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Congratulations! Gruver All-Stars 1986



1986 Dalhart Tournament Champions [Back Row]; Brad Johnson, Coach; Dave Barkley, Coach; Mack Hoel, Coach; [Middle Row]; 8-Chad Brown,

13-Crockett Tidwell, 12-Luke Miller, 9-Shannon Pool, 11-Matthew Hoel, 14-Garrett Gumfory, 4-Richard DeSantiago. [Front Row]; 7-Aaron Frick,

Batboy; 6-Trevor Shipley, 3-Chad Stork, 10-Brady Pool, 1-Lee Bort, 5-Matt Etheredge 0-Jace Dawson, Batboy.



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Jeffrey Price, 1-Lee Bort, 5-Matt Etheredge, 3-Chad Stork, 14-Garrett Gumfory, 6-Trevor Shipley, 10-Brady Pool, 4-Richard DeSantiago.

The Gruver Little League All-Star Baseball team competed in the First Annual Dalhart Tournament July 14-17, and walked away with the championship trophy. What a season for this fine team! They finished 4-0 at Dalhart, which combined with their identical record July 7-11 in the Stratford Tournament, made their season record a perfect 8-0.

The games at Dalhart were much tougher affairs than Gruver had gotten used to at Stratford. In the opening game at Dalhart, we beat Dalhart Silver, 5-1, in a tough, low-hit game. Gruver followed with a 20-11, extra-inning, victory over Texhoma; a thrilling 14-13 squeaker over Clayton; and a 9-6 victory over Stratford in the championship game, which ended with the tying run at the plate for Stratford. The Gruver team showed a lot of character in playing tough, hard-nosed hard-ball, after having a relatively easy time in their earlier victories. The opponents at Dalhart had a little more desire against Gruver, and our team deserves a lot of credit for their clutch play. Congratulations to the team and their three fine coaches, Dave Barkley, Mack Hoel, and Brad Johnson!

(Line Scores)

(Mon. Jul. 7, at Stratford)

GRUYER	0	8	0	0	11	R	H
TEXHOMA	0	0	0	0	0	-	19 2

(Thu. Jul. 10, at Stratford)

STRATFORD	0	3	0	0	2	-	5 8
GRUYER	0	3	2	4	0	-	9 9

(Sat. Jul. 12, at Stratford)

GRUYER	4	1	2	3	1	-	11 9
DALHART SILVER	1	0	0	0	0	-	1 3

(Sat. Jul. 12, at Stratford)

GRUYER	4	2	12	2	x	-	20 16
DALHART BLUE	2	0	0	0	x	-	2 1

(Mon. Jul. 14, at Dalhart)

GRUYER	3	2	0	0	0	-	5 3
DALHART SILVER	1	0	0	0	0	-	1 2

(Tue. Jul. 15, at Dalhart)

GRUYER	0	1	1	0	3	6	9	-	20 22
TEXHOMA	3	2	0	2	0	4	0	-	11 6

(Wed. Jul. 16, at Dalhart)

CLAYTON, NM	4	5	4	0	x	x	-	13 6
GRUYER	3	3	3	5	x	x	-	14 16

(Thu. Jul. 17, at Dalhart)

GRUYER	0	1	4	3	0	1	-	9 11
STRATFORD	0	1	0	2	3	0	-	6 7

SHANNON POOL - Shannon pitched in all eight games the All-Stars played. He started six of those games, and finished with a perfect 5-0 overall record-including a victory in the 5-1 game over Dalhart Silver, which opened the Dalhart Tourney. He was the bulwark of our pitching staff, pitching 21 1/3 innings and striking out

31 batters, while walking only 17. Shannon also played on the infield when not pitching. At the plate, he hit .346 (9-26), drew eight walks and scored 14 runs. He was one of three players to play every inning of every game, and was awarded one of three game balls, by the umpires, at the close of the Stratford Tourney. Shannon collected 4 hits in the 20-11 victory over Texhoma. In the most pressure-packed at-bat of the entire season, Shannon came up with two outs in the last of the 4th inning against Clayton. Gruver trailed 13-12, with Shipley on third and Bort on second. The first two pitches to Shannon were swung on and missed, and he was really in a hole! On the 0-2 pitch, he blasted it over the center fielders head to the base of the fence, and both runners scored for a thrilling 14-13 victory, in a game in which Gruver trailed 13-6 at one time. What a comeback! Great job, Shannon!

RICHARD DESANTIAGO - Richard pitched in six of the eight games, with one game started. He finished with a 2-0 record, and was credited with a save in Gruver's 9-5 victory over Stratford, at Stratford. Richard allowed only five runs in the six games

victory over Texhoma, pitching at the last 1 1/2 innings. In that game, Richard struck out the last Texhoma batter in the bottom of the sixth, with the score tied 11-11, and the winning run on 2nd base. We then scored nine runs in the seventh, to take a 20-11 victory. Another clutch performance! Richard also started and won the championship game of the Dalhart Tourney, pitching 3 innings and allowing Stratford only one run. He also was awarded one of three game balls, by the umpires, at the close of the Stratford Tourney. Richard will be eligible again next year for all-star selection. Great Job, Richard!

MATT ETHEREDGE - Matt was the starting catcher. He had a great season behind the plate and at bat, batting .591 (13-22) - that led the full-time players and scoring 10 runs. In the second game of the Stratford Tourney, Matt tagged out one runner at the plate and forced another, in an inning in which Stratford scored three runs to take a 3-0 lead. Had he failed to make those two plays, the damage could have been much greater. Gruver won that game 9-5. Matt had two key first-inning hits, one in each of the two games against the Dalhart Silver Team. In the one at Stratford, it was a double to right scoring two runs, and giving Gruver a 4-0 lead. In the one at Dalhart, it was a single to center with the bases loaded, and it was one of only three hits the Gruver All-Stars could muster that entire evening against a tough, but wild, Dalhart left-handed pitcher. Matt will be eligible for all-star selection again next year, and has a shot at becoming a 3-time All-Star! Great job, Matt!

MATTHEW HOEL - Our First Baseman, and Clean-Up Batter, Matthew played great defensively, and had numerous big hits at the plate - He had three Game-Winning RBIs to lead the team in that statistic. Matthew batted .500 (15-30) and scored 15 runs. He played every minute of every game. Matthew collected our first hit in the first Stratford game, a long double, which gave the team confidence against a tough pitcher. He had the Game-Winning RBI in the first Dalhart Silver game, on a ground ball, fielder's choice; in the Dalhart Blue game, on a double to right center in the first; and in the championship game of the Dalhart Tourney, against Stratford, on a double down the right field line in the third. He was definitely our power threat at the plate-and he almost got one over the fence in the very last game, against Stratford, but it fell short. In that game, Matthew went four for four-a single and three doubles. Matthew

was definitely our "big stick". A three-time All-Star, this was his final year. Great job, Matthew!

LUKE MILLER - Luke was our starting 2nd Baseman. He batted a neat .400 (4-10), but he also drew six bases on balls in only 16 plate appearances. (That's an amazing On-Base Percentage of .625 - 10 for 16). Luke, singled to left with two out and none on, in the third inning of the Dalhart Blue game. That began an unbelievable, two-out, 12-run uprising. Had Luke made the third out, we could have thrown away those runs. Luke scored five runs himself. He singled and scored in the second inning of the 14-13 win over Clayton, and was on base and scored in the third inning of that game; two runs which look big at the end of that game! He was one of the team leaders and, along with seven other team members, can look forward to the possibility of a 13-year old "Pony League" team next year. Great job, Luke! (The second base duties were shared by Luke, Shannon Pool, and...)

