

Waka, Spearman . . .

Consolidation Possible

Spearman Independent School District Superintendent Larry Butler, in the regular meeting of the SISD Board of Trustees Monday, Feb. 12 relayed a report from Texas Education Administration on the possible consolidation of the Waka ISD with SISD.

According to Butler, the TEA report stated that SISD would realize an additional \$19,000 in State money by consolidating with Waka ISD. He reminded the board that they will be meeting with the Waka School Board on February 20 to discuss the possible consolidation.

In further action by the board an election for two seats on the board was ordered. According to Butler there are two seats up for election on May 5. The terms of Board

President Don Townsen and trustee Phillip Renner are expiring this year. The election judge for the election is to be J.L. Brock.

Butler stated that during the meeting the board had adjourned into private session to discuss administrators' and teachers' contracts. Upon reconvening, the board approved the extension of Jim Kirkland's contract as high school principal and girls' basketball coach. Teacher contracts will be acted upon in March.

Butler reported that the board approved the hiring of Charles Elliott to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Elliott will start work in March.

Butler went on to say the board gave approval for an overnight

trip to Hereford by the girls' golf team in March. The board also approved the Strategic Planning proposal.

According to Butler, the Strategic Planning proposal is being implemented by the Texas Association of School Boards in school districts across the state. It is used by the schools to self evaluate and to determine how best the school can serve its community.

Butler stated that during this process, a committee of 20 people oversees the evaluation of the school system and then writes a belief statement, mission statement, goals for the district and an action plan for the school district. The committee is made up of school board members, people from the community and school staff.

Two final pieces of business conducted by the board were the approval of a resolution accepting \$2100 from the city to defray the cost of upkeep on the school tennis courts, and the awarding of the month's gasoline supplier contract to Golden Spread Sales, the lowest bidder for the month.



RECEIVED NURSING CAPS - on January 26, twelve Vocational Nursing students at Frank Phillips College received their caps during a special ceremony. The students were: front left; Jan Slovacek, Terry Dewberry, Cheryl Freeman, Rena Cathy and Rhonda Conley. Back row, Tammy Jackson, Loree Hudson, Andi Lopez, Liz Sumner and Tansa Whitefield. Not pictured are Dixie Burch, Becky Beck and instructor Liz Hodges.

Commissioners Meet

County Judge R.L. McClellan reported that during the county commissioners' meeting February 12, Sheriff R.L. McFarlin expressed concern over a possible problem with overcrowding of the county jail.

McClellan stated that according to Sheriff McFarlin, a new state law limits the number of felons a county can send to the state prison system. This number is four. This may cause the county jail to have to house some of the people currently awaiting trial for felony offenses if they are convicted. If the jail cannot house these felons the county will have to pay another penal institution to house them.

McClellan stated the commissioners listened to a report by engineers from the Texas State Highway Department about new roads to be constructed to give access to the Palo Duro dam and lake. The engineers advised the commissioners they would have to seek additional road easements in two locations.

North of the dam and lake the county will need an additional 40 feet of right-of-way along a mile and a half of road running south off of road 3212. The right-of-way on the road now in existence is 80 feet and it needs to be 120 feet.

According to McClellan, the engineers recommended that a mile-long section of new road will have to be built south of the dam. This new section will be part of a

road connecting the south end of the dam with state road 15, four miles south of Spearman. The new road right-of-way cuts across the southwest corner of section 58. According to a county map in the courthouse, this land is owned by the O'Laughlin Trust.

McClellan stated that the commissioners granted right-of-ways to Five W Farms, Inc. to put a water line across a county road five miles east of town, and to GTE to run phone lines along a road three miles south of town.

It was reported by McClellan that the commissioners took action on two personnel matters. They approved a bond for clerk's deputy Maria Ochoa and discussed the interviews of three people for the courthouse maintenance position. McClellan indicated the position will be filled next week.

