

Winner of 1987 Scholarship Pageant . . .

McWhirter is Miss Hansford



KELLIE McWhirter . . . 1987 MISS HANSFORD COUNTY

A 1987 Spearman graduate, Kellie McWhirter, claimed this year's Miss Hansford crown and a wealth of prizes and awards Thursday evening during the annual Miss Hansford Pageant at the Spearman high school auditorium.

The annual Miss Hansford Pageant is the traditional opener to the 3-day Hansford Round Up celebration which rolled off this week in Spearman.

As a part of her new duties as the reigning Miss Hansford County, Miss McWhirter will represent the commu-

nity at the annual Miss Wheatheart of the Nation pageant upcoming in Perryton.

Cindy Womble was named first runner up and Miss Congeniality while Anne Marie Jarvis received the second runner up position. If for any reason Miss McWhirter would not be able to complete her year as Miss Hansford, these two young ladies would step in to fill the vacancy.

Miss McWhirter is the daughter of Mrs. Steve Benton of Spearman and

Lloyd McWhirter of Golden, Co. while Miss Womble is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Womble of Morse. Miss Jarvis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Britt Jarvis of Spearman.

Four other crowns were also presented Thursday evening with Catrina Brooks of Spearman named the 1987 Little Miss Hansford; Kaysha Cluck of Gruver the 1987 Junior Miss Hansford;

Laura Pearson of Spearman as the 1987 Miss Pre-Teen Hansford; and

Rae Lynn Scribner of Spearman as the 1987 Miss Teen Hansford.

Catrina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brooks, Kaysha the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Cluck, Laura the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson and Rae Lynn the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald R. Scribner.

Non-finalists in the four divisions -- Interview, Swimsuit, Talent and Even-

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Spearman choir group captures state honors

First division state solo and ensemble honors were won by six

Spearman chorale members during the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest held this past week on the University of Texas campus at Austin.

In addition there were four second division medals and one third division honor won by Spearman individuals while Celebrate X and the Spearman Madrigal each claimed second division honors.

Taking first division solo medals were Clint Patterson, Maranda Loomis and Mechelle Graham.

The ladies trio of Anne Sheets, Kellie McWhirter and Loomis also received first division medals.

Soloists Connie Woolley, Chris Lopez, McWhirter and Sheets each received second division medals. Woolley also received a third division on the piano.

Celebrate X, comprised of Sheets, Loomis, McWhirter, Jan Crawford, Woolley, Patterson, Allen Mires and Lopez, received a second division.

The Spearman Madrigal, comprised of Jennifer Turner, Crawford, Cacy McGill, Patterson, Lopez and Stan Brandt were also recipients of second division state honors.

"Keep in mind that a third division at state is equivalent to a first division at the local ULL solo and ensemble contest," notes choir director, Johnny Miller. "Our students did very well and I am proud of each and every one of them."

Tickets being given for crossing lanes

Motorists turning across the opposing lane of traffic to park in downtown Spearman are discovering an often-forgotten ordinance is being worked by the Spearman Police Department and are receiving tickets and fines, reports Spearman Chief of Police, Joe Raper.

The ordinance prohibits both U-turns and crossing the opposing lane of traffic on Spearman streets and carries a \$30 fine for offenders who are ticketed.

Spearman mayor Ralph Blodgett has authorized overtime hours for the department to enforce the ordinance.

"We've had a rash of accidents and near-misses within the past few months that could have been much worse than they were," the mayor notes. "We all can control these situations by observing the laws that are already on the books."

Offenders began receiving tickets this past week for turning from the wrong lane.

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Reports slowly trickling in . . .

Hail damages wheat crop

Hansford county farmers are still assessing damages from a pair of storms which dumped hail across a wide area with wheat crops sustaining anywhere from minor damage to complete crop failure.

Estimates of the total number of acres were unavailable from reporting agencies but some reports stated that as much as 50 percent of the wheat crops in the county had received some kind of hail damage --anywhere from about 10 percent to completely destroyed.

"Probably the majority of the farmers involved were insured," reports Burl Buchanan, a Hansford insurance agent.

The hail came in a pair of storms -- one last Saturday evening and another a few days earlier.

The majority of the damage occurred in a 15 to 20 mile strip running from just southwest of Gruver to the northeast.

"There were some large hail stones around the Caprock 2 lot," reports Buchanan.

"Most of it was around the Irvin Boyd place and north of the Palo Duro draw."

The remainder of the hail fell in spots, with locations northeast of Spearman and southwest of Spearman receiving hail.

Another stretch of hail ran from the McKibbin Elevators north along the Palo Duro draw.

"Lots of farmers were hailed on to some extent," notes Hansford county extension agent Burt Williams. "In spite of everything, we still have some good looking wheat if they were lucky enough to stay out of the hail."

The worst of the hail damage occurred around the 15-20 mile strip in the western portion of the county. A strip some 1-1/2 to two miles wide received the most damage with the hail tapering from there to account for some five miles total width.

Many insurance adjusters are taking a wait-and-see approach, allowed

wheat heads to dry out before assessing total crop damage.

Hansford wheat farmers have ranked first and second in total wheat

production in the state in 1985 and 1986, respectively.

The full story won't be in until the grain has been cut and taken to the

elevators, notes Williams.

For some, however, the hail provided an early harvest with crop hail insurance buying a goodly portion.

**FREE
classifieds
offered**

New classified rates are being announced by both the Hansford Plainsman and the Spearman Reporter, announces publisher James Jarrett.

In addition, two "Free" categories are being added to the weekly advertising section of the newspapers.

Individuals with something to give away -- such as pets or other free items -- and individuals seeking employment may advertise in the classified section at no charge. There is a maximum limit of three lines. No displays will be allowed for the free categories.

Other rates will remain the same except for non-display advertising which will carry a charge of \$3 for repeat insertions. The first insertion is a minimum of \$4 for cash payment or \$4.50 for charge.

**THE
HANSFORD REPORT**

by JAMES JARRETT

We've been getting a lot of compliments on the special souvenir edition that was printed in this past Thursday's paper on the Miss Hansford Pageant and the Hansford Round Up. And, we appreciate it.

Having the usual amount of human ego -- some would argue more than the usual amount, but that's not the topic of discussion -- we'd be telling less than the truth if we were to say we didn't enjoy compliments such as this.

But the real truth of the matter is -- we didn't really do that much.

At least, we didn't do any more that what should honestly be expected of any country newspaper. That is to say, we did our job, nothing more.