TREVOR SHIPLEY - Trevor played great defensively in the late innings. In the final game of the Stratford Tourney, Trevor made the last out on a super catch of a line drive. With only a handful of at-bats, he made the most of them. Trevor scored four runs, with two hits and two walks. He drew a key base on balls in the 4th inning of the Clayton game, and scored the tying run in the bottom of that inning on that thrilling last play. Trevor was one of the team's youngest players, a first-time All-Star, and will be back next year with eight teammates "Graduating" this year, Trevor can look forward to a lot more playing time next year! Great job, Trevor!

LEE BORT - Our shortstop and leadoff batter, Lee led the team with 20 runs scored and batted .517 (15-29). He was on base 24 times in 36 plate appearances, and failed to score only four times in which he reached base. He was always a threat to go - he had nine stolen bases in 10 attempts. Lee has a bullet arm, and had a great season defensively at shortstop. In the first game against Stratford, while subbing at catcher, Lee threw out two baserunners attempting to steal - significant in a close (9-5) victory. Lee was one of three players to play every minute of every game. Lee pitched in three ball games, and was the winning pitcher in the game with Clayton. In that game, he also singled and scored the winning run in the last of the 4th. Lee struck out fourteen batters in only 6 1/2 innings pitched. But his most amazing statistic is that he scored the "winning run" - the run which put Gruver ahead to stay - in six of the eight games. Lee

had a four-hit game in the 20-11 victory over Texhoma. He was awarded one of three game balls, by the umpires, at the close of the Stratford Tournament. A three-time All Star, this was Lee's last year. Great job, Lee!

CROCKETT TIDWELL - Crockett took over 3rd Base duties with Richard DeSantiago pitching, and he also saw action at the 2nd Base position. Crockett made the most of his plate appearances, batting .455 (5-11), with 3 singles, a double, a triple and two runs scored. He played errorless ball on the infield. On one hard hit ball during the first Dalhart Silver game, Crockett made an excellent recovery, and fired to second for the force out. In the thrilling 14-13 win over Clayton, Crockett came up in the last of the 4th inning, with one out and Gruver still down 13-10, and he doubled to knock in two runs. Each run in that inning was big! Great job, Crockett!

JEFFREY PRICE - "Hit Me a Ball!" Jeff really got his wish fulfilled on the last play of the Dalhart Tourney! With two out in the last of the sixth and the tying run at the plate for Stratford, the batter hit a shot that was still rising when it reached Jeffrey in left field. Without a whole lot of time to ponder the situation, Jeff threw up his glove and snagged it. Whew! He really touched off a celebration among the players and the Gruver fans in the stands. Jeffrey batted .375 (6-16) and scored four runs. Three of those six hits were big ones; two doubles to right in the first Texhoma game, knocking in four runs; and a bases-loaded triple in the first inning of the Dalhart Blue game, breaking that game wide open early. Jeff had the Game-Winning RBI in that 1st Texhoma game. Jeffrey is already a two-time All-Star, and he will be eligible again next year! Great job, Jeff! (The left field duties were shared by Jeffrey with...)

GARRETT GUMFORY - Garrett almost made the "Play of the Game" in that second Stratford game himself. On a short fly over the infield he made a diving attempt, only to have the ball pop out as he hit the ground. In the game with Clayton, Garrett got on base in the last of the 4th, and scored the 12th Gruver run, setting the stage for that 14-13 victory. Garrett also singled and scored in that unlikely 12-run inning against Dalhart Blue. He made the most of his playing time, playing errorless ball defesively. Great job, Garrett!

CHAD BROWN - Played super at the plate and in the field! Batted .567 (17-30), and led the team with seventeen hits. In the first Stratford game he tripled in two successive at-bats, knocking in three runs and

scoring twice in a game that was tied 3-3. He had a four-hit game in the 20-11 Texhoma victory, one of only 4 Gruver players to accomplish that feat during the two tournaments. He also scored four runs in that game. He scored the "winning run" in the first Texhoma game, and had the Game-Winning RBI in the above-mentioned first Stratford game. Chad also pitched one scoreless inning in the first Dalhart Silver game. In 35 plate appearances, he was on base an amazing 26 times, and scored 18 runs! Chad batted second in the lineup-along with the leadoff hitter, the first two batters, Lee and Chad combined for 50 times reaching base and 38 runs scored, in eight games - that's 35% of Gruver's total run production for the two tournaments! Chad played center and was our leader in the outfield, and he played all but two innings of the 1st game at Stratford. Without a doubt, one of our most consistent players. Great job, Chad!

BRADY POOL - Our starter in right field. The Atlanta Braves announcer would say that Brady had a "Delta Airlines" Batting Average. He batted an unbelievable .727 (8-11) to lead the team. Brady scored six runs. He had two hits and scored two runs in each of three ball game; the first Texhoma game, the Dalhart Blue game and the 14-13 win over Clayton. Brady had three significant catches of fly balls in right field during the last two ball games. In the 14-13 win over Clayton, they had the bases loaded in the top of the fourth, with two outs, and Brady made a running catch toward the line for the third out. In the last game against Stratford, Brady made two catches of fly balls - one for the second out of the sixth inning. A super job offensively and defensively! Brady is a two-time All-Star who will be eligible again next year. Great job, Brady! (the right field duties were shared by Brady with...)

CHAD STORK - Chad saw middle-inning action in each of the first four games. In the game against Dalhart Blue, Chad doubled and scored in that big 12-run inning that started with two outs. He also drew a base on balls in that game. But it was in the 5th game, against Dalhart Silver, that Chad was involved in the most controversial play of the season. In the 4th inning of that game Chad led off as batter, and on the second pitch he was obviously struck on the wrist by a high, hard pitch. Chad had flung himself backward to avoid the head-high pitch. He was on the ground, holding his wrist in pain. Finally, Chad got up, and had to leave the game. A pinch runner,

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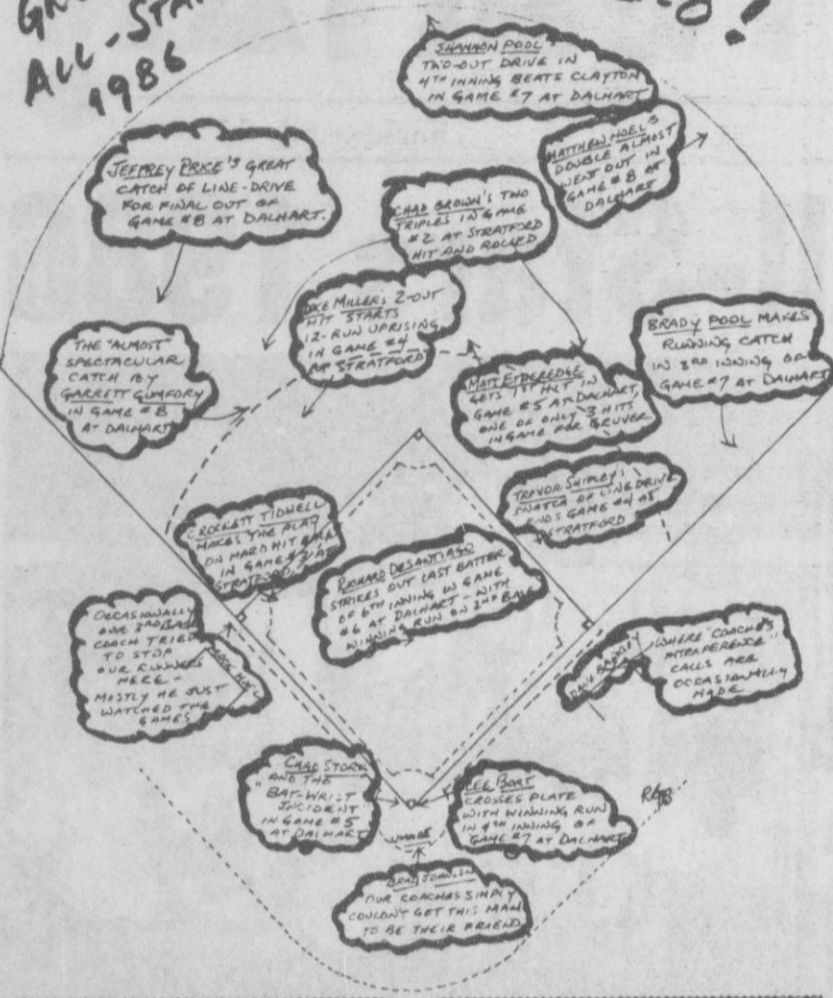
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Gruver All-Stars

