



'76 America's 200th - '76 Hansford County's 100th



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Firemen's Ball raises \$2590⁰⁰!

YOUR TV MENU
FOR THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY '75
THANKSGIVING



It was a beautiful sight to behold. Bill Mack and the Midnight Cowboys were playing the music for the Firefighters' Ball at the Community Center. Everyone was there, and everyone had a good time. It was a tremendous tribute to the firefighters the way the citizens turned out to support the Fire Equipment Drive. The Fire-ettes have a balance on hand, after bills were paid, of \$2,590.00 and a few dollars are still coming in. Thanks to the best people in the world - the people in Hansford County. I wonder if this would work in New York City?

(SMOKEY LITTLEJOHN) the dancer!

4-H Favorite Food Show

Thirty Hansford County 4-Hers participated in the county 4-H favorite food show Friday in Gruver. Women were selected by Mrs. Alby Peters, Asst. Co. Ext. Agent-Home Economics, Moore County and Mrs. Leon Gough, a 4-H leader from Sunray. The top four girls will represent Hansford County at the district contest, Saturday, March 13, 1976 in Amarillo. Ribbons were awarded based on total score, 180 and above blue, 160-179 red and below 160 white based on 200 total. In junior snacks and beverages, Pamela Clawson of Gruver is the winner with Mary Ann Kenney of Spearman as alternate. Both received blue ribbons as did Jodie Zschiesche, Cindy Hansen, and Lori White all of Spearman. Tonya Curtis and Angie Herring of Spearman earned red ribbons while Kathryn Conner of Gruver received a white ribbon. Julie Farr of Spearman won the main dish division with Tamera Scroggs of Spearman as alternate. Also receiving a blue ribbon was Cinda Novak of Spearman with Kim Bradley of Gruver earning a red ribbon. Side dish division winner was Cindy Ivey of Spearman with Yvonne Marie Brown also of Spearman as alternate. Denise Doty and Cindy Pugh of Gruver both earned

blue ribbons with Charlene Evans of Gruver receiving a white ribbon.

As usual breads and desserts were the largest division. Winner was Karen Kenney of Spearman with Pam Porter also of Spearman as alternate. Kelli Crawford, Lesa Scroggs and Michelle Gray all of Spearman also received blue ribbons. Red ribbons went to Cheryl Mitchell, Rhonda DeCamp and Tammy Bradley of Gruver and Wendi Cottle of Spearman. Connie Ponder of Gruver and Irma Flores of Spearman each received white ribbons.

Senior winners receiving blue ribbons are Vicki Henderson of Gruver in breads and desserts and Sharon Evans also of Gruver in snacks and beverages.

Morrison Milling Company of Denton, Texas gave medals to the top 4 juniors who will compete at district. Following the awards presentation, the 80 persons present enjoyed a tasting luncheon of the contestants foods. The Gruver Home Demonstration Club served hot spiced tea and hot chocolate.

The county food show committee consisted of Cheryl Mitchell, Denise Doty, Cindy Pugh, Pamela Clawson and Advisor Mrs. Rodney Clawson of Gruver.

Start your Thanksgiving Day TV early with the CBS All American Thanksgiving Day Parade to be viewed on Channel 10--with shots from New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Toronto, and Honolulu. Also at 8:00 A.M., Channel, NBC, Famous Macy's Day Thanksgiving Day Parade with Shari Lewis and all of her cast of characters providing a puppet's eye view of the famed New York store's traditional Parade with the fabulous sky-scraper balloons and St. Nickolas, too. 11:00 A.M., CBS, Channel 10, NFL Pre-game Football, The Los Angeles Rams play the Detroit Lions at Metropolitan Stadium in Pontiac, Michigan, beginning at 11:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M., Channel 7, ABC, Thanksgiving Sunshine Festival for all ages featuring nine of the network's most popular Saturday and Sunday children's animated and live-action programs.

11:30 A.M., Channel 4, NBC, The Oscar winning drama of the historic conflict "A Man For All Seasons" between King Henry VIII and his Lord Chancellor Sir Thomas More.

2:00 P.M., Channel 4, NBC NFL Pro-football for the Buffalo Bills at St. Louis Cardinals Stadium in St. Louis.

2:30 P.M., Channel 10, CBS, Famous Classic "Ivanhoe", animated version of Sir Walter Scott's historical romance.

Thanksgiving Day fare with regular programs until 8:00 P.M., Channel 7, NCAA Football, Georgia-Georgia Tech Game at Georgia Tech.

9:00 P.M., Channel 4, NBC, Billy Graham West Texas Crusade.

Friday, 1:00 P.M., NCAA Football, Texas vs Texas A&M at A&M.

7:00 P.M., Channel 7, ABC, NCAA Football UCLA at USC.

9:00 P.M., Channel 4, NBC, Billy Graham West Texas Crusade.

Take time out for Turkey Day, and be thankful among your other blessings that someone invented TV so you can live through the Thanksgiving Holiday in fine style!



CRIME SCENE: The Hansford County Sheriff's Department, had this car "roped off" at a crime scene in the recent murder in Spearman. The car is impounded at the Hansford County Sheriff's department.

Farmhand Charged In Death

A 56-year-old farmhand was arraigned Saturday before Hansford County Justice of the Peace Johnny P. Vemon and charged with the shooting death of Andrew J. Templeton.

Tom Martinez was in the Hansford County jail late Saturday in lieu of \$25,000 bond. The slaying occurred Friday night at Templeton's residence at 29 First Avenue West in Spearman.

Officers said neighbors overheard the two men arguing prior to the shooting.

Services for Templeton, 48, are pending with Coley Funeral Home in Hollis, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his mother, Bessie Templeton of Hollis; two sisters, Mrs. Teddy McLaughlin and Mrs. Betty Faulks, both of Spearman; four brothers, Henry of Spearman, A. J. of Oklahoma City, Okla., Billy of Mesa, Ariz., and Bobby of Hollis.

Night Fire Destroys Mobile Home

In a fire last Friday evening, the trailer home of Paul & Barbara Stavlo was completely destroyed by a fire. They were not able to save anything that was in the trailer. Both Paul & Barbara escaped from the trailer without injury to themselves.

The Gruver community is holding a household shower at the Hospitality Room in the Gruver State Bank this Saturday, November 29 from 2:30-4 in their behalf.

In addition to the shower, there has been a special fund set up at the Oslo Lutheran Church for Paul & Barbara Stavlo. Checks which are tax deductible may be sent

to the Church marked for the fund for Paul & Barbara. The address of the Church is Star Route, Gruver, Texas 79040.

PO Closes Thanksgiving

The Spearman Post Office will be closed Thursday, November 27, in observance of THANKSGIVING DAY. No deliveries will be made on city or rural routes.

-Special News 3 weather-Tues. morning..

Heavy snow hit the Gruver area at 10 a. m., moved into Spearman by 10:20. Visibility was 1/2 mile in Guymon with -15 degree freeze factor. Stay Home...

Immunization Clinic Dec. 1

An immunization clinic offering vaccines giving protection against several childhood diseases will be held Dec. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles and rubella. There is no charge.

DISTRICT 1-AA ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

OFFENSE

Offense Ends on the 1st Team is Jeff Beedy, Sr., 158 lbs., Spearman; 2nd Team is Paul Comegys, Sr., 175 lbs., Spearman.

Offense Tackles for the 1st Team is Calvin Bodey, Sr., 181 lbs., Spearman; 2nd Team, Jimmy Kenny, Jr., 175 lbs., Spearman.

Offense Guards for the 1st Team are Regie Robertson, Sr., 165 lbs., Spearman and Mark Cunningham, Jr., 180 lbs., Spearman. Honorable Mention is Terry Latham, Spearman.

Offense Center for the 1st Team is Terrill Evans, Sr., 186 lbs., Spearman. Offense Running Backs for the 1st Team is Zane Newton, Fr., 155 lbs., Spearman; 2nd Team is Rick Morris, Jr., 143 lbs., Spearman.

Offense Wide Receivers for the 2nd Team is Mark Fox, Sr., 170 lbs., Spearman.

Offense Quarterback for the 1st Team is David Steele, Sr., 180 lbs., Spearman.

Offense Kicking Specialist on Honorable Mention is Zane Newton, Spearman.

DEFENSIVE TEAM

Defensive Ends for the 1st Team is Regie Robertson, Sr., 165 lbs., Spearman; 2nd Team, Twaine Friemel, Soph., 175 lbs., Spearman.