The real praise behind any special section, indeed, behind each and every newspaper are those businesses and individuals who shell out the hard-earned dollars in the form of advertising.

Newspapers, radio stations, television stations, magazines, shoppers and so are viable only so long as there are people willing to spend advertising dollars.

Now, I'm not going to pretend to be an old hand in Hansford county. But I am prepared to say I've never seen a county community so willing, even eager, to make sure different things are successful.

The Miss Hansford Pageant Program is an example. The Hansford Y Fund Drive is another. The scholarships awarded in both Gruver and Spearman are yet another.

In just the few short weeks I've been in Hansford county, I could make a list that would astound our more "erudite" county neighbors . . . those who moan whenever they are "hit up" for a donation, a special advertisement, etcetera.

Here, in Hansford county, most don't even wait to be "hit up". They volunteer.

When the concession stand at the

youth baseball park was blown away during that rumbling and rolling thunderstorm which passed through the county in May, more was lost than four walls.

A microwave, kitchen equipment and a hundred miscellaneous items were either lost or destroyed.

Larry Lewallen, president of the Gruver youth organization, began receiving donations before the clouds had cleared. Labor has been volunteered. The concession stand will be rebuilt and the equipment replaced. By volunteers.

Businesses advertise in the newspaper. They make each and every edition possible. Without their support, there would be no newspaper. It's that simple. Not everyone cares, but, naturally, I do.

Special editions can't be printed out of the goodness of a newsman's heart. It is printed because somebody thought enough of the idea to advertise.

In the case of the Miss Hansford Pageant special edition, 35 somebodies cared enough to do so. And, had we not run into a deadline, there would have been more. There were simply people we didn't have time to see.

If you enjoy the community you live in, if you enjoy the paper you read or the radio you listen to, if you appreciate what these many and varied businesses do to make things better for you or your children, give it some thought the next time you jump in your car to go shopping anywhere but in the community where you live.

Enough of that and we could shop ourselves right out of the many unseen "bargains" which are a part of everyday life right now.

And that would be a shame.

Our final note: Sign on a bumper sticker -- Avenge yourself, live long enough to be a problem to your kids.

Palo Duro Camp meeting begins Thursday

The second annual Palo Duro Cowboy Camp Meeting begins this coming Thursday at the Hansford group's camp ground one and one half miles east of Gruver on FM 15.

The interdenominational camp is provided absolutely free to those who wish to attend the 3-day event. Donations are accepted.

The Palo Duro Cowboy Camp Meeting group is a member of the Ranchmen's Camp Meeting in the Southwest.

A campsite will be adjacent to the arena where services will be held each evening. Facilities are limited. Breakfast, dinner and supper will be served chuck wagon style to those attending at no cost.

In addition to the nightly services, there will be a team roping Saturday and Sunday with bibles and belt buckles awarded the winners. The only entry fee is a requirement to attend at least one service.

Also on tap will be children's activities along with group singing sessions. A nursery will be provided each evening for children under 2-years old and a children's church for youngsters from 3-years old through kindergarten age.

Moped drivers cautioned about license

Moped drivers are cautioned against driving without proper licensing, notes Spearman Chief of Police, Joe Raper.

"We've been giving warnings to local residents about driving without a license," he reports. "But we're going to start writing tickets soon."

Laws concerning mopeds are the same as those for motorcycles. Drivers must be at least 15-years old and properly licensed to operate the 2-wheeled vehicles.

A license can be obtained through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Licensing. An officer is in Spearman each Friday to administer the written test. No driver's test is required for the moped license.

In addition, moped drivers are also required to have their vehicles tagged and must have a state inspection as well. They are also required to wear helmets while driving on the streets.



THE 1987 MISS HANSFORD TEEN winner is Rae Lynn Scribner of Spearman.

4 Hansford students to attend Boys State clinic

A group of Hansford students will participate in the American Legion's Boys State meeting in Austin. The meeting is an annual event and is designed to teach young men and women the fundamentals of government operation.

Two Hansford young men -- Kevin Nelson of Spearman and Charles Roper of Morse -- left Saturday for the boys session while two Spearman girls, Paige Pittman and Sandy Hill, will go June 16.

The week-long seminars are generated by the American Legion Department of Texas. Local sponsors are the Spearman high school student council and various Spearman businesses.

Nelson was a member of the 1986 Spearman football squad and a varsity basketball player as was Roper.

Miss Pittman was president of the Spearman junior class this past year while Miss Hill served as secretary of the junior class. Both are cheerleaders for the first time this season.

Both Nelson and Miss Pittman were named as junior class favorites this past school year.

The objectives of the American Legion Boys State is to educate youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

The program is geared to a learn by doing experience in the practical aspects of government. Participants will be required to review the knowledge already acquired concerning the political machinery of a commonwealth and will find themselves performing the same functions as real office-holders in the everyday world.

Men's, women's softball tournies scheduled

A pair of softball tournaments -- one for men and another for women -- will be run off in Dumas June 19-20-21 as the annual Benton Ray Memorial Softball tournaments get underway.

This is the first year for the women's tournament while play in the

Dettman birth is announced

Nick and Rhonda Dettmann of Auburn, Neb., announce the arrival of Tyson David, born June 2 at Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn.

Tyson David becomes the grandchild of Spearman residents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dettman of Schubert, Neb.

At birth the new Dettman youngster weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

men's tournament goes into its third season.

Both tournaments are double elimination with a 32-team limit in the men's and a 16-team limit in the women's. Entry fee for both is \$100 per team.

Deadline for entries -- which are accepted on a first come-first served basis -- is at 6 p.m. June 16. Entries should be mailed to the Benton Ray Scholarship Fund, Box 1475, Dumas, Tx. 79029.

Site of the 3-day events will be at the Dumas Softball Parks located at West 14th and Twichell Streets.

The women's tourney will operate under USSSA Rules with the men's under USSSA class "C" rules.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place teams in both tournaments with individual trophies going to members of the first and second place teams for both men's and women's softball play.

There will be a Most Valuable Player Award for both tournaments as well as a home run hitting contest for the men with the winner receiving an SX-1 35 ounce Easton bat.

For more information, contact Clark or Glen Ray during the day at 935-3000 or 935-9498 or 935-7512 after 6 p.m.



WHITE KNUCKLE FEVER is displayed by this brave trio during the Hansford Round Up. Gripping the safety bar, eyes squeezed closed would appear to be the only way to ride this midway attraction.

continued from p-1 MISS HANSFORD ing Gown -- of the Miss Hansford contest were also named.

