

Following 12-year tenure on city council . . . Blodgett to step down as mayor

The days numbered now and, on May 10, a changing of the guard will take place in Spearman when a new mayor -- the first new mayor in over a decade -- is sworn in and the regime of 6-term mayor C. Ralph Blodgett comes to a close.

When that happens, the venerable city government leader will have completed the longest stay in Spearman city government's history, a stay of 12 years and one month due to a change in election dates this year.

Blodgett took office in April, 1976 and has run unopposed in every election since that time save one -- that in itself mute testimony to the leadership he has given the city of Spearman during his tenure in office.

His 12-year sojourn as mayor has been described by critics and advocates alike as the most progressive era of Spearman's history -- an era of growth for the community, one of movement into

a strong financial standing as well as into a leadership role for this Hansford county community of 3,400 residents.

"I had no intention to stay mayor this long," remarks the city's long-time leader. "Until the day before I signed up, I never had entertained the thought of being mayor."

For a man who had never given the idea of city government any thought, Blodgett got his political baptism early -- and fast.

Within the first four months of his opening term, the new mayor was faced with securing a bond for \$396,000 as matching funds for a state grant to replace the city's gas lines -- no small feat for a city government which was teetering on the edge of having all their bonds called.

As if that wasn't enough, he and the city council had to finish up a law suit against the city's natural gas supplier which had been

started by the previous administration.

And there were internal conflicts as well between the local citizenry and the city's lone law enforcement officer at that time.

Blodgett's involvement became critical and -- through his leadership, the city council was able to gain a favorable rating for those bonds, the lawsuit was settled out of court and the internal squabble was handled for the cost of a new passenger car tire -- which is a story all by itself.

Since that tumultuous beginning, there have been other mountains for Blodgett and the Spearman city council to climb -- but they have been scaled successfully and to the city's credit.

And the Spearman mayor's persistent leadership has given the city a solid foundation and a strong superstructure as well.

During his stay in office, Blodgett has helped lead Spearman,

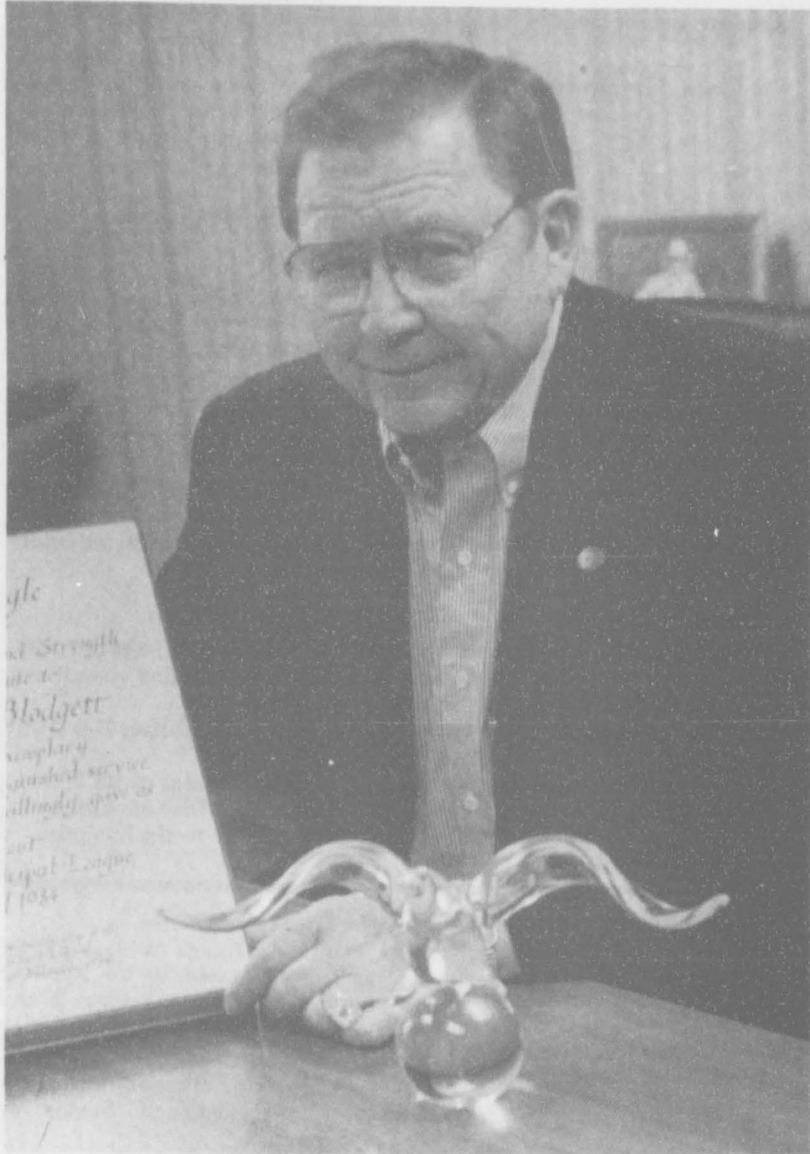
making it a veritable showcase for small communities everywhere.

