

McCullough "recreates" dust bowl with heartfelt oil paintings

by Melyn Johnson

Memories of the "dirty thirties" and "dust bowl days" are embedded in the minds of many people. Photographs by Arthur Rothstein have come to depict this time in the United States history throughout art and literature. The most famous of his pictures was taken on a tour for the government on the Texas/Oklahoma stateline between Dalhart and Boise City.

"Of all Rothstein's assignments, the most memorable to him was his trip to the Oklahoma/Kansas/Texas, Dust Bowl in 1936 to record the phenomena of soil erosion. It was in Cimarron County in the Oklahoma Panhandle that he shot his famous picture of the farmer and his two little boys in a dust storm....Rothstein's picture was originally a photographic record, it became a news picture, then a feature photo, eventually a historic photo, and now a work of art to be found in leading museums." This quote is found in the book, **The Depression Years As Photographed by Arthur Rothstein**, 1978, on page 19.

Rothstein had gone out to photograph the dust bowl for the Resettlement Administration (called the Farm Security Administration in 1937-43) in 1936. His pictures depicted the dust bowl so well that they are in many, many books, articles, and references about the dust bowl area.

His most famous is a black and white shot of Arthur Coble and his two sons Milton and Darrel on their Cimarron County, Okla. farm. Darrel was but three years old when the image was caught. To look at the true photograph makes you feel dirty and dusty. The sand is swirling on the ground and the sky is dark with sand. The father and

his sons are "bucking" the wind in front of one of their barns. Fence posts are 3/4 buried in sand. The sand has been dug away so the shed door will open. And you know by morning they will have to dig again to open the same door.

The family and picture has been featured in (to name only a few books and magazines): Oct. 24, 1961 **Look** magazine, page 40; Nov. 1979 **National Geographic**, page 638-639; Donald Worster's book **Dust Bowl, The Southern Plains in the 1930's**; and in the **World Book Encyclopedia** under "United States, History of the: 1930-1959" for more than a decade; Aug. 1979 **Life** magazine, page 12. The family in the picture has also been featured in two documentaries on television including the **Today** show once in Sept. 1979 and another documentary featured Arthur Rothstein.

This picture has a very personal meaning to Melinda Nobles McCullough of Gruver, Tex. Arthur Coble is her grandfather and Milton and Darrel are her uncles. Arthur Coble, his wife, their two sons and two daughters remained on their land through the 1930's and the land is still owned by Melinda's relatives. All three men in the picture have died, the last in 1979. But before they died Melinda asked them what it really felt like during that time. She said, "I talked to everyone I could. In fact, I pestered them to pieces."

And then in 1976 she did an oil painting of the picture. "It was done from my heart," said Melinda. "It seemed like so many paintings done of the dust bowl were in light colors. But the way my family described it -- it wasn't light at all. I tried to get that in my

picture."

Melinda has had 16 X 20 prints made of the oil painting and sells those for \$45 matted and \$35 not matted. One framed print is hanging in Double D Fertilizer and Feed offices in Gruver.

Melinda began painting in 1976, stopped in 1980, and has recently started again. She is presently taking classes from Tommy Beasley in Gruver. Melinda prefers to paint westerns in oil.

She has lived in Gruver since she was three years old and married Benny McCullough, a native of Spearman. They have a daughter, Dawn, a 7th grader in Gruver, and a son, Jake, a 6th grader. Melinda and Benny run the Diamond M Stable in Gruver. Benny has recently also started helping Melinda's father, Bob Nobles, with his appliance repair business.

When talking about the picture and the importance of it to Melinda she stated, "It was part of my heritage." And that part of Melinda's heritage has been shared with thousands of people throughout the United States.



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Nominees wanted for yearly awards

Members of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce are asking for help from the community in gaining nominations for the awards of Citizen of the Year and Citizen Over the Years.

The qualifications of nominees for the Citizen of the Year award are as follows:

Someone who has made outstanding voluntary contributions for the benefit of others over the last year, not directly related to their employment;

Nominee must live within the Spearman School District;

Nominee may be of any race, age, sex, and from any or no religious or political affiliation;

Qualities to keep in mind -- leadership ability, participation in community affairs, and contributions to community welfare.

Qualifications for nominees of the Citizen Over the Years award is the same as Citizen of the Year, except that the nominee needs to have made voluntary contributions over the past years.

