

"Gold Dust Twins" share priceless friendship

by Jean Ann Behney

They call themselves the "Gold Dust Twins," and when you see them wearing their matching blue sundresses or glimpse their nearly-

identical cars parked side by side at their adjacent apartments, Spearman residents Jewell Thomas and Fronye Close do seem to make a perfect pair!

The original Gold Dust Twins

were a couple of charming children who graced the box that Gold Dust scrubbing powder came in back in the 20's and 30's. No good housewife was ever without this versatile cleanser in those days, so the little

girls pictured on the container became as familiar as the soap inside that washed the family dishes.

"Friendships begin with liking..." [George Eliot]

Jewell and Fronye explain, chuckling, that they began calling themselves the Gold Dust Twins a few years ago when they became good friends and started going places together. It turned out that the women had much the same taste in fashions, food, furniture and, most significantly, friends.

They came by their identical sundresses a couple of hot summers ago when one admired it on the other and was inspired to buy the same dress for herself. Much to our amusement during a very pleasant interview, Jewell and Fronye had trouble remembering who had the dress first. Laughing, Jewell says, "And it really doesn't matter anyway!" "Why no, it surely doesn't," Fronye agrees.

These good-natured senior citizens met seven years ago when Fronye moved into the apartment next door to Jewell at 5th and Cooke. Jewell recalls vividly the day Fronye arrived. "I just liked her smiling face immediately," she declares warmly. Surprisingly, the women had never met despite having spent most of their lives in this area of the Panhandle.

"From quiet homes and first

beginnings,

Out to the undiscovered ends,

There's nothing worth the wear of winning.

But the laughter and the love of friends." [Hilaire Belloc]

Fronye was born in Wichita Falls in 1908. When she was two years old, her parents, Blanche and Jake Lamb, moved to the Dumas area where they farmed wheat. In 1919, the family moved to a location 12 miles south of Spearman near the Holt School. Growing up, Fronye had several girlfriends, including Lois Ownbey. Later she married Johnny Close. It was a happy union which was to last 45 years. They had two daughters, Elnora and Anita, and a son, Joe Mac. Elnora married Jack Batson and lives in Stinnett and Anita married Jerrell Harris and lives in Olathe, Colo. Joe, who works at Chevrolet in Spearman, is married to Linda Rogers, formerly from Waka. Fronye has ten grandchildren and "sixteen and a half great-grandchildren." She moved into town in 1969 after her husband's death.

Jewell was born to W.S. and Eddie Gore just north of Gruver ("where B.J. Renner farms now") on May 3, 1912. Her parents farmed and ranched, raising horses and cattle, and reared 16 children, of whom she was the third. "There

was always plenty to do, but I had time for friends," she recalls. Two of her friends, both from neighboring farms, were Bernice Shapley and Zona Smith. Jewell married Elba Thomas in 1930. Their courtship followed hard on the heels of what she says, with a blush, was "love at first sight." The couple farmed in Kimball Community, 12 miles northwest of Spearman. Their son, F.W., farms this same land today. After being widowed, Jewell moved to her present apartment in town. She has four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

"I was angry with my friend I told my wrath, my wrath did end." [William Blake]

Jewell and Fronye enjoy reminiscing about their early days as homemakers. Friendship was a key ingredient to their happiness. They claim that they never felt lonely or isolated out on the farm, which they call "the home place." "My husband was my best friend," muses Fronye. "I was very happy all those years. Sure, we had an argument now and then, but the sun never set on it!" Jewell adds, "I could always go to Elba about anything. I treated him like I wanted to be treated, so we always got along." Asked if they ever considered running home to their parents during a marital squabble,

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JEWELL TURNER & FRONYE CLOSE

Ladies' Auxiliary hosts blood drive on March 1

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, Mar. 1. Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will conduct the drive at the Parish Hall of the Spearman Church between 3

and 7 p.m.

The blood center needs to collect 400 pints of blood each week from volunteer donors to meet the needs of sick and injured hospital patients in the 26-county area that the center serves.