From his tenacity in seeking federal funds for the Spearman airport projects to the paving and maintenance of city streets, from the building of a new fire station to the move into a new city hall, from improving and upgrading the city's fire and police department to the inception of the H&S EMS medical services, Blodgett and the city councils which have served with him have helped move Spearman into a city ready for the 21st century . . . and beyond.

In addition to his leadership, the long-time mayor has provided and even greater underpinning -- that of stability.

His success is probably due in large part to his military training where, as a sergeant he was executive secretary for an Air Force General near the end of World War II.

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C. RALPH BLODGETT
... A Changing of the Guard

The Hansford Report

by JAMES JARRETT



One time, many years ago -- in fact, more years ago than I care to think about -- I was traveling between Amarillo and Canyon with a girlfriend I had at the time.

I was cruising along at about 70 mph -- that was the speed limit back in those particular good ol' days -- when she suddenly ordered me to the side of the road.

Well, it was broad daylight and I knew it couldn't be for what I always had on my mind so, after stopping, I politely asked her what the heck she thought she was doing, ordering me off the road like that.

She pointed up the highway and I saw a funeral procession. So, I shut up and waited.

It's a common courtesy which I have seen ignored far too often in today's busy world of hustle and bustle.

Hansford sheriff R.L. McFarlin and I were visiting the other day and he conceded that there just such a problem here in our neck of the woods as well.

Common courtesy is being ignored. Few people pull over to the side of the road anymore, much less take off their hats when a funeral procession winds its way down Hansford hill to the cemetery.

When I was 16, I needed somebody to tell me what to do. I'm no longer 16 and I know what to do.

Keep your eyes open for funeral processions out to Hansford cemetery, please. And, as a sign of respect and as simple courtesy, pull your vehicle off the road and remove your hat. Somebody may do it for you or your loved ones one day. It will be appreciated.

G.C. Brillhart's now infamous mongoose paid a visit to the Spearman Reporter this week. And, yes, he did get loose -- right in the production area of the shop.

One of our girls had already been exposed to the mongoose. I had heard the story and was prepared. Unfortunately, we have a girl from Wheeler, now Via Waka, who was innocent.

We use the past tense there because she has now another registered victim of Brillhart's mongoose.

Many have seen his pet, many more have heard the story. And, it's probably getting difficult for Brillhart to find many innocents in this day and age.

So, if you haven't seen his mongoose, look up G.C. and demand a first hand account of the story of his pet.

It's a promise, you won't soon forget the experience.

It's the end of an era, a particularly good era we might add. On May 10, C. Ralph Blodgett will open the city of Spearman council meeting as he has done so many times over the past 12 years, with a prayer and the Pledge of Alliance.

Then, the current city council will approve the minutes of the last meeting, then they will canvas the election of May 7. If all is found to be in order, 6-term mayor Ralph Blodgett will step down from the mayor's seat he has held since April, 1976, and a new mayor will be sworn in and that gentleman will finish out the council meeting that night.

I've only been in Spearman a year now, but it doesn't take an oracle to recognize the contributions which Mayor Blodgett has made to Spearman.

A person may not always agree with him on every item, but even his most disparaging opponents are quick to point out the many good things which have come from his administration.