Holiday contest winners named

Christmas contest winners in two different Spearman promotions were selected Dec. 23. In the Third Annual Lighting Contest for homes and businesses, backed by Spearman Grain and sponsored by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the prize for "Best Business Window" went to ChaLor's on Main Street. In the "Best Yard" category, the winner was the Allen Varmon family. For "Best Lighted House," Don and Mary Hansen were the winners.

The prize in each category was \$75.

In First National Bank of Spearman's "Good for You Bucks" campaign to boost local shopping, three \$200 cash prizes were awarded to three names drawn out of the hopper full of "bucks." Winners were Dennis Baker and Donna Murray of Spearman and O.R. Heard of Guymon.

A sample ballot may be filled out found in this edition on page three, or those wishing to nominate someone may drop by the Chamber Office and pick up ballots there.

The following are past recipients of the two awards:

Citizen of the Decade in 1979 - C.A. (Clay) Gibner, Citizen Over the Years - 1983 - Rosa Lee Butt, 1984 - Mary Lou Wysong, 1985 - Frances Stumpf, 1986 - Betty Jean Davis, 1987 - R.L. McFarlin.

Citizen of the Year, 1956 - Mrs. R.B. Archer, Sr., 1957 - E.J. Copeland, 1958 - Oscar Donnell, 1961 - Frank Massad, 1963 - John R. Collard, Jr.;

1965 - Sam Watson, Jr., 1967 - J.B. Cooke, 1969 - Mrs. E.A. Greever and Jessie Davis, 1970 - Mrs. Frank Davis and Bruce Sheets, 1971 - Harry Stumpf;

1972 - Dean Weese, 1973 - Charlene Bulls, 1974 - L.L. Anthony, 1975 - J.L. Brock, 1976 - Dee Jackson;

1977 - Frances Loftin, 1978 - C. Ralph Blodgett, 1979 - Jim McLain, 1980 - Orvil Brummett, 1981 - Junior Lusby;

1982 - Gene Cudd, 1983 - Jackie Pearson, 1984 - Marsha Murphy, 1985 - Judy Nelson, 1986 - Janie Kunselman, and 1987 - Mike Cudd.

Entries must be filled completed and mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, Box 161, Spearman, Tx. 79081, or dropped off at the Chamber at 211 Main by Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. Presentation of the awards will be at the Chamber Banquet in April.

Just Say No Club sponsors holiday dance Dec. 31

The seventh and eighth grade "Just Say No" club is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance on Sat., Dec. 31 at the Hideout, located at 309 Main. The dance will be from 8 to 12:15 p.m. and is for all seventh and eighth grade students.

Gary Ellsworth will be the disc jockey for the event. The cost of the entertainment is \$3 per person.

Refreshments will be served. There will be adult supervision at the dance.

City Council approves hangar contract, takes defibrillator bids

The City Council of Spearman met in regular session Tuesday, Dec. 27 at the City Hall to discuss several matters on the agenda. After considering the minutes of the last meeting, the first item discussed was a contract with G. Tim White, architect, for professional services for the design and inspection for stabilizing and reinforcing supports of the large t-hangars at the airport. The contract was approved for the amount of \$2,870.

Next the council authorized city manager, Jim Murray, to take bids on a portable defibrillator for the

use of the H & S Emergency Medical Service department. The machine will in some cases, be able to start the heart again after it has stopped.

Next the council discussed a survey conducted by the director of public safety on the needs of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department. Recommendations will be made in upcoming city council meetings as to what can be done to improve volunteer membership in the department.

Consideration of an ordinance that would delete the requirement for a license bond for plumbing and

electrical installations and building was next on the agenda. This was approved and will reduce the overhead of some work that has to be done for the city. Plumbers, electricians and builders have proven their ability by a test taken and the additional license bonding costs \$50 for each workman of which it is required.

Councilmen then authorized Stephens Management Consultants, Inc. to prepare bid specifications for the city's general liability coverage, auto insurance coverage, and the evaluation of the bids. Cost of the consultant services is \$500,

plus expenses, generally running about \$50.

Last on the agenda, was the consideration and development of a profile for the director of public works by Ralph Anderson and Associates. The firm reported that since the profile has been completed, about three more months will probably be involved before hiring of someone to fill the position for the city.

The next regular meeting of the city council is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall building.