Defensive Lineman for the 1st Team is Bo DeAr-

mond, Jr., 260 lbs.; for the 2nd Team, Leon Hagerman, Sr., 195 lbs.

Defensive Linebackers for the 1st Team is Roger Jones, Sr., 190 lbs.; for the 2nd Team, Philip Archer, Jr., 170 lbs. and Cary Collier, Sr., 170 lbs. Honorable Mention was Ed Pogue.

Secondary for the 1st Team are Jeff Beedy, Sr., 158 lbs. and Jimmy Jackson, Sr., 161 lbs. Honorable Mention was Mike Pack.

(Editor's Note: These are the Spearman boys who made All-District Team 1975--complete list in Sunday's Plainsman!)

"I believe that the journalism which succeeds best... fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, selfcontrolled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid..."

Happy Thanksgiving from the editor.....



Remember the BAZAAR at the First Christian Church---Dec. 6th 10 a. m. til 2 p. m. ---

BITS OF THIS AND THAT

Traffic Accidents Will Increase

Added Schooling Boots Local Earnings

by Nita Stewart
 Connie Trevino is now working at Senior Village Nursing Home in Perryton for a month, now, and really loves it. Connie said "she would like everybody to know that she at know time has tried to take her life as rumon of this have been going around ever since Connie was taken to the Hospital a week or so ago". Connie said "she had worked forty-eight hours and came home with a toothache and took 4 aspirins. Then she couldn't sleep, so she took two penicillin tablets prescribed for her-and she was allergic to them. Connie was very upset over such rumon that were not true. As Connie said, with her nine brothers and sisters at home she sure wouldn't be that stupid. Glad you stopped by, Connie.

This is another case of sweeping off your own front porch before you talk of other folks.

Sure were a bunch of folks from Spearman who braved the cold to go to Borger last Friday night to the B-district game. Hope you all didn't get to cold with the spitting snow.

You're still our Boys, Mighty Lynx, win or lose we are very proud of our football team. These boys played their hearts out. In know way should any of you feel badly which we know you all do, but don't. You played the game the best you could. Not everybody can win and your spirit even on losing was just great.

Building Permits Issued

Building permits issued in September and October were Builders Developers Groups, 1108 Linn Dr. for a new residence, \$28,000; 1104 Linn Dr., new residence, \$32,000; 1118 Linn Dr., new residence \$28,000 and 1106 Linn Drive, new residence, \$32,000; Harold Groves, 14 S. Haney, business repairs, \$4,000; Roscoe Nelson, addition at 1001 Roland, \$10,000; Jim Baker, 113 N. Brandt, Garage, \$4,000; Carl Archer, 207 West J., storage facility, \$150,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright and family went to Dumas to spend Thanksgiving with Frances's family.

Kurtis Hergert and his mother, Mike, former operator of Chicken Express, went to Amarillo to do Christmas shopping last Saturday.

Sure was nice seeing Ann Nickles back in town. Guess she's just here for a visit though. Ann works for Master Distributors and also going to college. Nice to see you. Have a good Thanksgiving.

Sure had a nice visit with Helen Truax of Gruver while her trailer was being hooked up. She and I had fun in common including our doctor. She too, is a diabetic among other things and a very nice person. Come back real soon, Helen.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Stumpf have just returned from Oklahoma City where Phillip went through the Diabetic Clinic which has just recently opened. According to Phillip he sure learned a lot he didn't know. Phillip said it was very interesting and anyone with Diabetes should go through the clinic. Thanks for stopping by, Phillip.

Good luck to Emma Lopez who is in Amarillo at St. Anthonys where she's to undergo surgery. Get well soon, Emma.

God Bless.

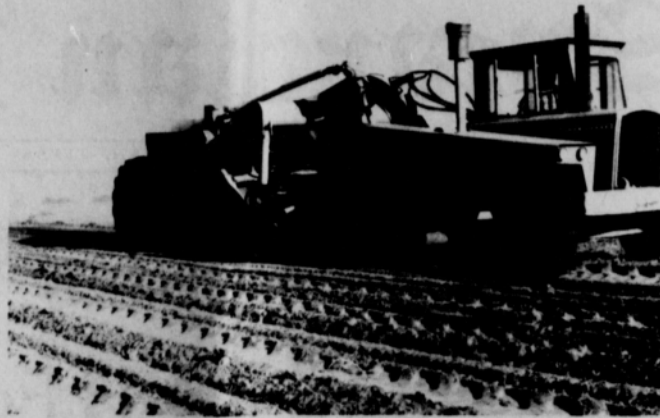
Traffic accidents and deaths are going to increase in the next few weeks, according to Major C. W. Bell, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Traffic volumes will mount due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday traffic. Christmas shoppers will travel in large numbers. Both deer and quail season will open and hunters will be out in large numbers. Football traffic will also continue to be heavy and travel to basketball games will add to highway traffic. Increased night time driving will add to the problems of the motorist.

Speed too fast for conditions and the drinking driver continue to be the leading factors in accidents.

Major Bell said that DPS Troopers investigated 1,095 accidents involving 569 injuries and 22 deaths in November and December of 1974 in the Lubbock Region.

Major Bell also reminds the Texas motorist to recognize hazardous weather conditions as a factor in causing traffic accidents. The driver should adjust his speed to prevent a tragedy.



Land Leveling is one method of improving the efficiency of irrigation water. Most land leveling must be done by heavy equipment. Its purpose is to alter the topography of the land and create a uniform grade. Efficient use of water will cut costs of irrigating and help prevent erosion of cropland and silt pollution of streams. Technical assistance for land leveling practices is available from the Soil Conservation Service.

From a dollars and cents standpoint, does added education pay off for Hansford County residents?

Can local people who complete their high school and college education expect to make more money during their lifetime than those who do not?

The commonly held assumption that more schooling produces big economic advantages has been challenged in a research study just completed at Harvard. It finds that the job market for college graduates has gone "from a major boom to a major bust" in recent years.

Also it contends, "because of the failure of the economy to expand sufficiently to provide high-paying jobs for the growing number of university graduates, the return on the college investment has fallen significantly."

The authors are Dr. Richard Freeman and Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon. Other studies, however, while not denying that the job problems exist, maintain that a good education continues to be very worthwhile financially.

On the basis of national findings, compiled by the Department of Commerce, it appears that the average

Hansford County man with four years of college can look forward to making about 68 percent more during his working career than a high school grad.

By the same token, local men who have graduated from high school have lifetime earning prospects that are 39 percent greater than those of elementary school graduates.

Since the figures are averages they do not reflect the fact that some people with limited education make more than some college graduates do.

In Hansford County, the latest figures show, the median year of education being acquired is 12-1.

Of the local population over age 25, 53.5 percent are high school graduates and another 8.5 percent, college graduates.

Denying that a college education has declined in economic value, Allan W. Ostar of the American Association of State Colleges refers to a Carnegie Commission study which found that college graduates

earn more, have steadier employment, better fringe benefits and are more likely to be satisfied with the work they are doing.

BOWLING NEWS

WEDNESDAY MIXED

DOUBLES 11-19-75

	W	L
Lyon Ins. Agcy.	33	15
Wardrobe Clrs.	31	17
Sprmn Auto Sup.	29	19
Doug Ous	25	23
Hansford Imp.	24	24
Cates	21	27
Panhandle Estm.	18	30
Ideals	11	37

HIGH TEAM SERIES

Cates	2251
Hansford Imp.	2222
Lyon Ins. Agcy.	2217

HIGH TEAM GAME

Lyon Ins. Agcy.	786
Ideal	777
Cates	773

HIGH MEN SERIES

Verlin Behne	538
Millard Tucker	520
Jim Nicholson	480

HIGH MEN GAME

Millard Tucker	197
Verlin Behne	192
Verlin Behne	191

HIGH LADIES SERIES

Jewel McCalmon	508
Judy Black	470
Mona Driscoll	456

HIGH LADIES GAME

Mona Driscoll	194
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Judy Black 178
 Jewel McCalmon 175

THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE 11-20-75

	W	L
Anthony Elec.	33	11
Merchans	32	12
Hansford Imp.	25	19
Hogen & Villines	24	20
Spearman Ind. En.	18	26
Kenda & Gray	16	28
Kelp & Woolley	15	29
Spearman Rexall	13	31

HIGH TEAM SERIES

Merchans	1850
Anthony Elec.	1768
Hansford Imp.	1641

HIGH TEAM GAME

Merchans	657
Anthony Elec.	638
Anthony Elec.	608

HIGH IND. SERIES MEN

Tommy Reger	564
Verlin Behne	514
Bruce Loewenhagen	494

HIGH IND. GAME MEN

Tommy Reger	199
Tommy Reger	193
Verlin Behne	184

HIGH IND. SERIES WOMEN

Sharion Cook	462
Anita Falkner	433
Marcy Gray	416

HIGH IND. GAME WOMEN

Sharion Cook	170
Anita Falkner	170
Marcy Gray	167

Thanksgiving

On This Day
 We Raise
 Our Voices
 In Thanks

As songs of Thanksgiving ring out across the land, let us join together in grateful thanks for the many joys which have been bestowed upon us....our dear family and friends, our ever blossoming community, our strong bountiful country from which a heritage of courage and development has brought us this day.