In a final piece of business, the commissioners passed a resolution to support and/or join a coalition of cities and counties of West Texas to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Regulations. According to McClellan, as part of this resolution the commissioners authorized Val Winger to go to Washington, D.C. on February 21. In Washington, Winger will meet with other members of this coalition and government officials to help solve the solid waste disposal problems brought on by the new regulations.

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Audit Reviewed, Election Set

Editor's Note:
Details from the annual reports submitted by the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, H&S EMS, Spearman Police Department and Spearman Municipal Court will be published in subsequent issues of the Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman.

Spearman's City Council reviewed the city's audit for fiscal year 1988-89, set the date for a city election and reviewed annual reports among agenda items at its Tuesday, Feb. 13 meeting.

Monty Blackman of Brown, Graham and Co., P.C. presented

the 1988-89 annual audit of the City of Spearman. After reviewing the audit, he presented three management recommendations to the council and city manager. His recommendations included budgeting proceeds of lease-purchase items and major equipment; bringing the checking and savings accounts of H&S EMS and Spearman Volunteer Fire Department under the city's control; and collecting some missing weekly wage reports from the airport project.

City Manager Jim Murray noted that the third recommendation had already been taken care of, prior to receiving the recommendation by Blackman. After discussion, the council approved the annual audit and thanked Blackman for a "job well done."

A city election was set for Saturday, May 5 for mayor and two alderman seats. The positions, currently held by Bob Pearson, Bob Boxwell and Don Reed, are for two years terms.

The Council received annual fire, ambulance, police, municipal court and animal control reports

for fiscal year 1988-1989. On hand at the council meeting to answer questions regarding the annual reports were Michele Davis, director of H&S EMS; Johnny Ring, fire chief; and Municipal Court Judge Albert Graves. The annual reports were approved as presented.

In other business, the council accepted an offer from Gillaspie Auto and Truck Center, Inc. which would allow the city to keep the trade-in of a 1984 Chevrolet Impala for an additional \$1,300.

Council members also considered approving a pay differential plan for the police chief and uniformed patrolmen. The city manager stated that in his opinion, the best solution to rectify the tax on the clothing allowance is to have a pay differential plan. The council approved a pay differential in the amount of \$100 per month for the police chief and uniformed officers, with no allowance to any officer on extended sick leave or worker's compensation, effective date for the pay differential is February 1.

Council members voted to raise

the car allowance for the director of public works from \$250 to \$270 per month, effective February 1. They also voted to pay the city manager for use of his personal vehicle in and out of town at \$0.26 per mile. He was previously being paid \$300 per month for his car allowance.

Regular business for the council included approving minutes of the January 23 council meeting; approval of monthly police, municipal court and animal control reports; approval of monthly bills payable in the amount of \$599, 631.08; and approval of the revenue and expense report for December 1989.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Bob Pearson, Aldermen Wilson McClellan, Burl Buchanan, Mike Cudd, Bob Boxwell and Don Reed; City Manager Jim Murray; City Secretary Cheryl Gibson; H&S EMS Director Michele Davis; Fire Chief Johnny Ring; Municipal Court Judge Albert Graves; and Monty Blackman of Brown, Graham and Co., P.C.

Living Water . . .

Band Has Christian Message

by Cayla Eaton

"Living Water," a ministry band with a goal to win youth to Jesus Christ, will appear at the Morning Star Outreach Center in Stinnett Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The contemporary Christian rock group, comprised of four young men from the area, was developed in the summer of 1988 when they brought their love of Christ and music together.

Corey Spurgeon, age 17, plays the bass and is a background vocalist. He is presently a junior at Stinnett High School. In 1988, Corey was witnessing his profession of faith and playing at a tent revival in Borger when he met Larry Dunn.

Dunn is the 21 year old son of Larry and Jan Dunn of Spearman.

