

Manor empty stocking fund helps elderly

A \$100 gift from the Spearman Study Club pushed the Manor Empty Stocking Fund over the \$1,700 mark this week as contributions to the special Christmas Gifting program continue to come in.

The total now stands at \$1,710 with only a few days remaining before the Christmas holidays. Money from the Manor fund will go to brighten what would otherwise be an empty day for some Hansford Manor Nursing Home residents.

Without the generosity of Hansford county residents, the Christmas holidays would be somewhat bleak for those residents whose budgets or lack of relatives would leave the tree bare on Christmas day.

But there will be gifts under the tree again this year and those gifts will continue throughout the year as the Manor Fund buys needed items for those residents who could not afford these items themselves.

Mostly the gifts will be comprised of items such as leg warmers, lap blankets and bibs.

Even such simple things as a new pair of shoes or a comfortable

pair of slippers will brighten some resident's Christmas this season.

Donations to the Hansford Manor Empty Stocking Fund are also tax deductible and may be made as a memorial gift.

Those who wish their donations to be anonymous should state so when making their donation.

Donations may be made to either Carol Hergert or Jody Harnish at the Hansford Manor or may be mailed to the Manor at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

Previous Balance: \$1,475.00
Spearman Study Club \$100.00
Mary Ellis Gibner \$50.00
Anonymous \$20.00
Mary Fern Terry \$15.00
James and Faye

Cunningham \$50.00
Current Balance: \$1,710.00

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Community gifts grace holidays



The generosity of Hansford county is being chronicled this Christmas season as the two major Christmas funds -- Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 and the Manor Empty Stocking Fund -- continue to receive contributions this week.

The two funds are being featured in every edition of the Spearman Reporter, Hansford Plainsman and Gruver Statesman through the Christmas season as a community project of the three county newspapers.

The funds themselves are being administered by the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and the Hansford Manor, respectively. The Auxiliary uses the fund to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for the hospital and nursing home while the Empty Stocking Fund is used to buy necessary items for the benefit of residents themselves during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

Both funds have proven a popular way for county residents to say "Merry Christmas" and to warm the hearts of those elderly souls in the nursing home who would otherwise go without Christmas gifts this year.

And, it's a special opportunity for the community newspapers to return and reward the efforts of those who work so diligently to help provide the behind-the-scenes effort at the hospital and nursing home.

Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 and the Manor Empty Stocking Fund -- a special opportunity and a unique way to say "Merry Christmas" this holiday season.

Operation Christmas Greeting 1987

It's a unique way to express oneself at Christmas time -- by donating that money which would normally be spent on Christmas Cards and postage to Operation Christmas Greeting 1987, an event which benefits the Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor Nursing Home.

The only fund raising effort of the year for the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary, an all-volunteer group, Operation Christmas Greeting is now in its 12th season.

Hansford county residents have been generous in their gifting this season with some 80 individuals and businesses sending money to the special fund in lieu of cards.

Money from the fund will serve a two-fold purpose. It will allow the Hospital Auxiliary to purchase needed items for both the hospital and nursing home facilities and, it frees budgeted money from the hospital district for other uses.

Over the years, the Hospital Auxiliary has purchased such items as a crash cart, a plasma freezer and a heart monitor for the hospital.

In addition, such necessary items as labor room lights, dishes for the kitchen and operating room lights have also been purchased.

It's a special way of saying "Merry Christmas" to friends and acquaintances in Hansford county. And, it's a gift that keeps on giving over the years.

As always, those donating to Operation Christmas Greeting extend their best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Donations to Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, Box 225, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

2 Lynxettes make All State listings

Krista Kirkland and Hailey Shieldknight have received All State honors this week with the two girls making the Texas Track Cross County All State listings.

Kirkland was named to the All State ranks after placing seventh in the state class AA cross country meet in November. She also was third at the regional meet and won the district 1-AA meet held in Spearman.

Shieldknight was named as honorable mention All State for her efforts for the Lynxettes cross country team this year.

The Spearman girl ran for 13th place in the prestigious state cross country meet and helped pace the Lynxettes to their strong state finish.

The Spearman Lynxettes cross country team won district with the best possible score, placed second in the regional class AA meet in Lubbock, then went on to take bronze at Georgetown in the state meet.

Supper to highlight cage opener

A Mexican "Pile-On" supper will be a feature item of pre-game activities prior to the start of the district 1-AA basketball tip off between Spearman and Highland Park Friday evening as mothers of the Spearman Lynx serve up the special dishes.

The meal will be served in the Spearman junior high cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. before the game. Tickets will be \$4 for ages 6 and above and \$2 for children under 6-years old.

The menu will consist of frites, rice, meat sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, pacante, coconut, olives and pecans with partakers "piling-on" to their tastes.

Live nativity church feature

A live manger scene, replete with full costume, animals and scenery will be staged on the front lawn of the First Christian Church next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

This is the fifth year for the special presentation by the Spearman church and the special live performance of the nativity will be set up on the corner of Bernice and First Streets from 7 to 8 p.m. each night.

"People can enjoy the love, joy and peace which accompanies His coming into our world from the comfort of their car," notes pastor Mike Wolfe of the First Christian Church. "They can experience the wonder of that first Christmas."