PTA hosts

program Feb 27

The Spearman PTA invites parents to attend a self-esteem program on Monday, Feb. 27 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Spearman High School Auditorium.

The program will focus on what the organization feels to be one of parents' most important jobs in raising children, helping them acquire strong self-esteem. The program will feature a film entitled "Mirrors."

City's check

from comptroller

up 6.32%

On Monday, Feb. 13 State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks to Texas cities and counties totaling nearly \$225 million in local sales tax allocations. Spearman received a net payment for the period of \$25,698.07, compared to the \$24,169.58 payment for the same period last year, or a 6.32% increase for the area.

Gruver received a net payment this period of \$6,721.59, compared to \$5,844.88 payment for that period last year. This notes a 15% increase for the period. The average increase for the County of Hansford was 8% for the period.

"The cities alone got a 12 percent increase over last year's checks, and eight percent -- more than a half -- is due to higher sales during the holidays," Bullock said.

Bullock added that about \$670 million was deposited in the state's coffers because of the strong returns, and state lawmakers could put the unexpected extra \$150 million towards planning the 1990-1991 state budget.

"The growth in collections from the broadened tax base has evened out now. That means these increases are a direct result of a stronger economy and greater consumer confidence," Bullock said.

February's checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller's office by Jan. 20. Also included in this month's allocation are sales tax collections reported by quarterly and yearly filers.

Lynxettes lose to Abernathy in heartbreaker

When a group of girls work and fight and sacrifice for a common goal, it's hard for them to under-

stand why things don't work out like they want them to. Especially, when that group of girls are such

fine outstanding young people.

The Lynxettes had to come to the heartbreaking realization that their goal will not be reached this year and it's a difficult realization to accept.

The Spearman Lynxettes were beaten by the Abernathy Antelopes in a hard fought 35-34, Area play-off game, Tuesday night in the Amarillo High Activity Center. The Spearman fans packed the gym to cheer for their girls basketball team but, unfortunately Spearman had to end their season 26-6 for the year.

Pressure defense was demonstrated by both teams the entire game and "Lady Luck" once again was a factor in this extremely close contest, as the quarter scores illustrate.

The first quarter ended with a 12-12 tie. The second quarter ended with Spearman trailing 25-22. The third quarter was cold for both teams and it ended up 27-27. Finally, the game ended with Abernathy hitting a basket in the last two seconds to go ahead of the Lynxettes 35-34. Krista Kirk-

land came close with a mid-court desperation shot in the last second, but the ball wouldn't fall.

Krista Kirkland led all scorers with 21 points and Londee Bradley had 7. Vonda Benson added 4 and Ginger Pearson had 2.

The Lynxettes made 10 of 16 free

throws for the night while Abernathy hit 7 of 9.

Abernathy continues play at the regional tournament in Big Spring Friday.

Thank you Lynxettes for giving Spearman such a fine season. You're the BEST!

Hansford pageant set; entry forms available

"Plans are already underway for the 1989 edition of the Miss Hansford County Scholarship Pageant and entry forms will be available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce beginning Feb. 27," announces Mae Wofford, publicity chairman for the event.

This year's pageant is being headed by Patti Schnell and Cindy Blackman and the event will be held April 22.

There will be five age groups again this year with a Little Miss Hansford open to girls between 4 and 6 years old. The Junior Miss Hansford for those 6 to 9 years old, and Pre-Teen Hansford for ages 9 to 12 years old. Miss Teen for girls 12 to 16. Miss Hansford entries for

girls 17 to 21 years old.

There is a limit of 10 girls for the categories: Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Pre-Teen and Miss Teen. Miss Hansford category is unlimited to the number of entrants. Ages apply as of January 1, 1989.

Each girl who enters will be responsible for their own sponsor. The entry fee will be \$35. for Little Miss, Junior Miss and Pre-Teen. The entry for Miss Teen and Miss Hansford is \$50.

