



Danica Mahanay  
Little Miss Hansford

## Meet the candidates Forum set for May 4

The Spearman Classroom Teachers' Association (CTA) announces a "Meet the Candidates" Forum to be conducted Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The purpose of this forum is for voters in Spearman to meet the seven candidates on the election slate for the Spearman Independent School Board. This election will take place on Saturday, May 6 at the high school.

The seven candidates vying for the three school board positions include three incumbents: Tom Latta, Dennis Nelson, and Charles Shieldknight. The four other candidates are: Carolyn Gresset, Linda Jarvis, Randy Kirk and

Craig Schumann. School board members serve a three-year term once elected.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to present his or her platform of ideas at the May 4 "Meet the Candidates" Forum. The Forum is open to the public.

The school board election will follow on May 6. Voters can come to the high school to cast their ballots between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on election day. School board election results will be announced on Radio Station KRDF later that evening after the polls close. Absentee voting can be done in the business office at the high school between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from now until May 2.

## Zoning Board of Adjustment meets tonight at City Hall

City secretary, Cheryl Gibson reports that the Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m.

today (Thursday) in the council chambers of the City Hall at 30 SW Court in Spearman. A public hearing will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

The public hearing will be for the purpose of considering waiving the "minimum side yard setback regulation" for an addition to be constructed on the north side of the single family dwelling on lot 10, Block 12, Glover Terrace, which is street address 1103 Haney.



Michelle Cook  
MISS HANSFORD COUNTY

## Local PTA elects 1988-89 officers

The Spearman PTA held the last meeting of the 1988-89 school year on Monday night at the High School Auditorium. Randy Kirk called the meeting to order and the opening thought was given by Betty Womble. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the treasurers report was given by Lyn Woolley. Pat Cudd passed around a sign-up sheet for refreshments for Teacher Appreciation Week which will be May 7-13.

Betty Womble presented the program on "What About The Children? The Spearman "Just Say No" Club presented skits using favorite nursery rhymes but with a "Just Say No To Drugs" theme. "Humpty Dumpty" was played by Cindy Melton (complete with a balloon stuffed costume) and Heather Baskin was the narrator. The skit also included Leslie Swan, Todd Marshall, Mindy Hetzler, and Jason Genn. "Little Miss Muffett" was played by Staci Gardner and Cory Brown was the spider. It was narrated by Verlin Winegarner. Cindy Melton closed with a poem on drugs written by Joe Woody.

Mary Alice Gibner presented Sandy Rich who took 1st place at U.I.L. oral reading for 5th and 6th

grades, to read from her award winning performance.

Wynette Mullins spoke on the Advanced Pupil Training program. Reports were given by the following students in the APT class. Mollie Blackmon on amphetamines, Mandi Lair on inhalants, Kortney Henton on marijuana and Lyndee Cook on LSD.

Seventh grade APT students Alisha LaRoche and Regina Biggers gave a brief summary on the story of Anne Frank and then put on a skit from the book, complete with costumes.

Jane Henton spoke about the projects the high school art students had been working on during the year and invited those in attendance to view the art displays in the foyer of the school.

The new PTA Officers for 1989-90 were installed. They are as follows: Co-Presidents - Kim and Stephanie Brock, Vice President - Debbie Clements, Secretary - Judy Hutchison, Treasurer - Lyn Woolley, Parliamentarian - Verlin Winegarner and Historian - Carol Dunnihoo.

Randy and Teresa Kirk were presented a gift of appreciation for their two year term as PTA co-presidents.

## SHS athletes compete in Abilene Regionals

Spearman High School will be represented by 31 athletes at Regional Competition in Abilene April 27, 28, and 29. In the Regional Golf competition, 10 SHS students will compete, 15 in track (Shawn Cook is in both tennis and track) and seven students will compete in the Regional Tennis Meet.

The girls' golf team, who took second place at the District Meet qualifying them for Regional competition consists of Marci Womble, Sunshine Smith, Nancy Ivey, Jennifer Turner, and Carly Shieldknight. The boys' team who also took second at District is made up of team members Alan Howell, Keith Clark, Carson Womble, Pat Shields, and Ron Whittington.

Tracksters that will be competing at Regionals include Ron McCown in the high jump, Shawn Cook in the 110 meter high hurdles, the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, pole vault, long jump and as a member of the 400 meter relay team.

