

Argument Sparks Gruver Shooting

A 25-year-old Gruver resident is wanted for attempted murder after an early morning shooting incident Oct. 5.

According to the Hansford County Sheriff's Office the shooting occurred at Equity Elevator at approximately 7:40 a.m., when Jesus Montez drove up to the elevator in a blue Ford pickup and motioned to employees who were inside the office, indicating he wanted them to come outside to where he was parked.

When the employees approached the pickup, Montez apparently retrieved a .22-caliber rifle from inside the pickup and opened fire, wounding one man.

Javier Borunda, an elevator employee, was treated and released from Hansford County Hospital with a gunshot wound to the leg, according to information from the hospital.

Law enforcement officials found the pickup abandoned about 9:00 a.m. that morning on a highway, about 10 miles north of Gruver, and believe Montez obtained his own vehicle. He drives a dark blue 1980 Oldsmobile.

As of Thursday evening, officials were still searching the area for Montez. A warrant for his arrest was issued, listing a charge of attempted murder.

According to County Sheriff, R.L. McFarlin, the shooting incident is a result of a week long disagreement between Montez and Borunda.

Grand Jury Hands Down Indictments

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin released the names of sixteen people indicted by the Grand Jury on Friday. Twelve of indictments were related to the county wide drug bust that took place in July. The other four were for crimes not related to drugs.

The four indictments not related to drugs are as follows. Dennis Lahl, of Spearman was indicted on two counts. One was for forgery. The second count was for escape.

While Mr. Lahl was in jail for the forgery charge he was made a trustee. While serving in this capacity, he walked away from jail. According to Sheriff McFarlin he had only two weeks left to serve.

Mario Rodriguez, of West Texas was indicted for theft by appropriation. Mr. Rodriguez

bought some horses for a large sum of money using a bad check. His bond has been set at \$5000.

Joey Etchison, of Spearman, was indicted on a charge of perjury, his bond was set at \$2500.

There were twelve indictments handed down related to the drug sweep of Hansford County in July. Sheriff McFarlin further stated that four people have been arrested but not indicted, and four more warrants have been issued for the arrest of people in connection with that drug sweep.

The twelve people indicted by the Grand Jury are as follows. Jan Griffin, Gruver, delivery of a controlled substance; Armando Borunda, Gruver, delivery of

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Pastor Terry Austin surveys the construction scene at First Baptist Church of Morse. "You can see the changes every day," he comments. The addition to the church is tentatively scheduled to be completed by December of this year.

Church Building Project In Morse

by Jean Ann Behney

There is a great deal of hammering and sawing going on in Morse lately. All this construction noise and activity will result in a very large addition on the First Baptist Church of Morse by Christmas.

Pastor Terry Austin eagerly gives tours of the church's new wing even as it is erected. The addition, which will add a full 4500 square feet to the main building, will include a large fellowship hall, a modern kitchen, an office and classrooms. Last week, framing was being done on the addition, revealing a sort of skeletal outline of the unfinished building.

"Everything is going smoothly so far. The construction crew is making good progress. You can see changes every day," commented Austin. He explained that a building project was part of a church committee's long-range priorities over eight years ago, but that the Building Committee was formed only three years ago.

"There was a definite need for a fellowship hall and kitchen. When we have local funerals, we can never seat everyone in the church's auditorium," said Austin. "We often end up having the funeral in the school, but we

would rather be in the church at such a time." With the current plan, the auditorium will open to the fellowship hall for overflow seating. He added that a fellowship hall and kitchen were also desirable for many other church events, such as weddings, all-church suppers, and various bible study groups.

Rick Harbison and his construction company, Gruver Millworks, are doing most of the work on First Baptist Church of Morse's building project. "We frame, sheetrock, do roofings and demolition," said Harbison, "but we subcontract out the heating and air, electrical and plumbing and carpeting." His crew includes Don Ross of Gruver, Cub Jones of Morse, and Steve George and Justin Harris, both of Gruver.