He is the lead singer and lead guitarist for the band. Larry attended Spearman High School and studied music at Frank Phillips College. He was attending the revival in Borger when he and Corey became close friends. That was the change in his life he had been looking for. By the end of the revival, Larry was saved and well on his way to forming the band "Living Water."

During this time Travis Thurman, age 17, who plays rhythm and lead guitar and is a background vocalist, and Lance Richburg, age 19, who plays drums and is a background vocalist, were involved in a heavy metal band. Due to a break up in the band and a lot of witnessing by Corey and Larry, the two boys were saved. Travis is presently a junior at

Sunray High School. Lance attended Sunray High and Frank Phillips College, where he studied music. He is now working on a farm in Sunray.

The four boys are now involved in "getting youth of the world to experience the joy of knowing Christ." When asked how they felt about their new singing group, they said, "Jesus has done everything for us. He took a bunch of nobodies and made them somebody."

"Living Water" recently began a concert series and will be singing at several places throughout the year. They would like to encourage everyone from Spearman and surrounding areas to attend their February 21 concert in Stinnett and experience their uplifting Christian music.



"Living Water" includes [l-r] Larry Dunn, Corey Spurgeon, Travis Thurman, and Lance Richburg.

Retired Custodian Reminisces

by Jean Ann Behney

Reporter's note: The night before my very first day as a school teacher, my mother took me aside and offered a single piece of advice regarding my new profession. It was nothing about disciplining students or grading papers. What she said was, "The school custodian should be your best friend."

Years later, I realized that Mom was absolutely right. Not only does a good school custodian know where everything is and how everything runs, but this person also knows quite a bit about teachers, students and administrators. Many times in my teaching years, the school custodian was my staunchest ally and helpmate.

Knowing this, I knew many readers would like to hear Billie Haden's reflections on his 25 years as Spearman's custodian. It took a little friendly persuasion, but once he began to reminisce, even Billie seemed to enjoy our interview! The following is the result of a very pleasant morning I recently spent with him.

Twenty-five years ago when he first began working as the Spearman Elementary School janitor under Principal Allen Alford, Billie Haden discovered that the tools of his trade seemed to be limited to one pipe vise and one pipe

wrench.

"That's about all there was as far as equipment," he recalls. Cutting the grass was accomplished by two push mowers and watering by using a fire hose taken from the building.

"Back then, the teachers all had their own dust cloths and they dusted their own rooms, because there weren't enough of us (janitors) to take care of it all," says Billie with a grin.

Billie says school janitors did mostly cleaning in the Sixties and he had to learn the maintenance work by simply doing it. "I also picked it up from service people," he comments. This maintenance work included faucet repair, work-

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Billie Haden, retired Spearman Schools Custodian, surveys his lock smithing tools.

Chamber Chatter

by Brett Whitford

In this edition of the Chamber Chatter I would like to share with you an excerpt from an article brought to our office by a local citizen. The author is unknown. If you would like to read the complete article, feel free to drop by the chamber office and pick up a copy.

"There is a good reason for buying gasoline, oil and tires at home--community economics.

"Just as the water is never missed until the well runs dry, the mechanic, grocer, farmer, dressmaker, druggist, painter, carpenter won't be missed...until they are gone.

"Small towns have advantages. People know each other. They stop and chat.

"The kids can roam freely, and are cared about and known by all.

"Senior citizens can walk up and shop. They don't have to fight for a bus seat or call a cab, which

most couldn't afford. Youngsters benefit from oldsters' wisdom and oldsters stay young at heart because of youngsters.

"Many small businesses go out of their way to be accomodating--many will deliver for free. Not so in large cities.

"Local teachers want the children to learn and prosper. Local doctors care about residents' health. Neighbors care about each other. Local businessmen want to serve.

"Patronize home town businesses. It will be a pleasant surprise to find each customer is an individual, important to the community's well-being, not just a passing face in the million other passing faces. Money put back into the hometown makes it thrive and prosper."