Lance Swan and Matt Tucker will be going to compete in the discus and shot put events. Jerold Blain will be running in the 3200 and on the 400 meter relay team. Haskell Garrett and Chris Williamson are the other two members of the 400 meter relay team. The girls competing in Track Regionals are Heather Murrell in the long jump, high jump, 100 meter hurdles, 400 meter dash and as a member of the 1600 meter relay team.

Joy Gafford will be competing in the high jump competition and on the 400 and 800 relay teams. Laci Lasater will compete in the triple jump, 100 meter hurdles and the 400 meter dash and on the 1600 meter relay team.

Krista Kirkland will be in Regional competition in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. The other members of the 1600 meter relay team going to Regionals include Sonya Nitschke and Shannon Holton. The 800 meter relay team other members are Carla Greene, Nitschke, and Suzanne Sanders. The other 400

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Members of local churches gathered together last Sunday to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the new mission the Primera Bautista Mission will be building beginning in June.

## Ceremony held for new Primera Bautista Mission

Members of the Primera Mission Bautista, Spanish Baptist mission that caught fire near Christmas last year and was nearly totally destroyed will soon have a new sanctuary. The groundbreaking ceremony for the mission took place last Sunday, April 23 with pastor of the church Romeo Reyes and many members and guests present for the ceremony.

Texas Baptists Men-Retired Builders will be doing the construction on the mission. They will come in with their recreational vehicles and set-up camp. They are expected to have the work of the 2380 sq. feet building completed in seven to ten days. Local workers are encouraged to come and help with construction.

The mission which is sponsored by the Spearman and Gruver First Baptist Church will be able to seat about 140 people in its new building. The new building will be L-shaped and will have additional classrooms, and a baptistry.

Approximately two-thirds of the necessary funds for the project have been acquired. Donations for the additional costs would be greatly appreciated.

## Kindergarten Roundup today

Spearman Elementary School will be having Pre-School Round-Up for next fall's kindergartners today, Thursday, April 27. All 59 pre-enrolled kindergarten students and their parents are invited to this special day.

Children will spend their Round-Up time in the kindergarten classrooms while their parents attend a meeting with Mr. Gage, elementary principal. This year there will be two Round-Up sessions for the first time. Parents received letters in the mail explaining which session to attend

meter relay team members are Mindy Lasater, Nitschke, and Sanders.

In tennis, Shawn Cook and Slaid Jones will be competing in boys singles. Cook took first place at District and Jones was second. Brandi Schneider will compete in girls singles after winning first place at District. Tamri Townsen and Cam Butts will compete in girls doubles after winning first place in doubles in the District Meet. Jan Crawford and Ginger Pearson took second at the District Meet in girls doubles, also qualifying them for Regionals.

with their child and enclosing a colored name tag the child should wear to Round-Up.

Children who will be morning kindergartners in the fall will attend Round-Up with their parents from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on April 27. Morning kindergartners have birthdays after Dec. 1, 1983. Children who will be afternoon kindergartners next fall, who have birthdays before Dec. 1, 1983, will attend Round-Up from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. that same day.

"We went to the two-session approach this year as the meeting won't be so big and last so long," Gage explained. "The teachers will have fewer children at once in the classroom, too."

The goal of Pre-school Round-Up for prospective kindergartners is to acquaint children with the teachers, classrooms, school building and other personnel such as the principal, school nurse and speech teacher. Paula Butler, kindergarten teacher, said the in-classroom activities will include "reading stories, reciting nursery rhymes and doing some coloring."

Parents of pre-kindergartners will meet personnel and have the

## Mackie attends treasurers' seminar at Texas A & M

Norma Jean Mackie joined some 200 other elected officials for the 17th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar at Texas A&M University, April 17-20.

The seminar provides county treasurers training on a wide range of responsibilities, including investments, cash management, record keeping, reporting and disbursements of county funds. Participation in the seminar applies toward certification as required by state law.

Mackie also received updates on the 71st Legislative Session and new computer software appli-

opportunity to ask questions and express concerns to Gage and other school personnel.

Those attending Round-Up are asked to enter by the Elementary School's Townsend entrance on April 27 and to proceed to the library. Children will be escorted to the kindergarten rooms.

cations for county treasurers.

"County treasurers have the major responsibility for handling and investing county funds," said Mackie. "It's an ever-changing business that requires staying up on the latest in money management and legal requirements for government fiscal accountability."

Concurrent sessions at the seminar provided customized training based on population and government structure of the counties where treasurers serve.