Trevor Shipley, went in to run for Chad on 1st Base; but, the home plate umpire then ruled the ball had struck the bat first, before deflecting onto Chad's wrist! (That takes pretty sharp eyesight, since the bat was in his hands.) After a long discussion between the umpires and our coaches,

Trevor had to come to the plate to complete Chad's at-bat. The swollen wrist prevented Chad from playing in the final three games, but it will not prevent him from savoring the two championship trophies he possesses - reward for an outstanding season of outstanding play! Great job, Chad!

CONGRATULATIONS!

GRUVER ALL-STARS 1986



Bond Election on New Reservoir - August 26

Voters will decide on August 26th whether to authorize the Palo Duro River Authority to sell \$22.3 million in bonds to construct a new reservoir 10 miles north of Spearman, Johnnie C. Lee, the Authority's general manager, announced.

The Authority's board of directors set the election during a special meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd. The Authority covers Hansford and Moore counties and includes Spearman, Gruver, Sunray, Cactus and Dumas, as well as Stinnett in Hutchinson County.

The reservoir would provide water service and recreation opportunities in the Authority's district. "The reservoir is needed to ensure that our cities have sufficient water resources for the future," Lee said.

"We currently get all of our water from municipal wells in the Ogallala Aquifer, but we anticipate that these wells will be depleted by the years 2000 to 2030," he said.

If approved by voters, the \$22.3 million in general obligation bonds are expected to be sold to the Texas Water Development Board at a fixed 7.6 percent interest, maturing over a 25-year period. This would cost property owners a maximum of 15 cents per \$100 valuation, or about \$75 a year for a home appraised at \$50,000, excluding exemptions.

This would mark the first use of bond monies approved by voters last year in the new state water plan, Lee said.

"This is an excellent financial opportunity for us right now. In addition to the attractive interest rate, we also believe that we can obtain favorable construction bids," Lee said.

The 2,413-acre reservoir would be owned by the Palo Duro River Authority, whose nine member board is composed of representatives from Moore and Hansford counties and Stinnett.

According to engineers, there are no acceptable alternatives to meeting future water needs in this area other than building a surface lake. The lake would serve as an auxiliary source to the dwindling Ogallala formation.

"In addition to providing water, the Palo Duro Reservoir would increase property values, foster economic growth and offer recreational opportunities," Lee said.

"It will provide some assurance to our communities and businesses that the water will be there in the future," he said.

The Palo Duro Reservoir would be completed by 1993. It would be filled by runoff from Palo Duro Creek and its tributaries.

"Engineers say there is on the average enough runoff to fill the lake every three and half years. We feel

that according to the history of our runoff we won't have any problems filling the reservoir," he said.

The second phase of the reservoir project would be built as the municipal wells begin to diminish and other sources of water are needed.

This second phase, estimated to cost about \$31 million, would involve building a water treatment plant, pumps and transmission lines to serve member communities.

Voting on the bond issue culminates more than 50 years of planning. The earliest recorded mention of the project is August 1935 when the Spearman Lions Club asked the Hansford County Commissioners to investigate the project.

A major milestone occurred in June 1973 when the Texas Legislature created the Palo Duro River Authority and gave it legal powers to build a dam and reservoir. Planning for the lake has closely involved the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We are not in a water crisis yet, but we need to think about what is going to happen to our communities in 10 years. We can't wait until the tap runs dry before starting to build a lake," Lee said.

**PALO DURO RESERVOIR
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

The Palo Duro Reservoir, if approved, would provide water resources for the future as well as recreational opportunities for the present. On August 26, 1986, residents of Moore and Hansford counties and the City of Stinnett will vote on whether to authorize the Palo Duro River Authority to issue \$22.3 million in bonds necessary to construct the dam and reservoir on Palo Duro Creek. The following are some key questions and answers about the project.

WHAT IS THE PALO DURO RESERVOIR

The Palo Duro Reservoir is a proposed 2,413-acre lake to be built on Palo Duro Creek. When completed, it would provide water resources to member communities of the Palo Duro River Authority and recreational opportunities for the entire Texas Panhandle. The proposed reservoir is included in the current state water plan, "Water for Texas, a Comprehensive Plan for the Future."

WHERE WOULD IT BE LOCATED?

The Palo Duro Reservoir would be located on Palo Duro Creek, north of Spearman in Hansford County. The dam site is 13.6 miles north of the State Highway 207 crossing between Spearman and Gruver, or at mile 34.7 on Palo Duro Creek. According to state planners, this is the only suitable reservoir site north of the Canadian River.

WHAT CITIES AND COUNTIES WOULD THE RESERVOIR SERVE?

Hansford and Moore counties and the City of Stinnett in Hutchinson County would be served by the reservoir. Cities within the service area include Dumas, Cactus, Spearman, Gruver, Sunray and Stinnett.

WHY DO WE NEED A RESERVOIR?

The cities in the service area currently obtain water from the Ogallala Aquifer. This underground formation is being drained over the entire High Plains region. While the area's population and water use are expected to grow, the existing municipal well fields will be depleted between the years 2000 and 2037. The only long-term solution to the water supply needs of the area is development of a surface water reservoir. It is intended to operate the reservoir in a manner that maximizes available water. Based on studies of runoff between 1940 and 1982, Palo Duro Reservoir would yield 7,290 acre-feet of water per year (about 2.4 billion gallons) and provide 60,900 acre-feet of conservation storage. Studies based on weather patterns since 1982 indicate that some years could yield lesser amounts. Palo Duro Reservoir would also provide recreation outlets for the area.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT NOW?

Building the Palo Duro Reservoir now will save money in the future as well as ensure that the area has adequate long-term water resources. If approved by voters, the Texas Water Development Board is expected to purchase the bonds for a fixed 7.6 percent interest payable over 25 years. Whether such a favorable financial arrangement could be obtained at a later date is an unknown factor. All of the necessary permits already have been approved for the Reservoir, and failure to act on them could mean a costly re-permitting process. Due to the current economic climate, it is also anticipated favorable construction bids could be obtained now.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE VOTING ON?

Residents are being asked to authorize the Palo Duro River Authority to sell \$22.3 million in bonds to the Texas Water Development Board. The board is expected to purchase the bonds at a fixed 7.6 percent interest, maturing over a 25-year period.

HOW MUCH WILL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT COST?