This excerpt is from an article entitled **Stop Death of Small Towns.**



Karen's Kozy Korner

by Karen Babitzke

Notice to 4-H Parents

Here is an opportunity for parents interested in 4-H, whether your kids are already involved or you would like to get them enrolled. Dr. Martha Couch, 4-H & Youth Development Specialist from Lubbock, will be presenting a program on 4-H opportunities. She will be discussing 4-H projects and activities, how the 4-H'er can get involved in these different areas.

Dr. Couch will also present different trips, tours and scholarships that are available. She is going to explain what it takes to apply for 4-H scholarships. She

will discuss how to interview and how your 4-H career, plus schooling plays an important part in getting the scholarships.

Dr. Couch will be presenting this program, Tuesday evening, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of the Spearman First State Bank. The 4-H'ers are welcome, but be sure to bring your parents. She will be talking on how parents can encourage their 4-H'er to achieve in order to meet some of these standards.

For more information contact Hansford County Extension Office by calling 659-2030 or 733-2901.

Hansford Happenings

Spearman High School Chorale is now selling "BoosterShades" to show its support for the Lynx and Lynxettes. Lynxette fans are encouraged to obtain these shades and display them in their automobiles as the Lynxettes head into the playoffs. Shades sell for \$5.00 each, and all proceeds will go toward Chorale's spring trip. BoosterShades are available from any Chorale member, or at Kids' Stuff, First National Bank, J.C.'s and Cates Men and Boys Wear.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Owen and Olive Pendergraft enjoyed a weekend in Kansas just prior to the recent bad weather.

Last Saturday they drove to Ulysses, stopping in Tyrone to pick up Mrs. Lillian Ottaway. At Ulysses they met other members of the Wheat Belt Good Sam campers group. They had the meeting and dinner at the Peddiers Cafe.

The Pendergrafts and Mrs. Ottaway spent the night in Ulysses with Mrs. Vera Gray.

Loree Harbour is showing her usual up beat spirit in her recovery from recent surgery. She underwent the operation on February 6 at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger. After a stay of more than a week she returned home and reports that Ira is continuing with the TLC which she received at the hospital.

Vi Whitson was more than pleased to have her daughter Ann and James Nagel with her for about a week. They enjoyed driving all over the area, including Adobe Walls during their visit. They returned to their home in Albuquerque just ahead of the cold weather.

Guests of Eulalie and Eschol Blankenship over the weekend were her son, Allen Mires, his wife Mitzi and son Alek. Allen is in school at West Texas State University.

Sympathy is extended to Betty and Louis Lemons on the death of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, 90. Mrs. Henderson passed away in Spearman on Tuesday. She had been a resident of Hansford Manor for a few years.

Betty was her only child, and it was reported that the Lemons' son Frank was unable to leave Hannibal, Missouri due to the icy conditions in time for the funeral on Friday. James, their other son was expected from Washington, D.C.

Valentines Day was a cold, bleak day and the Hearts and Flowers bit was the last thing expected by your neighbor. So how delightful to find two lovely little valentines braving the cold to deliver hand made valentines.

So to Monica and Allison Behney, it is hoped for you in your lives, when so many years have passed that being remembered with a Valentine is only a memory, then two gracious little ladies will be thoughtful enough to make and deliver valentines to you !Thanks.

Relatives report that Bill Branstetter underwent surgery in Amarillo on Thursday morning at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. His daughter Kim, who is with him feels confident that the surgery is successful and is hopeful that this is the last of several that he has had to have.

Hansford Manor Residents of Month



Bertha Forester was born on March 29 in Breckenridge, Texas to William F. and Rosa Lee Daton Forester. She grew up in the Pringle and Morse area. Bertha has been a salesperson and buyer in Corsicana and McAllen, Texas and in California. Her hobbies are reading, poetry and games. She made Hansford Manor her home on January 2, 1987, and is a very active member of the Manor Cooking Club and Resident Council.