Entry forms must be turned in no later than 5 p.m., March 24. For further information, contact any

Women's Division Chamber member or call the chamber office in Spearman at 659-5555.



All the Lynxettes made an effort to win the Area playoffs, but it was not to be this year.



In front of a large supporting crowd from Spearman, the Lynxettes gave their best shots in vying for the Area win. The Abernathy girls wanted the win too, and edged out the Lynxettes by one point. This shot reflects the effort both teams put forth in Amarillo High Gymnasium Tuesday night, Feb. 22. photo courtesy of Anthony Wilkerson

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Making final preparations before starting their student teaching in Texas are sitting [L to R] Jennifer Treadwell, Judy Park, Beckee Baker, and Brenda Winegarner. Standing, Alta Williams, Kevin Holman, and Ester Mendez.

Three local PSU students begin student teaching

Forty-three Panhandle State University teacher education students will begin their student teaching assignments on Feb. 20, in grade schools and high schools in four states.

Brenda Winegarner, Beckee Baker, and Jennifer Treadwell will be doing their student teaching in Spearman. Winegarner is an elementary education major. Winegarner said, "I'm looking forward to teaching because I feel that it will be a very rewarding and

challenging career."

Beckee Baker, an English major, said, "I chose a career in teaching because I love kids, and I love to be with them and work with them. I believe everyone has gifts, and one of mine is teaching."

Jennifer Treadwell, a business education major, said, "One thing I hope to share with my students is a desire to learn and explore."

The student teachers will teach for twelve weeks and return to PSU on May, 12.

Postmaster warns about mail fraud

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service warned the public about the increasing number of "boiler room" scams that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick. Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson says the bogus companies flood post offices with computerized mailings notifying people "they've won a prize," usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies.

"The operators then follow up with high-pressure telemarketing," Clauson says, "usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges." Clauson says the best way to defend against the scams is to "check out the company and call them back--without giving out your credit card number or any money--and if still suspicious get in touch with a postal inspector through the nearest post office."

Recently a promoter and 12 telephone pitchmen were arrested in the New York City area for misrepresenting the sale of cleaning supplies. Several weeks ago four operators from Seattle, Washington and Las Vegas, Nevada, were arrested for mail and wire fraud for offering prizes as part of a nationwide promotion.

And in Houston, William E. Gardner, 35, operator of International Direct Mail Marketing, Inc., is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud charges. He told those who responded to his mailings to call a Houston area phone number to claim a motorboat and outboard motor, he said worth as much as \$500, as part of a marketing survey. The thousands who responded--by each paying more than \$120 for shipping--received an inflatable raft and motor worth \$40.

Chief Inspector Clauson says, "The telephone boiler rooms have been concentrated in certain areas of the country, but the victims come from all over." If you receive, through the mail, such material as described, or if you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please contact the U.S. Postal Inspector at (806) 762-7821.

Service adds caseworker

Perryton Family Services, a division of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, has a new caseworker on their staff. John O'Nan will fill the caseworker position which covers the Perryton office in Ochiltree County and outpatient counseling in Spearman, Follett and Canadian.

O'Nan will be in Spearman on Tuesdays. The First United Methodist Church offers their building for the use of O'Nan to provide counseling services. His aim is to help prevent and reduce mental health related problems, and provide treatment for emotional problems in children and adults, plus provide supportive services with the case manager of those individuals who are at risk of institutionalization.

O'Nan received a Masters of Science and Social Work in 1967. Since then he has worked at administrative community health positions, assistant director to a children's home, and consultant to nursing homes. He has had experience working with community mental health in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma and Kentucky. He has been married 25-years to wife, Susan and they have two sons, Kevin 18, and Chad 16.

O'Nan will be participating in emergency on-call after hour services and has had extensive background in the service. Anyone interested in discussing an emotional concern or problem may call the Perryton office at 435-3671 and schedule an appointment.

Second chance for Medicare

People who have dropped their Medicare medical insurance coverage or declined it when they were first eligible have another chance to sign up for it now. Between now and March 31, there is an annual open enrollment period to get coverage, which goes into effect July 1.