The annual conference is one of the educational programs sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

## Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Charles Newcomb left Monday morning for Monterey Park, Calif. to attend funeral services for Ronnie Helzer, 70, the husband of Charles' sister, the former Marcella Newcomb. Marcella grew up here and finished high school. She is also a niece of Ernest Newcomb.

While Charles is there, he will visit their children and grandchildren. Unfortunately Lola is unable to accompany him.

Richard Kirk of Mission, Tex. is in Spearman for several days visiting in the home of his father Herbert and Altha Kirk. He was enroute to Antonito, Colo. to spend the summer.

He arrived in time to attend the appreciation dinner given for Altha Kirk by members of the United Methodist Church on Sunday. Altha had recently retired after more than 15 years as church office secretary. She had served under six pastors, beginning with Wesley Daniels.

Charles Pat Cates left Monday morning after several days vacation here with relatives and friends. Charles makes his home in Austin where he is associated with the daily newspaper, "The Austin Statesman."

Gene Cudd claims he has a good explanation for anyone noticing that he stands by while Frances does any lifting. He returned Tuesday from High Plains Baptist Hospital where he had undergone back surgery. He is recovering rapidly--doing a great deal of walking, but is still curtailed in lifting and bending.

Dr. Scott and Julie Martin and sons returned to his practice and their home at Littleton, Colo. on Sunday. They were here several days to participate in the Martin-Morris wedding.

Scott was delighted to renew his friendship with his high school

coach, Greg and Mrs. Sherwood who were here for the wedding also. They now live in Lubbock, Tex.

Pam Edwards and children, Abbey and Tony, spent a long weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Grayson. They also visited the Wayman Edwards, parents of her husband. They now live in Sarah, Okla.

Hansford County winners at the Tri State High School Rodeo held at Hereford last weekend were: Clint Patterson - 3rd in calf roping; Clint DeArmond - 8th in team roping with Dwight Thomas; Kelly McCloy - 4th in break-away roping and 8th in barrels; Joel Prall - 6th in calf roping, 5th in ribbon roping.

Since Lake Fryer on Wolf Creek has been dredged and improved, it is a very pleasant place for an outing. Those enjoying the scenery, fishing and swimming over the weekend were Sybil and Billy Miller, Melba and Jack Oakes, and Martha and Orville Latham.

Melanie Kenney spent a long weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Kenney. Melanie was in the wedding of Mary Ann Martin and left on Tuesday. She lives in Euless and is a flight attendant for American Airlines, flying out of DFW all over the U.S.

Gloria and Don Knox spent the weekend in Hart with their son David and his family and in Odessa with their son Danny and his family. It was a belated birthday observance for both sons, whose birthdays were last weekend.

Late word from Robert Driscoll is that he is now in a private room at St. Anthony's Hospital following major lung surgery. It was performed on Friday. He is in Room 282.

Mrs. Driscoll and daughter, Sherril Meek, are staying with him.

Patients admitted to Hansford Hospital since April 19 are: Otho Gammill, Clyde Soapes, Sr., Elmer Adcock, Heidi Stroud, Willie Vasques, all of Gruver; Herbert Kindley, Tulsa; Joe Cotner, Stinnett; Bobby Stover, Skellytown; John Cadra, Perryton; Otto Schaefer, Borger; Minnie Dixon, Morse and from Spearman - Irene Brown, Jamie Sutton, Edward Cantu, Jason Gilley, James Cummings, Michael Covington and Mary Hutton.



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris

## Martin - Morris wed

Mary Ann Martin and Roger Louis Morris III were united in marriage Saturday, April 22 in the First United Methodist Church of Spearman. Dr. Jordan Grooms of Amarillo officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Martin of Spearman. The parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Louis Morris, Jr. of Vega.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Rajan Trafton, sister of the bride of Amarillo. Bridal attendants were Miss Diane Lachmann, Miss Karen Gaither, both of Dallas, and Mrs. Tanya Holloway, sister of the groom of Brenham. They wore formal length gowns of royal blue satin styled with sweetheart necklines and sleeves that formed puffs at the shoulders. The dresses featured a fitted bodice and the waist was accented with a peplum skirt. Bows highlighted the sleeves and the back of the dress. They carried nosegays of fresh spring flowers accented with greenery, baby's breath and ivory ribbon.

Best man was Mr. Brett Stroope of Lubbock. Groomsman were Mr. Brian Taylor of Dalhart, Mr. Joe Gillispie of Lubbock, Dr. Scot Martin, brother of the bride of Littleton, Colo.