Fund totals tallied residents receive gifts

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Hansford Manor Stocking Fund, many Manor residents recently received much-needed gifts of clothing, particularly socks, underwear and robes, that they would otherwise have to do without.

The 1988 Manor Christmas fundraiser is winding down, with donations to date totaling \$2,516.13, according to project organizer Jodie Harnish, a Manor employee. Harnish and another employee, Marsha Shaver, went on a shopping spree right before Christmas to buy the clothing items so that Manor residents would receive them at the annual Christmas party. Harnish will also use the funds to pay for residents' glasses and other items that are brought to her attention by nurses or residents themselves over the next year.

"We decide how to use this money as the need arises," Harnish explained. "The people it benefits are receiving things they have no way of paying for either themselves or through their families." The fundraiser was started in 1982 and community response has been tremendous each year, she reports. She wishes to thank each person who donated to the Hans-

Christmas greeting extended from Auxiliary donors

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported Operation Christmas Greeting. The money donated to the fund will be used for needed equipment and furnishings for the Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor Nursing Home.

Instead of sending greeting cards, the following have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting Fund.

Raymond & Grace Kirk
Doyle & June Jackson
Gene & Frances Cudd
Willard & Jettie Davis
Irvin & Betty Davis
Roy L. & Barbara McClellan

ford Manor Stocking Fund on behalf of all Manor residents and employees.

A current update of donors follows:

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| Anonymous | \$35 |
| Anonymous | \$50 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oakes | \$50 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis | \$100 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jackson | |
| and Chance | \$30 |
| Woodrow and Fern Fulkerson | \$10 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Claude Owens | \$25 |
| Keith and Jodie Hight | \$50 |
| Anonymous | \$35 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$2516.13 |

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- Adalyn Barnes
- Ed & Alva Garner
- Pete & Alta Fisher
- Ed & Dorothy Haner
- Rosa Lee Butt
- Marcus & Jo Larson
- Mary Fern Terry
- Verna Matpin
- Garland & Virginia Head
- Harry & Hazel Stumpf
- Henry & Mary Cornelius
- Ralph & Johanne Blodgett
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- Robert & Margaret Novak
- Emma Lou Collins
- Dorothy & Max Baggerly
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- Phil & Marguerite Jenkins
- Pearl Pierce
- Jack & Dolly McWhirter
- Bruce & Freda Sheets
- Gertrude Archer
- Virginia Cates
- O.K. Pendergrast
- Bernice V. Brown
- Billy & Joan Brown & children
- Bobby & Teresa Brown & children
- John & Wanda Brown
- Bill & Estelle Jackson
- Mr. & Mrs. Woodville Jarvis
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- Herb & Altha Kirk
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- Martha Nitschke
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- Edrie & Don Jones

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- Dorothy Lusby
- Evelyn Guthrie
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- Eva Adkison
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- Perren & Beuna Lyon
- Ab & Beulah Abston
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- Del & Barbara Cluck
- Woodrow & Fern Fulkerson
- Verna Gail Keim

Tee'd Off

Here it is the start of a new year and I haven't even resolved to do anything great except improve my golf game. I feel like this guy who shot 120 on 18 holes, broke two clubs, and sprained his tongue. In the club bar, he lamented, "I'd give up this dang game but it's the only thing I do well."

My friend Lynn was having a tough time, too. She was perfecting her "cook shots" by slicing, dipping, and shredding. Husband Rob, a lawyer, gave benefit of his counsel. "You're trying too hard, honey," he advised. "You need to lay off, just not play for a couple of weeks."

"And then what?" she asked. "Quit for good," he cracked.

I know this top-notch Christian motivational speaker. He tells inspiring stories, stresses goal-striving and, in general, says you can do anything if you set your mind to it. He played nine holes as if a guardian angel guided his shots. He played the devil on hole 10 and progressively went to Hades through the 18th. It was so bad, he had several shots of bourbon and went straight to confession. And he's a Baptist.

It wasn't a priest who heard his confession anyway. It was an understanding bartender. Instead of saying, "Say three Our



DOC BLAKELY'S POKIN' FUN

Fathers," she just said, "There, there now."

So my resolution for the new year is to a least look better if I can't lower my score. I've made it a point to play with golfers who are not as good as I am. I am now eligible as first alternate at the Junior High.

I could have made the team, but the coach insisted I also pass geography.