Construction of the dam and reservoir would cost \$22.3 million. At a later date, a second phase of the project would involve constructing a water treatment plant, pumps and transmission lines to serve member cities of the Palo Duro River Authority. It is estimated that this second

phase of the project would cost about \$31 million.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO TAXPAYERS

The \$22.3 million in bonds would be paid off through ad valorem property taxes amounting to about 15 cents per \$100 valuation.

WHEN WILL IT BE BUILT?

The Palo Duro Reservoir would be completed by 1993.

WHO WILL OWN THE RESERVOIR?

The Palo Duro Reservoir would be owned and operated by the Palo Duro River Authority.

WHAT IS THE PALO DURO RIVER AUTHORITY?

The Texas Legislature created the Palo Duro River Authority in June 1973 with the legal authority to construct a dam and reservoir on Palo Duro Creek in Hansford County. The Authority is located in the northern Panhandle and includes Hansford County, Moore County and the City of Stinnett in Hutchinson County. Member cities include Gruver, Spearman, Dumas, Sunray, Cactus and Stinnett. The Authority is governed by a nine-member board, with representatives appointed by each city or county in the Authority service area. The Authority also employs a general manager, who is responsible to the board of directors.

YOUR AMAZING FEET

The most perfect machine ever created: the human foot.

While the foot has not changed much in about two million years, what we do to it has changed a great deal. Originally designed to carry us upright on soft, grassy surfaces, the foot was soon walking on every type of terrain, from glacial ice to rocky cliffs. To protect feet from the cold and wet, mankind developed binding foot covering and that's where modern foot trouble is believed to have begun.

Research indicates over a third of the world's population suffers from structural foot defects caused by foot abuse and ill-fitting shoes. Many feet, says podiatrist Dr. Howard Blank, "are so badly treated that any part of the body less tough couldn't survive the abuse. The most common complaint that podiatrists see, are corns and calluses. If they are caught early and if a woman uses some sort of protective cushion, like Johnson's Slip-Stops mini-cushion insoles, then many problems can be nipped in the bud. If she doesn't practice preventive care, she can easily wind up with foot problems so severe that she can look forward to severe crippling by early middle age."

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 one on the list is Danielle Steel's
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 eccentric millionaire grandfather and
 her demanding sister, Annabelle, who
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 them. Sheltered yet restless, respon-
 sible beyond her years yet hungering
 for experience, Audrey is hopelessly
 bound until she herself makes the
 daring decision to leave. As the 1930s
 unfold, alone. Camera in hand, she
 will shock friends and outrage family
 as she plunges headlong into the
 wider world.

Crossing the Atlantic aboard the
 luxurious Queen Mary, Audrey meets
 James and Violet Hawthorne, who will
 draw her into a sophisticated circle of
 artists and expatriates. And it is they
 who will introduce her to Charles
 Parker-Scott, in whom Audrey will
 come to recognize a twin soul, man
 propelled by relentless curiosity and
 driven by conflicting needs for inti-
 macy and independence. Together
 they will spend an exquisite summer
 at Cap d'Antibes, then board the
 Orient Express on an adventure that
 will carry them to a remote outpost in
 China. But at the farthest reaches of
 this journey Audrey must choose
 again. Japan has attacked China.
 Charles knows he must return to
 Europe at once. But Audrey becomes
 involved with a besieged orphanage
 and decides to remain in China with
 Charles, caring for the abandoned
 children until help arrives.

In time Audrey will return to
 America with a daughter of her own.
 While she must come home to San
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 ably changed by time, she finds she
 cannot stay. From prewar Germany to
 London during the Blitz, from a
 wrenching reunion with Charles to a
 war zone in North Africa, again and
 again she must choose between the
 dictates of her conscience and the
 yearnings of her heart.

For Audrey Driscoll and the men
 and women whose lives touch her,
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Hansford Manor News

We are all sad with the passing of
 Mrs. Ollie Ryan. She was known as
 Monga to all her family and friends
 here at the Manor. She had had a good
 life with a kind word and smile even on
 her last few days.

We have just opened the bids for
 gen. contractor of the new addition to
 Hansford Manor. We are very excited
 as well as anxious to begin. However,
 there will be some tense moments
 when we begin the remodeling phase
 of the existing Home. The gen.
 construction will be good for some of
 the residents as it will give them a
 chance to watch from the "ground
 up" the entire structure being built.

Everyone is welcome to come see us
 and look at the plans and watch the
 program. Hopefully from time to time
 we will have an update in the paper.

This month we have several with
 days to celebrate. Harold Kelly is 77
 as of July 11. Harold told us he grew
 up in Okla. near Hooker. His family
 was in farming. He moved to the
 Morse area later in life and enjoyed
 working with his garden. His sister-in-
 law Mrs. Virginia Kelly helps care for
 Harold and recently entertained him
 at her home with a birthday party.
 Harold enjoys singing and visiting
 alot. He gets around well and we
 really enjoy him.

BACK HOME

By Homer Box

BUGWALLOW - Timothy
 T. Dillingham III is home from
 college, but he didn't bring his
 talking dog. He got his father to
 send him \$500 so he could teach his
 dog to talk.

His father was so eager to
 see the dog. Timothy asked for a
 second \$500 a month ago so the
 dog could learn to read, and his
 father sent that. When his
 excited father met him at the
 train station, however, Timothy
 said he had killed the dog.

He told his father he was

shaving just before they arrived
 and the dog was reading the
 paper. When the dog asked if he
 knew his father was cavorting
 with the maid, Timothy turned
 on him with his razor and slit his
 throat. Timothy's father was
 very proud of him and didn't
 mention the thousand dollars.

Timothy likes living off
 campus. He said he often takes
 a tramp in the woods. His
 father said: "Where do you
 find them?" Then he laughed-
 too loud.

Mrs. Dillingham saw the
 mark on Timothy's nose and
 asked if it came from glasses.
 He said: "Yes mam; the steins
 have caps on them. I like
 glasses for beer."

"It sounds like you drink

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all the time," his mother
 remarked. "Only when we
 celebrate something," Timothy
 said. "Like what?" she asked.
 "Like when someone lights
 a cigarette or changes chairs,"
 Timothy replied.

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GRUVER LODGE #1326 Back Row: [L to R] T. J. Been, Ted Eyan, Dan Shader Jr., Wayne Schott Jr.

Front Row: Bill Anderson, Bill Been, Forest Reichen, and Martin Rasor.

Masonic Installation

J.C. Stevens and John R. Collard Jr. served as Installing Worshipful Masters at the installation of officers of Hansford Masonic Lodge #1040, Gruver Lodge #1326, and Stratford Lodge #874, for the ensuing term of 1986-87. The Installation Ceremonies were held Saturday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Hansford Lodge Hall.

J.C. Stevens installed the Worshipful Masters for the three lodges, including his son W.L. Stevens.

The other officers were installed by John R. Collard Jr.

A dinner was served by the Eastern Star of Spearman at 6:30 for members and their families and a reception followed the installation.

Officers for the three lodges are as follows: Hansford Masonic Lodge #1040; Bill Stevens, Worshipful Master; Loyall Turner, Senior Ste-

ward; Cecil Bigger, Secretary; James Lair, Junior Warden; R.L. Uptergrove, Chaplain; John R. Collard Jr., Senior Warden; Albert Graves, Treasurer.

Gruver Lodge #1326

Bill Been, Worshipful Master; T.J. Been, Tyler; Ted Eyan, Treasurer; Dan Shrader Jr., Senior Steward; Wayne Schott, Junior Deacon; Bill Anderson, Senior Warden; Forest Reichen, Junior Warden; Martin Rasor, Chaplain.