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YOUR LOCAL USED COW DEALER: Spearman Bi-Products. Seven days a week dead stock removal. Please call as soon as possible. 659-3544. 8-rtm

Stated Meeting 2 & 4 Mondays 7:30 P.M.
Hansford Lodge 1040 A.F.&A.M.
EA Degree
FC Degree 7:30 P.M. November 28th
Dan Farley, W. M.
Cecil Batton, Secy.

SERVICES

Hansford County Planned Parenthood
26 S. Haney
659-2483
Spearman
Mon.-Fri.
8 A.M. to 12 Noon
30S-rtm

Custom fertilizing and any type of farming.
W. B. Barnes
659-3493

KIRBY SALES & SERVICE of Spearman, 912 S. Bemice. 659-2797. 30-rtm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting every Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. at the Girl Scout Little House, 22 S. Endicott. Call 3394 or 2762 for information. 4S-rtm

MARY KAY COSMETICS Call 659-2119. Malolah Fullbright. 32S-rtm

SEWING MACHINE REPAIR. All makes and models. 408 E. Kenneth. 659-2415. 39S-rtm

GRADER, Dozier, and Drag Line work. Call Lee Roy Mitchell, Gruver 753-2384. 28-rtm

PORTABLE DISC ROLLING BALLARD'S, 935-5229, Dumas, Texas. 48-rtm

CUSTOM Water Hauling. Jack Kemper, 659-3475. 49-rtm

Tail Water Pits - Land Leveling, dirt work. Larry Don Mitchell, Dirt Contractor. 733-2064. Gruver, Texas. 51-16tp

DAY CARE available Monday through Fridays. Drop-ins taken if pre-arranged. Reasonable rates. Call 659-3377 for information. 1-rtm

RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS. Call Jamie Kunselman. 659-2631. 2-rtm

Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE: 1968 Mercury; 100 Honda Motorcycle; Mahogany Grandfather Clock Kit. Call 659-2677. 52S-4tc

FOR SALE: Trailer House, 10 x 50. Call 3529. 1S-8tp

Reduce safe and fast with GoBese capsules & E-Vap "Water pills" Spearman Drug. 1-6tp

FOR SALE: 1965 Chevrolet Pick-up. \$375.00. 403 12th Ave. 659-2264. 1S-rtm

FOR SALE 1974 Ford Pick-up 3/4 ton 4 wheel drive, 4 speed, V8 engine, power steering, 29,000 miles. \$3950. Call 655-2350 or 655-2583. Ask for Charles Booth. 1S-3tc

Sundown Radio Sales - Johnson CB Radios, Antennas, Accessories. Call 659-3097 after 6 p.m. 2-8tc

FOR SALE Living Room Rug. Tappan gas cook stove, kitchen table and 4 chairs. TV Booster, some curtains. 435-2569, Perryton. 2-1tp

FOR SALE: 1965 2 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Truck with 1100 Gal. Water Tank. Excellent rubber. Also 1-1100 gal. Water Trailer. 4-8 ft. Water Tanks. 2 Saddles. Portable loading chute. Call 2754 afternoon or night or see Jim Strawn. 2-rtm

FOR SALE: 1966 Ford Pickup with CB radio, ATWB, radio and heater. 8N Ford tractor with front end loader, blade, and posthole digger. Contact Don Evans Trucking, Gruver. 2-1tc

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

3 Bedroom House 1107 S. Drensen St.

Give an offer on large 3 Bedroom home on 3.7 acres north of Spearman.

3 Bedroom 1974 Laredo Trailer, 2 bathroom, central air and heat, Electric Fire Place, side by side refrigerator, drapes, carpet. 14 x 71 ft. Furniture.

Glover Terrace lots, sell front feet corner lots \$40 inside lots \$30.

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Need additional Listings? Call Mayfield Real Estate Perryton 435-6528 or call Ruby Lair, Salesperson 659-2188.

FOR SALE: 3 Bedroom, 1700 ft. Living Area with Double Garage, 1 3/4 bath, Living Room, Country Kitchen with Den. Central air and heat. Southwest location. Call 659-3405 after 5:00. 51-rtm

FOR SALE: Newly re-decorated inside and out, 2 Bedroom Home, Den with woodburning fireplace, utility room, built-ins, including new dishwasher and garbage disposal, central heat, 3 new refrigerated units, Outdoor Metal Building. Call 659-3643 after 6. 49S-rtm

FOR SALE: 50' x 140' Corner Lot. 300 S. Hazelwood. 659-2782. 51-10tp

WANTED

I WOULD LIKE AN evening job to get some spare money to buy Christmas presents. Babysitting, typing, etc. After 5:00 P.M., 659-3038.

Will do baby sitting for working mothers in my home. Call 2811, 307 Drensen. 1S-4tc

MOBILE HOMES For Sale

NEW MOBILE HOMES: Bring what money you have to Russell Beckwith, Phone 274-4795, Borger, Texas. 52S-rtm

1970 Patriot 14' x 70' Mobilhome. \$500 equity, take up payments. Call 659-3508. 51S-rtm

Annual Bazaar December 6

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

LET WORLD BOOK INTRODUCE YOU (L-34) to some of the nicest people in your neighborhood. Sell our world-famous products near your home, during your spare-time hours. It's a wonderful way to earn money for the things you want-and make new friends too! For details write Kenneth Johnson, P. O. Box 3786, Amarillo, Texas 79106. 1-4tc

STRAYED

STRAYED from Old Porter Lake, 1 Hereford cow with R Bar on hip. Call collect 435-4210. 1S-2tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment. 303 Davis. Phone 659-3792. 5S-rtm

MOBILE HOME SPACE. Large grass yard. Quiet neighbors. Clothes line. Low rent location. 213 S. Endicott. Call 659-2404. 1-rtm

FOR SALE: 3 Bedroom Home. 711 Collier Drive. Contact Kenneth Coates. Phone 659-3670. 1S-2tc

LBL Trailer Spaces -\$40 Monthly. 50' x 150' Lot. Call Manager 659-2617. 48S-rtm T only

NOTICE: The Happy Homes Home Demonstration Club will rent their Santa Suit this year for \$5.00. Anyone interested in renting the suit can do so by contacting Mrs. Richard Laird at 659-2105 or Mrs. Dwight Sumner at 659-3614.

Legal Notice

The Canadian Independent School District will take bids on five used school buses. The buses are a 1968 Dodge A 100 Sportsman 12 passenger, 1967 Chevrolet Bus 36 passenger, 1958 Chevrolet Suburban Panel 8 passenger, 1965 Chevrolet Bus 36 passenger, and a 1969 Dodge Bus 24 passenger. These buses can be seen in Canadian, Texas across from Hoobler's Phillips 66 station on Highway 60. Bids will be accepted up through Tuesday, December 9, 1975, at the Superintendent of Schools office, 404 South 6th Street, Canadian, Texas 79014. Bids will be opened at the regular School Board meeting on Tuesday night December 9. 1-2tc T only

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Notice is hereby given to the real and true owners, whether hereinafter named or correctly named or not, of property abutting West 9th Street, West from West property line of South Roland Street to the East property line of State Highway 207, within the City limits of the City of Spearman, and all persons owning or claiming any such abutting property, or any interest therein, and to all others claiming or interested in any of said property, or in any of the proceedings, contracts and matters herein mentioned, concerning excavating, grading, paving and constructing curbs and gutters on the following described property, to-wit:

Unit No. 1 - Sixty (60) Feet South of present West Ninth (9th) Street from West Property line of South Roland Street West to the East property line of State Highway 207.