Just as well I suppose, the team members kept making snide little remarks like, "Don't forget your metal wood, Texas wedge, and your walking cane."

Everybody else had to walk to toughen up for the tournaments. The coach got a cart. They issued me a wheel chair.

They quit laughing when I hit a 300-yard drive off the number 7 tee. Coming down the 300-yard drive was a highway patrol car.

I don't think it's fair to be ticketed for reckless driving when it also costs two strokes for going out of bounds.

The team giggled and said it served me right for claiming the right to play under the grandfather clause.

Smart aleck kids. Next time, I'm gonna try out for the boys' team.

I hope all of 'em grow up to be old maids.

Staff Editorial

A small boy wearing a royal blue jogging suit sits dejectedly on the front steps of his home, bouncing a bright orange basketball up and down, up and down. A pedestrian passing by calls out cheerfully, "Did you get that ball for Christmas?" The balls does another bounce, but somehow it is a lifeless one. "Yeah," the boy mutters in reply. "But my daddy won't play basketball with me." The pedestrian pauses, unable to ignore the child's downturned mouth. "Why not?" Another up and down of the ball, but then it rolls away as the child makes no further attempt to catch it. "Cause he said he gave it to me, but that doesn't mean he has to play with it with me."

In a house on the same block, a bright-eyed girl is enthusiastically showing a holiday houseguest her bedroom. "And here," she announces, opening her closet with a flourish, "is where I keep all my games." Sure enough, an impressive stack of cardboard boxes is revealed. "Is this one your favorite?" asks the guest, pulling out a brightly-colored board game. The child hesitates, looking confused. "I don't know," she says finally with a small shrug. "Nobody ever showed me how to play that one. Mom works, and she's too tired for games when we get home."

The point here is obvious: parents who provide their kids with the latest toys, the most fashionable clothing and beautiful homes often fail to supply what their children most desire - TIME. As a result, the excitement of Christmas gifts wanes soon after the giftwrap is torn off, because how much fun is a ball when no one tosses it back to you? How big an adventure is "Candyland" when a child is never

shown how to play the game? Children thoroughly enjoy playing with their parents and those who are fortunate to have a mother or father who appreciates this kind of interaction grow up to do two things. First of all, they grow up to play with their own kids, passing down a legacy of love. And second of all, they turn back to their time-giving parents with great love, appreciation and a desire to return some of that long ago given time.

The happy debris of Christmas is being cleared away this week. Cartons, ribbons and wrapping paper are scooped up and carried out to the overflowing dumpster in the alley. Parents, grandparents and caretakers, let's not get rid of our gift of time to the children as well. Its importance ranks right up there with hot meals, clean clothes, hugs, kisses and "I love you's."

The following poem by an unknown author, recently shared by a grandparent with her daughter for the benefit of a trio of grandchildren, says it all:

What Shall We Give The Children

What shall we give the children? Christmas is almost here. Toys, and games, and playthings, As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland Is part of the Yuletide lore To gladden the heart of childhood But I shall give something more.

I shall give them more patience A more sympathetic ear. A little more time for laughter. Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them The joy of doing some task. I'll try to find time to answer More of the questions they ask.

Time to read books together And take long walks in the sun. Time for a bedtime story After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children Weaving a closer tie, Knitting our lives together With gifts money can't buy.

Author Unknown

Bible study recommences on Jan. 4

The First United Methodist Church of Spearman will recommence its interdenominational Bible study on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989.

The study, called "Kerygma," is open to all who wish to participate and features a comprehensive look at the whole Bible through a study of its themes. The word "kerygma" is from the Greek word as it appears in the New Testament

meaning "proclamation," which is translated "message" or "gospel." The study has 33 units, not counting its introduction which was taught last fall, and is taught by the church's minister, Todd Dyess.

Those interested in Kerygma are invited to attend the first session of the study this Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Each session lasts one hour and a nursery is provided.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Minister, Georgia

Yesterday one asked, "What can I do about my failures? Drown them in drink?"

"That just deepens your despair," I answered.

"Bury myself in my work?" he wondered.

"It helps," I said, "but it doesn't heal. Confess your failures to the Lord. He'll forgive."

"Great!" he said. "But what about my feebleness? Where do I get the power to carry out my resolutions?"

"From the Lord," I answered. "Ask Him to come into your heart. He will. Then, whom He saves, He strengthens."