"So far there haven't been any delays or surprises," Harbison commented, "although when you're working with an older building (the existing church), you never know what you're going to find." He went on to say that he recently discovered that the old church building is one inch out of level, possibly from settling. "So we have to build the roof on the new addition to accommodate

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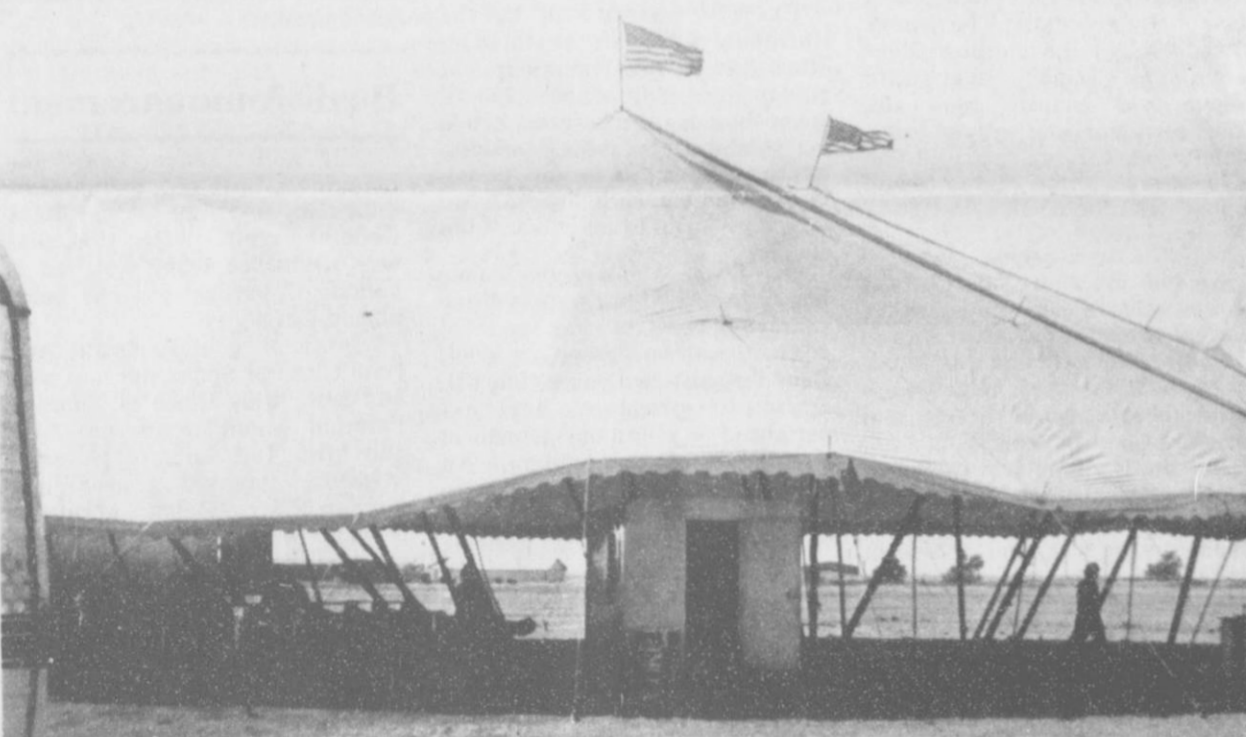
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Sunday, October 8, 1989



Men put the last poles in place that hold up the "big top" tent of the King Royal Brothers Circus. The circus did two performances on Tuesday evening.

Circus Comes To Spearman

The circus came to town Oct. 3 when the King Royal Bros. Circus set up the "big top" in Spearman.

The King Royal Bros. Circus visit, sponsored by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, saw attendance of over 1,000 people, with area residents flocking to see such acts as clowns, jugglers, acrobats and aerialists.