The type of pavement shall be one inch asphalt topping, on a four inch Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete pavement with a base of eight inches of compacted native soil.

The total estimated cost per front foot of curbs and gutters is \$11.11. The total estimated cost of the paving of said property is the sum of \$36,363.03.

A hearing will be given and held by and before the City Council of the City of Spearman, Texas, on the 22nd day of December, 1975; at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Spearman, Texas, to the real and true owners, whether named or correctly named herein or not, of all property abutting upon said streets within the limits above defined, and to all persons owning or claiming any such abutting property, or interest therein, and to all others owning, claiming or interested in said abutting property or any of the proceedings, contracts or matters and things herein mentioned or incident to said improvements or contract herein described.

At said time and place all such persons, firms, corporations and estates, and their agents and attorneys, shall have the right to appear and be heard and offer testimony as to the said assessments, and to the amount thereof, proposed to be assessed against said abutting property, and the real and true owners thereof, the lien and charge of personal liability to secure payment of said assessments, the special benefits to accrue to each such abutting property and the owner or owners thereof by virtue of said improvements, if any, or concerning any error, invalidity, irregularity or deficiency, in any proceeding or contract in reference to said improvements, and said proposed assessments, and concerning any other matter or thing as to which hearing is a constitutional prerequisite to the validity of said assessments, proceedings and improvements and on which they are entitled to a hearing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Spearman, Texas. DONE by order of the City Council of the City of Spearman, Texas, this the

10th day of Nov., 1975.
T. E. Thompson
City Manager

ATTEST:
Mark Neff
City Clerk

News For Veterans

The Veterans Administration reminds five million veterans covered under its government life insurance program to make certain that beneficiaries on their GI insurance policies are current.

The VA is obligated by law to pay insurance proceeds to the beneficiary of record. Most of the agency's insured are World War II veterans who carry National Service Life Insurance, Jack Coker, VA Regional Director, explained.

The problem of insurance benefits going to an unintended recipient generally arises where the veteran simply fails to change his beneficiary.

In a typical case, a veteran named his mother as beneficiary when he obtained his policy. Later the veteran married and overlooked the requirement to notify the VA of intended change in beneficiary. Unwarranted financial hardship often results, Coker noted.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. James and Darleta were Sunday evening dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Tom Allen.

Holt News

by Maude Rosson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaines recently visited his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Troll of Eureka and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Martin and family of Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirk visited Sunday her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitts of Guymon, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Bryeans of Ft. Worth, Texas were Friday and Saturday night guests of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bemer.

Jamie Allison of Stinnett and Dale Reger spent Saturday night with his sister Debbie Reger of Amarillo.

Dorman Sims of Puyallup, Wash. spent recently on Friday night with his mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Batton of Spearman.

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City Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Spearman, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 1975, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 7:30 P.M. Present: Mayor Coy Palmer, presiding; Alderman: Jackson, Sloan, Nicholson, Ellsworth, Holton. Also present: City Manager Thompson, City Secretary Neff, Attorney for the city Blackburn, Chief of Police Phillips, Visitors: Joel Lackey, Wilson Mc Clellan, Paul Hazelwood, Clark Mires, R. C. Porter, Vic Kyler, Eddy Clemmons, Allen Alford, H. W. Robinson, Terry Schneider, Bill R. Partridge, Orville Latham, Billy Miller, Tommy Russell, Helen Dry, Johnny C. Lee, Marilyn Lewis.

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION: The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag was led by Alton Ellsworth followed by James Jackson.

JOINT TAX SESSION: Spearman Independent School District board, Tax Assessor and Superintendent of Schools met in joint session with the City Council for the purpose of interviewing appraisal firms. The three firms of Jacobs, Sothwestern, and Professional each presented a proposal and answered questions by the Council and School

Board.

Mayor Palmer called for an Executive Session, requesting members of the School Board, Tax Assessor, School Superintendent, City Manager Thompson, Assistant City Manager Neff, and Attorney for the City Blackburn to remain.

The meeting was called back into open session, with the Mayor stating that no action had been taken, only legal matters had been discussed.

Motion by Jackson, second by Nicholson, that the City retain the firm of Southwestern Appraisal from Austin, to carry out a reappraisal program for a fee of \$11,250.00, subject to approval of the written contract. Motion carried.

MINUTES
Motion by Sloan, second by Jackson, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of Oct. 27, 1975, be approved with the correction of the words "news story", replacing the word "editorial" in Mayor Palmers opening statement to the Council. Motion carried.

OPENING AND AWARDING OF STREET PAVING AND REFUSE TRUCK BIDS
Bids were opened for chassis for the refuse truck

as follows:
EXCEL CHEV. \$10,420.00
HERBERT MTRS 10,859.34
JOE TRAYLER FORD 9,598.18 (excluding tires)
Motion by Holton, second by Ellsworth, that the City accept the bid of Excel Chev. in the amount of \$10,420.00. Motion carried, Sloan voting No.

Motion by Jackson, second by Holton, to award the bid for the refuse body to Pak-Mor in the amount of \$11,500.00 (this including the bubble door). Motion carried.

Bids from E. D. BAKER and COOPER & WOODRUFF, for paving, were opened, with bids as follows:
E. D. BAKER \$3.05 per linear ft. curb and gutter. \$4.90 per sq. yd. grading and paving.
COOPER & WOODRUFF \$3.00 per linear ft. curb and gutter. \$3.65 per sq. yd. grading and paving.

Motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, to award the bid for paving to Cooper & Woodruff, subject to the acceptance of Council action on assessment program. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE
L. E. Thomas discussed with Council employee health insurance rates that become effective Dec. 1, 1975. Mr. Thomas was asked to obtain other bids for employee health in-

urance and meet with Council at the next meeting.

PASS THROUGH ORDINANCE
Attorney for the City Blackburn read an amendment to Ordinance #372, passing through any additional costs of purchased gas, on to the consumer. Motion by Jackson, second by Ellsworth, to accept the amendment to the Ordinance as read. Motion carried.

CRAWFORD ADDITION DISCUSSION
Attorney for the City Blackburn, Alderman Sloan, City Manager Thompson, Assistant City Manager Neff discussed with Council, their meeting with representatives of Crawford Addition. No action was taken.

9TH STREET ORDINANCE
Motion by Jackson, second by Nicholson, to accept the Ordinance approving the report of the City Manager, showing the estimated costs per front foot to be assessed against the property owners and setting a time for a Public Hearing of the real and true owners of said property. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS
Fire Chief Tommy Messer presented the Fire Dept. report for October, followed by the monthly police report given by Chief Phillips. The Municipal Court report and the Ambulance report were given by Mark Neff.

BILLS PAYABLE
Motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER
Mayor Palmer discussed with Council the re-appointment of Bob Skinner to the Palo Duro Water Authority.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Nicholson, second by Jackson, that there being no further business, the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Coy Palmer
Mark Neff, City Secretary.

FARM AND RANCH NEWS

by Joe VanZandt

Thanksgiving time is here. We all have a lot to be thankful for in 1975. Generally good weather has helped us produce above average corn and sorghum crops. Harvest is over and a lot of fall plowing has already occurred. We finally got some rain to carry our wheat into the winter. One sour note has been the decline in market price of our grains.

Two meetings are coming up in early December that should be of interest to many of you. The programs have some very outstanding speakers that will present timely and useful information.

On December 2, Tuesday, in Amarillo at the Villa Motel and Convention Center, the Panhandle Economic Program (PEP) will hold its annual meeting. Mr. Allen Paul, Executive Director of the Agricultural Council of America, Washington, D. C., will speak on city-farm partnerships. Dr. John A. Hopkin, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A & M University, will talk about concerns and trends in the financing of agricultural enterprise.

In addition, there will be task force sessions that will discuss subjects concerned with crops, beef cattle, swine, and family living. Everyone is invited to attend this PEP meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee and lunch will be available for \$2.75.

On Tuesday, December 9, a Panhandle Weed Control Symposium will present the "Latest Solutions to Weed Problems." This meeting will be at the USDA Southwestern Great Plains Research Center, Bushland, Texas, west of Amarillo on I-40. This program starts at 1:30 p.m. and will adjourn around 4:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include: Solving Weed Problems in Corn, Watergrass Control in Sorghum, Weed-free Wheat, Applying Soil Steri-

lants to Bindweed. These are very timely topics on some very weedy problems. If you want more information about either one of these meetings, give me a call at the office.