KRISTA KIRKLAND
... ALL STATE



HAILEY SHIELDKNIGHT
... HONORABLE MENTION

In basketball games played at Shamrock ...

Lynx, Lynxettes capture cage tournaments

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes came away with the top trophies from the Shamrock Invitational Basketball tournament this past week as both teams claimed the tourney crowns in the 3-day, double elimination contests.

For the Lynxettes it was the second tournament crown of the still-young season. They won the Dumas Invitational Tournament the week before in Dumas.

The Spearman girls have taken off to a strong start in 1987 as they now own a 10-0 pre-district record.

The Lynx have collected a 6-4 season mark and have won their last four games in a row. Their four losses have been by a combined total of only 11 points.

The Lynx opened the tournament with a 50-30 win over Childress, then followed that with a 60-33 shellacking of Clarendon.

They polished off their tourna-

ment trophy with a finals win over Vernon, a class AAAA school in a closely fought 48-45 contest.

The Lynxettes opened tournament play with a 57-31 win over Childress, then followed that with a 45-29 drubbing of Wheeler.

The Spearman girls captured their second tournament title of the season by downing Canadian in the finals, 40-31.

High point for the Lynxettes in the Canadian contest was Krista Kirkland with 15 points. Heather Murrell also gained the double figure column with 10 points on the evening.

Against Childress, Kirkland also was high scorer with 16 while Londee Bradley joined the double column ranks with 12 of her own.

Kirkland and Bradley also combined to pace Lynxette scoring against Wheeler. Kirkland had 14 and Bradley turned in a 12-point

performance.

Tim Wooley paced the Lynx in their win over Clarendon with 17 points. Also in double figures was Kevin Nelson with 12.

In the Vernon game, Carl Urban hit for 14 points while Brett Davis came in with 11 to aid the Lynx cause.

Both the Lynx and Lynxettes will open district 1-AA play this Friday against the Highland Park Hornets.

A full evening of junior varsity and varsity games will tip off at 5 p.m. with girls junior varsity action.

That will be followed by the boys JV game with the girls varsity clash following. After the conclusion of the Lynxette-Lady Hornet match up, the Lynx will take on the Hornets in the first 1-AA game of the season.

Artic blast rips Hansford county ...

Snow totals up to 15-inches

A winter snow storm dumped 15 inches of white powder, closed schools across the Panhandle area and in Hansford County, forced numerous cancellations and otherwise wreaked havoc with a normally busy Christmas holiday season.

The snow began early Sunday morning and fell through Monday evening with the 15-inches accumulating over the 2-day period. The wet snow accounted for .53 inch of precipitation, reports Dwayne Smith, at the Hansford reporting station, KRDF-FM in Spearman.

Drifting snow created small problems in both Gruver and Spearman but roads were kept clear across the county by both state and county road crews.

Law enforcement officers in both Spearman and Gruver reported no accidents despite slick city streets.

And Hansford County sheriff, R.L. McFarlin, noted no serious problems on highways within the

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HIGH WINDS AND 15-INCHES OF SNOW had cattle across Hansford County huddled together for warmth as a winter storm literally bottled up most residents all day Sunday and Monday. An overnight

low of -2 degrees and a high Tuesday of 30 left most of the snow on the ground as road crews worked around the clock to clear county roads and highways. STAFF PHOTO BY KIRBY McADAMS

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GIRLS GAMES

SPEARMAN	14	31	40	57
CHILDRESS	7	17	19	31
Sp--Krista Kirkland, 16; Londee Bradley, 12; Heather Murrell, 9; Vonda Benson, 7; Lisa Cazarez, 6; Margie Evans, 2; Jennifer Turner, 3; Ginger Pearson, 2.				
SPEARMAN	16	25	31	45
WHEELER	9	16	23	29
Sp--Kirkland, 14; Bradley, 12; Cazarez, 6; Benson, 3; Pearson, 4; Kim Kenkins, 2; Turner, 2.				
SPEARMAN	11	19	33	40
CANADIAN	2	12	24	31
Sp--Kirkland, 15; Murrell, 10; Cazarez, 8; Bradley, 6; Pearson, 1.				

BOYS GAMES

SPEARMAN	16	33	43	60
CLARENDON	7	15	19	33
Sp--Keith Benson, 4; Kevin Nelson, 12; Carl Urban, 9; Tim Wooley, 17; Brett Davis, 8; Carson Womble, 3; Matt Tucker, 3.				

SPEARMAN 18 24 38 48
VERNON 10 31 37 45

Sp--Urban, 14; Wooley, 8; Nelson, 2; Davis, 11; Benson, 9; Pat Shields, 2; Womble, 2.



Beat Demonettes in finals, 32-25...

Lynxettes claim Dumas tourney

The Spearman Lynxett downed three teams in a row, including the district 1-AAAA Dumas Demonettes, enroute to their first tournament title of the 1987-88 basketball season in Dumas.

The Lynxettes put together wins over Childress, Wheeler and Dumas as they collected the Dumas Invitational Basketball Tournament championship.