Activities such as elephant rides and feeding an elephant were available, and the two shows under the tent included such acts as 6-year-old Sophie, who performed a ladder act and was in charge of the elephant ride. Other acts included "Oklahoma Shorty," who performed rope tricks and a synchronized horse act.

The old-fashioned circus, where those attending could be close to the action, involved a lion and tiger act with John Davenport; "Bumbles" the clown, who also performed magic; and GiGi, a female juggler.

Featured act for the circus performances was "The Magical Wizardry of Laraf," a duo of

magicians.

A big attraction in this circus, as in many others, was the midway shows, which featured "the largest rat," named "Willard," the smallest pony, a 500-lb orangutan; and a kangaroo named Skippy.

The King Royal Bros. Circus' next stop will be Laverne, Okla.

SWCD Election Set

An election for a director to serve in Zone 5 on the Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board is scheduled

for Tuesday, October 10th at the SCS office in the Pittman-Shield-knight Building located at 505 W. 11th in Spearman. The election will be held at 7:30 p.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a SWCD director's election, a person must

own agricultural land and reside within Hansford County and be 18 years of age.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a SWCD director must own land in the zone he represents, be 18 years of age, be actively engaged in farming or ranching and reside in Hansford County.

Zone 5 consists of the northwest portion of Hansford County and the current director is Elnio Dahl.

WEATHER

Day	High	Low	Precip.
Sun.	95	57	0
Mon.	70	46	0
Tue.	76	44	0
Wed.	81	46	0
Thurs.	75	58	0
Fri.		50	19

Theater Group Schedules Auditions

Auditions for the first production of the new Hansford County Theater Group will be Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Spearman High School Audi-

torium. The auditions will be "cold readings," according to theater group personnel.

Group members noted, "We need many players, so anyone who comes to try out will probably get a part. We need men, women, young adults, children, long-haired Indians, etc."

There are also other ways to get involved with the theater group, including committees such as Publicity, Costumes, Props, Sets, Stage Manager, Lights, Make-up and "Gophers." This community-oriented, county-wide project will benefit both the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and the newly organized Gruver Chamber of Commerce, thereby benefiting both Spearman and Gruver.

Chambers of Commerce urge residents all over Hansford County to "Come on out and join all the fun!" If this first project is a success, the theater group and the Chambers of Commerce can continue to grow and do more for each community in Hansford County.

Public Awareness Program Sponsored By PTA

"Occult and Ritualistic Crime in the Texas Panhandle," a public awareness program, will be held in Gruver on Oct. 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Gruver High School Auditorium.

Sargeant Tom Porter and Corporal Travis Block, members of the Amarillo Police Department, will be the program speakers. Both have attended several trainings in ritualistic crime and offer this program as a way to educate and inform the public.

By its very nature ritualistic crime is secretive and it is natural

that many people are curious and have a fear about it. This program is designed to educate adults. A minor is not allowed to attend the program unless they are accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. It is stressed, this is not a program set up for children.

The program is sponsored by the Gruver and Spearman Parent Teacher Associations. For more information contact Gail Etheredge at 733-2920. There is no admission charge. The auditorium is located at the east end of Broadway.

Students Of Month Chosen

Laura Dyess and Frank (Kico) Salgado have been chosen as Spearman High School Students of the Month for September, according to Jim Kirkland, principal.

Dyess, age 17, is a senior

studnet at SHS. She is the daughter of Todd and Shyrle Dyess. Her interests include playing the flute, playing piano and reading.

on the basis of leadership, citizenship, academic effort, participation and cooperation. Each month one male and one female student will be chosen by teacher ballots.

She is a member of the SHS band, a member of the National Honor Society and is on the Annual Staff at school. Her church activities include being vice president of the United Methodist Youth Group.

She plans to attend West Texas State University after graduation, and wants a career in bilingual education.

Salgado, age 18, is also a senior at SHS. The son of Frank and Josephine Salgado lists classical music as one of his interests. Other interests include literature, weightlifting, school activities and meeting people.