Stratford Lodge #874

Roy Chamberlain, Worshipful Master; Bill Cox, Senior Deacon; J.W. Smith, Junior Deacon; Gary Garrouette, Junior Steward; J.E. Crabtree, Chaplain; Sandy Tillery, Senior Steward; Rick Decker, Tyler; Don Woolsey, Treasurer; Jess Smith, Senior Warden; Jim Taliaferro, Junior Warden; Orland Lasley, Secretary.

Obituary

Ollie Mae Ryan

Ollie Mae Ryan, 83, died Tuesday. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Cordell, Okla. She was married to Luther Ryan in 1921 in Cordell. He died in 1977. She moved to Spearman in 1962 from Sublette, Kan.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Shaver of Spearman; two sisters, Osie Igo and Sally Lowe, both of Cordell; a brother, J.L. Slatten of Cordell; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Golden Spread Center, Hansford Manor or to a favorite charity.

CLARA MAE NELSON

Clara Mae Nelson, 83, died Monday.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thurs. in the Church of the Brethren in Waka with the Rev. Milton Robinson, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. in Miami Cemetery in Miami by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Miami and had lived in Waka 25 years. She was married to Hall Nelson in 1923 in Miami. He died in 1981. She was a member of Church of the Brethren, Eastern Star.

Survivors include three daughters, Mae Mirt of Wellington, Kan., Lucile Law of Wichita, Kan., and Roberta Bradley of Alamogordo, N.M.; a brother, Sterling Kinney of Amarillo; a sister, Elvira Findlay of Compton, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Texas Department of Health

Young Mothers

More than 1,000 Texas children had children of their own last year, according to the bureau of Vital Statistics of the Texas Department of Health.

Statistics show 18 births to 12-year-olds, 181 births to 13-year-olds, and 880 births to 14-year-olds for a total of 1,079 babies born to mothers less than 15 years of age.

Last year, deaths were recorded for 445 Texans—347 women and 98 men—who were at least 100 years old.

Loving County Marriages showed a decline in

the Standard Financial Management System for Texas Counties, also produced by Bullock's office. The Comptroller's Financial Management System for counties and the system designed for cities are both highly praised for effectively helping local governments in Texas with their accounting functions.

The IHC manual includes sections on budgeting for IHC, accounting procedures and financial management procedures. Also included in the manual is a section on internal auditing. In each of these sections comprehensive examples are given to show transactions that relate to the IHC program.

A copy of the Indigent Health Care Act is also included in the manual along with a glossary of accounting terms that are commonly used.

The IHC accounting manual was produced by employee Glenna Hastings during her internship with the Comptroller's office this past spring. Hastings was one of the first nine college students to participate in the Comptroller's Honors Internship Program.

Guidelines Released

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Tuesday released guidelines to county governments in Texas to simplify accounting for the state's new Indigent Health Care (IHC) Act.

"It is our responsibility to provide a system that will make the paperwork easier for the Texas counties while they give health care to the areas that need it most," Bullock said.

The INC law, passed in 1985, requires county governments to provide medical assistance to the county's residents who can not support themselves. The IHC act will effect 70,000 Texans who do not qualify for other federal or state health care programs.

Texas counties are likely to spend as much as \$20 million in the 1986-87 biennium on medical services as a result of the IHC act, Bullock estimates. The Indigent Health Care Accounting Systems Manual is a step-by-step approach to deal with these funds.

The over 200 page manual can be used independently or integrated into

Broaden the State's Sales Tax Base

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said his staff is drafting a plan to broaden the state's sales tax base to make it fairer and at the same time raise additional revenue at lower rates.

"We are looking at taxing all goods and services, except food, medicine and medical services," Bullock said.

Bullock said that by removing exemptions and broadening the tax base, hopefully the present sales tax rate of 4.125 percent can be reduced.

"We are not only seeking ways to raise revenue for state government, but we are seeking to make the sales tax more equitable."

Bullock said that the service sector of the Texas economy accounts for nearly 20 percent of the state's non-farm employment and is virtually untaxed.

"We haven't put the final pencil to it, but I think we can lower the present rate, make it fairer and less regressive and still keep an income tax off the backs of Texans."

Bullock said his plan to broaden the sales tax would be ready for the Legislature, if they meet in August.

"I'm going to try to give the Legislature the broadest possible range of options we can possibly put together.

It will be their prerogative to add to or take away from this blueprint."

He said the budget deficit isn't something that you can put under your pillow and hope the tooth fairy will take care of it.

"If the Legislature addresses only budget cuts in a special session, that's just fine. With our plan at least they will have something to study when and if they decide to bite the bullet."

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News from the Hansford County Sheriff Department.

On July 17, 1986:

In District Court,

Stanley Buster, convicted of burglary of a habitation was sentenced to 4 years, given 4 years probation and is to make restitution to D & C Green House in the amount of \$5430.00.

In County Court:

Tommy Dean Gamblin was fined \$300.00, 30 days in jail, probated to 1 year probation, and is to make restitution in the amount of \$500.00 to Hergert Pontiac and Gillispie Chevrolet for the theft of trim rims.

Octavio Rodriguez, convicted of DWI, was fined \$250.00, with jail time and deported to Old Mexico.

Johnny Wayne Reed, inmate in TDC is being brought back to Hansford County for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Reed has just been released from TDC for Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle. The new charges stems from the theft of a Baker & Taylor utility pickup.

Loving County last year as compared to 1984 statistics from the Texas Department of Health.

In 1985 only four marriages were reported, two less than the six marriages which took place in the county the previous year.

Only one death and no births were reported in Loving County in each of the past two years.

RECIPE

By Sarah Anne Sheridan

Salads always make a meal more enjoyable, and during these hot summer days, the busy homemaker welcomes different ideas.

Fruit Salad Plate

Lettuce
Pineapple slices
Cottage Cheese
Whole sections of oranges
Whole sections of grapefruit
Seedless grapes
Cherries
Melon balls
Ripe olives
Celery hearts
Mayonnaise
Fruit salad dressing

Arrange a large lettuce cup on each serving plate. Add a pineapple slice and top with cottage cheese.

Alternate sections of oranges and grapefruit, slightly overlapping the cheese mound. Add 2 clusters of grapes, cherries and melon balls. Garnish each plate with ripe olive and celery.

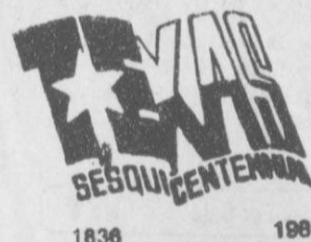
Use a fruit dressing or mayonnaise.

Reflect that life, like every other blessing, Derives its value from its use alone.

-Samuel Johnson



Worshipful Master of Stratford Lodge #874, Roy Chamberlain.



SESQUICENTENNIAL HAPPENINGS

Saturday, July 26, 1986

MORSE, TEXAS

Parade	10:00 a.m.
Pioneer Visiting & Program - City Park	11:00 a.m.
Hamburger Cookout Adults - \$2, under 12 - \$1	12 Noon
Games for Young & Old	1:00 p.m.
Watermelon Feed	3:00 p.m.