SOIL TEST TIME - Now is a good time to take some soil samples on the land you plan to plant corn or sorghum on next year. On the copies of soil test reports I see, the results continue to show a wide variation in recommendations due to the residual nutrient levels in the soil. Sample boxes, mailing boxes and information sheets are available in the County Extension Office in the courthouse basement.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTS NEEDED - During the last half of November and in December, some

75,000 farmers and ranchers will receive either a crop or livestock questionnaire from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Accurate estimates have always been of great importance to producers and are even more important in light of the supply-demand situation facing agriculture today. Data collected in this survey will provide an accurate picture of agriculture for each county and for the state of Texas. Each farmer receiving a questionnaire is urged to fill it out carefully and return it promptly to the Agricultural Statistician in Austin. Individual reports are confidential and used only for state and county estimates.

Contest Underway

A \$1500 grand prize will be awarded in the current Poetry Contest sponsored by the World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets. Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards. Second place is \$500.

Joseph Mellon, contest director, said, "The initial response is gratifying. Even poets who never publish are sending their work." Each winning poem will be included in the prestigious World of Poetry Anthology. Rules and official entry forms are available by writing to: World of Poetry, 801 Portola Dr., Dept. 211, San Francisco CA 94127.

December 6, Bazaar



Thanksgiving

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Greetings to All Cattlemen:
Yesterday, Thurs., Nov. 20 was a cold day for a Cattle Auction in Texhoma, but a fine day "Price-Wise" All classes sold very active and some considerably higher. We didn't start the Auction until 10 A. M. (CST) due to the weather conditions in many parts of our trade area. We sold 2486 cattle and calves thru the Arena. Several consignments from NE New Mexico and Colo. couldn't get in and some were postponed due to the cold weather.

Steer & Heifer calves \$1.00 to \$2.50 per cwt higher for the kinds offered. Feeder Steers & Feeder Heifers sold \$1.00 to \$2.00 per cwt higher for all classes. The top of the sale was 77 Blk WF Steers weighing 783# bought by Swift & Co. @ \$41.50 per cwt. 418 head of the hereford mates weighed 779#, bought by Guy Warden of Hereford, Tex. and Bud Hill of Dimmit, Tex. @ \$41.50 per cwt for the Hill Feedlots at Dimmit, Tex.

Some representative sales as follows:

7 WF Steer calves Av. Wt. 349# @ \$42.00 per cwt.	16 WF Steers Av. Wt. 695 # @ \$39.75 per cwt.
9 Blk WF Steer calves Av. Wt. 416# @ \$41.25 per cwt.	8 WF & Blk WF Steers Av. Wt. 672# @ \$40.25 per cwt.
11 WF Steer Calves Av. Wt. 418# @ \$40.00 per cwt.	37 WF & Blk WF Steers Av. Wt. 747 # @ \$40.35 per cwt.
21 WF Steer calves Av. Wt. 393# @ \$39.10 per cwt.	77 Blk WF Steers (all one brand) Av. Wt. 783# @ \$41.85 per cwt. (top)
10 WF & Blk WF Steer Calves Av. Wt. 487# @ \$40.25 per cwt.	418 WF Steers (all one brand) Av. Wt. 779# @ \$41.50 per cwt.
10 WF Steer Calves Av. Wt. 461# @ \$39.25 per cwt.	10 Blk WF Heifers Av. Wt. 522# @ \$31.25 per cwt.
34 Blk WF (Plain Quality) Hfr calves Av. Wt. 323# @ \$29.50 per cwt.	13 Blk Heifers Av. Wt. 564# @ \$31.50 per cwt.
25 WF Hfr. Calves Av. Wt. 371# @ \$32.50 per cwt.	9 WF Heifers Av. Wt. 578# @ \$32.50 per cwt.
16 WF & Blk WF Hfr Calves Av. Wt. 430# @ \$31.70 per cwt.	60 Mixed Heifers Av. Wt. 629# @ \$32.15 per cwt.
27 WF Hfr Calves Av. Wt. 457# @ \$31.50 per cwt.	16 WF (Homed) Heifers Av. Wt. 850# @ \$31.50 per cwt.
25 WF Yearling Steers Av. Wt. 625# @ \$39.40 per cwt.	11 WF & Mixed Heifers Av. Wt. 701 # @ \$33.30 per cwt.

Apprs. 450 cows were in the number sold. A good, active sale prevailed thru out for all classes. The bulk of the heavier, fleshy stns. sold mostly from \$20.00 to \$24.50 per cwt. Some bordering on the heifer and heiferette order \$25.00 to \$27.50 per cwt. Thinner kinds sold mostly from \$15.00 to \$19.00 per cwt. Bologna Bulls active and fully steady.

NOTICE - Our next Cattle Auction will be Fri., Nov. 28. "Have a good Thanksgiving" and spend Friday with us. Several nice consignments already arranged for that date. Advise Raymond Choate at our office as soon as possible next week as to your plans for next Friday. Remember this is your dependable Cattle Auction with "Action".

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Equity Elevators

Christian Welfare Committee To Meet!

The Spearman Christian Welfare Committee, will have their annual meeting, Tuesday, December 2nd at 2 p.m., in Judge Lee's

office at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include, reading of the minutes and financial report; election of officers, review of the list of needy families,

discussion on canned goods drive and the fruit basket drive.

Anyone who might be interested in assisting with this program is invited to attend the Tuesday afternoon meeting. For further information, you may call Eddie Clemmons, the president at 2694, or Kay

Vernon, secretary, at 3020.

At this Thanksgiving season we all are made aware of the "needy" in our community. Let's all get behind Eddie and this committee and help make this their best year to help underprivileged people!

Operation Christmas Greeting

Once again the members of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary are asking you to let them send your Christmas greetings to your friends while you send the money you would have spent on cards to them to use in their project of furnishing the labor room at Hansford Hospital.

For the past two years the Auxiliary has sponsored this project and in the process has given \$1637.00 to the Hospital to help in the purchase of a bed, chair and night stand. They would like to complete the furnishings in this room this year and ask your continued help in the card campaign.

Send your donations to Helen Etter, Box 1045, Spearman, Texas, or Ruth Crawford, Box 399, Gruver, Texas. List your names the way you wish them to appear in the paper and your greeting will be published each week in the Spearman and Gruver papers.

Newcomers

Newcomers to Spearman include Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jines. They moved here from Perryton. He is employed by Daco. They are Baptists.

These newcomers were called on by the Welcome Service of the Chamber of Commerce but were not at home: Olivia Renteria, 122 S. Brandt, D. M. Cody, 227 N. Hazelwood, Ray Johnson, 321 N. Brandt and Dale Phelps, 104 S. Archer.

Annual Derby To Begin This Week

The annual dribble derby will begin in Spearman this week. Unofficially the teams have already had some games, but the schedule for the remainder of this month will read as follows: Nov. 25th, B Girls and A Girls will play at Stratford. Nov. 29th, the B girls and A girls will play at Canyon. December 1st Dumas 9th and 8th grade teams will play here in Spearman. The schedule will probably be completed by this week-end, and we will try and have the schedules printed up some time after Thanksgiving. The sports department takes this opportunity to salute all of the players and coaches at the Spearman school system. We are extremely proud of our Athletic Director, Greg Sherwood. We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Hutchinson FB Delegates Attend Convention

Hutchinson County Farm Bureau will be eligible to send four (4) voting delegates to the 42nd annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in San Antonio.

County President E. N. Pack will head the delegation from this county. Other voting delegates include: Doyle Jackson, Wesley Jarvis and Wallace Berner.

The number of voting delegates from each county is based on the total number of members in the county. The Hutchinson County Farm Bureau ended its fiscal year Oct. 31 with 352 members.

A highlight of the TFB annual meeting will be an address by Gov. Dolph Briscoe who, along with TFB President Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart, will speak at the morning session on Dec. 1.

State policies for the TFB will be adopted by voting delegates. Adopted resolutions on national matters will be forwarded to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Jan. 4-8 in St. Louis.

Other features of the state convention include a Discussion Meet and Talent Find on Sunday evening, Nov. 30, a Queen Contest on Monday night, and an Awards and Recognition program on Tuesday evening. Final order of business will be election of state directors and the state president.