Earlier they also defeated Channing in a non-tournament, non-conference clash in Channing.

Spearman girls fashioned a 49-36 win over Channing as they showed their intent early, taking a 17-7 first-quarter lead.

Top ranked 1-AA squads in opener

The two top ranked teams will be featured in the opening round of district 1-AA girls and boys basketball action Friday night in Spearman as the Lynx and Lynxettes take on the Highland Part Hornets in the Spearman junior high gym.

The Lynxettes are pre-season favorites to take the girls 1-AA crown while the boys odds-on favorite are the Hornets according to pre-season prognosticators.

The full evening of district 1-AA action will begin at 5 p.m. with junior varsity play. The girls JV will open the evening and will be followed by the boys junior varsity clash.

The varsity Lynxettes will take on the Lady Hornets immediately following the boys junior varsity contest.

And the Lynx will test the mettle of the Hornets at the conclusion of the girls game.

The Lady Eagles came back strong in the second frame, however, to test the Lynxettes, but Spearman held on to take a 5-point halftime advantage into the lockers with a 24-19 score.

Following intermission, the Lynxettes opened their offense and tightened their defense, popping the nets for the 16 points while allowing Channing only four to put the third-quarter tally at 40-23.

The Lynxettes then coasted through the final frame to take the win, 49-36, over the Channing counterparts.

In the Dumas tournament, the Spearman girls plowed through Childress, opening up with a 14-7 lead in the first frame.

They added 17 more points in the second quarter while Childress could muster only 10 to put the halftime mark at 31-17, Spearman.

By the end of the third frame, the Lynxettes held a 40-19 advantage and the rout was on. Spearman added 17 fourth quarter points while Childress answered with 10 of their own to put the final at 57-29 for the Lynxettes.

Against Channing, Krista Kirkland popped the nets for 22 points while Londee Bradley claimed the double figure column with 14.

In the Childress game, Kirkland paced Spearman with 16 points and Bradley had 12, the only two girls in double figures.

Next the Lynxettes met Wheeler and the result was much the same as the Spearman girls overpowered their cager counterparts, opening with a strong first quarter and jumping out to a 16-9 lead.

By halftime, the Lynxettes held an 11-point advantage, 25-16, and maintained a 31-22 lead going into the final eight minutes of play.

There the Lynxettes added 14 points while holding Wheeler to only seven, giving Spearman the win, 45-29.

Kirkland and Bradley again teamed up to pace the Spearman scoring effort there with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Facing their toughest opponent to date, the Spearman girls fashioned a strong defensive effort to capture the tournament title from host Dumas in the tourney finals.

The closely fought defensive struggle was underlined in the opening stanza where Spearman was able to fashion a slim 2-point edge, 6-4.

But the Lynxettes managed to out-defense and out-score the Demonettes in the second period, hitting for eight points while allowing Dumas only two to put the halftime score at 14-6.

Second half action began almost

as fierce with Dumas finally getting on the scoring end of the ledger. But the Lynxettes still managed to hit for 10 points while the Demonettes could muster only eight.

Going into the final quarter of play, Spearman held a 24-14 advantage.

Dumas did manage to outscore the Lynxettes in the final period, but it proved far too little and far too late as the 1-AAAA girls bowed out to the rampaging Lynxettes, 32-25.

Kirkland hit for 16 points and Bradley turned in a 12-point effort to pace the Lynxettes scoring

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DUMAS	4	6	14	25
Sp-Kirkland,	16;	Bradley,	12.	



THE COUNTY'S BIGGEST FLOCKED TREE was provided courtesy of Mother Nature this week in Spearman when this fir was covered with both a coat and a cap of snow during the winter storm which blew through Hansford county. The snow forced numerous cancellations and closings for businesses and government offices alike.

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SNOW

"We had a truck that couldn't make it up Old Hansford," he reports. "And we had a report of a cattle truck blocking the road near the Hitchland community, but otherwise things were pretty quiet."

There were a few reports of cattle on the highway around the county, most getting over fences due to drifting snow.

Mail service out of Amarillo was hampered by the 2-day winter blast. Normally two trucks run through the county daily. One truck was 12 hours late and the second truck never made the trip.

What little mail there was made city post office boxes, but carrier delivery in Spearman did not run Monday since no mail was brought to the city until 4:30 that afternoon.

Many Hansford County businesses were closed Monday and cancellations and postponements were rampant.

Temperatures hit a record low of -2 degrees early Tuesday morning and county residents were not expected to be treated to above freezing temperatures again until Thursday afternoon.

Ice remained thick on city streets Wednesday while highways were beginning to slow melt from packed snow and ice.

Highways across the Texas Panhandle were passable late Wednesday, but law enforcement officials still urged caution, especially after dark when the melt would freeze again, leaving highways patchy with ice.

A city council meeting scheduled for Monday evening in Spearman was postponed until 2 p.m. Wednesday and basketball games for both Gruver and Spearman varsities were called off Tuesday evening.

The snow presented a mixed blessing for the Hansford County agri-industry with much needed moisture for farmers but leaving cattlemen facing a loss of cattle and weight through the combination of snow and bitterly cold temperatures.