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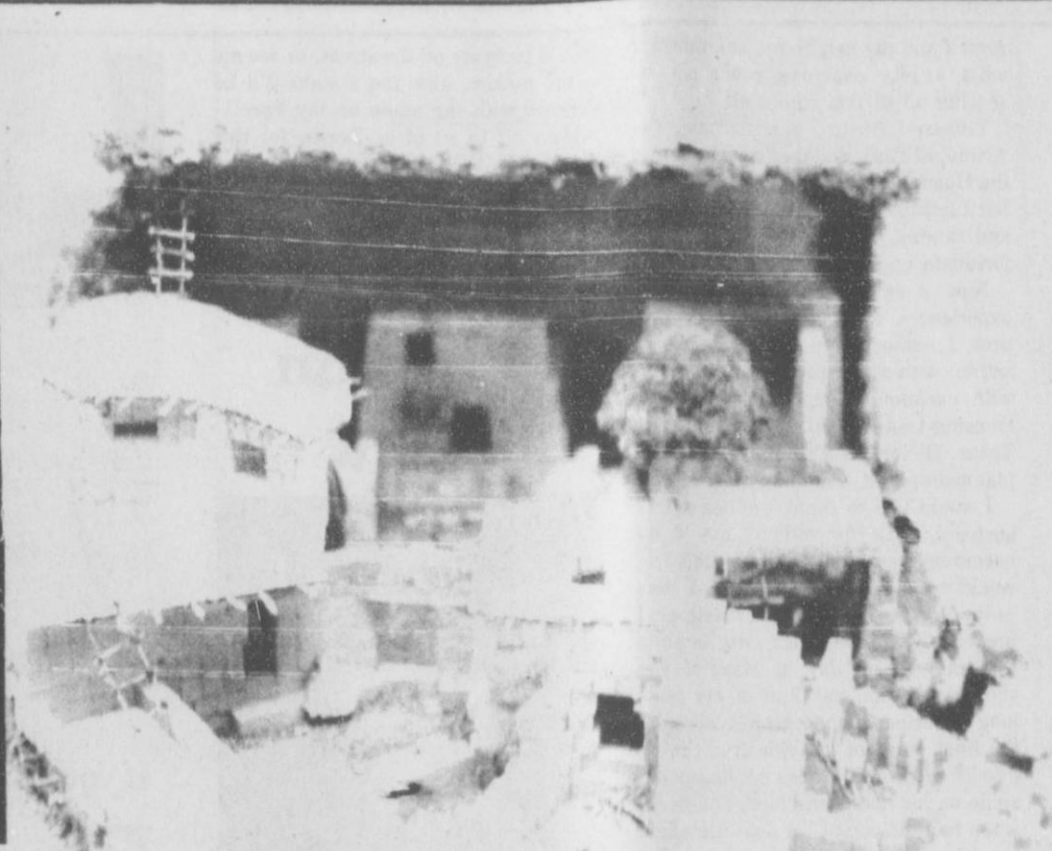
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New Wing Ready at the Museum

The Spearman Museum recently completed several new display cases. The display cases are available to anyone who might wish to buy one.

The new room addition to the museum has been finished and the public is invited to come by and see the progress being made at the Station Masters Museum.

Hansford County P.O.P. Show

The Hansford County 4-H P.O.P. horse show was held July 12, 1986 at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman. 4-H members from Texas and Okla. participated in the show. Results are as follows:

All around winner 8 & under
Monte Eakin-Spearman

All around winner 9-13
Mark Eakin-Spearman
All around winner 14-19
Renee Schickedanz-Perryton
Other winners from Hansford County are Ashley Brown, Marty Eakin, Brena Hayes, Mark Parker, and Chester Hutchinson.

Hansford County P.O.P. Show

Class 1 Showmanship 9-13

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Matt Archer, Spearman
3rd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
4th place Billy Hayes, Gruver

Class 2 Showmanship 14-19

1st place Danette Raper, Perryton
2nd place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 3 Mares 5 & over

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Matt Archer, Spearman
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 4 Mares under 5

1st place Danette Raper, Perryton

Class 5 Geldings 5 & over

1st place Matt Archer, Spearman
2nd place Matt Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Clint Nickelson, Turpin Okla.
4th place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton

Class 6 Geldings under 5

1st place Billy Hays, Gruver
2nd place Robin Rutz, Perryton
3rd place Matt Eakin, Spearman
4th place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 7 Western Pleasure 8 & under

1st place Dustin Follis, Guymon
2nd place Britt Savage, Spearman
3rd place Monty Eakin, Spearman
4th place Cody McLeod, Spearman

Hansford County P.O.P. Show

Class 15 Trail 9-13

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Matt Archer, Spearman
4th place Matt Eakin, Spearman

Class 16 Trail 14-19

1st place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
2nd place Jacque Woodson,
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 17 Pole Bending 8 & under

1st place Monty Eakin, Spearman
2nd place Matt Gafford, Spearman
3rd place Cheyenne Osborn, Guymon
4th place Clay Pope

Class 18 Pole Bending 9-13

1st place Matt Archer, Spearman
2nd place Matt Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
4th place Joy Gafford, Spearman

Class 19 Pole Bending 14-19

1st place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
2nd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch
3rd place Jacque Woodson

Class 20 Barrel Racing 8 & under

1st place Monty Eakin, Spearman
2nd place Matt Gafford, Spearman
3rd place Cheyenne Osborn, Guymon

Class 8 Western Pleasure 9-13

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Billy Hayes, Gruver
4th place Clint Nickelson, Turpin Okla.

Class 9 Western Pleasure 14-19

1st place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
2nd place Robin Rutz, Perryton
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 10 Western Horsemanship 8 & under

1st place Cody McLeod, Spearman
2nd place Matt Gafford, Spearman
3rd place Monty Eakin, Spearman
4th place Britt Savage, Spearman

Class 11 Western Horsemanship 9-13

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Jason Schickedanz, Perryton
4th place Clint Nickelson, Turpin Okla.

Class 12 Western Horsemanship 14-19

1st place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
2nd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 13 Western Riding

1st place Kristin Kinsey, Guymon
2nd place Mark Eakin, Spearman
3rd place Joy Gafford, Spearman
4th place Matt Eakin, Spearman

Class 14 Trail 8 & under

1st place Dustin Follis, Guymon
2nd place Matt Gafford, Spearman
3rd place Cody McLeod, Spearman
4th place Britt Savage, Spearman

Class 21 Barrel Racing 9-13

1st place Mark Eakin, Spearman
2nd place Matt Archer, Spearman
3rd place Matt Eakin, Spearman
4th place Joy Gafford, Spearman

Class 22 Barrel Racing 14-19

1st place Jacque Woodson
2nd place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Class 23 Stake Race 8 & under

1st place Monty Eakin, Spearman
2nd place Matt Gafford, Spearman
3rd place Britt Savage, Spearman

Class 24 Stake Race 9-13

1st place Mark Eakin, Spearman
2nd place Matt Archer, Spearman
3rd place Matt Eakin, Spearman
4th place Sandi Rich, Spearman

Class 25 Stake Race 14-19

1st place Renee Schickedanz, Perryton
2nd place Jacque Woodson (Tie)
3rd place Tamra O'Toole, Fritch

Fun Day '86

For a fun-filled day of excitement and entertainment, join Perryton residents for Fund Day '86 this Saturday, July 26. The event, sponsored by the Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce, is set for 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Leatherman Park in Perryton, with a street dance that evening in the 900 block of Ash Street.

Special entertainment throughout the day includes fiddlers Frankie McWhorter and Jack Bailey, and the Texas Kickers, a clogging dance team recently featured on the Miss Texas pageant. Also set to entertain are local vocalists, musicians and a rock band.

Over 20 booths manned by civic and business organizations will have all types of food for sale, everything from steak-on-a-stick to calf fries, enchiladas and ice cream. Each booth will offer a different kind of food, enough choices to please every member of the family.