Our Heritage of Faith

notes from Faith Lutheran Church

We at Faith wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Holidays are important for a number of reasons. It is a time to give thanks and praise to the Lord and a special time for fellowship with family and friends. We also at Faith pray that the Lord may continue to bless our nation and its people. We end our 200th year of existence, let us pray our 3rd century may continue to seek out the ways of the Lord.

November 30 at 5:30 the Faith Luther League is meeting at church to go to Guyton to bowl against the Oslo league. We are stopping for a pizza after bowling. This should be a lot of fun and fellowship. December 13 the league is invited over to Oslo for an overnight Christmas party. The league from Amarillo is invited too. More details should be coming.

A Christmas program rehearsal is planned for December 7 at 2:00. All those involved in the program should come. At 4:00 that same day the men will play a Dartball practice.

December 10 at 7:30 the FLCW meets for their monthly meeting. There will be the installation of officers and Bruce will help with the Bible Study.

There is a small word that means so much in the world. The problem with the world is that there is not enough people involved in doing this. The small word is "caring". This word means so much more than just feeling it should also mean action. When we as Christians care we help by doing and giving to our brethren and sisters in Christ. This is what Christ is proclaiming when He said, "We should love one another as I have loved you."

If you have no home of worship we invite you to Faith, a caring community in Christ. Worship is at 9:30 and Sunday School is at 10:30.



December Wedding Planned

Mrs. Elizabeth Simms of Spearman is happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Cynthia Lee, to Mr. Terry Allen Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morris of Spearman. Miss Simms is a 1975 graduate of Spearman High School and is presently attending Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Mr. Morris is a 1974 graduate of Spearman High School and is presently employed at the Ideal Food Store in Borger.

A December 23 wedding is being planned.

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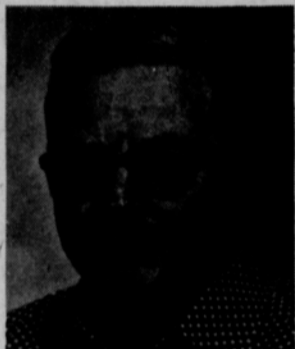
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Thanksgiving Day

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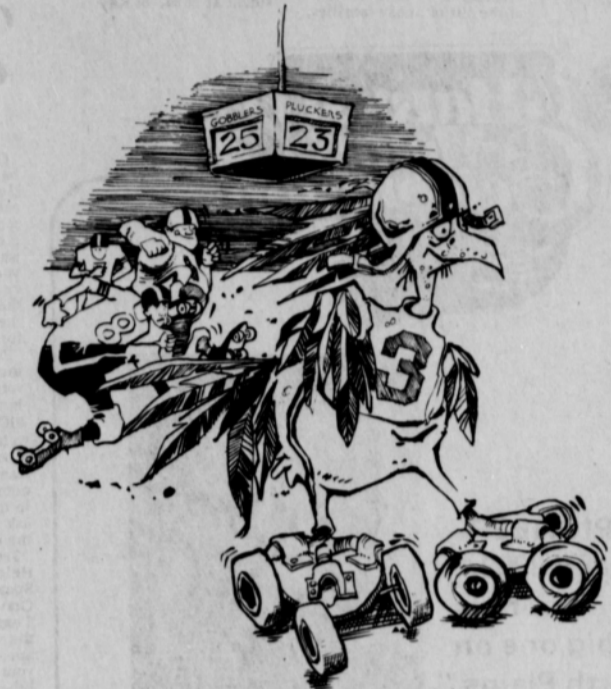
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Spearman

1975-76 Spearman basketball schedule

November 21	SANFORD-FRITCH - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
November 22	ALAMO - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
November 25	STRATFORD - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
November 29	CANYON - A Boys and Girls	THERE
December 1	SANFORD-FRITCH - A Boys - Amarillo Civic Center	
December 2	SANFORD-FRITCH - A and B Girls and B Boys	HERE
December 5	HARTLEY - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
December 9	CANYON - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
December 12	PERRYTON - A Boys and Girls	HERE
December 16	CANADIAN - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
Dec. 18-19-20	SHAMROCK TOURNAMENT - A Boys and Girls	
December 23	HARDESTY - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
Dec. 29-30-31	AMARILLO LEGION TOURNAMENT - A Boys	
Dec. 29-30-31	DUNCANVILLE TOURNAMENT - A Girls	
January 2	PERRYTON - A Boys and Girls	THERE
January 3	CHANNING - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
January 6	ALAMO - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
Jan. 8-9-10	BEAVER TOURNAMENT - A Boys and Girls	
Jan. 8-9-10	SPEARMAN "B" TOURNAMENT - Boys and Girls	
January 13	DALHART - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
January 16	PHILLIPS - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
January 20	PANHANDLE - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
January 23	CANADIAN - A and B Boys and Girls	THERE
January 27	BOYS RANCH - A and B Boys	HERE
January 30	DALHART - A Boys and Girls	THERE
February 3	PHILLIPS - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
February 6	PANHANDLE - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
February 10	STRATFORD - A and B Boys and Girls	HERE
February 13	BOYS RANCH - A and B Boys	THERE



The Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Derby is Ready to Roll

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Longhorns Could Survive As Hardy Range Critters

Men who were legends rode the ranges of the Old West, they stalked the dusty streets of cow towns and boom towns. They fought, shot, loved and rode their way into the pages of what is unique American folklore. But, had it not been for the Longhorn, the cowboys of the Old West might today be as unheralded as the early American cattle-men of the East.

The Longhorn was a rangy critter, descended from tough Andalusian cattle brought to the New World in the early 16th century by Cortez, the Spanish explorer. The Longhorns flourished in the sparse vegetation of the arid Southwest.

Where a Hereford or an Angus might starve to death, the Longhorn could find and eat enough to stay alive. Needless to say, the animals were more renowned for this survival ability than for the quality of their meat. While the meat could be eaten, the Longhorn's principal commercial value derived from their hides, horns, hooves and the tallow rendered from their carcasses.

Immense herds of these animals accumulated on the plains and in the riverbeds of the American Southwest during the Civil War. In Texas alone, hundreds and hundreds of thousands of Longhorns, as wild and skittish as deer, abounded on the open range. As the East and Midwest became more and more urbanized, the growing population developed an appetite for meat and other animal products that far outstripped the production ability of local farmers.

Many ex-soldiers, from the North as well as the South, drifted westward to capture the Longhorns and drive them to railheads in Kansas or Oklahoma for shipment to market. It was not an easy way to make a living, but many Texas moguls got their start by putting lariats on Longhorns. In the hot, dry climate of the Southwest, the Longhorns hid from the heat of the day and the insects by taking refuge in the almost impenetrable thickets of mesquite and palo verde. A man on horseback could not possibly follow the creatures

into those thickets. But the Longhorn, whose horns commonly spanned ten feet from tip to tip, moved with uncanny grace through brush, ducking, swinging and weaving his horns with a fluid motion that destroys the old cliché about the bull in a china shop.

Longhorns vanished from the cattle markets as homesteaders fenced in the open range. Homesteaders brought barbed wire with them and they brought English cattle breeds. These cattle were more domesticated and they produced far superior beef. But they were not the stuff of legends.

Mechanized Farming Advances Were Not Overnight Successes

Very often milestones in the development of mechanized farming equipment, which caused revolutionary changes throughout the history of U.S. agriculture, were far from overnight successes.

Among the many major developments introduced to the American farming scene in the early 1800's was the reaper.

While many attempts were made earlier at building mechanical grain cutters, it wasn't until the early 19th century that progress was noted in the U.S.

Then, on a hot July day in 1831, Cyrus McCormick successfully field tested his crude, cumbersome reaper. He had continued developmental work started by his father some two decades before.

The McCormick reaper was first tried on the family farm in Rockbridge County, Va. The horse-drawn reaper with cutters powered by its own wheels cut six acres of oats.

McCormick advertised his reaper for sale at \$50 but found no takers. The first unit wasn't sold until nine years later in 1840.

Two years later, business improved somewhat and he sold seven at \$100 each.

Slow acceptance of the new machine along the East Coast prompted him to move to Chicago in 1847. Grain farm-

Even Husking Bee Started With Indians

Colonial farmers adopted not only many agricultural practices from the Indians concerning corn, but they borrowed at least one social custom, too.