Mary Johnson was born on March 29, 1916 in Childress, Texas to Tom and Agness Garrison Rothwell. She grew up in Childress and Married Carol Hunt in 1935 in Tell, Texas. After the death of her first husband she later remarried in 1969 to Charlie Johnson in Childress. He passed away in 1989. She has two sons, Tommy of Las Vegas, nev. and Jerry of Gruver. Mary has five grandchildren, Jerry Don, Colby, Jerard, Adam, and Erica. She came to live at Hansford Manor on July 27, 1989, and is a very active participant in the Manor Cooking Club and Resident Council.

Club News

RHORHO

Elaine Morris hosted the February 8 meeting of Rho Rho in the home of Bonita Reimer. President Pat Cudd called the meeting to order with everyone reciting the opening ritual. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Eulalia Blankenship then presented the program on different ways to use accessories, and showed some of the new spring fashions.

Cudd reported she had received some correspondence about a recipe contest and passed the information around for everyone to see. All were encouraged to enter their favorite recipe. She had also received a letter from Linda Butt concerning Panhandle Transit. Anyone needing a program they can contact Linda.

There will be a baby shower honoring Robin Snider on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Union Church. The shower will be held from 2:00

p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will also be a baby shower for Debbie Reed on Monday, Feb. 12 in the home of Bonita Reimer.

It was reported that Rho Rho had taken meals to Snider and Reed.

Members were reminded that the Valentine Ball will be held Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Perryton Club. Also, the tea honoring the Queens will be Feb. 15 in the home of Tina Wilmeth.

The next meeting will be February 22 in the home of Patti Schnell. After the closing ritual the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Members present were Pat Cudd, Beth Raper, Patti Schnell, Jan Williamson, Elaine Morris, Leslie Cazares, Janie Kunselman, Kristi Ramon, Tina Wilmeth, Melanie Elliott, Paula Butler, Jennifer Cherry, Tiki Farrar, Jan Howard, Kim Reger, Robin Snider, Cindy Adkins and Samme Goehring.

Obituary

Myrtle Henderson

Myrtle Henderson, 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Hansford Hospital. She had been a resident of Hansford Manor for the past four years, and was a resident of Panhandle for 25 years.

She was born Jan. 22, 1900 in Plantersville, Miss. She married Frank Henderson in 1927. He preceded her in death in 1936. She was retired from General Telephone Co.

Mrs. Henderson was a member of First Baptist Church of Panhandle, Women's Fellowship Sunday School Class and Erudite-Fine Arts Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Lemons of Spear-

man; two grandchildren, James Lemons of Burke, Virginia and Frank Lemons of Hannibal, Missouri; two sisters, Benja Arms of Amarillo and Willie Ora Wade of Dallas; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 16 at 2:00 p.m. from First Baptist Church of Panhandle with Dr. Stephan Vernon officiating. Pallbearers were Jerry Murray, Clinton Williams, C.L. Edwards, Jack Ramey, De Holiman and Dale Kingham. Burial was in the Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home in Panhandle.

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ing on light fixtures, plumbing, door locks, and operating heating and cooling systems. Outdoor work included mowing, maintenance of water lines (once sprinkler systems were installed) and repairing and installing fences. Billie also repaired school buses and overhauled one of them. He and a few others built the concession stand and two ticket booths at the old football field, which were eventually moved to the new football field at the high school. These structures still stand on the visitors' side, he says.

Today this recently retired head custodian reports that the schools have "all the tools you'd ever need" and a staff of two maintenance workers and seven custodians. Many of these tools were purchased for the schools by Billie over the years. He remembers the year he convinced the school system to replace its two push mowers with two small tractors.

"We really got after it when the high school was built (in 1962)," Billie exclaims. Billie went to locksmith school many years ago so he could do all of the lock work that the Spearman schools require, and when the asbestos scare first occurred, he went to get training in asbestos inspection.

