



## Lynx show promise for '87 season

The Spearman Lynx coaching crew got their first good look at their young charges up against some outside competition at Shattuck this past Friday evening and the encounter left Don Mullins and company pleased, if not content, with the 1987 edition of the Spearman gridiron machine.

"Our offense is a lot further along than it was at this time last year," notes the Spearman head coach. "We installed a new defense this year and the kids didn't feel like they accomplished much against Shattuck, but after review-

for this time of the year.

Meanwhile, the Lynx have moved from a 2-a-day conditioning drills to regular daily workouts as they begin concentrating in the areas which showed up weak in last week's scrimmage.

This week, the Lynx will go to Booker to take on the Kiowas of district 1-A in their final scrimmage of pre-season.

The scrimmage will begin at 7 p.m. with junior varsity scrimmage. The varsity scrimmage is expected to begin shortly after 8 o'clock.

ing the game film, they really did alright."

The Lynx defense is moving from a split 6 defense to a 5-3 defense in 1987 -- a defense which keys around the middle linebacker position.

Meanwhile, Mullins continues to be complimentary of his young charges as they prepare for the kickoff of the 1987 football season which is just over one week away.

"This was the best scrimmage I've had as a coach in the last three or four years," declares Mullins. "Overall, we didn't look that bad

## REPORT

faces of mothers across Hansford county as the first day of school looms ever nearer.

The moans and groans are from the teachers -- er, ah, students, who will be trading what seems to be an all too short summer vacation for the school desk, pens and papers of the upcoming school year.

It seems that few of us fully appreciate what an education can mean until we're in a position where it appears likely, if not impossible, to do anything about it.

Encourage your children this school year to be the best they can be. I'm not saying help them with their homework.

I tried that one year. It was a disaster. My son swore off ever asking me for help again. Claimed he wanted to graduate.

I do remember the first computer I ever bought, though. I had taken it home, unboxed it and had it plugged in and ready to operate.

In my hand I had a manual some five inches thick. As I was struggling through the table of contents, my then 11-year old son came up and said, "Here, Dad, let me show you."

With that, he proceeded to write a simple program computer basic. Then he showed me a few other neat little things he'd learned in his sixth grade class. I put my five inch manual down and wept.

Being determined that no 11-year old child would outdo me on the computer, I sat down and went through that manual. Since then I've been through several others. I am now adept at basic, but then I learned that the language was only one of many and not nearly as powerful as Pachel or Cobol or some of the others.

That's alright. I've learned basic. I can buy the others.

Our final thought: 'Tis not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do! -- Robert Browning, Saul.

the city mayor as to the reason for his dissenting vote. "Let's fix it where it'll work better." Councilmembers agreed to look

## CHIEF

ator -- the new term for Civil Defense -- where he is in charge of the many different emergency volunteer groups within the city who would come to play in the event of a disaster.

Those situations include tornadoes, winter storms, hazardous material accidents and nuclear war.

"I enjoy the work and the challenges it presents," the Spearman police chief states. "I enjoy working with our community and it gives me the opportunity to help people who need my help."

Raper, meanwhile, continues to handle the 10-member city law enforcement department with a capable hand.

He has four patrol officers, five dispatchers and an animal control officer who reports to him and works with the patrol officers in investigating felonies committed in the city.

Being a police chief in a community the size of Spearman carries some additional responsibilities as well. Not only does he handle the administrative work, but he also fills in on patrol duties when the need arises.

And being chief of police isn't exactly a nine to five proposition. It requires a special dedication, one which Raper readily brings to the job.

He and his wife, Beth, are familiar faces to residents in Spearman and both have been busy with school work in addition to their regular jobs.

Joe is working toward higher certification within law enforcement while Beth -- a secretary with a Spearman accounting firm -- is attending PSU in Goodwell, working toward an accounting degree.

The couple has made a solid contribution to the community they've decided to call home. And it's proven a mutual benefit to both.

into the cost of restoring the T-hangars with special bi-fold doors and instructed city manager Jim Murray to contact the Amarillo company for an estimate of their costs.

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## City awards hospitalization bid

The Spearman city council heard requests from a pair of groups which requested continuing financial aid from the city government's revenue sharing funds in a special public hearing Tuesday evening at Spearman city hall.

Both the Hansford Museum board and the Spearman senior citizen's group were on hand to request financial help from the city

for programs the two groups sponsor.