And, quite frankly, those detractors are very few and very far inbetween. I've heard of them, but I've not met them.

C. Ralph Blodgett's legacy will live long and proud in the city of Spearman.

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Emergency loan apps available at FmHA

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by the blizzard and freeze of March 17-29, 1987 are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Perryton, FmHA County Supervisor Larry Goetze said today.

Hansford County is one of three in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the adverse weather.

Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Goetze said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 8, 1988 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Goetze said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized

Despite change in classifications . . .

Gruver wins 5th straight lit title

Gruver made it five in a row with a team win at the University Interscholastic League Literary meet held this past week in Gruver.

White Deer was second, Stratford third and Spearman took

fourth in the annual literary event.

This is the fifth year in a row -- spanning even changes in district classifications -- that Gruver has won the meet.

The top three placings in each

event win a berth to the regional literary competition which will be held April 22-23 in Big Spring.

Individual placings for Gruver and Spearman saw Manda Winger of Gruver win the Extemporaneous Informative Speaking event with Brent Wagner as first alternate there.

Shelly Stedje and Katrina Bratton was first and second alternate respectively in the extemporaneous persuasive speaking event for Gruver.

In poetry interpretation, Gruver's Quincy Tomlinson was third and GHS Jennifer Price was second alternate.

Spearman's Clint Patterson won the prose interpretation event with SHS Krista Kirkland third there.

Billy Kelly of Gruver was named second alternate in editorial writing and was third in feature writing as well. Kelly McCloy of Gruver was second alternate there.

Brooke Holt took first in headline writing for Gruver while Gruver's Brian Gillispie was second in accounting with Spearman's Lynette Williams and Kari Scheider third and first alternate respectively in that event.

Hansford county made a clean sweep of the calculator applications event with Billy Kelly and Krista Stodje placing first and second while Spearman's Maria Gomez,

Laura Dyess and Ross Jarvis took third, first and second alternate spots respectively.

In Literary criticism, Kelly and Stedje combine for first and second place again to add more team points for Gruver.

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Tri-State rodeo set for Sunday

Easter weekend will be a big day for members of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association with some 300 entries expected for a 1-day high school rodeo at the Oscar Archer Rodeo Arena in Spearman.

The Spearman high school rodeo team will be host for the event which is rescheduled from the spring opener which was postponed due to snow.

The day's activities will open at 9 a.m. with a special Cowboy church service in the arena proper.

It will be followed at noon by the opening of the 1988 Spearman high school rodeo which will continue throughout the day until all events have been run off.

Spearman child serious following car accident

Quick action on the part of a good Samaritan may have proven the life-saving touch for a 19-month old Spearman child Tuesday following an accident which saw the toddler run over by a car.

Little Dominique Barrera,

daughter of Adrian and Linda Barrera, was listed in serious condition in the pediatrics intensive care unit of Northwest Texas Hospital Wednesday morning, according to a N.W.T.H. spokesman.

The accident occurred Tuesday around 11:30 a.m., according to reports from the Hansford county sheriff's office which is investigating the accident.

According to the report, Mrs. Barrera was backing out of her driveway in the Crawford addition just outside of Spearman, when the door came open and Dominique fell out.

Before Mrs. Barrera could get the car stopped, the right front tire had passed over the toddler's body.

Vic Schumann, a passerby, saw Mrs. Barrera jump from the car

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Clock move forward for time change

Spring forward . . . fall back -- it's that semi-annual saying which comes into play this Saturday when people across the country move their clock forward one hour to implement Daylight Savings Time.

Congress moved the effective date to Daylight Savings from the traditional last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in April in 1987.

The move of the clocks effectively makes a trade out -- with citizens getting up one hour earlier in order to have an extra hour of daylight in the evenings.

Daylight Savings will continue through the last Sunday in October when the adage 'fall back' moves the clocks one more time -- this time providing an extra hour of sleep for the hour lost in April.

While the official time for moving the clock is 2 a.m. Sunday, most observers of Daylight Savings will move their clocks back prior to going to bed Saturday evening.