Indian corn culture had already differentiated between regular corn crops and the more succulent sweet corn varieties believed developed by the Iroquois Indians.

Recipes for succotash and hasty pudding, also called loblolly, were also borrowed from the Indians. One facet of the corn diet the colonists didn't adopt was the addition of dog meat. They preferred the more customary salt beef, salt pork or chicken.

While the borrowing of many of these practices from the Indians are well recognized, lesser known is the belief that even the husking bee originated with the Indians. This combination of work and frivolity was popular on early farms.

One custom that developed dictated any man who husked an ear of corn laden with red kernels could claim a kiss from any girl at the bee. A form of this practice was part of the culture of the Iroquois.

Agrifacts . . .

At the time of the Revolution, wheat fields in New York State were yielding 25 to 35 bushels an acre. With poor fertilizing practices, yields dropped to 8 bushels an acre over the next half-century.

Proper Soil Stewardship Was Gradual Development on Farms

possibly dig in the cornfields.

Soil husbandry, though, was not a mainstay of Indian, or of early American agriculture. The early settlers were notoriously land hungry. And they wanted not just land, but cleared, open fields to be plowed and planted.

Taking their cue once again from the Indians, the settlers soon learned that it wasn't necessary to chop trees down to clear a field. It was only necessary to girdle them by chopping through the bark all the way around the trunks. Thus the trees died. Whole forests were destroyed in this abused manner, and well into the 19th century, travelers could ride from the Atlantic to Missouri through endless miles of arboreal cemeteries.

But it was the beginning of American agriculture. With the trees dead, no leaves formed on the branches. Sunlight could reach into the rich humus of the forest floor, which yielded a bounty of grain and vegetables and grass for livestock.

While this method of land clearing is a modern conservationist's nightmare, it would be hard to fault the early settlers for their lack of foresight. America was land rich and labor poor. The first farmers saw no need to laboriously clear the land by felling trees and hauling them away. When the fields of one area wore out, there were always fertile fields available farther west, at a few dollars an acre.

Only the thrifty and industrious Pennsylvania Dutch,

who scorned girdling, cleared the land clean - even to stump pulling - the first season. They were also the only group of settlers who made good use of the animal manure which was and is an inevitable by-product of farming.

Visitors from Europe, where cow and horse dung were properly valued, were appalled at the waste of this valuable resource in America. A huge stockbarn on the estate of General Philip Schuyler, by New York's Hudson River, was built so that the animal droppings fell through the floor to the ground below. From there, the spring rains washed the wastes directly into the Hudson river.

An English farmer visiting Ohio in the early 1800's wrote with astonishment in his journal, "I dare say the Inn we put up in does not tumble into the water less than 300 loads of horse dung every year."

Even with all this mismanagement and waste, though, some American farmers were beginning to adopt the practices that would help clear the young nation into the world's most abundant food producer. Crop rotation was beginning to gain favor in the long settled regions, thanks partly to the introduction of clover by the Reverend Jared Eliot of Connecticut in the mid-1790's. A Frenchman gave alfalfa to the new world.

And Jefferson, a great believer in crop rotation, was among the first proponents of contour plowing, a practice that promised to do much to minimize soil erosion.



When white men learned from the Indians about corn, they also learned the Indian custom of planting corn seed with dead fish. The decaying fish, or sometimes just fish heads, would provide a measure of soil fertility for the corn plants which were to become a mainstay of New World agriculture.

The Indians taught the early settlers to bury the fish, then plant the corn seed in a small circle surrounding them. Presumably, the settlers also learned from the Indians how to keep their dogs from digging the fish out of the ground. For 40 days after planting time, Indian dogs had to get around on three legs. Each dog would have one forepaw tied to his neck so he couldn't



ers of the Middle West were more receptive to the reaper and production increased into the thousands annually. By the Civil War, some 40,000 were being marketed to meet the great demands for food.

From this slow beginning, developments progressed until grain harvesting evolved into the modern mechanized marvel of today. Two ensuing improvements that were major factors in reaching this highly mechanized plateau were the development of the combine incorporating the threshing of grain with its cutting and self-propulsion brought about by the internal combustion engine.

From a small field of oats in 1831 to the capacity to harvest enough wheat in an hour to make 20,000 loaves of

bread is a capsule history of the combine concept, according to Sperry New Holland, worldwide marketer of combines.

At its birth, the world of the reaper was just six acres in Virginia. Today, it moves through fields of a score of different crops around the world, including the annual harvests that cover nearly a continent from Mexico through the U.S. grain belts into Canada.

From a rudimentary basic position in farming's past, the combine - whose continuing development is moving into the era of space-age research at Sperry New Holland - will hold down an even more important place in the future of agriculture to feed a hungry world.

Unique Disciples Spread Farming Over New Land

The history of the advance of U.S. agriculture from the Atlantic to the Pacific is sprinkled with the efforts of unusual disciples.

One of them was a man who devoted almost a lifetime to planting frontier orchards. For more than a half-century, John Chapman planted apple trees during his wanderings through the pioneer wilderness.

Chapman would visit cider

presses in Pennsylvania and wash seeds out of the pomace. He carried the seeds by canoe down the Ohio River and on his back into the rugged sections of Ohio and Indiana.

Often his planting treks took him hundreds of miles on foot. Coming to a clearing, he'd plant the seeds and return in later years to check his budding wilderness orchards.

He became a familiar visitor at the isolated homes of many early settlers. Often, they'd

give him a few pennies or old clothes in support of his planting pilgrimages. To the Indians, he became known as a medicine man.

In the mid-1800's, Wendelin Grimm decided to emigrate from Baden, Germany. His most prized possession was a few pounds of alfalfa seeds, which he planted in Carver County, Minn.

By saving those seeds that survived the cold Minnesota winters, Grimm gradually developed a hardy strain of alfalfa as a byproduct of raising hay for his cattle. Being a good farmer, he gave some of the seeds to neighbors. Thus,

one farmer made a permanent contribution to the historical development of better forage plants in the U.S.

Some of the farming disciples remain unknown.

The first settlers in Pennsylvania were likely surprised when they found wild peaches to vary their meager diets. The only explanation is that Indians brought the peaches



from original Spanish plantings a century earlier in St. Augustine, Fla.

At the time of the Revolution, the hessian fly was plaguing wheat crops in New York and Pennsylvania. Many efforts were made to find a resistant variety of wheat. Finally, a friend of a New York farmer was on naval duty in the Mediterranean and obtained some late-seeding wheat. Its use soon spread throughout the Colonies.

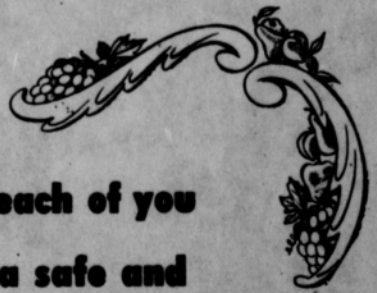
Other important events in American history were linked to the spread of agriculture. Among the "Forty-Niners" were many farmers who journeyed to California during the days of the gold rush to seek their fortune in another way from the soil. As they sailed to California by way of Cape Horn, some of them picked up seeds of Chilean alfalfa. Many of these farmers never found the gold they sought in California, but they introduced a new and better crop to the West Coast.

Countless other disciples in countless other unusual ways helped the spread of U.S. agriculture from its colonial beginnings to its unparalleled level of production of today. Many of them were practical tillers of the soil only interested in better ways of farming.

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Turkey Drivers Clogged Turn of Century Roads



At the beginning of the 19th Century poultry roamed pretty much at will sometimes sharing the farm living quarters.

Nearly every boatload of settlers that came to the New World in the 17th and 18th Centuries brought with it at least a few chickens. Chickens were easy to feed and maintain, they supplied eggs and meat on the long voyage, and they became a mainstay of nearly every Colonial farm.

Every farmer kept a few "dung-hill fowl" for family use, geese to pluck for feather beds and pillows, and a few ducks. Wild turkeys were abundant, but there were some domesticated turkeys, too. Interestingly enough, while Europeans first saw turkeys in the New World, it was in Europe that the bird was domesticated.

Surplus meat and eggs, beyond the needs of the family, were disposed of to customers in town or bartered at the country store. Not until after the Revolution was there much interest in poultry production as a commercial enterprise.