"I haven't heard of any cattle being lost, but it's going to be tough keeping the cattle on feed right now," he observes. "I know of some cattlemen who had just gotten in their cattle right before the snow and that's going to hurt there, too."

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Regular exercise programs are available through special Y classes ranging from a variety of two and 3-day schedules from early morning through early evening.

An early riser class is held Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 6:15 those mornings and is taught by Beth Raper.

Kathye Archer has a class beginning at 8:20 a.m. those same days while Wanda Archer has a 4:30 p.m. class Monday-Wednesday-Friday. All these classes are for women only.

Co-ed classes for men and women are held Wednesday and Friday as well as Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Both are taught by Wanda Archer.

The co-ed classes feature rubber band work for legs, buttocks, hips and arms and the Tuesday-Thursday classes have a 20-minute weight lifting segment.

Classes are \$10 per month with a Y membership.

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nothing

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1987

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

A marriage ceremony of interest was that of Helen Dry and Frank Yancey on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

It was held in the home of Nell and James Cummings with Justice of Peace, J.P. Vernon, officiating.

Guests were the daughter of the bride, Pam Barber, her children Shayla and Dusty and Mrs. J.P. Vernon.

The couple spent a few days in Amarillo and visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Cummings in Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Dry in Panhandle.

Mr. Yancey is the owner of the National Hard-facing Company and she is the Hansford County Tax Collector.

They will reside at 403 Bernice.

Those noting the media coverage of the tragic death last week of the wife of the Lubbock High School coach learned that the coach is a nephew of Mrs. James Cunningham.

The unusual accident occurred in some manner when her car backed over her. Their three children, ages 4, 3 and 1 were in the car and it is surmised that buckling in two of them, she had stepped outside to buckle the 3rd child and the car was put into reverse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cunningham of Dumas, attended the funeral services in Lubbock last Thursday. The interment was in Woodward, Okla.

Betty and Larry Evans with Wendy visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Randall. The Evans are now living in Midland, having moved from Casper, Wyo. in September.

That thin man, with the cheery Santa Claus expression, is Woodrow Gibner. A pre-Christmas gift for him and Lois is the fact that he brought her home from High Plains Hospital last Friday. She had been seriously ill in I.C.U. for seven weeks.

Her cousin, Lucile Miller of Houston, will be with them here for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Wilma Lackey celebrated her birthday all last week at any

rate she spent last week in Amarillo in the home of her daughter -- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Russell, and she did have a birthday during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Porter returned the latter part of the week after a couple of days with his brother, Frank, who is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Oklahoma City.

Frank has been quite ill for some time and it was expected that he would undergo surgery on Monday of this week. Frank is a former band instructor for Spearman Schools. He is now retired and he and his wife, Freda, live in Chandler, Ok.

Mrs. Alta Morse is a new resident of Hansford Manor. She had moved to Lewisville, Colo. and intended to make her home there with her daughter. However her health deteriorated to the point it was considered wise for her to live here at the Manor. Her daughter, Pat Hamilton, moved her in last Thursday.

Joanna Jarvis enjoyed having some pheasant hunting friends and relatives for dinner Saturday evening.

Her guests were Doug Reed, Stanley Aylor and Casey of Stinnett;

Larry Reed of Amarillo; Chris Taylor and Bob Jarvis.

It was the first company dinner Joanna has hosted in her new home.

Floyd Dry considers that there is no way he could be loser last week when he was in Las Vegas five days. He attended the National Finals Rodeo and took in all the sights, courtesy of the Borger Elks Club. A year ago Floyd won their raffle and decided to use it at this time. His son, Danny Dry, of Borger went with him.

Mrs. Ora Lee Blackburn, gracious hostess that she is, found her hospitality somewhat extended by the snow storm.

Her son, Eddie Lee, of Houston had flown up with a group of his associates for a day of pheasant hunting. Some flew here in private

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planes and others into Amarillo commercially. Mrs. Blackburn had 25 for lunch Sunday. The Terry Butts also shared in hosting them. They were able to leave on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pendergraft are grateful to the members of the highway crews as they would have been stranded in the storm on Sunday if the roads had not been opened.

The Pendergrafts were returning from Ulysses, Kan. and ran into the storm about Tyrone, Ok. and by the time they turned from the highway to their home in the country, it was quite hazardous.

They went to Tyrone Friday, picked up Mrs. Lillian Ottaway and went on to Ulysses and were guests of Mrs. Vera Gray. On Saturday they were joined by Mr. and Mr. John Parkers and all went to Garden City. They attended the dinner of the Wheat Belt Good Sam Group. The Pendergrafts and Mrs. Ottaway returned on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harbour are enjoying the calm after the storm almost as much as they enjoyed the weekend with their guests here for the pheasant hunting.

Those spending the weekend in the Harbour's home were Chaney Wood, Jane Risley, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Risley, Clarendon;

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rolf, Irving; Jim Massey, Dallas; Ted Harbour, Rockwall; and Pat McAlister, Perryton.

The hunting results were good, and the hunters reached their homes safely, though some were delayed at the Amarillo Airport.