THIS PRE-SCHOOL CREW got a first hand view of what it takes to put out a newspaper when they made a tour of the Spearman Reporter facilities Monday afternoon. The group went through the production

shop and the darkroom at the newspaper to get an idea of what goes into the making of the semi-weekly Reporter-Plainsman.

Staff photo by James Jarrett

BLODGETT

His strong belief in chain of command has stood the city in good stead, ending political bickering which can often force councilmembers into opposite positions and which serves nothing except for alienation and splits.

Blodgett will talk, reluctantly, about the past 12 years and points to the people around him as the true movers and shapers.

"Down through the years I've had some good people to work with," he declares. "And, I've a family who has stood by me and

put up with my being gone." And the mayor has been gone a lot -- working not only for Spearman, but for cities all throughout the state of Texas as well.

He has served on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission board of directors, working up through the ranks there to become vice-chairman and chairman of that Panhandle community action program.

In addition to that, he has served as president of the Texas Municipal League -- a position which is usually dominated by the likes of mayors from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and other major Texas cities. In fact, Henry Cisneros of San Antonio followed Blodgett in that office.

It hasn't always been easy, nor has it always been fun. But it was a duty which the venerable mayor didn't shy from -- even in 1984 when he was forced to undergo three major surgeries in a 10-day period.

In August that year, Blodgett was diagnosed as a candidate for bypass surgery. As it happened, he received five bypasses.

A week later, infection had set in and the surgeons were forced to go back in and clean out the area. A few days later, they worked on a severely bleeding ulcer which required surgery to correct.

During the ulcer surgery, he received 16 pints of blood which wound up being both a blessing and a curse -- 10 days later he was diagnosed with hepatitis, a disease he received from the blood transfusions.

He wound up being a 'guest' of

CHILD

and stopped to offer assistance. He then took the mother and child to Hansford hospital for emergency treatment.

Dr. Romeo Sangalang and the emergency staff at the hospital stabilized the child, then ordered an ambulance to transfer her to Amarillo.

She was treated for injuries to her chest and for a fractured leg. According to reports from the hospital, there were little or no head injuries.

Hansford county sheriff, R.L. McFarlin, cites Schumann's quick thinking and action as the main reason for the child's survival.

"Prompt attention was needed and Vic was there," he reports. "It's possible that, without his cool head, things might not have gone as well as they did."

the hospital for 40 days. But his indomitable spirit didn't flag -- in October that year, he attended the Texas Municipal League's Annual Convention as its president.

It's that same never-say-die spirit which has served the city of Spearman so well over the years. And, his calm approach and businesslike manner has reigned over many a council meeting.

"My grandchildren, of course, have grown up with me as major and that's all they've known," he laughs. "Now they want to know what I'm going to do when I'm not being mayor."

There's a good chance he'll have more time for his grandchildren, and his own business as well.

When he took office he was 55. When he steps down during the meeting of May 10, he'll be 67 and will have served his home town well during that 12-year tenure.

And that is quite a legacy.

Gruver stymied in 10th win attempt

Panhandle made a clean sweep of the elementary and junior high UIL literary meet held this past weekend in Gruver as they stymied perennial champions Gruver for the meet team title.

Prior to this year, Gruver had an effective stranglehold on the team title, winning it nine years in a row in both elementary and junior high team standings.

This year, Gruver was second in Junior high and third in elementary. Spearman was second in the elementary team totals and third in the junior high team standings.

In individual placings, Haley Farber, Regan Boxwell and Nicole Burgess of Spearman placed second, third and fourth respectively in the 3-4 spelling event.

Gruver's Amber Murrel was second in story telling while Elizabeth Pipkin, Carrie Pearson and Regina Biggers of Spearman placed first, second and fourth in spelling 5-6.

Number sense 5-6 saw Cass

Lasater of Spearman second and in music memory, Gruver was first and Spearman fourth.

3-4 Writing saw Kiki Carthel of Gruver win that event while Memory Ross of Gruver was third.

The 7-8 number sense event was won by Gruver's Luke Miller with Spearman's Alfonso Martinez and Joy Gafford fourth and fifth.

In picture memory, Spearman was second and Gruver third while oral reading 5-6 had Spearman's Nikki Strawn and Mandi Lair fourth and sixth respectively.