While federal revenue sharing funds have been discontinued from Washington, the city of Spearman found itself with \$8,247 in fund money and interest left over from prior years.

City officials expressed their gratitude to both organizations for their efforts in the community and

promised consideration of their requests in upcoming budget hearings.

In other action, city councilmen voted to accept a bid from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas for the city's group life and health insurance.

City officials elected to accept a bid which pegged the rate for employee and family at \$189.00 per month plus the cost of employee life and accident and dismemberment insurance as well as dependent life insurance.

City mayor Ralph Blodgett received authorization from city councilmembers to proceed with repairs to the Spearman Airport T-hangars which were damaged in a summer thunderstorm.

Estimates for repair of the hangars was \$28,727 from Kelly Wood Company of Amarillo. All but \$200 of that will be paid by the city's insurance carrier.

A lone, dissent vote for authorization of the repairs was voiced by councilmember Wilson McClellan who then asked fellow councilmembers to consider alternate manners of repair which had been discussed earlier by the Spearman city council.

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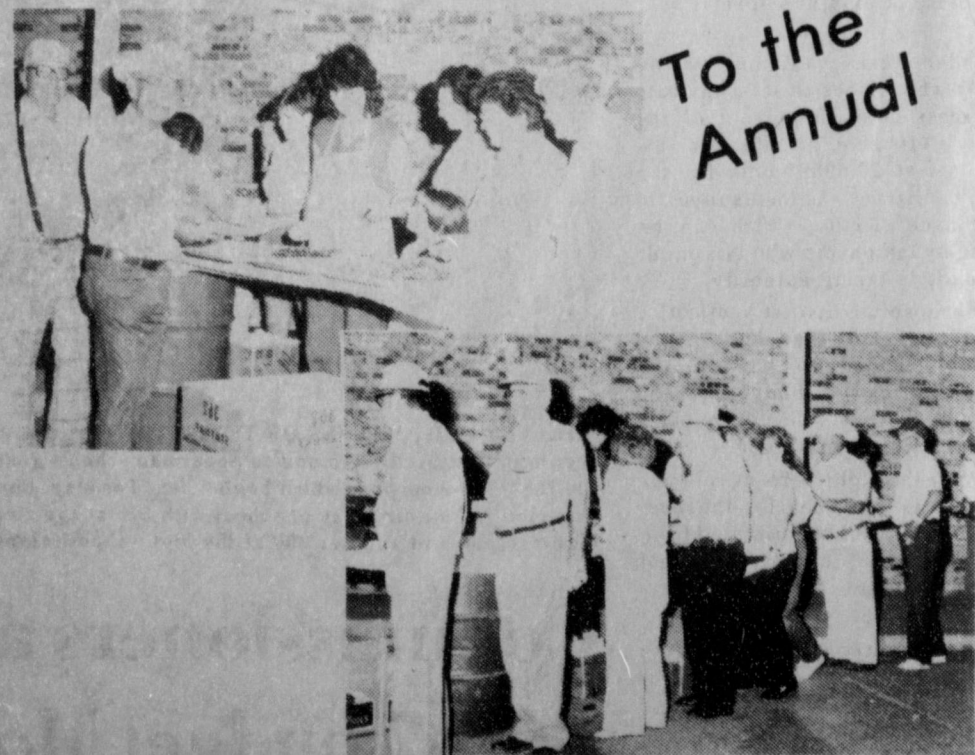
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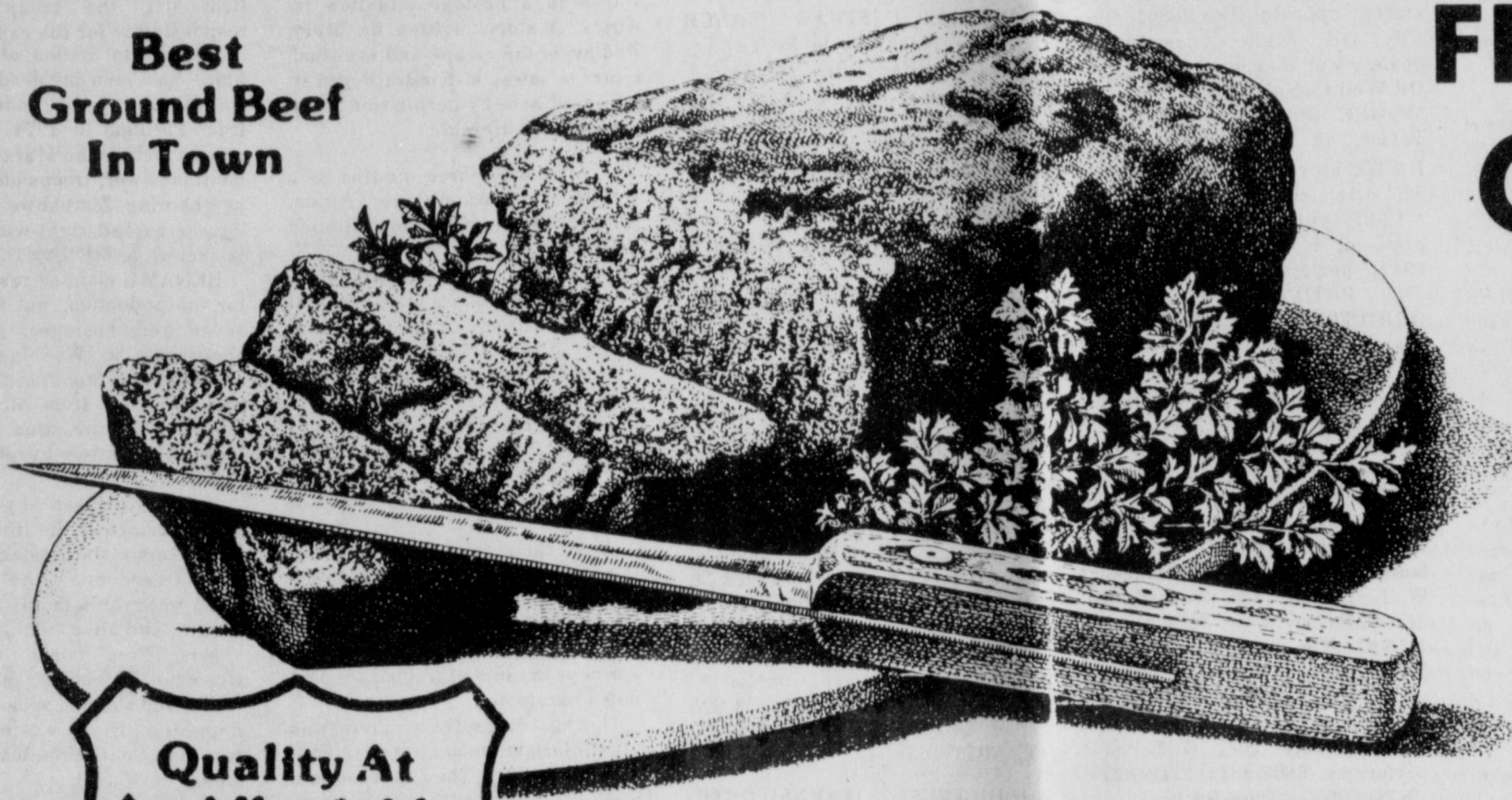
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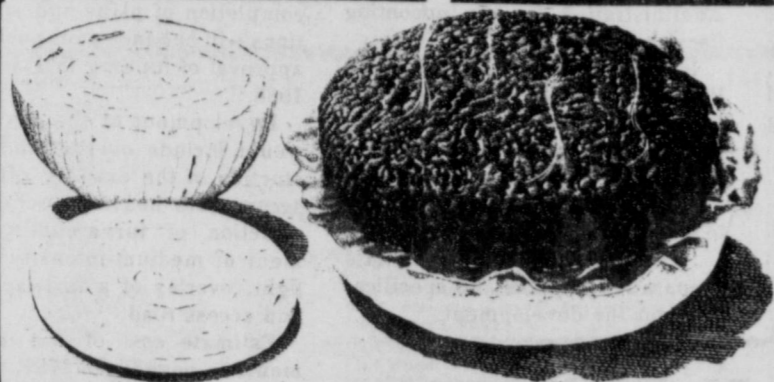
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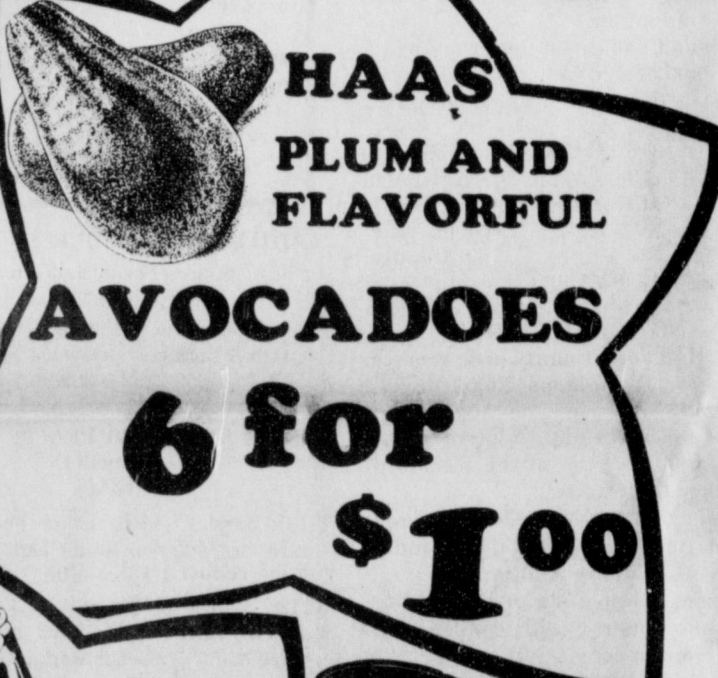