Around the beginning of the 19th Century, poultry husbandry in the colonies was in a sorry state. Chickens, geese and turkeys roamed pretty much at will, even, in some instances, sharing the living quarters of the settlers. The Swedes and the Finns, particularly, opened their doors to chickens in the New World as they had for centuries in the Old.

These early fowl ate whatever they could wherever they found it. They were found particularly on the colonial manure piles. They foraged in the fields for weeds and insects, and might live their entire lives without so much as a kernel of home grown grain.

The chickens of the day were a mongrel lot of assorted sizes, colors and degrees of

inefficiency in both meat and egg production.

During the hey-day of the drover, from 1790 to about 1830, large flocks of turkeys and geese were driven to urban centers for marketing. These flocks must have provided some of the most colorful sights on colonial roads, and some of the most frustrating moments in the lives of the drovers.

Julius F. Sachse, an observer of the day, gave this account of turkey driving on the road to Philadelphia:

"One of the curious sights common in the fall of the year were flocks or armies of fowls, generally turkeys, but now and then geese, being driven toward the city. This was not an easy task. They were apt to crowd together and trample each other to death. To prevent this, they were divided into lots of 50-75 with a 'shoer' in charge of each lot. He had a long pole with a piece of red flannel fastened to the end. The best time made on the road was not much over a mile an hour.

"As soon as it commenced to grow dark the fun began. The birds were determined to go to roost and notwithstanding all the efforts of the drovers they generally did. The stampede usually took place in passing an orchard or grove of trees. In much less time than it takes to tell it the trees were black with birds and the day's journey was ended for the turkeys. Not so for the drovers, who had to watch the birds all night to prevent theft."

A wave of optimism for poultry production swept over eastern enthusiasts shortly after the Civil War. These mostly urban amateurs were swept off their feet in such great numbers that a

contemporary farm paper poetically observed:

Lawyers and doctors and divines.

All their practice have resigned;

And to improve the breed of hens

All their talents have combined.

Prices of breeding stock, especially imported fowls, soared sky-high with the interest of these backyard breeders. Although very few practical farmers were afflicted with this hen fever, some permanent improvement in chickens resulted. Even so, there was little real progress in commercial poultry husbandry until after 1880.

Plaster and Clover Like Man & Wife

Early farmers had unique, catchy sayings to describe their better farming practices. One observer of the day reported, "This was a hard way to cook. Women would nearly break their backs lifting these heavy kettles on and off, burn their faces, smoke their eyes, singe their hair, blister their hands and scorch their clothes."

Take hay as an example. Many years ago, a farmer in Amherst County, Va., had this to say about one practice he followed in growing hay.

"Clover and plaster, like man and wife, ought never to be divorced."

This picturesque description actually referred to the long recognized practice of liming acidic soil to improve yields of grasses and other forages.

Centuries later today, liming is still recognized as a basic need in any good food production program.

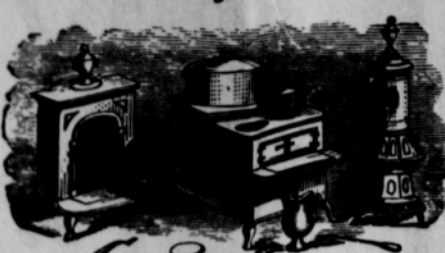
In fact, liming is listed as one of the top agricultural practices needed in farming today by Sperry New Holland, a leading manufacturer of haying and other forage equipment.

As that early Virginia planter intimated in his reference to plaster, few, if any, investments provide a greater per dollar return than sweetening acidic soil with limestone.

But the growing of better grasses to improve hay yields is only part of the story of more efficient haying, which has been an integral part of the history of U.S. agriculture since its Colonial beginnings. The other major improvement has been the building of better handling equipment, which has made haying a one-man farming operation.

Whether it's a baler used with a thrower or automatic bale wagon, one man operating modern machinery can handle many tons of hay in a single day.

Colonial Farm Kitchens Weren't Very Glamorous



The common fireplace predated even these early cooking and heating conveniences of farm homes.

The Colonial farm wife's stove was an open fireplace, and meal preparation could be both an arduous and smoky chore. One observer of the day reported, "This was a hard way to cook. Women would nearly break their backs lifting these heavy kettles on and off, burn their faces, smoke their eyes, singe their hair, blister their hands and scorch their clothes."

Another pioneer recalled his days on the frontier in the late 1700's: "Matches were not in use, hence fires were covered with ashes at night so as to preserve some live coals in the morning. Rich people had a little pair of bellows to blow these live coals into a blaze but poor people had to do the best they could with their mouths. After having nearly smoked out my eyes trying to blow coals into life, I have had to give it up and go to a neighbor to borrow a shovel of fire."

The most important utensil for fireplace cooking was, naturally, the dinner pot, a stewing kettle which held five to ten gallons and weighed 20 or more pounds. Into this went meat and vegetables for the hearty stews that sustained the frontier men. Conquering a new land was hard work. The quantity of food was much more important to them than what they ate or how they ate it.

Meats might also be fried on the coals in a spider or skillet, or roasted on a spit before the fire, with a pan for drippings beneath. One way many colonials roasted fowl or joints of meat was to suspend them in front of the fireplace with a cord tied to a rafter. The meat had to be turned frequently, usually by hand. Advertisements for a mechanical turner appeared in Benjamin's days a month."

Corn in all its splendid variety was a staple of the colonial diet, and the methods for preserving it were almost as

numerous as the methods of cooking it. Settlers who were remote from gristmills had two methods of grinding corn. One was grinding it with a hand mill, the other was with a mortar and pestle. The mortar of the first settlers, like that of the Indians, was a large block of wood with a burnt out hole a foot or more deep. The pestle was a long, rounded stone weighing 10 or 12 pounds, or a long, rounded block of wood.

Table utensils were as unglorified as the tools that were used to prepare the food. They were mostly of wood and homemade, with the most common being a trencher, a kind of plate. Pewter, silver, glassware and crockery were almost unknown in the early colonies, and those pieces that did exist were used only on very special occasions.

There were almost no forks on the colonial farm table, but there were spoons. Knives were used not only to cut meat, but to convey it to the mouth.

Agriquotes . . .

The aim of the farmers in this country, if they can be called farmers, is not to make the most they can from the land which is, or has been cheap, but the most of the labour, which is dear; the consequence of which has been much ground has been scratched over and none cultivated or improved as it ought to have been. Whereas a farmer in England, where land is dear and labour cheap, finds it to his interest to improve and cultivate highly that he may reap large crops from a small quantity of ground — George Washington.

Agriquotes . . .

Agriculture is the most healthy, the most useful, and the most noble employment of Man — George Washington.

Fencing Controversies Raged Throughout Farming's History

Probably no part of agricultural history is more liberally laced with controversy than the simple subject of fencing.

While the fighting that erupted over fencing in the West is well known, the controversy raged in the East long before the days when the homesteaders moved onto the open range.

Fencing laws are rooted deeply in farming's history, dating back to 1700 or earlier. Then, the crops were fenced in to protect them from the free-roaming livestock. No subject gave more business to the legal profession in farming's early days than that of the fence.

Among the most widely used was the snake fence, as shown in the photo. It was the easiest to erect, although quickly knocked over. It wasted quite a bit of land, too.

According to one farmer, "on a farm of 100 acres, about six acres are used for fencing. This kind of fence must give way to something more neat and economical."

Post and rail fences were more land efficient, but more expensive to erect and maintain. Cedar and chestnut posts might last 40 years, but oak only 12.

Early agricultural societies got into the controversy and some promoted live fences —

hedges, thornapple and other species. They proved equally impractical.

Stone fences evolved where timber was at a premium. Labor requirements involved

away from \$8.09 worth of crops."

The old rail fence is now largely a memory of farming's nostalgia, as shown by this tribute:



in building some that reached three feet thick and six feet high were enormous.

Controversy continued with the wire fence and later the electric fence. Patents for an electric fence were issued as early as 1886, but its use did not come until well in the 20th century.

Expense was at the center of most fence controversy. One early farmer determined it annually cost "one dollar to keep \$5.75 worth of livestock

"In the good old days when the rail fence reigned supreme, the farmer could take his secure and fairly comfortable seat on the top rail, smoke his corn-cob pipe and survey his farm, thoughtfully laying plans for the future. When a neighbor came over, the two would sit on the fence, whittle, smoke and hold unharmed discourse. There never was a finer school for agriculture, civic and political training than the old rail fence."



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