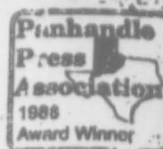
Among the items of improved coverage are regular mammography screenings and increased days of home health care. A cap is set in Medicare-approved charges. In 1990, that cap will be \$1,370. Coverage of out patient prescription drugs will be phased in over 4 year-period, beginning Jan. 1, 1990. In 1990, Medicare will cover home IV therapy and immunosuppressive drugs. Coverage of all other prescription will begin Jan. 1, 1991.

To pay for these services, Medicare medical insurance premiums will be increasing to \$31.90 per month in 1989. In addition all people eligible for hospital insurance will pay an annual supplemental premium based on their income tax liability and collected as part of their income tax. For tax year 1989, the rate will be \$22.50 for each \$150 of income tax liability, up to a maximum of \$800 per person.

Anyone with questions about coverage can call a special toll-free Medicare phone number, 1-800-888-1998. Questions about the supplemental premium should be directed to the Internal Revenue Service. For a free IRS publication, available January 1989, which explains the Supplemental Medicare Premium; call toll-free 1-800-424-3676 and ask for Publication 934.

IRS also has a TELE-TAX service which provides toll free information. Beginning Jan. 2, 1989, you may call 1-800-554-4477 and select topic 223 entitled "Social Security, Tier 1, and Catastrophic Coverage." Questions about the general enrollment period can be answered by calling TOLL-FREE 1-800-2345-SSA.

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Obituary

Mildred Joyce Shieldknight

Mildred Joyce Shieldknight, 66, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 1989. Services were Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman with Rev. Todd Dyess officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery.

Miss Shieldknight was born in Lakeview and had been a lifetime resident of the Spearman area. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Jimmy Shieldknight of Spearman; a sister, Lorraine King of Spearman; and five nieces and nephews.



LOGAN KIP FRY

Amendment action of 1983 to allow one-J.P. Precinct

The Commissioner's Court of Hansford County will consider ordering the County to be served by one Justice of the Peace by designating the entire county to be one Justice and Constable Precinct at its next regular meeting Feb. 27.

Hansford County has been served by one Justice of Peace for many years. A state constitutional amendment was approved by the electorate in 1983 reducing the mandatory number of Justice and Constable Precincts to one (1) in counties of less than 18,000 population.

The Court seeks to implement this Constitutional Amendment by

Birth Announcement

Steven and Tischa Fry of Canyon announce the birth of a baby boy, Logan Kip, born Feb. 10. He weighed eight-pounds, 12-ounces, and was 20-inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearcey of Spearman. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fry of Gruver. And great-grandmother is Mary Virden also of Gruver.

this action.

This action will allow all of the county electorate to vote on the J.P., as well as continue the economic benefits of having a single J.P. Precinct.

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the women look utterly astonished. "That never entered my head," Fronye says firmly after a pause. "Nor mine," Jewell adds quietly. Highlights of the women's homemaking days were quilting parties and farm sales. The community quilting bees, they explain, would last all day. Women would gather, each bringing the piece they had already worked at home, and then two quilts would be completed at the party. A popular, much-prized possession in those times was a friendship quilt, which was pieced together with blocks each woman worked with her signature. Fronye and Jewell still treasure these hand-stitched items. "All the children would be there alongside us," Jewell recalls. "Sometimes they got into a lot of trouble while we mothers were busy sewing and talking." One time, she remembers, the children let out a pen of calves, which sent their mothers out of the house in a hurry.

The farm sales were events that entire families attended. A neighboring farm was the site for these auctions, which Jewell and Fronye compare to combined-family garage sales today. "Except," Fronye points out, "the farm sale was a social event as much as a sale. You brought a picnic and stayed all day." There were many farm sales during the dust bowl days because so many farmers were forced out of business.