9th Lynxettes

bow out of

Dumas tourney

A pair of Dumas teams combined to knock the Spearman frosh Lynxettes out of the Dumas junior high tournament this past week in games played there.

In the opening rounds, Spearman girls fell on the short end of a 49-33 encounter against Dumas Orange, then edged out Fritch, 36-35, to gain the consolation finals.

In that game, a Dumas White squad proved unrelenting as they downed their Spearman guests, 49-33.

High point in the Dumas Orange contest for Spearman was Bonnie Thompson with 13 points.

Cindy Melton hit for 13 points and Cam Butts added 11 to gain double figures against Fritch.

In the consolation finals, Butts paced the frosh Lynxettes with 12 points while Thompson popped the nets for 10.

The Spearman freshmen Lynxettes now own a 2-3 season record.

DUMAS 18 33 43 49
SPEARMAN 4 12 25 33

Sp-Bonnie Thompson, 13; Marcy Womble, 9; Cindy Melton, 4; Cam Butts, 2; Hailey Shieldknight, 2.

FRITCH 4 10 22 35
SPEARMAN 4 14 24 36

sp-Melton, 13; Butts, 11; Thompson, 7; Womble, 4.

DUMAS 15 23 36 44
SPEARMAN 6 19 27 35

Sp-Butts, 12; Shieldknight, 4; Thompson, 10; Melton, 9.

Hospital Report

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Irene Brown, Elizabeth Balderama, Wilma Reese, Joy Henderson, Joe Trayler, Melvin Ross, Lawrence Dossett, and Silas Dozier.

Patients dismissed from the Hansford Hospital were Myrna Biggers, Tom Collier, Dorothy Haner, and Evelyn Burch.

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Boys Ranch drive to help boys

The annual drive to provide new suits and clothing for the 398 young residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is still in progress.

The gift of a new suit or a clothing package through the Christmas Suit Fund is something a boy will remember throughout the year. The suits, or needed clothing such as jackets, trousers and shirts, replace those that have been worn out or outgrown. In many cases, these are the first new suits some boys have ever known.

The purchase of new clothing for the boys has become a favorite way of Christmas giving among those who contribute \$50. for this purpose. Special discounts by merchants and differences in clothing

prices for younger and older boys make the average cost of \$50. possible. Gifts of any amount are also necessary to ensure the Ranch's goal of providing for every youngster.

Boys Ranch president Roy E. Turner said, "The challenge of outfitting so many boys is tremendous, and so we are fortunate to have people who continue to share whatever they can at Christmas time." Mr. Turner added that boys ages four through 18 are now shopping for the clothes of their desires.

Contributions to the Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

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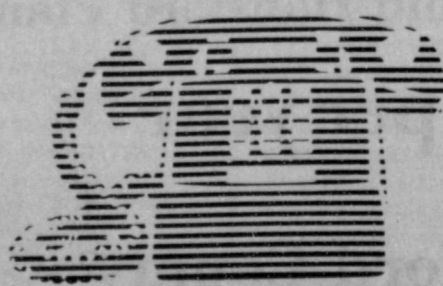
Here's how you'll save with CLASSIC SERVICE ...

NO SERVICE CALL CHARGES

Without CLASSIC SERVICE, if you have a problem with your phone service, and a GTE service call is needed to locate the trouble, you will be charged for the visit if the problem turns out to be in your wiring, jacks, or telephone instrument.

With CLASSIC SERVICE, there is no service call charge during normal working hours.

GTE CLASSIC SERVICE



NO REPAIR COSTS

With CLASSIC SERVICE there is no additional charge for repair or replacement of inside wiring and jacks*. If you elect not to subscribe to CLASSIC SERVICE and need inside wiring or jack repairs, you have three options:

- As a full-service telephone company, GTE will be happy to make the repairs. But under the new FCC ruling, if you have not subscribed to CLASSIC SERVICE, you will be charged.

- Or, you contract with a third party for repairs, but rates and qualifications vary widely.

- Or, you can make the repairs yourself, but you'll have to supply your own materials. With CLASSIC SERVICE, there is no service call charge. No repair charge. No worry. That's why we call it "CLASSIC."

HERE'S WHAT CLASSIC SERVICE COVERS ...

- Service call charges
- Identification of the problem.
- Repair or replacement of inside wiring and jacks.

Like anything else, your telephone wiring can deteriorate with age and exposure to air and humidity. CLASSIC SERVICE covers this damage, as well as damage caused by natural disasters such as floods or lightning.

*Coverage does not include ...

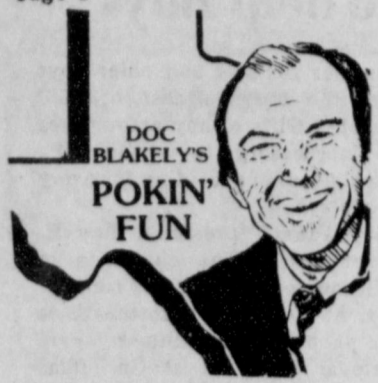
- Willful damage
- Damage due to negligence
- Telephone instrument repair

AND NOW, NO SIGN-UP CHARGE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1988.