Will Evans of Gruver won the listening skills event with Justin Carthel of Gruver fourth and Jason Swink of Spearman fifth.

The 5-6 writing event was won by Molly Blackman of Spearman with Lee Bob Harper second, Will Evans third and Justin Carthel sixth -- all three of them from Gruver.

The 7-8 oral reading event was won by Curtis Pearson of Spearman while teammate Brian Kidder was fifth.

Traci Crawford of Gruver won the 7-8 writing event while Dezi Pearson of Spearman placed fifth there.

Gruver's Clay Gillispie was first in modern oratory with teammates Garrett Gurfory third and Rex Ralston fourth.

Christy Hornsby of Spearman was in a 3-way tie for fourth place in the 7 science event.

Leslie Latta of Spearman won the impromptu speaking event while Spearman's Jessica Woolley was fourth and Gruver's Cora Meyer sixth there.

In calculator application, Luke Miller of Gruver was second, Sharlet Slough of Gruver was third

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while Spearman's Josie Holt was fourth and Rosa Ortiz was sixth there.

The final event, 8 science, saw Crockett Tidwell of Gruver second Luke Miller of Gruver fourth and Alfonso Martinez of Spearman fifth followed by Gruver's Tera Boyd in sixth.

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Number sense saw Spearman's Jeff Hutchison first and Krista Kirkland second while Jennifer Hart of Gruver and Tony Pacheco of Spearman tied for third.

Spearman's Laci Lasater was third in ready writing with Manda Winger of Gruver first alternate there.

Billy Kelly came in with yet another win, taking first in overall placings in science. Second alternate there was Gruver's Brooke Holt.

Spearman's Pat Shields was top scorer in physics for Spearman in

the science categories.

Gruver's Manda Winger placed as first alternate in the spelling event while, in typewriting, Marci Roberts and Monica Romer of Gruver placed first and second respectively. Second alternate there was Shannon Baxter of Spearman.

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Spearman's history. And, rightfully so.

No manner of tribute will ever repay the long hours he has put in for Spearman. Nor does he expect any -- as the saying goes, he knew what the job paid when he ran for it, nothing. That's what it pays today.

Other than a feeling of accomplishment and the satisfaction of a job well done, Mayor Blodgett has gotten very little out of his tenure as mayor.

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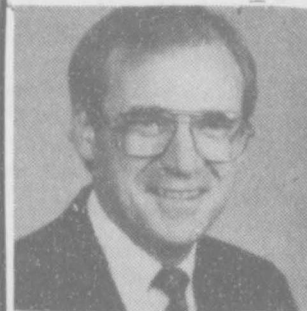
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Spearman

SHS thinclads place strong at Pampa meet

The Spearman Lynx garnered a sixth place team finish and the Lynettes placed seventh at the Pampa Invitational Track Meet held last Saturday in Pampa.

Heather Murrell set a couple of meet records in the girls division in both the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash.

Her time of 15.4 seconds in the hurdles and 58.9 seconds in the 400 earned her first place there and established those new Pampa meet records.

She also placed second in the long jump for Spearman with a leap of 17-6.

In the boys division, Matt Tucker claimed a first place finish in the shot with a put of 53-1/4 and Jerold Blan placed first in the 2-mile run

for Spearman -- setting a new SHS record -- with a time of 10:27.6.

Tucker placed second in the discus at Pampa with a toss of 155-2 and teammate Lance Swan was fifth there with a throw of 133-7.

Blan ran a 4:46.5 time in the mile run to add a second place finish there for the varsity Lynx thinclads.

Junior varsity boys events at Pampa saw Spearman claim fifth place with a pair of good relay placings.

The 400-meter relay team of Chris Williamson, Allen Howell, Scott Wilkerson and Edgar Nava was third with a time of 49.17.

And the 1600-meter relay teams of Williamson, Wilkerson, Brandon Baker and Danny Lopez ran for fourth place with a time of 3:58.44.

In field events, Delwin Whitmire placed second with a shot put of 37-8 and Wilkerson was fourth in the long jump for Spearman.

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Patterson and McGill take

UIL honors

Clint Patterson was named to the All Star Cast of the district 1-AA UIL one-act play and Casey McGill was honorable mention following competition in Panhandle last week.