Guests were seated by Mr. Kelly Miller, Mr. Brent Knox, both of Lubbock, Mr. Jeff Hatfield of Amarillo, and Mr. Tom Britten of Abilene.

The groom wore black tails, an ivory shirt, and a boutonniere of ivory roses. The rest of the men in the wedding party wore black tuxedos, ivory shirts and ivory mini-rose boutonnieres.

The mother of the bride wore a pink chiffon dress accented with satin. The mother of the groom wore a light blue chiffon dress accented with beads and satin. Their corsages were made of the same flowers as the bridesmaid bouquets.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a formal length gown of ivory satin and lace which featured a sweetheart neckline and short sleeves that formed puffs at the shoulders. The sleeves and fitted bodice were

adorned with lace, iridescent sequins, and beaded pearl drops. The dropped waist flowed to a full satin skirt which swept into a cathedral length train.

Her fingertip-length veil of bridal illusion cascaded from a crown made of lace, iridescent sequins, and pearls. The bride carried a nosegay of ivory roses and gardenias, accented with greenery and ivory ribbon.

Music for the wedding was provided by Mrs. Sheryl Meek, pianist, Mr. Eddie Martin, organist, Mrs. Bonita Reimer, soloist, and Mr. Greg Meek, soloist. Mrs. Reimer sang "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Meek sang "Household of Faith" and "My Tribute."

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's cake was a four tiered Italian creme cake decorated with colorful fruit and flowers made of icing. The groom's cake was cinnamon chocolate and decorated with marzipan fruit.

Mrs. Julie Martin, sister-in-law of the bride of Littleton, Colo. registered guests. Serving in the houseparty were Miss Melanie Kenney of Dallas, Mrs. Briss Mann of Seminole, Mrs. Angie Graves of Perryton, Miss Melody Miller of Amarillo, Mrs. Laura Taylor of Dalhart, Jessica Trafton and Garrett Martin, niece and nephew of the bride handed out rice bags.

After a honeymoon trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Vega.

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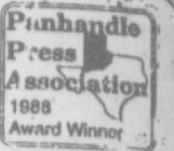
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## Club News

### HANSFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members of the Hansford County Historical Commission met for a brief session in the conference room of John R. Collard, Jr. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint committee members which are as follows: Museum Committee: Jaunita and J.L. Pierce; Helen and Irwin Boyd; Rubyjo and J.D. Wilbanks; Clementine and Gus Renner and Harry Stumpf.

Historical Markers and Research Committee: John R. Collard, Jr.; Johnnie Lee and Joyce Johnson. History Appreciation Committee: G.W. Robinson, Melba Rasor, Jack Oakes, Jennie Blankenship and Jaunita Pierce. Clementine Renner was appointed reporter.

Letters pertaining to these appointments will be sent to absent members. Replacement of the Farwell Marker was discussed. Sylvia Robertson, chairman, reminded all members to bring cookies to the Old Timers Reunion during the Hansford Roundup Days June 1, 2 and 3.

The meeting adjourned with the following present: Sylvia Robertson, John R. Collard, Jr., Rubyjo Wilbanks and Clementine Renner.

### RHO RHO SORORITY

Rho Rho Sorority's meeting was held April 13 in the home of Jan Williamson.

The president, Tina Wilmeth, presided over the business meeting. Roll call was answered, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The group accepted nominations of the "Woman of the Year."

Pat Cudd passed around a sign-up sheet for preparing food for Founder's Day.

Donna Murray mentioned that tickets are on sale for the Hansford Round-up.

The men, who served on the ship "U.S.S. Hansford," will be in Spearman August 19. The sorority will furnish refreshments for them.

The group voted to donate \$100 to the "Just Say No" Club.

Several members will be attending the Opera "Carmen" April 29 at the Amarillo College.

Members present were: Stephanie Crossland, Jan Williamson, LeeAnn Sheets, Laura Dear, Tina Wilmeth, Barbara Townsend, Denise Donnell, Pat Cudd, Kristi Ramon, Donna Murray, Elaine Morris, Leslie Cazares, Janie Kunselman, and honorary member, Mary Lou Wysong.

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DATED the 24 day of April, 1989.

Dorlain I. Ladd  
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Si McCloy



Kristin Beedy  
Junior Miss Hansford

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of the kind people who helped make my 86th birthday such a happy one. A special thanks to Charlotte and Mark Sheets for the gracious birthday meal in their lovely home. Robert Elliot and family and Claude Sheets and family were especially kind to attend the dinner. A sixth grade Sunday School class gave me a wonderful surprise, a lovely birthday card. And thank you to the kind management of J J's Restaurant.