Whatever problems you may encounter with your phone service, we urge you to call GTE first, even if you don't have CLASSIC SERVICE, because in many cases we can correct the problem from "our end." But if the problem does turn out to be inside your premises, won't it be nice to have CLASSIC SERVICE protection?

Sign up for CLASSIC SERVICE before JANUARY 1, 1988 and avoid a sign-up charge.

GTE General Telephone



8th Lynx win Gruver basketball tourney title

The Spearman eighth grade Lynx claimed the Gruver tournament title while their seventh grade cohorts captured the consolation trophy at the Gruver junior high basketball tournament held last week in Gruver.

The seventh grade Lynx now stand 2-5 on the season while the eighth grade Lynx lay claim on a 6-2 start.

In the tournament opener against Stratford, the Spearman seventh grade boys fell on the short end of a 13-5 defensive struggle.

They showed their defensive might again when they downed West Texas consolidated in the consolation finals, 14-2.

On the eighth grade side of the ledger, the Lynx popped Sunray, 27-22, in opening rounds of junior high tournament play in Gruver.

Then they came back to defeat host Gruver in the finals, 28-24, to claim the tournament title trophy.

SEVENTH GRADE				
SPEARMAN	3	3	3	5
STRATFORD	2	6	9	13

include St. Nick in this country and Father Christmas in Europe. On a reservation in Arizona, they even have a character known as Nava-Ho-Ho-Ho.

Two guys went out looking for a perfect Christmas tree in a large forest. Carrying a heavy chainsaw, they searched until almost dark. Finally, one of them said, "Lights or no lights, I'm gonna cut the next tree."

Our tree is a big one this year. It almost reaches as high as the junk mail.

We were going to decorate the tree with money, but we ran out of scotch tape and pennies.

Maybe the Scriptures say it best: "And a little child shall lead them." This kid told me, "Christmas is a time when you get presents you asked for but if you asked for everything you don't deserve nothin'."

Sp--Russell Shaver, 2; Cody Pipkin, 3.
SPEARMAN 3 5 9 14
WEST TEXAS 2 2 2 2
Sp--Wes Dyess, 5; Mike Hager, 2; Shaver, 2; Justin Boyd, 1; Clint townsen, 2; Roland Arnold, 2.
EIGHTH GRADE
SPEARMAN 8 12 22 27
SUNRAY 7 11 19 22
Sp--Brian Beck, 5; Darren Hawkins, 2; Chris Strawn, 2; Tim Kizziar, 12.
SPEARMAN 9 11 20 28
GRUVER 6 14 20 24
Sp--Beck, 6; Hawkins, 4; Strawn, 2; Kizziar, 8; Dallas Trosper, 6; Kris Kelp, 2.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I hope you like this letter. This is from Rachael Rogers and I want to tell you that this has been a wonderful day!

I can't wait to see you.

My birthday is on Christmas Day. I will be 4 years old. For my birthday I want a Barbie doll. Will you get that or should I have Mom and Dad get that?

For Christmas I want a Playskool talk and play and some tapes and books for it, some roller skates and a Popple.

I love you, Santa Clause, and I want to give you a big hug and kiss.

Love,
Rachael Rogers

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy, and I won't a Bike, Scooter, and some trucks. See you at Christmas.

T.J. Vasquez

Dear Jesus

Don't let Santa Claus get sick. So he can walk on Christmas. Because I love him. Mommy Loves him I love him. Don't let him get sick.

Ruth Ann Fleming

Cantata is Christmas feature item

A Christmas cantata will be performed by the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir during morning worship services this Sunday.

Worship services at the Spearman church begin at 11 a.m. The title of the musical is "One Night In Bethlehem".

Narrator for the presentation will be Wilma Clark with a solo by Linda Butt.

"I believe this will be a very special Christmas service," notes director Betty Womble.

The public is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.



Dear Santa,

I love You! I hope you come to see me at Christmas. I'm two years old.

I would like some roller skates, a football and helmet, guns and holster and a tape player, so I won't have to use Mom's all the time.

Love,
Reid Rogers

Dear Santa,

I want a jam-box, and a train for my brother Quinten and a baby doll for my sister Colbee. Merry Christmas Santa.