Deana Turner was named non-finalist winner of the Interview portion of the pageant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Turner of Spearman.

In the Swimsuit competition, Mary Lou Baker was named the winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Baker, also of Spearman.

Cayla Eaton won the Talent portion of the Miss Hansford pageant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaton of Spearman.

Spearman's April Abston was named the non-finalist winner of the Evening Gown portion of Thursday's pageant. She is the daughter of Sam Abston.

A total of 46 Hansford young ladies competed in five divisions of the 1987 Miss Hansford Pageant.

The tradition bouquet of flowers along with a crowning tiara was awarded the winners of the younger divisions.

Plaques were presented to the Miss Hansford non-finalist winners.

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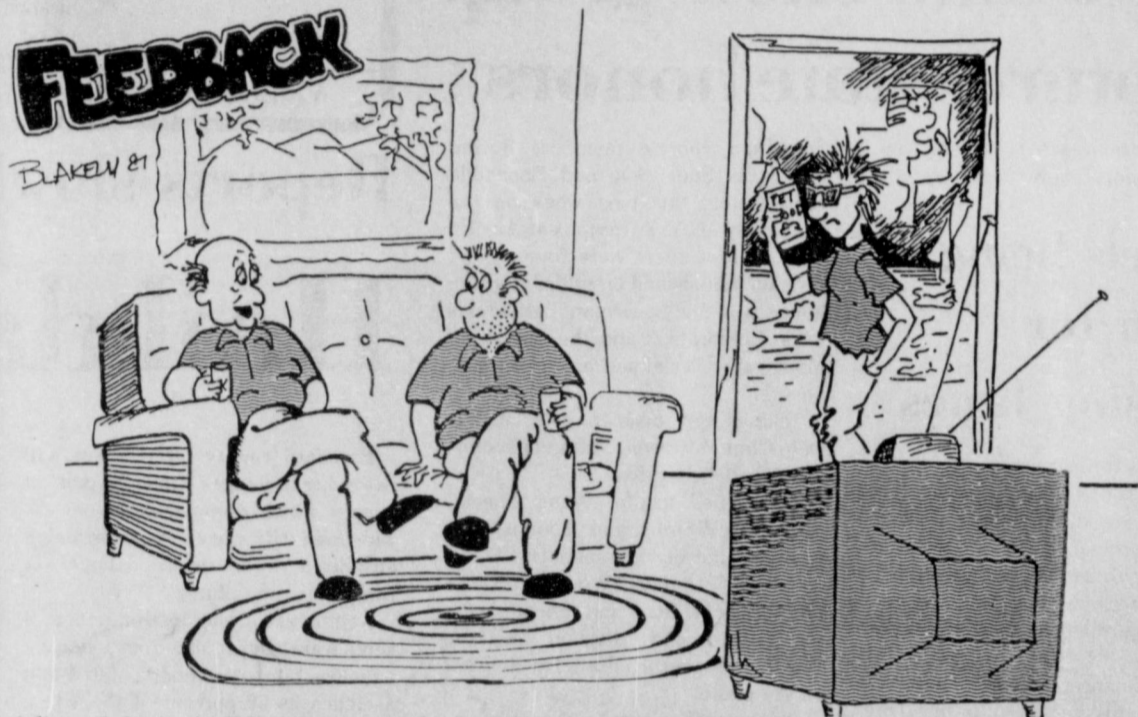
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Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Shoop of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Almadelia Hernandez, to Gregory Blake Farr the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Farr of Spearman. The wedding will take place in August at the Lady of Guadalupe in Amarillo.

Looking back on history

Adobe Walls final Indian battle

Editor's Note: This story is one which was written for the recent Hansford Round Up Special Section. Because of space limitations, it did not appear in that issue. It is printed here in its original form.

It's only fitting, in a publication saluting the pioneer spirit, to look back to the final Indian uprising of the entire Panhandle -- The Battle of Adobe Walls.

Located some 22 miles south of Spearman, 113 years ago this month a small band of white settlers held off an Indian war party reported to number over 1000.

Adobe Walls Trading Post was started in the spring of 1874 by a Dodge City merchant, A.C. Myers.

He, along with several buffalo hunters, packed in groceries and merchandise, hoping to make a profit by offering them for sale to the buffalo hunters in the Panhandle area.

The men followed the Canadian River down from Moore's Creek. Arriving at the Adobe Walls Creek, the men stopped, pitched their tents and decided to make this the location of their trading post.

Soon, buildings of cotton-wood and sod were erected by the men of the party.

There was a general store -- owned by Myers and Fred Leonard. The post even boasted a blacksmith shop, this run by Thomas O'Keefe.

Frontiersmen needed their relaxation, too, and James Hanrahan put together a saloon and mess house.

But what was to become the saving grace for the men at the post was a stockade corral. The 200-foot square corral was erected of large cotton-wood logs and boasted bastions on both the southeast and northwest corners.

Word of the trading post soon got out to the numerous buffalo hunters searching the Panhandle plains for their prey.

By late June, bands of 20 to 40 men could be found at the post on any given night--many used it as a base camp for their hunting forays.

Call it luck or fate -- may call it God's intervention -- but on the night of June 26, 1874, a cracking cotton-wood ridge in one of the buildings awakened some men.

Fearful of a roof collapse, the men got up to repair the building -- not knowing that less than one-half mile away a mixed band of Cheyennes, Kiowas and Comanches led by the famed Indian Chief, Quanah Parker, were waiting for the break of day to surprise the Adobe Walls contingent.

Back at the trading post, the noise of the roof repair wound up waking most of the others. Before long, the entire party of 28 men were busily engaged helping with the roof.

It took the best part of the night to finish those repairs and the hunters, seeing no good reason to go back to bed, began making preparations for that day's hunt.

The sun hadn't yet fully risen when one of the hunters -- Billy Dixon -- began rolling up his bedroll from in front of the blacksmith shop.

Standing up, he gazed over the prairie and discovered a large body of moving objects slowing approaching the post. It was still too dark to make out who or what it might be.

He alerted the rest of the party, however, and the group waited as the moving objects slowly resolved themselves into a massed band of Indians.

The Indians had been planning a surprise attack, but upon finding the post awake and ready there was a

massed surge forward and the final battle between Indian and white man the Panhandle was to witness was on.

Hundreds of warriors attacked in concert, armed with guns and lances, carrying heavy shields of thick buffalo hides.

The half-naked riders, their bodies splashed with war paint of red vermilion and ochre, rode down on the men at the post, driving loose stock in front of their charge to add to the confusion.