Patterson had the lead role in the SHS one-act play, 'The Happy Scarecrow' while McGill portrayed the Jester.

Other cast members include Mechelle Graham, Maranda Loomis, Christa Sims, Sunshine Smith, Deana Turner, Jami Maize, Sara Blackburn, Ginger Pearson, Pat Hunter and Haley Lair.

Technicians for the production were John Hughes, Matt Tucker and Amy Blan. The play was directed by Susie Pond.

Moose Lodge sponsors egg hunt Saturday

The Spearman Moose Lodge will be sponsoring its seventh annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 10 a.m.

The hunt will be located east of the High School. There will be three age groups with three prizes in each age group.

The special Easter egg hunt is open to all children in Hansford county.

Among the Neighbors

Jody and Clint Irwing are welcoming a new son, Tanner Kenneth, who arrived on March 23 in Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces.

He joins 18 month old brother, Brock, who is somewhat skeptical about this new family member.

Grandparents are Doris and Joe Brock, Canadian, and Janet and Kenneth Irwin, Gruver.

Great grandparents are W.G. Godfrey, Wichita Falls, and Mrs. E.L. Sutherland, Windsor, Mo.

Mrs. Brock has been staying with the Irwin's for several days.

Billy Brown was pleased with the results of his sale and prospect show steers, held near Austin last weekend. He was accompanied for several days by Burt Williams and Phillip Renner, who had other business interests in the area.

Tracy Vernon had gone down several days earlier to make preparations for the sale.

Frances Flowers Newell, from Canadian, visited old friends in Spearman last week. The Newells lived here in the late 1970's and 80's while he was school counselor. He is now deceased.

Sara and Lawrence Dossett returned last week from six weeks in the Rio Grande Valley. They were in San Benito and Harlingen where their son, Buddy, and family lives and works.

During their stay they enjoyed visiting with the L.S. McLains at Mission and Willard and Jettie Davis.

Sara was kind enough to remember her friends here with fresh fruit from the Valley groves.

Mrs. Eva Adkison's daughter, Freda and Jim Pearce of Durant, Ok. spent the weekend with her. They were enroute to visit their son in Clovis, so Mrs. Adkison joined them for the rest of the week.

Mike and Tina Turner and sons left Friday for Stillwater, Ok. to attend the wedding of her cousin on Saturday.

Early Saturday, Mike lost interest in the romantic events of the day when he was stricken with appendicitis.

He underwent an emergency appendectomy in the Stillwater Hospital where he is still confined as of this writing.

Al Tucker went to Stillwater Monday to assist in his return in the next few days.

Mrs. Pearl Dixon is at home in Morse slowly recovering from a bout with a lung condition. She was in therapy at Canadian for several days.

Mozelle Sparks observed her birthday (which one is not divulged) on Sat. by going to visit her son, Gene, and family in Amarillo. Then she went to Lubbock to be with her other son, Teddy, the rest

of the weekend.

Frankie and Oscar Donnell flew down to Houston on Thur. They spent the weekend with Bethany and Jay Lauersdorf and Carl. They returned on Sun. and despite some unpleasant weather, the flights were fairly smooth.

The funeral for Charles Redinger was held in Laverne on Sat. He was a relative of the Woolleys here. Attending were the Woolley families of Walter, Paul, Cary and Joe, also Tina and George Rex.

Friends of Bruce Sheets are encouraged by the good report he received on his final check-up with his doctor in Amarillo last week. He is still recovering from an accident and surgery occurring nearly a year ago.

Nina and Del Taylor of Lakin, Ks. accompanied the Sheets to Amarillo.

Vera Beth Thompson of Friona visited for a couple of days with her mother, Mrs. Sada Hoskins the early part of the week. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law Vaughn Ann Hodges and two daughters of Burleson, Tx.

They came by Amarillo where they met Jenifred Hester, and her mother, Winifred, of Texline, and were so pleased with the good progress that she has made and is now out of the hospital.

It will be remembered that Jenifred was in a dreadful automobile accident in Columbia, South America.