There's pardon for the past and power for the present. Look to the Lord, then you'll overcome, not be overcome. And you'll have a Happy New Year.



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Book offers "happy" tips

New Year's resolutions are usually directed at bad habits. But this year, why not try something a little different? Why not simply decide to be happier?

A book due to be released this spring by best-selling and widely acclaimed author L. Ron Hubbard, **The Fundamentals of Thought** offers a number of very workable tips on being happier on the job. As most of us spend the largest portion of our time at our jobs, this could be particularly valuable:

"An unhappy man is one who is considering continually how to become free. One sees this in the clerk who is continually trying to avoid work. Although he has a great deal of leisure time he is not enjoying any part of it. He is trying to avoid contact with people, objects energies and spaces. He eventually becomes trapped in a sort of lethargy. If this man could merely change his mind and start "worrying" about how he could get more work to do, his happiness level would increase markedly. One who is plotting continually how to get out of things will be miserable. One who is plotting how to get into things has a much better chance of becoming happy."

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Congress may revive fairness doctrine

The First Amendment provides newspapers almost absolute freedom to choose what to print. Non cable television and radio stations, however, are still regulated under the old scarcity theory, which says that the spectrum is scarce, therefore broadcasters need some regulation.

The ability of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), the independent regulatory agency for electronic communication, to enforce certain regulations was cut several years ago when a Supreme Court ruling rendered the fairness doctrine all but dead. There are still representatives in Congress who would like to see the doctrine revived.

"The fairness doctrine stated that if a radio or television station covered a controversial issue of public importance, both sides of the issue must be presented," explained Dr. Terry Ellmore, chairman of

Texas Christian University's radio TV-film department. "Before the Supreme Court ruling, the FCC considered the doctrine as the single most important requirement of operation in the public interest."

While a rewriting of the fairness doctrine may be on the agenda when the United State Congress reconvenes in 1989, Ellmore believes that many of the old arguments in favor of the doctrine may disappear as communication systems expand and as the audience for network television dwindles.

"The network audience share used to be more than 90 percent. In part because of cable and direct satellite transmission, that number has fallen to about 60 percent," said Ellmore. "With the advancement of satellite technology, future broadcasting regulations may have to be decided on an international basis, not just here at home."

Methodist service time changes

The First United Methodist Church of Spearman announces that its regular Sunday worship service on Jan. 1, 1989, will begin

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First National Bank, Spearman will accept sealed bids until 3:00 p.m. December 29, 1988 on the following equipment:

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- (1) 3 point shop made rotary tiller
- (1) 60 inch belly mower
- (1) Two section J.D. rotary hoe
- (1) 3 point mounted PTO driven fertilizer spreader
- (2) 3 point tool bars and attachments.

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Sealed proposals for constructing 232.087 miles of seal coat on various limits of US 83, US 287, US 60, FM 759, SH 15, SH 207, SH 70, SH 136, FM 281, RM 3296, FM 807, FM 1573, FM 1598, FM 1920, FM 2248, FM 807, FM 2349 & FM 3212 in Ochiltree, Hemphill, Moore, Roberts, Lipscomb, Hansford, Hutchinson, Hartley, Dallam & Sherman Counties covered by CPM 30-3-20, CPM 30-6-32, CPM 66-5-40, CPM 169-8-14, CPM 169-9-10, CPM 308-5-8, CPM 355-1-38, CPM 355-2-24, CPM 355-5-28, CPM 490-4-31, CPM 791-5-13, CPM 794-6-14, CPM 794-7-9, CPM 1107-2-7, CPM 1108-2-5, CPM 1142-2-9, CPM 1489-1-13, CPM 1515-2-6, CPM 1515-3-7, CPM 1819-1-8, CPM 2078-2-4, CPM 2085-2-4, CPM 2404-1-6 & CPM 3319-2-4 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Until 1:00 P.M., January 11, 1989, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Henry L. Gallegly, Resident Engineer, Dalhart, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Bureau offers tips to consumers about refunds and exchanges

While laws protect consumers from misrepresented and defective goods, no laws require merchants to offer refunds, exchanges or credits on merchandise they sell.