The men later recalled a sea of Indian Warriors stretched out over the plains, their bodies sparkling with ornaments of silver and brass.

The sneak attack was foiled by a weak ridge post which had awakened the men at the post. As the Indians closed in on the white men, they rode close together.

When they were within 50 feet of the stockade corral, the hunters at the post opened fire with their big buffalo guns.

This daunted the attack and the Indians quickly fell back. What they had expected to be easy prey was now a well-supplied group behind a fortress of cottonwood logs.

In that first attack some 15 Indians were killed. Only three white men -- two of these surprised in their tent outside of the post -- fell to the massed attack.

Ide and Shorty Shadler -- a pair of

freighting brothers -- were surprised in their bedrolls by the attacking band of Indians.

Their scalped bodies were found later, along with the carcass of their dog.

Billy Tyler was shot near the beginning of the battle when an Indian bullet found its mark through a loophole in the stockade.

A typically hot summer day, June 27, 1874, was to become even more warm for the men held in their defensive stand at the Adobe Walls.

The Indians attacked time and time again during that morning and later on into the day.

The exact number of Indians killed were never known, but indications were a good number with an even greater number wounded.

When the Indians retired from the battle scene, all the white men's horses had been scared away.

In the days following the battle, the white men abandoned the post, leaving the tales and legends to grow on their own of that fate. A day -- the Final Indian Battle of the High Plains.

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Venneman home to appear in national print

Editor's Note: The following story is a reproduction of an article which is scheduled to appear in the June edition of PROGRESSIVE FARMER magazine. It is written by Nola McKey Eads and appears under the Country Living section of the magazine.

When Joe and Linda Venneman explain how they planned the exterior of their unique, two-story farmhouse, it makes so much sense that you begin to wonder why hundreds more aren't planned just like it.

The answer is, of course, that the Vennemans planned their home for a specific location and the individual needs of their own family. But they incorporated a number of ideas that may interest other rural home-builders.

Set on top of a rise that overlooks Hackberry Creek near Spearman in the Texas Panhandle, the house has a

panoramic view of the gently rolling country that surrounds it. Joe raises Brangus and commercial cows and plants wheat, corn, and grain sorghum nearby.

Since he's a native of the area, Joe knew their homesite would be subjected to chilling winds in the winter as well as extreme temperatures in both winter and summer. To help buffer the effects of the elements, they sited the house to face the south, used fewer windows on the north and west sides, and put in extra insulation.

"In the winter, the sun comes in the south windows and pretty well warms our living area," says Joe. "And, of course, we don't have as many windows for the cold north wind to come through." They also get the prevailing breezes from the southwest in the summer, and with fewer windows on the west side, they get less heat in the summer. Although it turned out that the

Vennemans used many of the principles of passive solar energy, they made no conscious effort to build a solar house. "I've read about solar houses," says Joe, "but that really wasn't what we had in mind. We built it this way because it seemed to make good sense in this climate."

Another reason for siting the house this way was that Linda wanted a bright, sunny kitchen with a cheerful place to eat. "I wanted one with a southeast view," she says.

The couple also put the entrance to the kitchen on the side of the house protected from the wind.

Joe and Linda also solved a problem that frustrates many rural homeowners: how to integrate the driveway with the house so that it's both functional and attractive. They chose to put their garage on the east side of the house and have a raised deck with an attractive entrance next to it.

Visitors can walk up the steps of

the deck to the kitchen or walk around on a sidewalk to the front entrance. (Another door next to the garage leads to the mud room.) They also have a circular drive that forks off from the main driveway and goes past the front entrance.

As soon as the Vennemans moved in, they planted several rows of evergreens on the north and west sides of the house for windbreaks. "The wind blows up to 30 to 40 miles per hour when a storm comes in," Joe says. "But it's been proved that if you can cut the wind out, it really doesn't feel all that cold."

They chose Keteleer junipers because they grow fast, don't require much water, and are extremely hardy. "The Keteleer juniper is a hybrid of the red cedar, which is native to this country; that's what makes it so hardy," Joe explains.

An underground drip irrigation system to water the trees was installed before they were planted. It's

basically a network of plastic pipes with emitters beside each tree. The Vennemans' vegetable garden is watered with a similar aboveground system.

A recently installed sprinkler system for the yard is ideal for the area's windy climate, according to Joe. It features a low-profile sprinkler head. "Instead of shooting up at a 45-degree angle, the water comes up at a 90-degree angle and shoots just over the top of the grass," he explains. "That way, the wind doesn't blow the water everywhere. We can water when it's windy, and the water doesn't drip everywhere."

He points out that if the water came up at a 45-degree angle, the wind would blow it so that you wouldn't get good coverage on your yard.

Joe also has an interesting method of choosing the locations for the trees that are planted around the house—he plants them in areas where the runoff collects after a rain. To make the system even more efficient, he has installed unobtrusive culverts that direct the water right to the trees. The result is a random planting with a natural look and trees that get watered automatically.

Joe and Linda downplay the importance of these innovations, saying they just used common sense in planning their home. Whatever the source of their wisdom, theirs is a unique home with plenty of good ideas for anyone who plans to build in the country.

WTSU offers cheerleaders August clinic

West Texas State University's cheerleaders will sponsor a cheering clinic beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, August 15. The clinic will be for all junior high and high school squads or individuals interested in attending.

The WTSU cheerleaders will attend the NCA camp at Dallas the week prior to this clinic to brush up their techniques.

The all-day clinic will end with a final evaluation at 4 p.m. Each squad should have a home cheer for this demonstration. Dress comfortably in casual clothing.

Registration is \$10 per person and can be paid immediately before the clinic begins. There will be supervised breaks and lunch (bring extra money for these). For further information, contact Penny Hobgood (806) 655-4948, or (806) 656-3421.

8 Gruver students named to honor lists

Eight students from Gruver have been named to Academic Honor Rolls for the spring semester at Panhandle State University in Goodwell.

Linda Heard and Judy Park have been listed on the President's Honor Roll.

They are among the 74 students from PSU who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and have been named to the list by Dr. Thomas L. Palmer. To qualify for listing, a student must carry at least twelve hours of university courses, receive a straight A average and have no I's.

Among the 195 students named to the Dean's Honor roll were Jeff Burress, Jim Davis, Rhonda De Camp and Don Dillow.

Also receiving the honor were Melyn Johnson and Julie Williams.

The Dean's List each semester contains the names of students who have carried twelve hours or more, have at least a 3.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and have no F's or I's.