No Puffers!

One of the country's major corporations, Texas Instruments, announced recently it would ban smoking in all work areas in all its facilities by the end of the year.

TI is thus one of the first, if not the first, corporation of such size, to give puffers the Deep Six. A survey showed that twenty percent of TI employees now smoke. That meant the health of the other four-fifths of TI employees was being adversely affected by puffers.

Since half the twenty percent told company officials they'd like to kick addiction, TI is making it easier. It's offering employees free attendance at stop-smoking classes.

TI isn't telling employees they can or can't smoke. It's only cleaning up the air for all employees. Those who can't kick the habit will have to puff in designated areas during breaks or meals. If they can't do that, they're violating company rules and must find employment elsewhere.

One suspects this is to become policy in more and more corporations--and it's needed policy.



Spread a meat loaf mixture into a pie pan and build up sides into crust shape. Bake until partially done and spread with filling of mashed potatoes. Dot with butter and paprika and bake until potatoes are browned.

Game booths, over 20 of them, will be offered by civic organizations and businesses. The booths range from a mechanical bull ride to a dunking booth, face painting, ring tosses and an obstacle course. The Fun Day committee will also sponsor contests such as a three-legged race and soccer kick, among others. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The street dance that evening will feature Silverado, who will also perform during Fun Day. The dance begins at 8 p.m., and will last until midnight. Families are welcome to attend.

Leatherman Park is located right off Highway 15 and South Jefferson Street in Perryton. There will be additional parking for Fun Day at the Expo Center, to the west of the park. There is no admission charge for Fun Day or the street dance.

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WHAT: Public Auction

WHERE: Old Pool Bldg., Gruver School.

WHEN: Saturday, July 26, 1986

TIME: 10:00 A. M.

8:30 - 10:00 - Inspection of items

9:30 - 10:00 - Registration of bidders

Martha Clawson - Gruver Shares Her Texas Wagon Train Experience



Martha Clawson - Joyce Walls

It has been my privilege and good fortune, for the past three months, to have been a part of this great state of Texas' 150th Birthday Celebration, by being a member of, and joining up with the Texas Wagon Train that departed Sulphur Springs, January 2, 1986; with plans to circle the state, traveling over 3000 miles during a six month period--conveying to Texas, Texans, and the world, the true pioneer spirit that formed her; the character of the people that gained her independence, and the spirit of the people and places that have made her great!

July 3, 1986, we rolled into the Fort Worth Stockyards, Saginaw, with over 150 wagons and outriders, and more than 300 horse back and muleback riders strong! What a thrill that grand finale was!! If you were fortunate enough to have been there, or to have seen this magnitude of wagons, buggies, animals, and people entering into and going through Ft. Worth, I know there were tears in your eyes, mixed with ours--for it was a sight to behold, and an even greater experience to have been a part of!!

Though I was not physically fortunate enough to join the Wagon Train on its initial departure from Sulphur Springs, mentally I was with them even before the start, and kept up with the happenings at least three times a week, as the Watts line and newsletters the Association sent out; until the train was three months into their journey, and I was finally able to "get some" and "catch up!!"

I joined the Wagon Train just this side of Lubbock, and continued throughout the Panhandle, 6666 Ranch, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Nocona, Muenster, and through many more cities and towns into Ft. Worth. What an experience these past months have been! I literally was able to stop and smell the roses", and see and "Feel Texas in all of her fantastic glory, and inhale her

beauty from the slow pace of a wagon, and meet some of the most gracious, interesting and delightful people, who touched my life and my actual "being", in a way that I shall never forget! What a super bunch of folks there were in all of the towns and cities we passed through, with their hospitality, meals, and excitement shown us! And let us not forget the great people who took time out, and stood on the highways and roads to cheer us on!!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEXAS!!" And what a way to celebrate!

There is so much to write and tell about, from the sad happenings, to the happy and hilarious--from the fun times spent during "open camps" and campfires, to the moving campground church services we all joined in on--so I have condensed my own personal experiences and feelings in pages to come. The others you may read of in local and national newspapers, and others' personal reports.

I was not among the wagoners when the young woman who had joined the train in the beginning, along with her children, wrecked a rig she was driving up for one of the horseshoers, and had the fatal accident. I do know that her death touched all, and that her cowboy hat was carried into Ft. Worth by one of her many friends, with plans of forwarding it on to her husband and children, for the Texas Wagon Train Trip had also meant a great deal to her. It was most unfortunate that this tragic accident happened, and we all cannot help but wonder at all of the mishaps and deaths that occurred 150 years ago, when those real pioneers actually settled this state. What a hardy bunch they must have been!! And what joys they must have experienced along with the heartaches!

One thing I must say about this experience, is that I lost all track of time, days, and even months, and lived literally one day at a time, inhaling it to the fullest, and feeling so good about

myself and my neighbors, and thinking what a pity everyone could not be sharing all of this with me!!

I missed Austin, San Antonio, the Alamo, El Paso, and the famous race up the Guadalupe, with Hazel in the lead, but I felt like I was there after hearing and sharing these times with the ones fortunate enough to have been there.

Now it is my turn to share my experiences with you, from the first time I witnessed this rolling city in action, with a lump in my throat along with excitement racing in my heart; knowing I was at last a real part of this Texas Historic Caravan, that I had planned on and waited so long to join!

I would like to thank my dear, dear husband, Max, for without him or his encouragement and help, this trip would not have been possible. I shall never forget his smiling, welcomed presence when we rolled into Amarillo that rainy, cold day in May. If you should see him, ask him of his week long experience when he joined us for the final lapse of our ride from Irving into Ft. Worth. If he does not have a big smile on his handsome face, and beam when he tells you of his own nostalgia he felt, just for that week of his participation--then "there ain't a cow in Texas!"

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Texas Wagon Train Association, and employees, of whom there are too many to mention individually; from the efficient office personnel, to the trail bosses, camp jacks, head outriders, potty wagon drivers, and our Wagon Master, Mr. Gary France. Also thanks to the many sponsors who helped the train keep rolling with their unselfish donations. (The administrative part of this Association would overwhelm you, and what a job Mr. Quentin McGown managed!)

A special note of thanks and gratitude to Mr. Charles Oliver, one of the original ram-rodgers of the wagon train, President, Chairman of the Board, and "Head Motivator!!"

But most of all, a big thanks to all of the other participants, who like myself, dug into our own pockets for fees and donations, and were there in our own persons to make this Texas Wagon Train the success it was! So, if you

should pass me on the street, or see me in my pickup, give me a wave--I'll be the one with the smile on my Face!!

Hats off to all of us Texas, for this "WAGON HO" Birthday Party was thrown for you!!

District 4-H Fashion Show



Sharlet Slough

Sharlet Slough, daughter of Kenneth & Alice Slough of Gruver, modeled her clothing project garment in the District 4-H Fashion Show in Canyon recently.

The competition took place July 1st 1986 at the West Texas State University in Canyon. A total of 156 boys and girls from 19 Counties competed in 3 age divisions and four clothing cate-



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gories. Each had won their County Contest and Sharlet represented Hansford County in the Junior Sportswear division. She placed in the top four of her age category.

Ribbons and prizes at the district show were presented by State Reps. Foster Whaley of Pampa and John Smithee of Amarillo. In addition to awards in each clothing category, special awards were given for the best

cotton garment, best wool garment and top model in each age division.

Hospital

Patients in Hansford Hospital are: Sara Bass, Thelma Mitchell, Phyllis Cummings and Faye Lynch.