These voluntary practices have become widespread among retailers wishing to make shopping in their stores as attractive as possible to customers. However, the Better Business Bureau warns consumers never to assume that merchandise can be returned unless this policy is specifically stated by the store. Return and exchange privileges vary from store to store, so customers should understand a store's policy when making a purchase. This policy is often printed on the sales receipt.

Virtually all stores with exchange or refund policies require that the product be returned within a specified time period, in new

Ask Ann Richards

Editors Note: State Treasurer Ann W. Richards each week answers questions about personal finance and state government. These questions are compiled from various letters to the State Treasury. Answers are not intended to take the sound advice of reputable financial advisers or other professional counselors.



If you have a question, write:
Ask Ann Richards
PO Box 12608
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

My wife and I are discussing drawing up our wills. Our daughter is mentally retarded and dependent on us for care. I am concerned we need to have a special provision in our wills for her future care. Do you know where we can go for help?

The Association for Retarded Citizens publishes a booklet titled, "How to Provide for Their Future." It costs \$3 and is available from: The Association for Retarded Citizens, P.O. Box 6109, Arlington, Texas, 76011.

Your local chapter of the ARC can also help. You may want to seek the advice of a lawyer, preferably one with experience in these cases.

CITIZEN OVER THE YEARS AWARD
Nomination Form
Please complete the following information on your nominee and mail or bring it to:
SPEARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
211 Main - P.O. Box 161
Spearman, Texas 79081

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME _____
Occupation _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ (Home) _____ (Work)

THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED TO QUALIFY
Describe why your nominee should receive the CITIZEN OVER THE YEARS AWARD.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
Wednesday, January 25, 1989 5:00 p.m.

QUALIFICATIONS:
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Irrigation conference to be held Jan. 10 in Amarillo

New ideas, new equipment and new laws regulating the application of chemicals to crops through irrigation systems will be in the spotlight at the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference in Amarillo Jan. 10.

Other topics will include successful use of surge irrigation, how soil properties affect water intake, how pump and power unit efficiency affects irrigation cost, equipment maintenance, and obtaining the best possible crop mix with limited water. Commercial distributors will display the latest equipment and supplies.

"For more than 15 years, this conference has always focused upon the major concerns of area producers who irrigate some four million acres of crop and pastureland," said Leon New, agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

New coordinates the conference, which begins at 9:25 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The Extension Service is an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

Application of insecticides by

irrigation systems will be discussed by Carl Patrick, extension entomologist at Amarillo. Herbigation through such systems will be explained by Brent Bean, extension agronomist at Amarillo.

Chemigation equipment, laws and safety will be discussed by George Ratledge, assistant manager of Inject-O-Meter Co., Clovis, N.M.

The influence of soil properties on water intake will be explained by Fred Pringle. He is area soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Amarillo. Robert Bruno, with P & R Surge Systems, Lubbock, will discuss successful surge use.

New will explain the influence of pump and power unit performance on irrigation costs. Steve Amosson, extension agricultural economist and management specialist of Amarillo, will review an optimal farm program crop mix for limited water situations.

The growers' panel, a popular feature of the conference each year, will present experiences in management and operation of irrigation engines and maintenance of center pivots. Panelists will be Dale Coleman of Dumas and Glen Hart of Stratford.

THE BUNKHOUSE

After Christmas clearance starts Dec. 28.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

212 Main Spearman

BREAST CANCER DETECTION UNIT
available to area women!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1989
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
OCHILTREE GENERAL HOSPITAL
PERRYTON, TEXAS

for appointment 435-3606 EXT.-121

According to the American Cancer Society, one out of ten women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. It is currently estimated that over 37,000 women will die each year as a result of breast cancer.

Ninety percent of breast cancers are diagnosed by women or their physicians finding a lump in the breast. Women who are diagnosed with an ominous lump large enough to be easily felt have a 50% chance of five year survival rate. A woman who is diagnosed as having breast cancer by mammography before the lump is felt has a 97% five year survival rate and a 90% ten year survival rate.

AMI's breast cancer screening unit will be at Ochiltree General Hospital January 11, 1989, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The complete cost is only \$55.00 which includes the Radiologist fee and is payable at the unit at the time of service.

A mammogram can detect a cancer this small * even before it is felt. Have a mammogram done today!

Among the Neighbors

Helen Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. E.Z. Copeland attended the 25th wedding anniversary of old friends in Amarillo recently. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Woolridge of Amarillo are friends of many years.