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Anne Potts gets McMurry College scholarship

Anne Marie Potts of Gruver, Tx has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry President.

To be eligible for a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of his high school class. A score of 21 or better on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional Presidential Scholarship funds.

Anne is a 1987 graduate of Gruver high school. She is the daughter of Joseph C. and Cathy Potts of Gruver, Texas.

Flower club has meeting

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Judy Martin with club president, Mike Hergert, presiding over the business meeting this past Thursday.

Stacey Swan was the recipient of the club's 1987 Scholarship award.

Faye Holt gave a report on her flower, the Bird of Paradise.

Winner of the Home Grown Arrangement for June was Kathleen Sutton while Jo Larson's flower claimed the specimen award.

Verna Gail Keim -- guest of Mrs. Sutton -- gave a program to the group on collecting coins.

The next meeting for the Gladiola Club is slated for June 18 in the home of Mrs. Sutton.

Members present Thursday included Mesdames Allen, Berner, Brown, Cummings, Davis, Evans;

Flowers, Head, Hergert, Holt, E. Jackson, Larson, Smith, Sutton, and the hostess, Judy Martin.



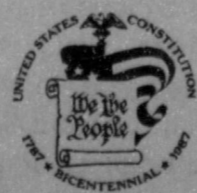
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Evans' operate Gordon Drug store

Gordon's Drug at 314 Main is the well-established business now owned by Jim and Laquita Evans. In 1964 they came to Spearman and entered into a partnership in the drug business with the late Gordon Parrish.

In 1975, feeling that the best business opportunities were in small towns and preferring to rear a family in a small town, they bought the interest of the partner and became the sole owners.

The fountain at Gordon's Drug is a popular attraction, serving food and drink and providing a place for congenial fellowship.

Gordon's makes its contribution to the pulchritude of the community with the cosmetic lines available—among these are Ultima, Coty, Lauren, Vanderbilt, Polo and many others.

Gifts, Paramount Cards, root candles and small appliances are attractively displayed, and pleasant to the customers.

Predominant in service, as well as vital, is the prescription department. Many are the grateful recipients of this service in the night or during holidays, on in the middle of blizzards.

Registered pharmacists are on call 24 hours a day, using only the purest ingredients and accurate measurements. Gordon's has built a reputation in this service equalled by few.

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GORDON'S DRUG Freddie Largent, Jim Evans and Carolyn Davidson.

Largent, Carolyn Davidson, Virginia Young, Sharon Bailey, Lelia Bynum, Rosemary Brown, Leticia Vela, Ciria Vela, Jaime Garcia.

Jim Evans is a native of Evansville, Indiana but has been in Texas many years. he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Texas.

Laquita is a native Texan and attended Oklahoma State University. The Evans were married in 1964.

Their daughter, Linda, is a student in a junior college in Dallas, but expects to enroll in Amarillo College

this fall.

Their son, is a medical student at the University of Texas, San Antonio Medical School, and will be receiving his Doctor's degree in a few months.

The Evans are long time members of the First Presbyterian Church where Jim is an elder and Laquita is the church treasurer.

Laquita enjoys singing and snowmobiling, and keeps busy with her home, family, business and church.

Jim also enjoys snowmobiling, but has a hobby that is novel to this area. That is chess. Jim is well known

among chess players for his ability and competed in the U.S. Chess Class Championships last October at Denver, Co. and won his class.

The Evans have never regretted their decision to make their home in Spearman and have enjoyed their associations through the years.

Gordon's Drug has been a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for 30 years. Jim stated that a Chamber of commerce is the spearhead for a community, developing and unifying all efforts to maintain public support and civic pride.

To God a Note of Thanks

by Mrs. Greever

Friends, a week ago a part of our study was concerning two words. "Need and Want". This week we will use the same words but with a very different view point in mind. The first of that needed for the mortal body and the hope of one immortal.

"Money" we must have for all we need while in this mortal body. We must labor and here I think of the scripture we find in II Thess. 3:10; If any would not work neither should he eat.

Jesus paid for our eternal body and we have to seek with our whole heart.

I Cor. 6:20 tells us we were bought with a price. I Cor. 7:23; ye are bought with a price be not ye the servants of men.

In verses 18 and 19 of I Peter chapter 1; we read, Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold (money) from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers but with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb without blemish and without spot.

We are reminded if we sincerely want eternal life we will have to seek. That could mean work or labor.

Do you remember reading in the Bible about Jesus praying in the garden before going to the cross sweating as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground?

In agony He prayed and for this victory we might have to pray for eternal existence.

It took the blood shed by Christ to blot out the sins committed by the whole world for all that believe and to cleanse the believers from the sin nature with which they were born.

So it takes seeking until we know the Lord has forgiven and so completely consecrated our all unto His will that we know He has accepted the offering (our body, soul, and spirit).

The Lord does save and sanctify and then beyond doubt we have the hope of an eternal existence.

At this point my dear friends I desire to relate an article I wrote several years ago.

I WANT JESUS

When waking Lord my thought is of thee
When waking Lord my thought is of thee

Who gave your life on Calvary
I pray throughout the day to be

Like Jesus
I want to do my best
To pass every written test
Just lean up on the breast
of my Jesus

I want my tears to flow
That your love others might know
Proving my life aglow with light
From Jesus

I want the world to know
His love to ever show
Earth's fleeting things bestow
For Jesus

I want feet beautiful for Him
Others pathway may be dim
O that they too could cling to Jesus.
I want my hands to move at the
impulse of thy love. That my life you
might approve, Dear Jesus.

I want my light to shine your
blessings are sublime
Life's cherished pathway climb
with Jesus.

I want my tongue to sing, wondrous
praises to my King. Never to fleeting
things cling Just Jesus.

I want never to murmur nor
complain. Whether in sunshine, shadow
or rain.

For me He bore my blame - My
Jesus.

I want ever to watch and pray ever
thoughtful throughout the day
Obedient every step of the way To
Jesus.

I want to see storms of life subside
There's none other beside. Who my
steps can ever guide. Only Jesus

I want needs of others to see. Like
God's dear Son to be. That they too
might be free through Jesus.

I want my life a sacrifice to lay at
His feet The good news to repeat and
repeat.

That the approval be complete from
Jesus.

I want to fully surrender His
suffering and pain to remember that
other lives be made tender as was
Jesus.

I want to love Him more and more.
Rich blessings are laid up in store
For life evermore with Jesus.

I want my whole being to be in
perfect harmony. For He gave His life
for me My Jesus.