His future plans are to attend college, major in architecture, minor in business, and perhaps be "A mayor someday."

The Student of the Month is a new program at Spearman High School. Each month, teachers are asked to nominate students they feel are deserving of recognition. Students of the Month are chosen



Frank Salgado



Laura Dyess

Clarendon Rodeo Results Announced

Riding and roping their way to outstanding finishes in the recent Clarendon Tri-State High School Rodeo were Marty McCloy, Kelly McCloy and Leslie Morton, all of Gruver; and Mark Eakin of Spearman.

Marty McCloy took fourth place in Calf Roping at Clarendon with a time of 16.046 seconds. Mark

Eakin, with his teammate Clay Beardon of Dumas, had a time of 10.638 seconds in Team Roping, which earned them a fifth-place finish.

Kelly McCloy finished fifth place in Barrels, with a time of 18.438 seconds. Fourth place in Pole Bending was taken by Leslie Morton, with a time of 21.623 seconds.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Sympathy is extended to Paula and Larry Butler on the death of her father, Paul Becker, 72. The Butlers returned Wednesday from Hamlin, Texas where services were held on Tuesday.

One of the most interesting trips this summer from Spearman was that of Alton and Peggy Ellsworth, just concluded on Wednesday evening.

They drove though the Northeast, up into Canada and back down the eastern sea coast. They covered 6700 miles and were gone four weeks.

They wisely chose a number of state or country roads to go through, the country side and small villages, using the Interstates only to reach urban areas. They can hardly count the many places and sights of interest, both scenic and historical. Some highlights for them, in addition to places like Niagara Falls, Boston, and the spectacular Adirondack Mountains, were seeing the President's home in Kennebunkport, Connecticut, and the lighthouses on the rocky coasts of Maine.

The Ellsworths stopped each Sunday for church services, many in small churches along the way and a few in the large Metropolitan churches.

They enjoyed every mile of the trip, with the possible exception of the proliferation of toll roads in some states that became a nuisance.

However, the vast expanse of open sky and horizons with no trees or hills to obscure the view never looked better when they reached Spearman.

Ruth Mary and Billy Whitson have been enjoying house guests since August. Her sister, Charlotte Bollinger and daughter Holly, of Natural Dam, Ark. have been here.

During the stay here, all went to

Cherokee Village near Hardy, Ark. where they toured the country side and attended several pageants and dramas.

The many friends of Cleo Denman are relieved that she is back at home now after a stay in an Amarillo hospital.

Her son Tommy, and Dolores Taylor, and niece, Twila Wright, came home with the Denmans. They are from Arkansas and Tommy and Twila will be returning soon, but Dolores will stay on for a time.

Cleo's physicians decided that her best course of treatment would be with oral medication rather than chemotherapy or radiation. She is in good spirits and optimistic and is up to having visitors.

Mark Hood, who underwent surgery at San Anthony's hospital in Amarillo several days ago, is recovering at home. He expects to be able to return to work in the near future.

As of this writing, late information as to the condition of Jerry Womble of Morse is that a definitive diagnosis has not been made as yet.

He is in Northwest Texas Hospital after he was seriously injured in an accident on Monday evening west of Morse.

Jerry was driving in a pasture and in the fall weeds he failed to see that an old oil well installation was sunk around a casing. His pickup fell into it and he suffered an injury of the spine. Though conscious, he could not move, even to turn the engine off.

Fortunately his brother, Bob, was farming nearby and noticed that the pickup had been in one place an hour and went to investigate.

Jerry's mother, Dora Womble, has been with him as well as other family members



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Little

Fisher, Little United

Kelli Dawn Fisher of Memphis and Robert Mark Little of Graham were united in marriage at 6:00 p.m. on September 17, 1989.