The members of the Book Review Club, on Tues. evening, thoroughly enjoyed the humorous review of the book "Window over the Sink". The book was written by Peggy Bracken and ably reviewed by Elsie Andrus of Borger.

The group met in the home of Mrs. Sada Hoskins, and the review was preceded by dinner.

Members present were Joe Copeland, Jane Meek, Helen Etter, Carrie Marie Berry, Louise Holt, Freda Sheets, Athalie Trayler, Altha Kirk and the hostess.

Many in the community are very pleased to note the progress being made in the north part of the Hansford Cemetery. The drives and alleys are being opened, underground electric lines being laid, and water piped to that section of the cemetery.

All those interested in the Hansford cemetery are indeed indebted to Trustees Ray Phelps and Freeman Barkley. The cemetery is not owned nor maintained by the county.

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Doubles tennis team takes eighth place at tourney

The Spearman boys doubles team of Carl Urban and Alan Beeson suffered an opening round loss at the Pampa tournament held this past weekend and had to settle for eighth place despite winning their next three outings.

The Spearman duo fell in split sets in the opener to a Perryton doubles team, 6-3, 4-6 and 2-6.

They came back in the next round to eliminate Stratford, 3-6, 6-4 and 6-1, then dumped Borger, 7-5 and 6-2.

In their final match of the tournament, Urban and Beeson downed a doubles team from Pampa for the eighth place finish, 6-2 and 6-3.

In other boys doubles action, Mac Sheppard and Chris Porter fell in straight sets, 0-6 and 0-6, to a Perryton team, then lost by the same count to a Pampa pair. In their final game, they bowed out, 0-6 and 1-6 to another Pampa double team.

Boys singles saw Tim Woolley fall to a Perryton player, 1-6 and 1-6 in the opener. He came back to play a tight game against Matt Collum of Pampa, but lost there in a tie-breaker, 6-7, and 4-6.

He split sets in his last game against a Dalhart singles player, for his lone win of the meet, 6-1,

4-6 and 6-1.

In girls singles, Cam Butts fell to Perryton's Christi Freeman, 2-6 and 1-6 in the opener. In the second game, she fell on the short end of 4-6, 0-6 match against Borger's Dusty Jordan.

In her final match of the evening, Sheri Hoots of Canadian won over Butts, with scores of 1-6 and 2-6.

Anna Hutchison opened against Jobi Conner of Perryton, losing there in straight sets, 0-6 and 0-6. Against Tippi Coates, also of Perryton, Hutchison was edged out, 3-6 and 6-7. In her final game of the tourney, she fell to Robin Benzer of Dalhart, 3-6 and 1-6.

Girls doubles play saw Ginger Pearson and Jan Crawford score the only opening round win for Spearman as they claimed a 6-3, 6-1 win over a Pampa doubles team.

They lost their next match, however, to a Perryton crew, 4-6 and 4-6. In their final game, they bowed out to a pair from Stratford, 2-6 and 0-6.

Jennifer Reimer and Carrie Schnieder fell to a Dalhart doubles team in the opener, 3-6 and 2-6, lost their second match to Borger, 1-6 and 2-6 and bowed out in the final match to Stratford, 4-6 and 6-7.

Club News

RHO RHO
By Tammy Benton

Rho Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its 541st meeting on March 24th, in the home of Kristi Ramon.

The president reported that Founder's Day would be April 28 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Rho Rho is charge of food with the help of Gamma Gamma. The social chairman reported that Ladies night out is March 28, 28.

Rho Rho's members Easter Egg hunt is Friday at noon at the swimming pool park.

Denise and Tina read the new elections rules before the elections for new officers began. The president is Tina Wilmeth, 1st vice president is Barbara Townsen, 2nd vice president is Pat Cudd, Recording secretary is Janie Kunselman, Corresponding Secretary is Denise Donnell, Treasurer is Elaine Morris and Extension Officer is Brenda Winegarner.

Rho Rho voted on Program of the Year, Girl of the Year, and Chairwoman of the Year.

The next meeting is April 14 with Michelle as host and a program by Tammy.