Dismissals were: Andy Speck, Chester Slaten and Deana Kenny.

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Laurence Benoit

Miss Laurence Benoit of Marseille France (a culture exchange student) was warmly accepted July 6th as a member of the Val Winger family to share the family every day activities for four weeks.

The nael program provides the opportunity for French students to experience the American life style and

it also provides the American families an extraordinary opportunity to broaden their horizon and learn first-hand about the French way of life.

The students are individually matched to families according to interests, activities and special requests such as living on a farm, riding horses, swimming ect.

Laurence will return home Aug. 2.

25th Anniversary

On Sunday July 13, 1986, the Community Bible Church celebrated it's 25th anniversary, and that day became a glorious Homecoming and renewal of friendships, co-workers, teachers, and gathering of members of other churches of the county. All living past ministers whose addresses were known were notified of the event.

Past ministers present were Brothers Frank Buzzard, W.L. Porterfield, and Gordon Schroeder.

The Sunday school hour was observed as normal but with visitors, and the following church service was observed with Bro. Schroeder filling the pulpit as he does so completely and well. Special music was provided by the talents of the present minister and his wife, Brother and Mrs. Jeff Eurress. Many of the charter members were in attendance for the day, though some have gone to their reward.

The noon meal was provided for those in attendance in the Veteran's building, now called the Golden Age Center, where the church's first service was held, with the late Brother Herbert Hughes delivering a very challenging sermon.

At 3 pm, the service of re-dedication was observed, with everyone invited, and with Bro. Schroeder again delivering the sermon. Brother Porterfield was called to the pulpit for a brief statement. He is now retired and lives in Slaton, Texas. In his remarks, recalled his former pastorate in Gruver, during which time, he was pastor, a new church was built with Glendon H. (Buddy) Eling serving as 1951 chairman of that building committee. Al Brother Porterfield was called to be the first pastor of the church and construction of the church was begun, he recalled that the same pastor and layman again served in like roles, during the construction. His wife and two daughters were in attendance. attendance.

For the afternoon service, special music was provided by Mrs. Gyene Spivey with Steve Gross delivering the poem included following this article. Bro. Frank Buzzard was called to the pulpit, at which time, he called the minister, the board, to the front, for a re-dedication of the purpose of the church since it's inception, the Salvation of Souls'. The congregation was included in this re-dedication. Following this observance and rededication, Bro. Schroeder delivered the sermon. He was the second minister called to lead the 'flock' and during his tenure, he was married and became the first resident of the parsonage. When called here, he was a new graduate of the Dallas Theological seminary, and soon, leaders of that entity came here for his ordination.

A small booklet was made available to all in attendance. The booklet listed From Europe to China, from San items of interest, a list of charter members, and things instrumental in the growth of the church. Noted again, was the significant percentage of youth now in attendance, and constantly enlarging through the use of

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Some families teach that eating is fun and a social event. So whenever a group gathers, food is always available. Other families may teach the opposite - that food protects us from unhappiness. Family members eat when they are unhappy so they'll "feel better."

To avoid feeding feelings rather than feeding the body, every person wanting to lose weight must be on constant guard for the automatic hunger pangs when things get "too right" or "too wrong." In this way, an overweight person can begin to break the eating habits learned from his or her family of origin.

When your family gets together the next time, remember that we often feed feelings of joy, sorrow, helplessness and hostility. Honor the cook not by lusty eating but by words of praise for the food provide d.

Losing Weight Adds up to Positives

Losing weight is NOT fun for overweight people. If you're trying to shed extra pounds recognize that you may feel better after losing, but while you're losing you may feel awful. Try to focus on the many positive effects that weight loss has on your self-esteem: *You get back some of the self-respect you may have lost when you were your heaviest. *You can look in mirrors and appreciate your reflection. *You may have a longer life because of better health. *You're more alert, have more vigor, pride and spirit. *You can be an example for others. *You can enjoy success. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of Socio-Economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Softball

Attention Spearman and Gruver softball fans! If you are interested in entering the Servitors Coed softball tournament on August 15, 16, and 17 you better hurry. There are already 10 teams entered and there is a 16 team limit. The entry fee is \$100.00

The proceeds of the tournament go to many worthwhile projects such as Girls Town, American Red Cross, golden Spread Center, etc.

For more information and to enter the tournament contact Peggy Varmon at 9-3993 or Jan Howard at 9-2875.

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Texas DPS

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of June, our troopers investigated 9 fatal accidents, 78 personal injury accidents, and 79 property damage accidents. There was 10 persons killed and 124 person injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Charles Henderson of Boger stated, "In Hansford county, our troopers investigated 0 fatal accidents, 0 personal injury accidents, and 0 property damage accidents in the month of June. 0 persons were killed and 0 persons were injured in these accidents."

Mary Kay Cosmetics Consultant

Norma Jean Mackie of Spearman, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, has just returned home from three days of intensive sales and product training in Dallas as a participant in Mary Kay's 1986 National Seminar.

More than 25,000 independent beauty consultants and sales directors flocked to Dallas between July 14 and July 26 to attend one of four consecutive three-day meetings. In keeping with the company's commitment to recognize outstanding business women, this year's multi-million dollar seminar was appropriately entitled "Starting Here, Starting Now!"

To enable Norma Jean, who joined Mary Kay in March, 1984, to build her Mary Kay business in the months ahead, dozens of specialized classes

were held each day in product knowledge, Color Awareness, sales training, business management, goal setting and other valuable tools for business success.

Besides intensive training, company founder and Chairman of the Board Mary Kay Ash also uses the annual meeting to personally reward and recognize the outstanding achievers of the past year. During four identical Awards Night extravaganzas, the company distributed more than a million dollars in fur coats and jackets, luxury vacations, shopping sprees and gold and diamond jewelry.

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. is an international manufacturer and distributor of premium skin, hair and body care products, cosmetics, toiletries and fragrances.

Piano Recital

George Thomas, pianist, native of Sunray, will give a piano recital at the Oslo Lutheran Church, Monday evening, July 28, 1986 at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Thomas did his undergraduate work at Abilene Christian University, receiving his degree in 1969. He studied with Roslyn Frantz in San Francisco and is presently working on his Masters in Piano Performance at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

In February, 1984 Mr. Thomas performed in a series of "Brown Bag Recitals" at the Hollywood Congre-

gational Church and in the summer of 1984, during the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, he gave 8 recitals entitled "Celebration of the Olympics" at the Hollywood YMCA.

In December of 1984 he toured the western United States, in the spring of 1985, the midwest and in June of 1985, the East. His 1985 recitals featured the works of Beethoven. And his 1986 recitals feature the works of Johannes Brahms.

All are cordially invited to attend the recital at the Oslo Church on July 28.

Budget Meeting

The Hansford County Commissioners Court met in a special meeting Monday morning at Hansford County Courthouse. The meeting was called to discuss the county budget. The court is trying to trim approximately \$286,000 off of the county budget.



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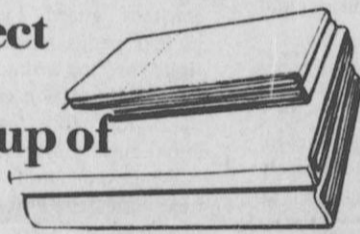
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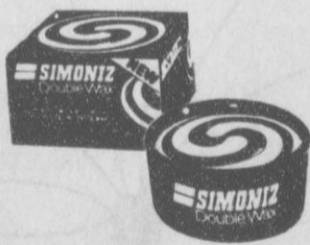
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