Kelli is the daughter of Zack B. and Texie Fisher, Memphis, and the granddaughter of Harry Barkley and the late Billie Dean Barkley, formerly of Gruver and of Helen Fisher, Spearman.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Dale Little and the late Elmer Little of Graham, Texas.

The patio wedding was at the home of Vivian Hogue at Seymour. The white lattice trellis edged with English Ivy and fresh baby's breath was strung with white twinkling lights. At each side were several large green potted plants. The two porch pillars were also decorated with English Ivy and baby's breath.

The Reverend David Ray, Methodist minister, presided over the double ring ceremony. Linda Conner, Seymour, provided two vocal solos - "The Eyes of Love" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The registration table held the bride's book, silver tray of rice bags, and a dozen pink roses sent to the bride by her father.

Braquel Ferguson, cousin of the bride of Memphis, served as bridal attendant. She wore a street length dress of mauve and navy with a white collar.

Maid of Honor was Kelli McQueen, Amarillo. She wore a street length dress of navy with a white lace collar. Each carried a single long stemmed mauve silk lily accented with baby's breath.

The groom wore a dark gray suit with narrow mauve and blue stripes, and a boutonniere of mauve silk lily and baby's breath. Ron Ranger of Lubbock served as his best man, and groomsman was Chris Killion, Gainsville, Texas, nephew of the groom. They also had boutonnieres of mauve, silk lily and baby's breath.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street length champagne colored taffeta two piece dress. The fitted bodice was accented with covered buttons and short bouffant puffed sleeves, with the gathered skirt on the waist band. She wore a necklace of pearls and pearl earrings, and fresh baby's breath in her hair. She carried a bouquet of mauve silk lilies and country blue silk flowers.

For something old she carried a locket from her grandmother Barkley and a handkerchief of her

grandmother Fisher; for something new - her dress; for something borrowed, a pearl bracelet of Vivian Hogue; something blue - her garter - and the two pennies in her shoes - one was the same one worn by her mother in her wedding, and the other given to her by her uncle.

The bride's mother wore a street length dress of deep purple and the groom's mother wore a street length dress of teal.

The reception was held in the home of Vivian Hogue with bride's table in the dining area covered with white linen and draped around the edges with fresh baby's breath. The center piece was a large sterling silver champagne cooler filled with mauve and country blue silk flowers. Silver and crystal completed the serving pieces. The cake was a three tiered white topped with the same colored silk flowers.

In the garden a buffet was served from a long table with a variety of foods and drink. Guests were seated at the round tables throughout the yard, which were covered with white linens and small vases of flowers.

For the wedding trip to Nueva Vallarta, Mexico, the bride wore a blue denim dress with a fitted bodice to the waist and a bow in the back, and red accessories.

After September 23, the couple will be at home in Wichita Falls, Texas. The bride is a 1982 graduate of Memphis High School, a 1986 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Business degree. She is employed as a commercial insurance CSR.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Graham high school, attended Tarleton State University and Angelo State University. He is employed with the United Super Markets in Wichita Falls.

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SISD Sayso

by Larry Butler
Superintendent

For the past three years, I have been privileged to serve as a member of the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League. This is an honor in itself, in that the members are elected by their peers throughout the state. Along with the twenty administrators elected from across the state, four are now appointed as the result of Sunset Commission rulings. The Council meets annually as a group in October after committee meetings have transpired in the summer.

When the University Interscholastic League is mentioned, the first thoughts that come to mind are those related to athletics. True, a great deal of athletic controversies engulf the league, but a great deal of time, effort and money are spent on academic and music contests.

The UIL was created by the University of Texas at Austin in an attempt to provide leadership and guidance to public schools. For 79 years the League has been active in establishing rules, making interpretations, assessing penalties when rules are broken, and directing the many activities of the league.