Billie Haden was born near Pampa 58 years ago and remembers spending from "daylight to dark" in the summer fields with his father from the time he was a small boy. Figuring the draft board was going to "come after" him during the Korean War, he volunteered to serve in the Air Force, spending three of his four years in the military in England.

Marrying Martha Cayton halfway through his hitch, Billie returned to the Texas Panhandle in the mid-Forties to farm. Except for a year farming in Colorado ("That was a losing proposition!"), the Haden's have lived in Spearman ever since then. Following seven years as assistant manager at Foxworth-Galbraith

Lumber Company and three years as a deputy sheriff, Billie was approached by Allen Alford and James Pendergraft about working for the Spearman schools.

"I think they were desperate!" Billie jokes when asked why he was sought for the job. He was one of only two janitors at the elementary campus and remem-

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The City of Spearman reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. S16S-1tc

Job Opening

The City of Spearman is now accepting applications for a laborer position in the Street Department. A person who qualifies for the laborer position will be one who can perform semi-skilled tasks of a physical nature. Examples of work performed are repair of streets, aid in repair and sign placement, and park maintenance.

Ten years of formal school training or its equivalent in education and work experience, a Texas commercial drivers license, and passing a physical examination will be required.

The City has an excellent fringe benefit program which includes retirement, group hospitalization insurance, vacation, holidays, and sick leave.

Applications will be received until 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 1990. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 30 S.W. Court. The City of Spearman is an Equal Opportunity Employer. S16S-3tc

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bers "borrowing some stuff" to plane the playground and plant grass on the grounds that first summer. When he first began working, he was paid monthly but later he was paid hourly. Billie says his average work day began at 6 a.m. ("if I wasn't called out at two in the morning to lock a door left open by somebody else!") and ended at about 4 p.m. His typical work week for most of his years as custodian was 57 or 58 hours.

"When I first went to work up there, I had a bunch of nieces and nephews there and it wasn't long before every kid in school was calling me 'Uncle Billie,'" he laughs. He says his presence in the background probably made his own two sons, Jimmy and Billy Ray, "uncomfortable" from time to time. "I'm sure they weren't saints but they were pretty well-behaved," he adds quickly, pride visible on his face.

He does remember teasing a favorite nephew now and then. "I'd look in the classroom where he was and make a face and about the time he'd make one back, the teacher would catch him!" Billie himself would be long gone down the hall by that time! This same nephew, by the way, is chief deputy in Dumas now.

When hard-pressed to name a teacher he particularly admired over the years, Billie is reluctant to respond but finally says, "I hate to single it out, but Blant McGee would be one that comes to mind. He was a good teacher AND a good person! And Dwayne Mitchell would be another, because he has a good rapport with the kids yet he has discipline in his class, too."

According to Billie, a custodian can tell which teachers have good class control and which do not merely by what he finds in the room at the end of the day. "It's a fact that the better teachers' classrooms take less time to clean," he remarks. He and the other custodians' goal is to clean a classroom in three to seven minutes, but he says a rowdy class can create 30 or more clean-up minutes for custodians. He remarks that in some school systems, custodians refuse to pick up paper off the floor, believing teachers should ask their pupils to do it.

"There is one teacher at the elementary building - and she's still there - whose room you could almost skip, and you wouldn't be able to tell, it is so clean!" he exclaims. Billie adds that when teachers ask their students to pick up after themselves, the budget for custodial work can be kept in line because that means less time on clock for cleaning. "It takes everybody's effort to keep cleaning expenses down," he emphasizes.

He adds with a wry smile, "If I were going to interview teachers (in other schools) for jobs, I'd talk to the custodian about that teacher!"

Billie doesn't believe that students have changed significantly over the years. "Kids are always kids," he says. "They are gonna do what they are let do!" He does think that teachers are often less aware today of what the custodian's work involves. "Some of today's teachers have never had to work until their first teaching job," he comments seriously. "So

they don't realize what all the custodians have to do to keep things running." He adds, however, that he is well aware of the increased volume of paperwork that teachers are now required to do. "Custodians' paperwork has increased, too," he says.