On Thursday the Copelands entertained four couples for an evening of fun, fellowship and food. Carrying out the Christmas motif, the Copeland home was beautifully decorated.

The group is the self-styled "over the hill gang" of golfers of years past.

Those enjoying the occasion in addition to the host couple were: Freda and Bruce Sheets, Lee and Dorothea Keys, Joe and Athalie Trayler, and Fern and Woodrow Fulkerson.

The perfect Christmas present for Terrell and Cheryl Evans arrived on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1988 in the person of Megan Suzanne. She was born at Northwest Texas Hospital, weighing 7 pounds and 1/4 ounce.

Her three-year-old brother, Kenneth Wade, felt that she was his best gift. Grandparents are Margaret and Kenneth Evans of Spearman and Johnny and Ann Stepp of

Amarillo. She has one great-grandmother, Novel Smith of Childress.

Megan Suzanne's very first Christmas was spent with her family in the home of the Stepps in Amarillo.

In a conversation with Freda Sheets, friends report that Bruce is about the same as he was earlier and his prognosis is indefinite.

Daughter of the Sheets, Susan Noel and son Chris of Dallas were with them on Christmas.

Bruce is in room 323 at St. Anthony's Hospital and Freda is staying with him.

Spearman, as usual, was the Christmas homecoming for many. Some of the reported guests:

With Don and Lorene Kunselman for two days during the Christmas weekend were Karen and Larry Clawson and three girls from Littlefield; Verla Kunselman and three boys of Plainview; and Bill and Thelma Barnum and Matt of Stratford, Okla.

Christmas day guests also were Randy and LaVon Reid and Allison of Morse; Carl and Janie Kunselman and three children of Spearman.

Pearl Pierce was so happy to have her son, Mike, and his wife June Pierce, of Columbia, South Carolina. They stayed thru Wednesday.

Also Pearl's daughter, Maureen Pierce, of Amarillo was here for the weekend as were three grandsons Lyn, Mike and Rick Garrard of Boys Ranch.

For Richard and Evelyn Kings-

ley, the best present was that Evelyn could be out of the hospital. She has been at home a week now. Joining them for Christmas was their son, Larry Kingsley, and Mrs. Kingsley and family of Abilene, and Danny Kingsley and his three daughters of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hohertz's guests were Liz and Tom Metcalf and children of Ft. Collins, Colo. They stayed until Wednesday. Other guests were their son Jeff and Mrs. Hohertz and family of Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mack Hill of Abilene spent several days including Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Hill.

Weekend guests of the Johnnie Lees were all their children: Dr. Jock Lee with Kara and Tyrone, his children, of Fritch; Jo Linda and Charlie Marshall with Allison, Amy and Joseph of Austin; and Johnette Whiteside with Kristin and Erika of Odessa.

The Lloyd Buzzards had their daughter, Patty, her husband Gary Taylor and their children, Kam and Matt, of Canyon and Betty and Finis Bailey, Erin and Emille of Bald Knob, Arkansas, Travis Buzzard, grandson, was here also. He is from Bald Knob too.

Bill and Estelle Jackson had their daughters Ann and Dave Burch with Janna of Denver; Kay and Dan Wade and three children of Brownsville; and son Jimmy and Frances Jackson with Brady of Amarillo. The Wades remained until Thursday.

Going out of town for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trayler. They joined son Charles and Judy Trayler and family of Dalhart and spent Christmas in Ardmore, Okla. with Judy's family. Her mother, Mrs. Edith Strange of Amarillo, also accompanied them.

Linda and Jeff Rowland spent Christmas weekend with her parents, Walton and LaNelle Poling, in Fritch. Daughters Monica and Mollie Blackmon accompanied them. A number of other relatives from various places shared the weekend.

Hollie and Earl Riley spent Sunday and Monday in Amarillo with the Pat Northcutts. Tab, Tim

and Jamie Smith were there also.

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Woolley and Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Baker and their families spent Christmas with the Wesley Daniels in Plainview. Kim and Haldon Messamore of Sudan and Dana Daniels of Lubbock joined them.

From the east coast and the west coast came guests for the Dwayne Mitchells. One daughter, Paige, and Chris Sultemeier came on December 17 and remained until the 22. They are from Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Another daughter, Shelley, and Chris Baloglou came from Fort Lewis, Washington and remained until the 28.

Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Doshier, of Hardesty, joined them during the holidays.

Donnie and Debbie Davis, with Jamie and Doby, came up from the Colony, Texas, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Davis.

Other out-of-town guests of the Davises were her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Red Segars from Palo Pinto. They were here several days, participating in some pheasant hunting.

Passers-by could have thought there was a community gathering at the home of Claude and Phyllis Owens during the holidays.

In spite of Claude's worrying for fear he might get "dishwasher hands," they enjoyed every minute of it.

Claude was especially proud of his grandchildren's marksmanship when he took them pheasant hunting, since he had been their tutor.

Their guests were relatives and relatives of relatives beginning with their daughter, Judy and Bill Elliott of Amarillo, their sons, Darren of Texas Tech and Trent of Amarillo.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Elliott of Bird City, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Owens and their son of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Dr. William and Pat Owens Alley of Edmond, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Williams of Edmond, Washington; Claude's sister, Eula Gessner, and her friend Virginia Curtis, both of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Owens of Beaver visited a few days previously.

National eye project helps elderly

Give the gift of sight this holiday season. If you know a disadvantaged elderly person who needs medical eye care, encourage them to call the National Eye Care Project for medical information and treatment.

By calling this toll-free Helpline number, 1-800-222 EYES, eligible callers will be referred to a nearby eye physician and surgeon (ophthalmologist) who has volunteered to provide care at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

In Texas, more than 10448 persons have called the Helpline, and more than 6929 elderly residents have been referred for treatment. An impressive number of cases of potentially blinding eye disease have been diagnosed and treated by Texas ophthalmologists, including:

- more than 2059 cases of cataract,
- more than 203 cases of glaucoma;
- more than 436 cases of macular degeneration;
- more than 101 cases of diabetic retinopathy

More than 220,000 people have called the national Helpline, and more than 146,000 elderly Americans have been referred to eye physicians for diagnosis and treatment.

"Ophthalmologists estimate that about half of all blindness suffered by elderly people could be preven-

ted by early diagnosis and treatment," said Ronald J. Pinkenburg, MD, president of the Texas Ophthalmological Association. "The National Eye Care Project is working to remove financial obstacles that may prevent older people from obtaining sight-saving care," Dr. Pinkenburg said.

Sponsored by the Texas Ophthalmological Association and the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the National Eye Care Project is designed to help financially disadvantaged U.S. citizens or legal residents, age 65 and older, who do not have access to an ophthalmologist.

For this project, volunteer ophthalmologists are accepting Medicare and/or other health insurance assignment as payment in full for their services. If a patient lacks insurance coverage, medical eye care is provided without charge.

Note: Eye glasses, prescription drugs and hospital care are not covered by the program.

This holiday season, please pass along the toll-free Helpline number to a needy elderly person. This number is 1-800-222-EYES (1-800-222-3937). The NECP is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific time.

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to thank all the people who extended kindnesses to me during this holiday season. And I wish everyone a **HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**
Ernest Newcombe

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DPS estimates fewer deaths

As many as 66 persons may be killed on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, according to Col. Joe E. Milner, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"The number of traffic deaths we are estimating is fewer than the number recorded during Christmas and New Year's last year, but we are worried that Texas may end the year with an overall increase in fatalities compared with 1987," Milner said.

The number of traffic deaths in Texas has been on the decline since 1984, according to DPS records. In 1987, 3,261 persons were killed across the state, a 9 percent decrease from 1986. This year, however, the traffic deaths have been edging upward compared with 1987.

In an effort to minimize the increase in traffic fatalities, the DPS this year, as in years past, will conduct its Operation Holiday program. All available troopers will be

patrolling the state's highways during peak holiday traffic times. And the Department will make periodic reports to the public on the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holidays.

The National Safety Council has designated a 78-hour New Year counting period to begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 and continue through midnight Monday, Jan. 2.

"The holidays are meant to be a time of peace and family togetherness, not a time of tragedy," Milner said. "We intend to do everything we can to ensure that our fellow Texans and out-of-state holiday visitors have as safe a holiday as possible this year."

Milner said troopers would particularly be on the lookout for speeding and intoxicated drivers. Troopers also will be keeping an eye out for motorists not wearing their safety belts.

"Each holiday period, there are many traffic deaths that probably would not have occurred if the victims had been wearing their safety belts," Milner said.

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