Dustin Cudd

Dear Santa,

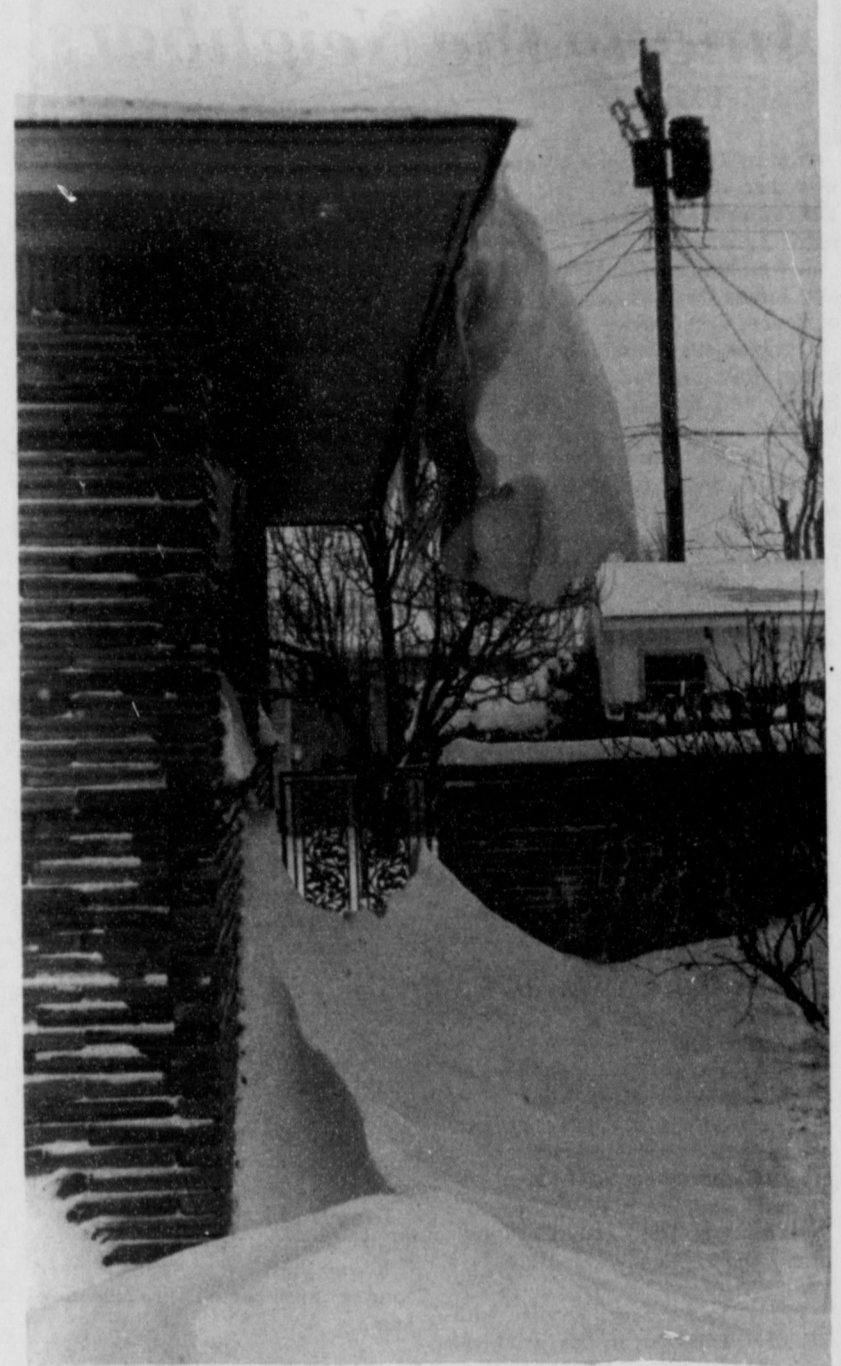
My name is Marcus Vasquez and I'm 1 year old and I won't a Big Wheel, and I won't a bunch of trucks. I won't some snow Boot's Too.

Marcus Vasquez

Dear Santa,

My name is Eric Vasquez and I won't a Bike, a Truck, and some Snow Boot so I can build a Big Snowman.

Eric Vasquez



DEFYING THE LAW OF GRAVITY . . . snow "beards" such as this one hung off more than one Spearman roof following a winter snow storm which dumped 15-inches of the white powder across the Pan-handl area Sunday and Monday.



The covered wagon was first built by the German farmers of Pennsylvania.

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SPEARMAN'S WINTER WONDERLAND became a recreation park for snowmobiles -- the 1980's answer to the one-horse sleigh. Here, Britt Savage drives sister Amanda around through the snow while, in the background, comes another load of winter snow lovers.

Veterans Questions & Answers

Services set Friday for Dewey Hart

Q -- For training by correspondence under the Montgomery GI Bill, how much will the participant be reimbursed?

A -- Reimbursement will be for 55 percent of the approved established charges for the course.

Q -- I am a service-connected veteran rated at 10 percent. My service-connected condition has worsened. Can I be reevaluated for an increase of my percentage of disability?

A -- yes. You should submit a written request to the VA along with any medical evidence you have to substantiate the claim.

Q -- I am a Vietnam veteran and I am rated 10 percent for a service-connected disability. Am I subject to the eligibility assessment procedures for VA medical care?

A -- No. The following veterans are exempt from the eligibility assessment procedures service-connected veterans former prisoners of war; veterans exposed to certain herbicides while serving in Vietnam and to ionizing radiation in connection with atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons and in the occupation of Hiroshima and

Funeral services for Dewey "Dude" W. Hart, 89, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Perryton Full Gospel Church.

Mr. Hart died Sunday in Amarillo following a short illness. He was born near Mankato, Kan. in 1898 and moved to Waka in 1926 and to Spearman in 1942.

He was married to Nordica Clack in 1952 at Clovis, N. Mex. Mr. Hart had been a Perryton resident since 1954.

He worked for Perryton Equity Exchange from 1926 to 1965. He retired as assistant manager and grain buyer.

He was a member of the Full Gospel Church and was a Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Hart also worked extensively with youth baseball.

