pie  
 Corn Bread, Butter  
 Milk  
 January 7  
 Chili with Beans, Crackers  
 Baked Potato, Butter  
 Slaw  
 Peach Cobbler  
 January 8  
 Steak  
 Hash Brown Potatoes  
 Tossed Salad  
 Apricot Halves  
 Hot Rolls, Butter  
 Milk  
 January 9

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Franks, Spanish Rice  
 Green Beans  
 Carrot Sticks  
 Orange Halves  
 Hot Rolls, Butter  
 Milk

UTOPIA  
 What this country needs is a New Year's resolution that will pay the Christmas bills.

ONE-WAY  
 You may overtake a lot of people on the road to ruin, but you never meet anyone returning.

NO FLOWERS  
 It may be true that hard work is highly respectable, but just try and make it popular.

BE AGGRESSIVE  
 Don't spend all your time trying to stop something—start something constructive.

ELBOW GREASE  
 If you have a problem to solve, remember that hard work is the best solvent of all.

The man who advocates letting well enough alone never seems to recognize what is well enough.

**IN THIS WORLD**

ALTHOUGH 70% OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE IS WATER, MOST OF THE SOIL SUITABLE FOR GROWING CROPS IS IN REGIONS WITH SCARCE WATER SUPPLY.

ALL LIVING THINGS ARE COMPOSED OF 70% TO 90% WATER.

THE WATER WHEEL, STILL IN COMMON USE, SHOWS THE INGENUITY OF THE ANCIENT CHINESE IN TRYING TO EASE THE BURDEN OF TRANSPORTING BUCKETS OF WATER.

TODAY, THANKS TO MODERN SCIENCE, IRRIGATION IS AN EASY TASK...

PORTABLE IRRIGATION TUBING PRODUCED FROM ENJAY BUTYL RUBBER AND WEIGHING BUT A POUND A FOOT CAN DELIVER AS MUCH AS 3,500 GALLONS OF WATER A MINUTE EXACTLY WHERE A FARMER WANTS IT!



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Cullman, Alabama

"Whoso Shall Receive One Such Little Child In My Name Receiveth Me"

Matthew 18:5

STYLIST BEAUTY SHOP

Spearman, Texas

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

It happens every year at about this time. Somehow, hearts are lighter; friendships are warmer; a new spirit of good cheer is abroad in the land. You see it in every face, hear it in every voice, sense it everywhere in a hundred different ways. We would like to pack all of this Holiday spirit into our Christmas greetings to you!

**WHITE HOUSE LUMBER COMPANY**  
 Spearman, Texas

**Greetings**

We have come to the end of another year of pleasant associations with those whose confidence and good will we value so highly.

Once more it becomes our pleasure to send our friends and patrons our heart-felt greetings and to wish them a Christmas abundant with good cheer... one that will usher in a New Year of peace, happiness and prosperity.

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**First State Bank Da**  
**Fire Thursday Nigh**

by Billy Miller

The First State Bank here in Spearman was damaged in a fire, Thursday night, which was quickly under control by Spearman's volunteer fire department. The fire was caused by a Christmas tree which had been placed in front of the building. Apparently a curtain was ignited and the fire burned upward to the top of the ceiling, and then into the ceiling. The bank firemen broke out the window in the front of the building and soon had the fire under control. The chemical which was used to fight the fire, was an expensive one, but the fire was not severe, but the fire started between 10 and 11 p.m. and was put out under control by a quarter past 11.

The fire was first seen by the boys who operate the fire station. They were alerted and down main street, according to information, first the fire had the fire gone out. The bank had been closed much longer, the bank closed most of the buildings. The bank could have been saved in the high wind.

The bank crew was back on the job by Monday of this week, and by Monday of this week, the bank was back to normal. New paint will be needed in the building. Also, some of the bank's machinery probably was damaged, and some of it is being repaired. Beyond repair, the only noticeable damage was a desk, and electrical equipment which was on Clay Street.

Mr. Gibner if any items were lost in the fire, he will be glad to check his negative manner.

**Womens Sales In New Location**

The Spearman's finest new building, the new building of the Spearman Sales Co. and a new location for the Spearman Sales Co. Mr. Gibner has been in business for five years, and is one of the outstanding business men in Spearman, being very active in any way to promote the welfare of the city.

The new building has been decorated, featuring new beautiful new tiled show room and ample room for stock.

The entire personnel of Spearman Sales Co., invite you to visit and see their new home this year.

**Bulletin!**

A large barn fire at Wilbanks home 3 miles E about 2 miles South of Spearman destroyed several thousand dollars worth of machinery party New Year's day, broke out about 10 A.M. according to Virgil Will new John Deer Combine motors, irrigation pipe, equipment, and the entire barn was in the fire.

We were unable to find Leroy Tucker, but we are sure that he had very little on the equipment. It was a loss, but no-one was hurt.

Several explosions of bottles, gasoline barrels, rafin equipment, prevented control of the fire. It is estimated that the hay stack was on fire, but it was saved.

The Tuckers and Will this means of thanking for helping in any way during this first New Year for our county.

**SISTER OF ROBERT O. KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT**

Funeral rites are being held for Mrs. Nancy Eaker, sister of Robert Ombey, who was killed in a car accident Jan. 1, near Alton, Texas. Mrs. Eaker was thrown from her family car and killed instantly. Other members of the family sustained only minor injuries.

Mrs. Eaker, wife of C. Eaker, will be buried in the area of Nancy Eaker, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eaker, who went to school at Spearman and Lubbock before coming to this area.

The body will be buried Friday, but the memorial service has been set for Saturday at the Holt cemetery along with Mr. Ombey.

Brother and Mrs. Eaker were called by Mr. and Mrs. J. Eaker, Dec. 12th. They are now in Texas the same as the late Mrs. Eaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Louisiana, are in the area of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wilbanks, State of Louisiana.