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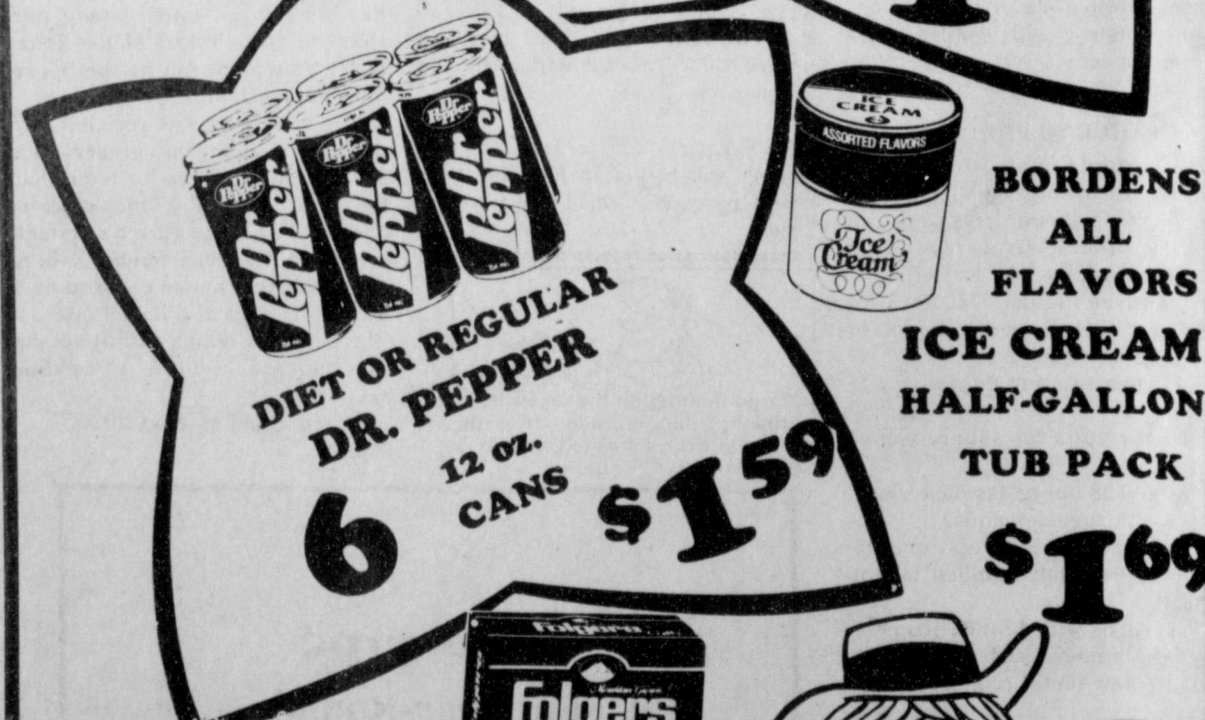
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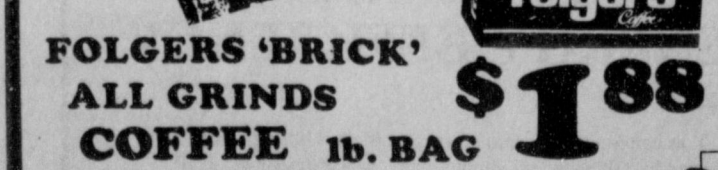
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He had to pay the freight bill to his home in the Mojave Desert. Some Polish immigrants told me of their method of earning a living as painters and roofers. One of the guys had lost an arm in the war so he just sat on a tall ladder with his head sticking through the roof or a skylight. He recited poetry while the others laid the shingles and painted shutters. He had poems long enough to come out even with any size job. On one dramatic, suspense-filled oration, a guy said, "Don't tell more like that. I painted this same shutter three times over."