I want to serve Him more and more.
His name above all I now adore. Live
with Him on eternity's shore. My
Jesus.

I want to tell the glad story of my
Saviour now in glory Tis a wonderful
marvelous story about Jesus.

I want to tell of Gods Son. Who a life
on earth begun. His trials He never
shunned Twas Jesus.

I want to tell of His grace that will
lift the fallen race. That blessings may
be embraced through Jesus.

I want wanderers to believe from
sins bondage be relieved. The riches
untold to achieve from Jesus.

I want sick people to know of the
stripes He gladly bore that health is
for them in store by Jesus.

I want all christians to seek and
climb until the Holy Ghost the
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Women's Auxiliary elects officers

The Hansford county Women's Hospital Auxiliary recently elected a new slate of officers for the 1987-88 year.

Incoming president is Barbara McClellan with Myrt Bohanan serving as first vice-president.

Eddie Largent was installed as second vice-president and June Jackson as treasurer for the Hansford Auxiliary. Adelyn Barnes will serve as secretary.

The Hansford Women's Auxiliary is comprised of over two dozen ladies who volunteer their work each day at the hospital in Spearman.

Outgoing officers for the past year include president Virginia Trindle, first vice-president June Jackson;

Edith Smith was second vice-president, Rosa Lee Butts served as treasurer and Hazel Stumpf was secretary.



1987-88 OFFICERS FOR THE HANSFORD WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AUXILLARY are [l-r] Barbara McClellan, president; Myrt Bohanan, first vice-president; Eddie Largent, second vice-president; June Jackson, treasurer; and Adelyn Barnes, secretary.



LEAH LANAE MOSIER
... Award Winner

Spearman residents' granddaughter wins beauty pageant

The grand-daughter of a former Spearman couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemper, has been named the winner of the Grandest Baby Award in Lubbock.

Leah Lanae Mosier, the 2-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mosier of Lubbock, won the honor at the John Knox Village Summer Activities in the West Texas city.

GTE names new manager

Robert J. Meyers, Perryton operations manager for General Telephone since 1982, has been named division general manager for the company's Mid-Texas Division headquartered in Brownwood, according to H.B. Elam, vice president - field operations responsible for the company's operations in New Mexico, west, central and south Texas.

Richard D. Kelly, general services supervisor in the company's four-state headquarters in San Angelo, has been named to replace Meyers, according to James A. Spriggs, vice president - field operations for Arkansas; Oklahoma; Texas Panhandle, north, north central and eastern areas of Texas.

The Perryton operations manager directs operations in eight exchanges serving 12,000 customers in the Texas Panhandle. The operations center has 72 employees and an annualized payroll of over \$2 million.

Kelly joined the company as a management candidate in 1981 and has served as central office supervisor and switching services

supervisor. He has been active in scout work, serving as scoutmaster and president of Kiwanis; and is a member of the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

His wife, Debbie, is a professional artist and interior designer. They have four children, David 10, Crystal 9, Derek 7, and Colleen 3.

In his new position as general Manager of the Mid-Texas Division, Meyers will direct activities in 45 exchanges serving almost 71,000 customers in an area from near Wichita Falls to near San Antonio. The Mid-Texas division has 456 employees with an annualized payroll of over \$13 million.

Meyers has been active in Boy Scout work, having served as assistant scoutmaster for two years, is a member of the Order of the Arrow and is currently on the executive board of the golden Spread Council, the boy Scouts of America. He has been vice president and president of the Perryton Rotary Club; director of the Perryton United Way, including serving as professional division chairman; has served as a director of the Perryton Chamber of Commerce;

and is a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. he is a member of the Society for Advancement of Management and is a Mason.

Meyers joined General Telephone in 1971 as installation and maintenance foreman trainee in Lewisville. Since that time, he has held various positions including area employment representative in Lewisville, installation and maintenance foreman, and test and dispatch foreman in Irving, outside plant administrator in the company's four-state San Angelo headquarters, division service and facilities manager in both Baytown and San Angelo.

His wife, Martha, is a licensed claims adjuster. They have three children, Bryan, 22, a December graduate of Texas A&M; Sheila, 20, a junior at Texas A&M; and Randy, 18 valedictorian at Perryton High who will enter Texas A&M this fall.

WT hosts registration

West Texas State University will host five 1-day New Student Registration sessions for new students and parents in June and July.

New Student Registration is an early registration program for beginning freshmen and transfer students who plan to enroll in WTSU. Each session lasts from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Session I for freshmen will be held Friday, June 12. Session II for freshmen will be held Saturday, June 20. Session III for freshmen and transfer students will be held Monday, July 6. Session IV for freshmen will be held Saturday, July 25. Session V for freshmen will be held Friday, July 31.

The days are divided into three parts, said Bob Graves, assistant director of Admissions. In the morning, students will attend informative workshops and learn about organizations and activities, financial aid and scholarships, counseling, testing and careers.

After lunch students will meet with faculty advisors, work out their schedules and register for their fall courses, Graves said. The days conclude with tours of the campus and residence halls.

Students wishing to take College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests can take them on June 19 or July 24. Scoring will be done in time for students to schedule classes during the New Student Registration session the next day.

Admissions Office director Lila Vars said New Student Registration gives students "a head start; not only because they reserve their classes early, but because they meet together students."

While students prepare to register, parents attend their own orientation. They receive suggestions on how to

parent a college freshman, like "Write, even if they don't write back." During "Parent Adjustment Hour," a student panel will talk about university experiences.

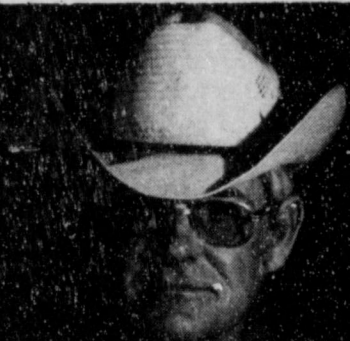
Also as part of their orientation, parents will eat lunch with deans and administrators.

Cost for New Student Registration is \$10 for students and \$7 for each parent. On-campus housing will be available at \$9.50 per person.

More than 700 students attended New Student Registration in 1986, Graves said.

Students who attend New Student Registration will find their books pre-packaged when they arrive in the fall. Students who do not attend will register August 25 at a registration for new students and transfer students, or on August 26.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



BUCK-A-ROO!

HOSPITAL REPORT

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Madeline Stinson, Margaret Womble, David Arrington, Jop Franz, Pearl Shapley, Andy Rhodes, Homer Sanders, and Willie Mae Cash.