Ernest Newcomb



Cacy McGill  
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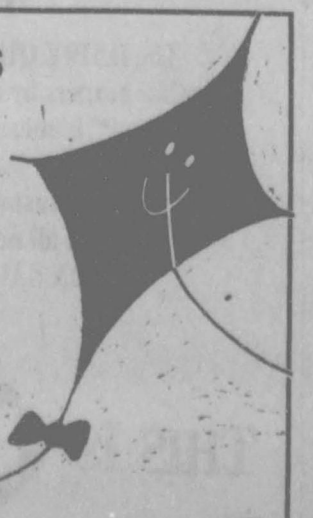
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### Letter to the Editor

The business of the Gus O. Birdwell Estate continues, and, with about one year having passed, it seems appropriate to review its status.

As you remember, Mr. Birdwell's will directed that all of his property, including land, be sold. The will made three cash bequests, required that all debts be paid, and, lastly, left the balance of the cash from these sales to the Spearman Independent School District. Our school district did not inherit any land. It received only the proceeds from the sale of all property, and this only after all debts and cash bequests were paid. In carrying out the terms of the will, the executor is given broad powers in deciding how, when, where and to whom the property will be sold.

Mr. Birdwell purposely did not leave any property to the school district; he required that it be sold. His philosophy concerning these sales was that he preferred financed sales (where the estate, not the school district, finances the sale with notes, taking the land as security for payment) so the school district would not receive all the cash at one time. He was concerned that the district's receipt of a large lump sum might lead to unwise spending. As executor, I have attempted to follow his philosophy, meaning that the school district will receive its money, plus interest over a period of years. I have, however, sold enough property for cash in order to pay the debts and cash bequests.

To date, the cash bequests (\$330,000.00) and the Federal Land Bank loans (over \$100,000.00) have been paid, meaning that more than \$430,000.00 of the cash generated was required to discharge these obligations. Most of the Colorado land has been sold, and, hopefully, the last of it will be sold in the next few weeks.

Even though the will allows the executor to leave the estate open for an extended period of time, I intend to conclude it as soon as reasonably possible. Managing it takes a great deal of time, and, if the property can be reasonably disposed of, there is no reason to

leave it open.

By mid-summer, I expect that the school will have received an additional \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 in cash from the estate. It is difficult to predict the total amount the school district will receive, and premature to speculate. However, I hope that the school district will receive about 1 million dollars, including interest, over the next several years.

Bob Pearson

### Spearman girls win roundball tournament

Pringle-Morse PTA sponsored a Basketball Tournament recently for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. Spearman sent one team for each age group consisting of 15 team members.

The Spearman girls won all three games, taking 1st place. The boys played their first game and won. Then they split them into two teams. One group lost the next two games and they won 3rd place. The other group of boys won their 2nd game, lost their 3rd and went on to receive 2nd place.

The girls participating in the games were: Shauna Poole, Andrea Aldridge, Kara Townsen, Tiffani Burning, Laci Baker, Keisha O'Quinn, Shayla Barber, Crystal Boyd, Macy Shieldknight; Lindsey Smith, Samantha Beasley, Mandy Lusby, Jana Brock and Brooke Trantham.

The girls coaches were Jan Williamson and Barbara Townsen.

The boys team consisted of Blake Beedy, Bill J. Pittman, Jamie Townsen, Jake Howard, Tom Kirk, Heath Archer, Cody Baskin, Clint Faries, Skip Lesly, Eric Varmon, Eric Cudd, Brent Collins, Greg Elliot, Tyler Lair and Kevin Baker.

The shirts, which were required by the rules, were donated by First National Bank, J.L. Brock, Five Star Equipment, Gillaspie Truck and Automotive, Beedy Furniture, Agco & Shieldknights, and Jr. Lusby Cats.

The group expressed appreciation to the businesses who purchased the shirts. They will be taken care of and used again next year.



Mrs. Aurora Vela of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Acevedo of Waka are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Maria and Felix. The couple is planning a July 22 wedding in the Spearman Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m. The prospective groom is employed at Hi-Plains Conoco. The prospective bride will be graduated from Spearman High School this May.

### Auxiliary members meet

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met for a luncheon and business meeting on April 24 at Ivey's Hungry Cowboy.