Members present; Joyce Vanderburg, Kristi Ramon, Tammy Benton, Donna Murray, Leslie Cazares, Beth Raper, Tina Wilmeth, Becky Beedy, Paula Butler, Denise Donnell, Leann Gillaspie, Denise Harbour, Michelle Mahanay, Marsha Murphy, Holly Simpson, Barbara Townsen, Pat Cudd, Stephanie Crossland, Janie Kunselman, Elaine Morris, Jan Williamson and Brenda Winegarner.

New exercise classes at 'Y'

A new exercise class will begin next week at the Hansford and vicinity Y with Linda Butt, instructor.

The classess will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

The class will consist of low impact exercises -- in other words, no running, jogging or jumping.

To sign up for the class, contact the Hansford Y.

Deadline for TEAMS exams set for April 12

Spearman high school students who have not previously passed a section or sections of the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills -- TEAMS -- exit level test, but have met all other graduation requirements may re-take the sections not passed, announces Ken Friemel, SHS principal.

Registration packets for the TEAMS exam may be picked up at the counselor's office at Spearman high school.

Forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope no later than Tuesday, April 12.

Father of Spearman woman dies in Enid

Funeral services for Bill Watts, 59, father of Letha Brooks of Spearman, were held Friday afternoon at the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Taylor, officiating.

Additional services were held Sunday afternoon at the Tanner-Aulds Funeral Home Chapel in Iowa Park. Burial was in Highland Cemetery at Iowa Park.

Mr. Watts died Thursday. He was born in Illinois Bend, attended schools in the Iowa Park school district.

He was married to Louisa Williams in 1949 at Iowa Park. In 1961 he moved to Perryton where he was a self-employed welder.

In 1969 he was employed at Tri-Plains International as foreman of the welding shop in Pampa. In 1976 he went to work for Les Phillips in Colorado.

He was transferred to Enid in 1979. He was shop foreman for Enid Mack Trucks until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Teresa Bundy of Enid and Letha Brooks of Spearman; three brothers, Cobel and Jackie, both of Wichita Falls and Jimmy of Colorado Springs;

Four sisters, Oletha Boles of San Antonio, June Whitaker and Rita Pasarilo, both of Wichita Falls and Ava Lee Beggs of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services held for Guy Gore

Funeral services for Guy Gore, 71 -- brother of Jewell Renner of Spearman -- were held Monday at the Christian Church in Boise City, Ok.

Mr. Gore died Thursday in Amarillo. Burial was in Boise City Cemetery by Cimarron Mortuary.

He was born in Frederick, Ok. He was married to Dorothy Jo Thomason in 1937 at Texhoma Ok. He was involved in farming and was a custom harvester.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Alice Gann of Guymon; nine brothers Mike Gorer of Dalhart, Ray and Jack Gore, both of Stratford;

Howard Gore of Sunday, Leroy Gore of Deer Park, Bill Gore of Boise City, Jerry and Bobby Gore, both of Texhoma and Perry Gore of Guymon;

Six sisters, Pauline Hobgood of Dumas, Jewell Renner of Spearman, Lucille Bishop of Twin Falls, Idaho, Mary Lou Farmer of Guymon and Olla Mae Rhotden and Alimena Huddelston, both of Texhoma;

Two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Hospital Report

Patients in the hospital are Jennifer Delacruz, Betty Davis, Raymon Tonips, Shelia Stevens, Larry Dunn, Billy Miller, Todd Martin, Zella Porter, Lillian Tuck, A.D. Tuck and Buster Schott.

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NEIGHBORS

public.

Friday evening Athalie and Joe Traylor hosted that semi-pro golf retirement group. Enjoying the refreshments and reminiscences were the Bruce Sheets, Enzie Copelands, Elmon Jacobs, Woodrow Fulkersons and Lee Keys.

Confessions and profound observations enlivened the evening. The men admitted that when they were neglecting their wives to play golf, they were putting the course before the heart !!!

An old mystery was solved the reason Bruce always wore two pair of trousers to the links--he always expected to get a hole in one--'nuf said'---

CARD OF THANKS

Many, many thanks to the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department for the excellent job they did in extinguishing the fire in our back yards. Thanks also to the police department and a big thank you for their assistance and a big thank you to the person that reported the fire.

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