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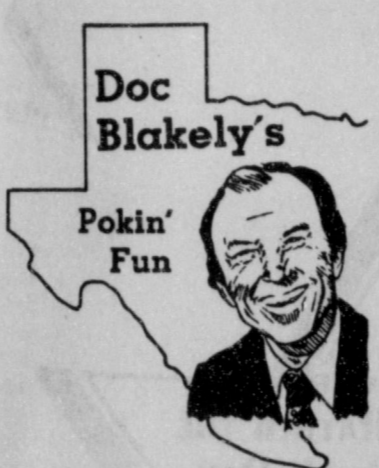
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Further information and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.

/S/ Cheryl Gibson
City Secretary
S30-S-2tc



At this writing, I'm aboard the SS Norway in the Caribbean. People can make jokes about Norwegians, but if you're sailing for Oslo, this makes better sense than going by way of Iceland. We did have an onboard emergency, however. Three apprentice seamen fell overboard. Fortunately, we were still tied up at the dock in Miami.

The other crewmen threw them a Norwegian life vest. That's a tractor tire inner tube.

It nearly killed them. They didn't take it off the rim.

Before we got underway, we all had to have the emergency lifeboat drills, put on our life jackets and go to our stations. On our deck, there were glass windows between us and our boats. When I asked how we were supposed to get to the boats in an emergency, our crewman said, "Well, I was getting to dat. Don't worry, de virst two of yew will make large hole for others right away."

The signal for an emergency disembarkation was seven short toots and a long one on the ship's whistle. I asked why such a long signal and was told, "Vee hav a party line."

"Back in Norway?" I asked.

"No," he replied, "Minnesota."

Finally, we got underway at a blazing of 26 knots. "Do you ever go faster?" I asked.

"Ya, sure," came the reply. "Vender captain vants to vater ski."

This ship is the largest still in service as a cruise ship, over three football fields long and four feet too wide to go through the Panama Canal, a costly error. The Norwegians have an answer for everything, though. They say they'll dig their own canal, told me they planned to put it in Puerto Rico.

Each deck has a name. Most of them are Norwegian, like the Viking deck, Norway deck, etc. I'm on the Oslo deck. Rooms are small but comfortable. Signs everywhere read, "Conserve water." The most burning question on everybody's mind was "Do they use sea water to flush?"

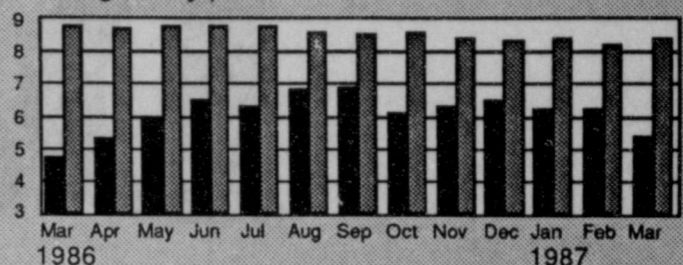
Naturally, nobody wants to appear an authority.

I've been all over the ship, which is a marathon of achievement but I've taken the stairs only, no elevators. Logic got to me on that one. I heard a tourist tell his wife, "I ain't getting on no elevator that could not only fall but sink!"

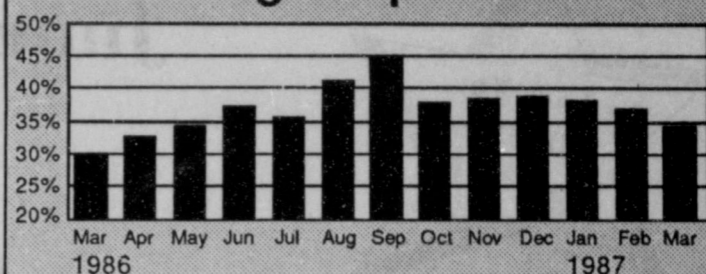
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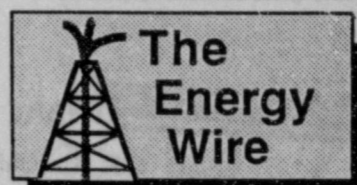


Percentage imported



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The Energy Wire/Doug Mendenhall



the basis of the average cost of imported oil to U.S. refiners.

By the end of this year, the United States will have lost about 1 million barrels per day of crude oil production since the bottom fell out of oil prices in early 1986.

A key question among lawmakers in the debate over whether and how to assist the industry is how fast a large portion of that production can be restored when prices go over \$20 per barrel.

The Energy Department's latest projections said oil prices should hover in the range of \$18 to \$19 per barrel until the middle of next year, then rise gradually thereafter.

The DOE report said what most people already know; the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will be the key to price. If OPEC's production quota agreement falls apart, prices will again sink. If worldwide demand increases, while OPEC holds the line, prices could go to \$20 or higher.

DOE's quarterly "Short-Term Energy Outlook" said the slight rise in prices this year is not expected to prevent a continuing decline in production, down to 8.2 million barrels per day by the end of this year compared to 9.2 million barrels per day of production in February, 1986.

The report said the total decline for 1986 was about 700,000 barrels per day -- 400,000 barrels per day as a result of "deferred well maintenance and an increase in the number of shut-in wells."

An additional loss of 300,000 barrels from reduced drilling activity, resulting in failure to make up for declining production from existing wells.

However, the report concludes that little of the production will be permanently lost.

"Very little production was lost due to permanent abandonment of wells and producing leases... With a sufficiently large and timely price recovery, much of the recovery (of Production) lost in 1986 could reappear," the quarterly report said.

Industry officials have consistently pointed out that oil production cannot be restored at the drop of a hat.

"It takes several years -- often as long as a decade or more -- to find, develop and deliver new oil reserves to consumers in the form of gasoline... and other refined products," a report from the American Petroleum Institute noted this month.

Glen Michel, head of the National Stripper well Association in Abilene, cited figures showing the 97,000 stripper wells, producing 10 barrels of oil or less a day, have been temporarily or permanently abandoned since the fall in price.

Of those wells -- accounting for a drop of 6.4 percent in U.S. oil production -- 68,000 are in Texas.

A total of 7,585 stripper wells in Texas had been permanently shut-in and probably could not be reopened at prices less than \$50 to \$60, Michel said. The others probably would not be reopened at prices less than about \$25.

With prices not expected to reach \$25 soon, that important segment of production could remain in the ground for some time, unavailable to slow the pace of expanding oil imports.