June Jackson opened the meeting with prayer. Carol Hergert, director of the Hansford Manor Nursing, expressed her thanks for the Auxiliary Volunteer help. Then members of the Auxiliary were presented pins or bars for their service. Francis Cudd, Verna Maupin, Mary Fern Terry and Shawn Thompson were presented pins for 50 hours of service to the Auxiliary.

Seven members of the Hospital Auxiliary were presented bars for 100 hours of volunteer service. They included Maria Aviula, Sharon Barkley, Eva Boyd, Betty Jean Davis, Jo Larson, Buena Lyon and June Jackson.

Those presented bars for 150 hours service were Mary Cornelius, Barbara McClellan, Edith Smith, Mary Fern Terry and Myrt Bohanan. Rosa Lee Butts, Virginia Head and Eddie Largent were presented bars for 200 hours of service to the organization.

Al LaRoche gave the program. He presented slides about Texas Medicaid program. He also asked those present to ask their representatives to vote for the Texas Medicaid program.

Shannon Avery from Coffee Memorial Blood Center was present and asked for the Auxiliary's help in getting more blood donors in this area.

The Auxiliary's Christmas Card Fund was voted to be spent on five

new wheel chairs for the Manor, hand rails for the hospital, new blinds for the hospital, and in a donation to the permanent Memorial Fund.

Barbara McClellan as presiding president installed the 1989-1990 officers for the group: Jo Larson-president, Verna Maupin - 1st vice president, June Jackson - 2nd vice president, Adalyn Barnes - secretary and Peggy Ellsworth - treasurer.

Other members attending the meeting were Grace Johnson, Clementine Renner, Ora Lee Blackburn, Helen Etter, Lorene Kunselman, Dorothy Lusby, Beth Phelps, Gwen Smith, Maylyn Ayres, Elsie Mathews, Hazel Stumpf and Verna Gail Keim. Guests present included Carol Hergert, Alton Ellsworth, Al LaRoche, and Shanna Avery.

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Steve Hunter

on Thursday May 4

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### Dumas man awarded WTSU business honor

A Dumas man, Mark Cunningham, was recognized last week as the 1988-1989 Outstanding MBA graduate of the T. Boone Pickens college of business at West Texas State University.

During the spring convocation of the business school Thursday, Cunningham was presented a plaque in recognition of his achievement.

Cunningham received his master of business administration degree in December, posting a grade point average of 3.91.

Employed by Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing in the pipeline and terminals department, Cunningham earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1981 from Texas Tech University.

The outstanding award at WTSU was presented by Dr. John Dittich, dean of the college.

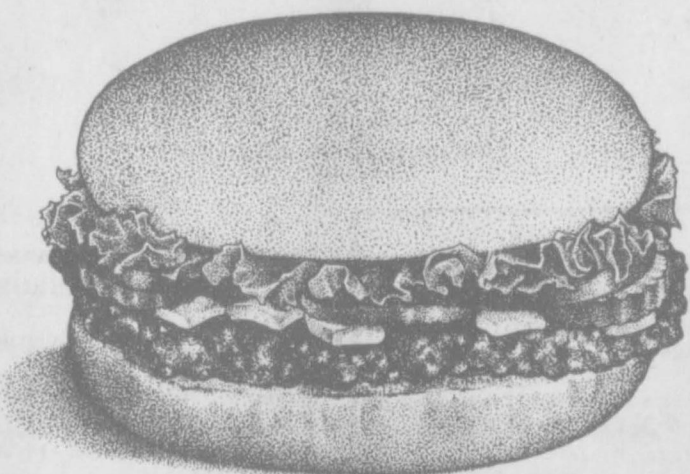
Cunningham and his wife, Suzanne, reside at 612 Floyd with their two children, Regan and Austin. He is a graduate of



MARK CUNNINGHAM award winner

Spearman High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham of Spearman.

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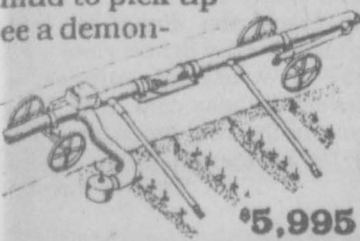


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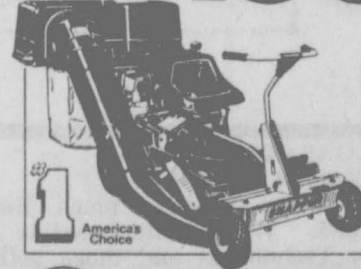
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