The greatest change the league has experienced in the past three years appears in the area of academics at the elementary level. Over the past two years, the UIL academic program has experienced an enormous growth in this level of competition. An increase of over 500 elementary and junior high schools has elevated the number of schools participating to more than 2,400 schools. Additional inquiries continue to pour into the League

To satisfy requests from school people, events in calculator applications, earth science, life science, dictionary skills, and listening skills have been developed for the program which brings the total to 10 events for junior high and 9 for elementary.

This has been extremely rewarding for me to see the extra effort being directed to the academic areas and specifically the lower grades.

Our general meeting in October will once again be confronted with the headline stories concerning athletics, but please realize that great strides are being made in the academic areas. I personally will continue to be involved in academic competition as the need continues to exist for our younger students and their challenges academically.

Birth Announcement

Cliff and Jeanne Lang announce the birth of a daughter at 4:23 p.m. Sept. 29, at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. She was 19 inches long, weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and has been named Christy Jo.

Maternal grandparents are Jean Close of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Close of Sunray. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lang of Nevada, Missouri. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Helen Puckett of Nevada, Missouri. Christy Jo was also welcomed by aunts, uncles and other relatives.

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PTA Schedules Fall Festival

PTA will sponsor a Fall Festival on Saturday, - October 21, 1989, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm, at the County Barn.

If you would like to help, please call Pat Cudd at 659-5030.

Engagement Announced

Bob and Patsy Hulsey of Amarillo, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Anne Hulsey, to Chad Wayne Guthrie of Shreveport, Louisiana. Guthrie is the son of Deloris Sloan and

The bride-elect attended Amarillo College and is presently employed at Sears in Amarillo. The prospective groom attended Amarillo College and also attended art schools in London, England and Atlanta, Georgia. He is presently enlisted in the United States Air Force, stationed at Shreveport.

The couple plans a December 1 wedding, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at 900 Alta Vista in Amarillo.



About six percent of all American households now have computers.

Craft Show, Sale Planned

A craft and thrift sale is being planned for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, in Spearman.

According to Wendy Curtis, one of the sale's organizers, the event is aimed at showcasing the talents of the many people interested in crafts and handmade items. Purpose of the show and sale is to provide space for those crafty people to display their wares without costing as much as the larger, better-known craft fairs.

Toward that end, booth space is available at no cost.

Randy Hendrickson is donating the use of his building at the Crazy Corners, and Sheriff R.L. McFarlin is providing assistance in obtaining tables and chairs for the occasion.

Anyone in the area who is interested in craft fairs - or for those who have "white elephants" at home, but not quite enough for a full-fledged garage sale - is invited to contact Curtis at 659-3775 or Michelle Miller at 659-3859 to reserve free booth space or for more information.

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Foreign Exchange Students From Finland Describe Experiences

by Joanne Eaton

I have just met two of the warmest, friendliest teenagers I shall ever hope to meet. These two striking blond, green-eyed charmers are our foreign exchange students.

Sanna Sinisalo, age 17, goes to Gruver High School and Arto Kunnola, age 18, goes to Spearman High School. Both students are from Finland. Sanna is staying in the home of Lonnie and Linda Hiller in Gruver, while Arto is staying in the home of Dale and Martha Jones, near Morse.

When the host families decided to participate in the exchange program they called a number from an ad in the Amarillo paper. They are only responsible for room and board for their student. The exchange program carries insurance on each child and their parents send them spending money.

I first went to Spearman High to visit with Arto. He is in a "world of hurry." He was a little concerned that if he was late for athletics, he would have to do push ups, but I assured him that Coach Mullins knew I was going to interview him.

Arto is from a town in Finland called Espoo, about nine miles from Helsinki, on the southern end of Finland. When asked why he wanted to participate in the exchange program Arto told me, "I wanted to learn to speak better English. I felt this would be a good opportunity for that." Finland, a country with an almost 100 percent literacy rate, has instilled a desire for learning in its students.

Arto's father, Aimo, is in the computer field and his mother, Viola, is a chemist. He has one sister, Anja, age 15.