These friends have similar tales about the "Dirty Thirties," even though they did not know each other until fifty years later. Their words paint a colorful picture of these very gray days. "We borrowed from the bank to put in a new crop each year and survived on the money from selling cream and chickens," says Fronye. Jewell remembers having to literally shovel the dirt out of the house after the biggest storm. "You couldn't keep it out," she exclaims. "It even came through the keyhole!" Neither woman seems to be recalling the hardship of those lean years, which I mention. Jewell and Fronye exchange a look full of understanding and then they are both smiling. "No, we didn't think of it that way even then," Fronye says. They point out that no one in their families ever went hungry and remind me that when all one's neighbors are in the same predicament, nothing seems so difficult.

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

The automobile and the telephone were invaluable innovations for men and women in the 20's and 30's, particularly for those living far apart from friends and family out on farms. Jewell and Fronye count themselves blessed to have had both car and phones during their homemaking years. They say that knowing a good friend was just a call away, made their most difficult moments easier. "And being able to get to town at the drop of a hat was wonderful," Jewell comments.

These women have brought very similar backgrounds to their friendship fifty years later, so I asked them how they are not alike. The question seems to throw them at first. "Well, we like to garden and we like to go shopping together..." Fronye begins doubtfully. "We've never had a fight," Jewell asserts. "No, that we haven't," says Fronye comfortably. There is a lengthy pause, then Fronye speaks again. "Jewell is the quiet one, and I like to talk!" she says. "That's a difference," Jewell is nodding. "I like to listen," she says softly. "Fronye is a more positive person," Jewell adds.

"But Jewell, you get out more," Fronye interjects. They both nod and turn to me with an expectant look on their bright faces. That's it for the "opposites attract" theory, it seems!

Fronye describes a friend as "someone who would help you in any time of need in any cause...like Jewell!" Jewell describes Fronye as "the kind of person who is loving, kind and very thoughtful of other peoples' feelings...and also fun to be with!" I have noticed throughout the interview that although they have distinct personalities and appearances, these women can and do often finish one another's thoughts when they speak.

**"With rue my heart is laden
For golden friends I had..."**
(Alfred E. Housman)

As we three each pour over Jewell's friendship quilt, the women realize anew how many of the women friends whose hand-stitched names are featured there have died. I ask them how they deal with the loss of a friend. Some of the animation goes out of their faces, but they answer thoughtfully.

"I have this feeling that when your time is here, you are not sad to go," Fronye philosophizes. "So the living shouldn't be sad for the one who died, but for the ones left behind." Jewell is listening intently and then she says, "It hurts quite a bit when a loved one dies. You have to pray a lot and try to keep busy." The loss of that person does not wear off, as people say it will, according to Fronye. "You keep that person in the back of your mind always," she says. Jewell nods. "Elba is always on my mind," she comments.

The only thing either woman will admit wanting to change about her eventful life, given the opportunity, would be to have more time with her husband. Since this isn't possible, they have family and

health as priorities and, of course, their friendships. "I've never met had friends," Jewell declares. "And I could be friends with anybody," chimes in Fronye, "as long as I talked and they talked back!"

A million dollars could not buy a friendship like the one the "Gold Dust Twins" have. It is simply priceless.

"A faithful friend is the medicine of life."
(Holy Bible)



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"I'm a Protestant," he replied, "and I'm not from your parish."

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SALE ENDS FEB. 28

Among the Neighbors

by HELEN FISHER

Eddie Largent attended the christening-baptism rites for her first grandchild on February 12 in Pampa. The ceremony for 6-months old Hannah Hope Haddock was held at St. Mathews Episcopal Church. She is the daughter of Teresa and Michael Haddock. Mrs. Jo Young, mother of Eddie Largent, hosted a family dinner in her home afterward. Other family members attending were Fay and Charles Fleming of Panhandle.

Guests of Mary and Slim Cates over the weekend were their daughter, Sherry and Bill Partridge of Amarillo. They were accompanied by their children, Echelle and Eric. Other guests were Pam and Gary Cates, with Amber and Cary.