Survivors include his wife of Perryton; a son, Wilbert, of Lubbock; a sister, Verda Allen of Stillwater, Ok.; four grandchildren and six great-granddaughters.

Interment will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Nagaski; veterans receiving a VA pension; veterans of World War I, the Spanish-American War and the Mexican Border period; and veterans eligible for Medicaid.

Funeral services held for Don Schumann

Funeral services for Don Schumann, 71, were held Wednesday in the Spearman Church of Christ with the Rev. John Scott, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Schumann died Friday. Burial was at Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Schumann was born at Correctionville, Iowa. He was married to Mary Hawn in 1946 at Muleshoe.

He moved to Spearman in 1966 from Lazbuddie. He was a retired farmer and an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Craig Donald and Victor Schumann, both of Spearman; two daughters, Marsha Pipkin and Michele Beedy, both of Spearman;

A brother, Gordon of Bakersfield, Ca.; a sister, Norma Schneider of San Diego, Ca; 11 grandchildren.

Rodgers gets degree

Tommy D. Rodgers of Morse will be among 328 West Texas State University students who receive degrees today (Thursday) at commencement exercises for the university.

The commencement will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium in Amarillo.

Sen. Ray Farabee, a state senator representing the 30th Senatorial District which is composed of 30 west and north Texas counties, will deliver the commencement address.

Rodgers will be receiving his Master's degree in History from the Canyon state university.

Following the commencement address, WTSU officials will confer degrees upon 44 master's and 284 baccalaureate candidates.

The graduates represent four countries, 15 states and 72 Texas cities and towns.

FFA auction set Saturday

Three tandem axle trailers will be auctioned off to the highest bidder in a special fund raising project of the Gruver FFA Chapter. The auction will be held in conjunction with the annual FFA Pheasant Dinner at noon Saturday.

The special dinner will be held in the Ag Building on the Gruver school campus.

Highest bidder will receive first choice of the 16-foot long, 7-foot wide, 7,000-pound capacity utility trailers which were built in a joint effort of the Ag 4 and Ag Mechanics classes at GHS.

The three trailers were constructed by Charlie Parrish, Slavin Sparks, Brian Payne, Dale Red, Clint Venneman;

Justin Harris, Joe Lopez, Ty Seagler, Pepe Marquez, Chris Morris, Clay Hobbs, Jacobo Moreno, Allen Taylor and George DeSantiago.

Prospective buyers may inspect the trailers any day this week through sale time Saturday.

Club News

RHO RHO SORORITY

Rho Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its 535th meeting one day last week.

The social chairman reported that all sororities would be invited to the New Years Eve party at Verlin Hagerman's barn and the members could invite a guest. There would be a \$10 fee per couple. It's a bring your own food and BYOB. Committees are wanted to help set up and clean up.

The ways and means chairman reported that Santa calling deadline is Dec. 16.

The service chairman reported that Rho Rho had chosen there family to sponsor for Christmas.

This was Rho Rho's Christmas party. Secret sisters exchanged gifts and each member drew for the ornament exchange.

Members present were Joyce Vanderburg, Kristi Ramon, Tammy Benton, Donna Murray, Leslie Cazares, Beth Raper, Tina Wilmeth, Peggy Archer, Denise Donnell, Denise Harbour;

Michelle Mahanay, Marsha Murphy, Holly Simpson, Peggy Varnon, Pat Cudd, Stephanie Crossland, Janie Kunselman, Elaine Morris, Brenda Winegarner and Samme Goehring.

THE GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Betty Davis last week.

After a meal and gift exchange, President Mike Hergert called the business meeting to order.

The club voted to divide \$400. of their proceeds from "The Country Store", among the following: Empty Stocking Fund at Hansford Manor, Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts, Station Master's House Museum, the Hide Out and to Cricket Giles.

The 1987 flower winners are: Home grown - Judy Martin, Borrowed - June Jackson, Pot plant - Fay Holt, and specimen - Myra Berner.

Outgoing president Mike Hergert installed the new officers for 1988 with Ann Flowers, incoming president, lighting the candle and the other officers lighting from hers as follows: Vice-president - Myra Berner, secretary - Dorothy Haner, treasurer - Kathleen Sutton and historian - Margaret Evans;

Flower chairman - Mike Hergert, project chairman - June Jackson.

Mike had a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments. Each member selected an ornament as a gift from her.

Others attending were Baker, Brown, Cummings, Flowers, Head, E. Jackson, Kunselman, Larson, and the hostess Betty Davis.



According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the job classification with the most openings likely between now and 1990 is that of computer service technician.

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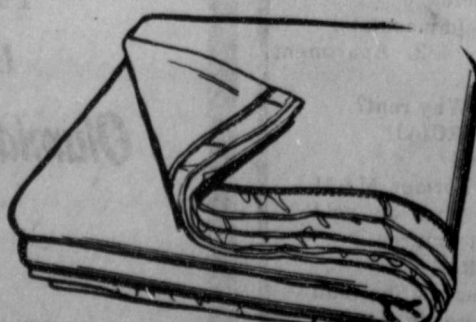
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