One of the recent changes Billie has witnessed in custodial work is the need for custodians to wear latex gloves when cleaning restrooms because of the disease AIDS. While he admits that this seems extreme in a community like Spearman, he says he firmly believes in following safety guidelines for the protection of the cleaning staff.

Other more recent changes in cleaning have included the use of new chemical germicides in cleaning fluids and a fogger. Billie reports that the custodians usually "fogged" the building over winter school vacations when he was head custodian to kill germs suspended in the air and on classroom surfaces. "I really believed it helped cut down in illness," he says today, citing a time several years ago when Gruver schools had to close due to high absenteeism and Spearman had very few absences. At the time, Spearman used the fogger and Gruver did not. (Gruver does use a germicidal spray in a fogger now.)

"In fact, whenever we got the fogger out, I had one custodian who always volunteered to do it!" Billie says. "He said he never got sick and he thought it was because of using the fogger." Billie recalls

that there were several teachers who would rush to get out of the building whenever they heard the noise of the fogger being switched on. "It kind of choked some of 'em up," he says.

In a lighter vein, Billie recalls the day he arrived at school to have a custodian report a pig in the girls' restroom. "It had been in there all night," he remembers, "and it didn't start making noise until we went to catch it!"

Another time, James Cunningham called Billie to the scene when a skunk was discovered in the teachers' mimeograph room. It was thought that the animal had come in through a propped-open door earlier that school day. "And there he was, just wandering around in the teachers' duplicating room," Billie recalls gleefully. "Mr. Cunningham got a broom and we brought a welding partition so we could just shoo it out towards the door, but about that time the bell rang and so we shut the duplicating room door real quick because we didn't want the students to find out!" Once the kids were out of the hall, he and James were able to "shoo" the skunk out of the building and, in Billie's words, "That skunk never did get nasty!"

Now that he has retired, Billie plans to continue with his locksmithing part-time, so long as it doesn't interfere with his fishing hobby. The owners of a 16-foot boat with inboard-outboard motor, Billie and Martha hope to spend time at Lake Meredith and, eventually, the Palo Duro lake formed by the new dam.

School Lunch Menu

JR HIGH-ELEMENTARY MENU February 19-February 23

MONDAY
FRITO PIE
AU GRATIN POTATOES
SWEET PEAS
HOT ROLL
PEANUT BUTTER BLEND
MILK
TUESDAY
STEAK FINGERS
GRAVY-opt.
GREEN BEANS
CARROT SLICES
HOT ROLLS/BUTTER
APPLE CRISP
MILK
WEDNESDAY
HAMBURGER
FRIES
BURGER SALAD
PICKLE/ONION
FRUIT
COOKIE
MILK
THURSDAY
PIGS IN A BLANKET
MACARONI & TOMATO
BLACK EYED PEAS
JELLO
FRUIT
MILK
FRIDAY
PIZZA BURGER
BUTTERED CORN
ITALIAN BLEND VEGETABLES
CHERRY PUDDING
MILK

HIGH SCHOOL MENU February 19-February 23

MONDAY
FRITO PIE
AU GRATIN POTATOES
SALAD BAR
HOT ROLL
PEANUT BUTTER BLEND
MILK
TUESDAY
STEAK FINGERS
GRAVY opt.
GREEN BEANS
SALAD BAR
HOT ROLLS/BUTTER
APPLE CRISP
MILK
WEDNESDAY
HAMBURGER
FRIES
SALAD BAR
COOKIE
MILK
THURSDAY
PIGS IN A BLANKET
MACARONI & TOMATO
SALAD BAR
JELLO
FRUIT
MILK
FRIDAY
PIZZA BURGER
BUTTERED CORN
SALAD BAR
CHERRY PUDDING
MILK



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