Roger and Mrs. Davis, with their daughter, Laurel, spent the weekend here in the home of his mother, Grace and Raymond Kirk. The Davis' are from Oklahoma City where he holds a position with the Oklahoma Forest Service.

Sunday a reception was held in the home of Mrs. Betty Lackey of Borger to mark her 90th birthday. Mrs. Lackey, widow of Willis, lived in the Spearman area for many years.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pendergraft, Mary Fern Terry, Velma Sanders, Edith Womble and her daughter,

Carolyn and Jim Shields and boys; Dora Womble and her children - Jerry Womble, Cindy Womble, Bob and Susie Womble, all of Morse; Jeanie and Hal Bennett of Stratford.

Hosting the reception were Mrs. Lackey's son, Mr. and Mrs. Kester Lackey and her daughter, Bibble and Earl Regan.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lemons attended the funeral of Mrs. Nell Lemons on Saturday at Booker. Mrs. Nell Lemons was a relative of Mrs. Holt and Louise Lemons.

Karon Swink is back at home now recovering from emergency surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital. She estimates it will be six weeks before she can return to her teaching.

During her absence, her mother, Mrs. Leola Blanton took over the reins for her and looked after the children, assisting their father, Travis.

Family members report that Mary Nollner is doing well after knee surgery last week. She is still in St. Anthony's hospital but is expecting to be released in another week.

Hansford Hospital admittances since Thursday are: Robbie McFarlin, Dennis George, Margaret Schoenhals, Ray Converse; from

Gruver- Ralph Reynolds, Amanda Walters, Jerry Swink, Buster Schott; from Borger- Wesley Runders and Marian Snyder.

All the neighbors and friends express sympathy to all the Shield-knight family on the loss of their sister and aunt, Joyce Shield-knight.

Melba and Jack Oakes flew to Riverside, Calif. on Friday. His brother, George, who grew up in Spearman was their host. George is now retired. They returned Monday.

Jim Davis Crawford and his three children, from Edmond, Okla., spent the weekend here in the home of his mother, Joan and Jeff Hawkins. Other relatives enjoying his company were his grandmother, Lucile Crawford and aunt Floydene Gatlin, and he renewed an old friendship with Gary Ellsworth. His brother, Joe Ed, came over from Amarillo on Sunday.

Helen Etter returned Friday from a most interesting trip to California. She joined her brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Betty Richardson at Los Angeles, where, incidently, traces of the very rare snow storm were still visible.

They visited the daughter of the Richardsons at Bakersfield. At Culver City, they watched the taping of the T.V. show "She's the Sheriff." The Richardson's son, Louis, has a role in it under the name of Lou Richards. This episode will be shown on Channel WGN on March 18.

Another highlight of the trip for Helen was touring the fabulous Getty Museum at Santa Monica.

Mills named Director of Texas Chamber

C.O. Mills, vice president of Texas-New Mexico Power Company is starting his term as a Director of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mills is the Northern Division Manager of Texas-New Mexico Power Company. The division is headquartered in Lewisville.