Some refugees from Cambodia tried farming. After several failures, they hit success raising oriental vegetables for Chinese restaurants. They said they learned the best way to make money farming was by not raising chickens. A Yugoslavian immigrant told me of his early years in America. "We go to Chicago," he told his relatives. "What got to lose but our health?"

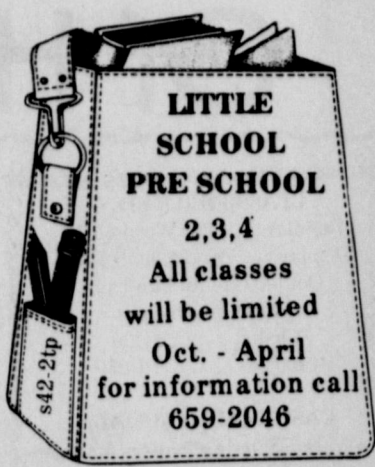
He was in the attic of his old house in the hot summer doing some wiring. His wife was below shoving wire through a hole. It was so hot he was just in his underwear. He fell through a weak spot in the ceiling just as a neighbor lady knocked on the door. Jumping inside an antique grandfather clock bought at an auction, he watched through a crack as the lady was given a tour of the house. Proud of the old clock, his wife announced, "Is signed inside," and threw open the door.

The poor guy knew almost no English so when he was in a tight spot he always said the same thing . . . "I luff you."

"Then what happened?" I asked.

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FUND	BANK BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	BANK BALANCE
JURY GENERAL	14,066.68	2,855.62	196.77	16,725.53
ROAD & BRIDGE, GENERAL	128,987.97	58,408.28	355.50	187,040.75
PRECINCT NO. 1	17,556.11	7,800.55		30,793.16
PRECINCT NO. 2	22,593.29	8,488.87		53,549.05
PRECINCT NO. 3	36,346.61	3,796.40		56,525.13
PRECINCT NO. 4	57,960.81	3,816.68		62,150.01
ROAD & BRIDGE, PRECINCT NO. 1	5,436.50			
NO. 2	22,466.89			
NO. 3	18,384.12			
NO. 4	372.32			
REVENUE SHARING	-0-			-0-

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FUND	BALANCE 5/1/87	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE 7/31/87
JURY GENERAL	10,118.50	16,292.26	12,344.08	14,066.68
ROAD & BRIDGE, GENERAL	115,272.15	287,984.80	269,268.98	128,987.97
PRECINCT NO. 1	38,228.21	99,023.21	114,695.33	17,556.11
PRECINCT NO. 2	48,316.71	118,368.51	144,091.93	22,593.29
PRECINCT NO. 3	42,282.02	130,310.95	138,247.36	36,346.61
PRECINCT NO. 4	45,228.81	117,820.85	105,088.05	57,960.81
ROAD & BRIDGE, PRECINCT NO. 1	11,253.66	50,418.03	56,235.19	5,436.50
NO. 2	4,242.58	33,224.31	15,000.00	22,466.89
NO. 3	2,197.01	30,277.11	14,000.00	18,384.12
NO. 4	151.32	221.20		372.32
REVENUE SHARING	-0-			-0-

HANSFORD COUNTY INVESTMENTS

Fund # 2	50,000.00
Fund # 8	45,000.00
Fund # 9	100,000.00
Fund # 10	90,000.00
Fund # 11	60,000.00
Fund # 12	25,000.00
Fund # 13	15,000.00
Fund # 14	2,000.00
TOTAL	387,000.00

HANSFORD COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS

Fund # 14	30,000.00
Fund # 15	30,000.00

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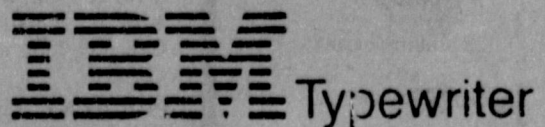
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