The longer-term study said 1986 is expected to be "the low point in a price decline that started at the beginning of this decade." Crude oil prices were calculated on

Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Allen have been Dick and Maxine Vernon of Springfield, California. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams also of Springfield. The couples had been on a tour of the southern states and were enroute back

to California. While in Spearman they visited other relatives, then went to Amarillo and spent a few days with Mrs. Nell McClellan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harbour returned recently from several days with their son, Ted and Mrs. Harbour, Austin and Vada. Their home is in Rockwall,

Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Allison enjoyed an interesting week-end by flying out to San Diego, California. They attended the wedding of their daughter, Suzanne on Saturday. They returned Monday.

Maxine Banister is getting settled in her new home at 1108 S. Dressen. Friends and relatives united last Saturday and had her moved in a short

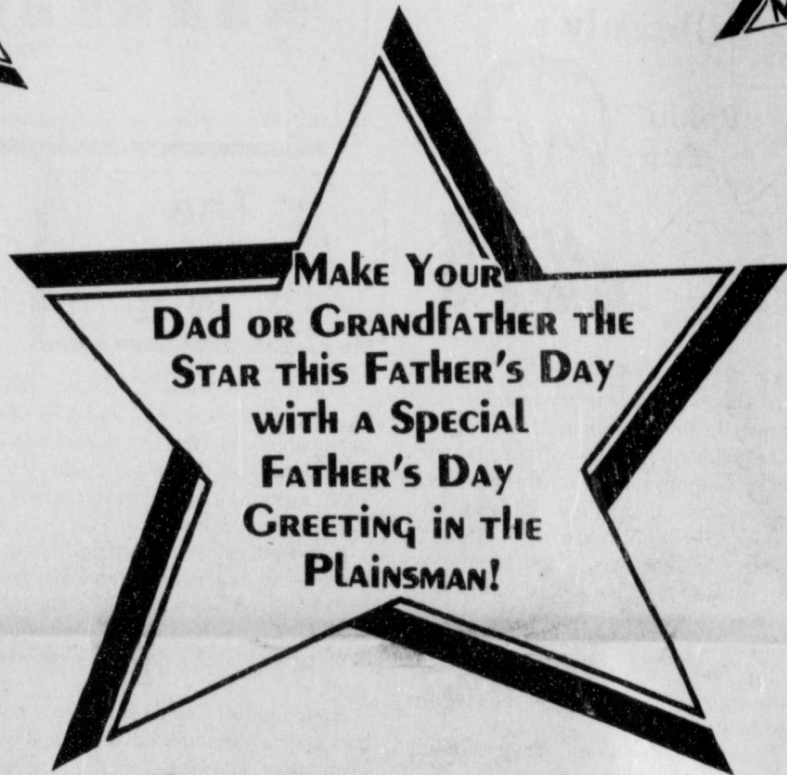
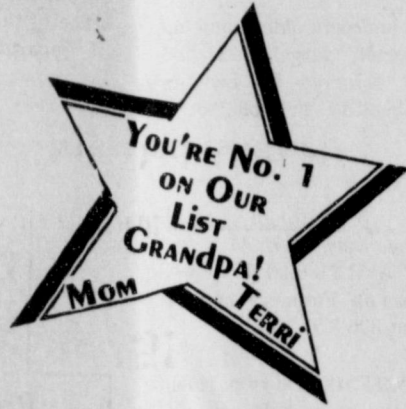
time. She was reluctant to leave her good friends at the apartment, and has appreciated their concern for her while she resided there, but felt the need for more room.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phelps are again at home after ten days with their son and family in Austin. Howell Ray was seriously ill for several days after emergency surgery. He is recovering at home now.

The Star is Dad



June 21st!



Yes, your personal message to your Father or Grandfather can appear on our Special Father's Day Page on Sunday June 21st And you can tell him and everybody in Gruver just how much you care for as little as \$5!

The two small stars above (approximately 1 col x 2 inches) can be used for your personal message for only \$5. Approximately 4 lines of type (20 characters per line). The larger star for extra long messages will be \$16. If you'd like to include his picture (large star only) include \$5 extra and a wallet size photograph (this size only, please). Money must accompany entry. (Deadline for sign up will be Wednesday, June 17

Use the Convenient Registration Form Above and Mail To or Bring By

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Yes, Make my Dad A Star!

Check one:

Small Star - \$5

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Message: _____

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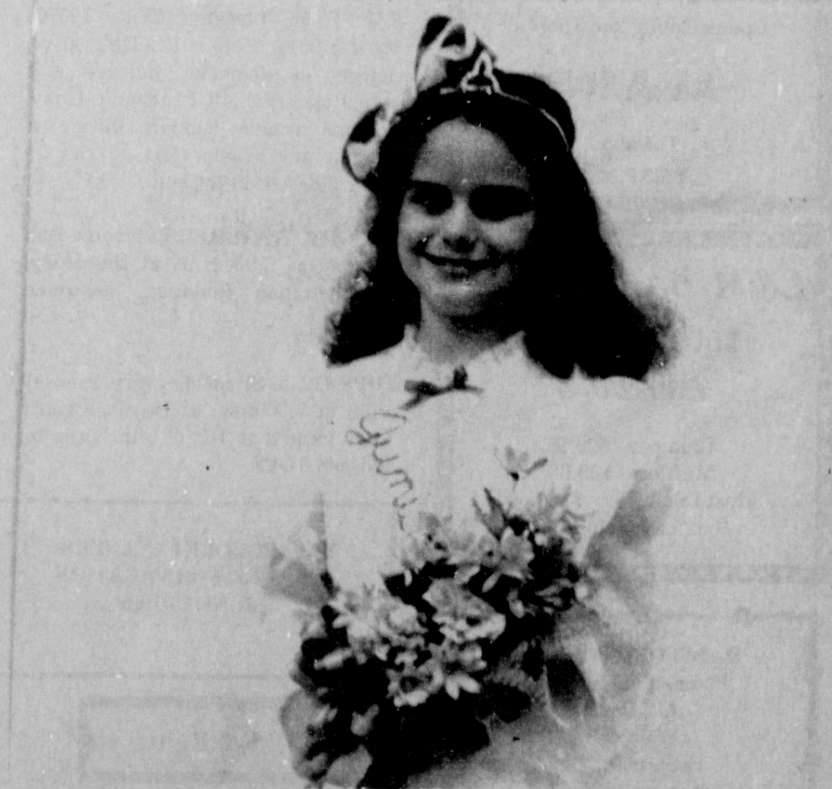
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