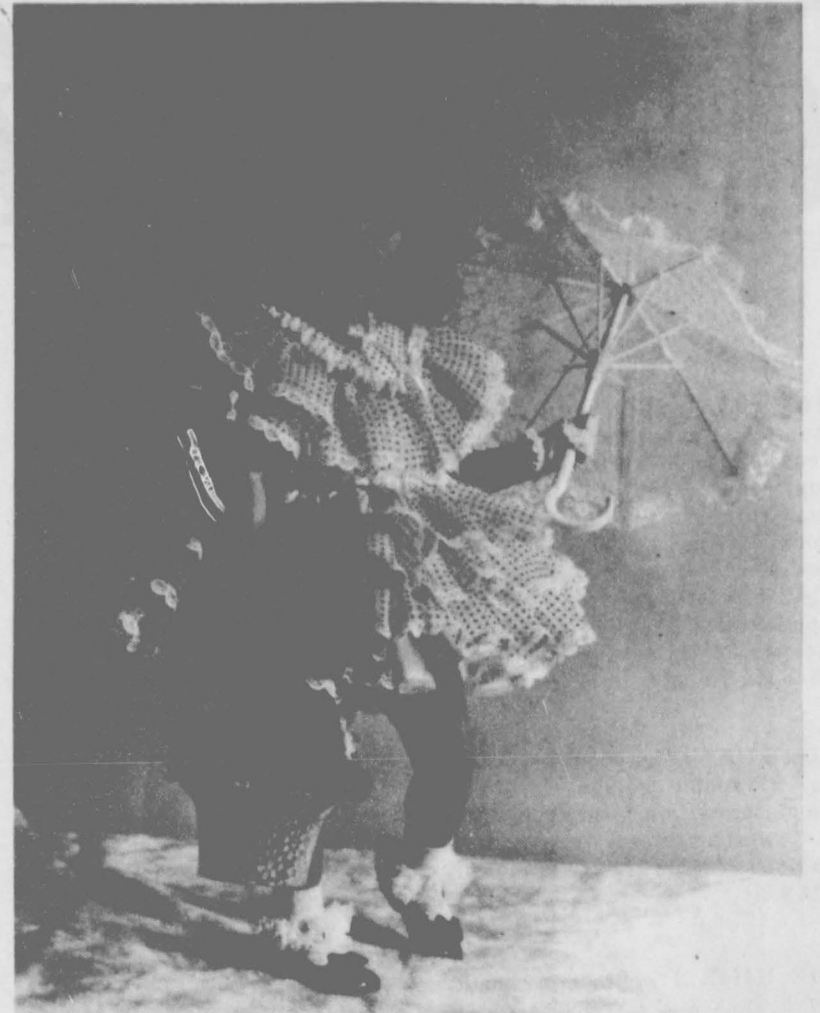
The Texas Chamber was formed a year ago by a merger of the East, South and West Texas Chambers of Commerce. It's the focal point of a network of local chambers of commerce in all parts of the state that represent the business viewpoint at city halls, courthouses and the state capitol in Austin.

Glenn Biggs of San Antonio is the current Chairman of the Board and Larry S. Milner is the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Chamber. Milner is a former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Milner has just announced a telecommunications network linking the local chambers with the state office in Austin.

"We will be able to alert the local chambers of major legislative developments in a matter of minutes enabling them to contact their hometown legislators in a timely manner," Milner said.

The Chamber's emphasis during the 71st Legislature will be on Workers' Compensation Reform, Judicial Reform and Education. The Chamber will also push for funding of several economic development initiatives of the Texas Department of Commerce.



CHRISTEN WHITFORD

Whitford wins "Southern Charm Queen" at Dumas

Christen Whitford, two-year-old daughter of Brett and Brenda Whitford of Spearman, was awarded Southern Charm Queen at a Dumas Beauty Pageant last Saturday, Feb. 18.

Sponsored by Golden Spread Sales Company of Spearman, Little Miss Whitford swept six out of the

entrants from 0 to 21 years. Whitford's honors included winning Southern Charm Queen, Southern Dream, Southern Belle, Best Model, Best Dress, and Best Personality in her age category. Prizes that accompanied the awards included plaques, banners, crowns, a trophy, necklace and pin. Whitford will advance to the state competition in the six categories in which she placed first. The competition will be June 10 at the Fifth Seasons Inn in Amarillo.

World Day of Prayer, March 3

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 150 countries and islands throughout the world as women of many languages, cultures and traditions pray with one another on the first Friday of March each year. This year that date falls of March 3.

The tradition in the United States was started in 1887 and sponsored by Church Women United. It began as a prayer day for missions.

Local church women have planned the March 3 event to be celebrated at the Union Church and begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center with coffee and fellowship and culminate with church services at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Union Church.

About three-quarters of the earth's fresh water is frozen in glaciers and icecaps.

PCO's "The" Youth Event of the year is coming March 23rd & 24th. Look for registration forms at school. 7th thru 12th graders. Hurry!!! \$10 curriculum fee - Limit 100 people.

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