One of Arto's main problems seems to be time. "I always feel like I am hurrying," he told me. "In Finland we have fifteen minutes between classes, but here we have only five. I run to my locker, get my books, and run to class. I don't have a study hall. I feel if I had taken one maybe I would not be so busy."

Another concern of Arto's is that he is not able to drive in the United States. He has been used to driving in Finland so this has been hard. "I live in the country here, and it is very embarrassing to always have to ask someone to take me places," he explained.

Arto and I were becoming more comfortable in our exchange of conversation now. He was a little concerned that he could not explain things to me like he really wanted to. Some of my questions were worded so colloquially that I knew he could not grasp some of the things I was asking. I finally told him, "Arto, if you couldn't speak English as well as you do, we wouldn't even be having this conversation, because I can only speak English. I don't even do that very well sometimes." He grinned and we became more relaxed with our visit.

Arto is waiting for the consent of the UIL to play sports. Many papers had to be filled out for permission to play. So far these have not come back. In Finland he snow skis, bowls, throws darts and plays tennis.

"Are there many differences in the way you eat here?" I asked. Laughingly, Arto told me, "The foods are so fast here, hamburgers and Mexican foods. At home there is much more cooking. My mother here (Martha Jones) does not work outside the home so we have good meals there."

When asked if there was a difference in the subjects he would be taking in Finland this year, Arto said, "I would be taking Swedish and chemistry there." He speaks four languages - Swedish, Finnish, German and English.

Arto lacks one more year of schooling in his country. This year in America will put him a year behind graduating in his country. After graduation he will serve a required 11 months in his country's army. The young men in Finland can decide which 11 months they want to serve, until the age of 28, then they have no choice.

"Do you get homesick?" I asked. Arto grinned and replied, "Sometimes at night I think of home and start missing it. Mostly I am too busy! I have called home 3 times as I haven't had time to write."

Arto was very interested in the camera I had with me, as picture taking is his hobby. He plans to

buy one while he is in this country, he says, because they are a lot cheaper here. He also said clothes are cheaper here. He bought a pair of 501 jeans for \$21.00 that would cost \$60.00 in Finland.

Arto feels there is more happiness in the schools here than in Finland. He is not sure of his future plans yet. He may go to the University of Helsinki after his military service.

I was reluctant to leave, there were so many questions I would have liked to ask, but sometimes there is a fine line where reporting can become nosiness instead of worthiness, so I told him I didn't have any more questions. He seemed hesitant to leave, so I felt our interview had gone well.

I then traveled to Gruver to the home of Linda and Lonnie Hiller to visit with Sanna Sinisalo, another very blond charmer. She welcomed me at the front door of the Hiller home.

Sanna is from a little town called Poytya, a few miles from Turku. She lives about 2 hours traveling time from Helsinki. She lives about 30 minutes from the beach and across the bay you can see Sweden.

Sanna said she wanted to be an exchange student because one of her friends had been one and had told her it would be the best time of her life.

Sanna lives in Poytya with her father, Esko, a technician who manufactures trucks; her mother, Ritva, who keeps children; her sister, Minna, age 14; and her brother, Sami, age 12. She speaks five languages - Swedish, French, Finnish, English and Spanish, which she has taught herself from cassettes.

"Have you been homesick, Sanna?" I asked. "One day I was very sad!" she replied. "Mostly I am too busy. I have called home once. I write a lot of letters."

When I asked about dating in Finland, Sanna explained it was much the same as in America. Young people are allowed to pick who they want to marry. She did say she felt dating was much more open here, that students showed their feelings more.

"What about the food here? Is it any different than what you are used to?" I asked. With a grin Sanna replied, "Not too different! We have hamburgers and pizza in the town, but at home we eat healthier." I did find out that Finland even has barbecues.

There are only 2 hours of sports each week in the Finland schools. Outside of school Sanna snow skis and takes karate. In Gruver, she is running cross country.

The recently-elected Gruver High School Homecoming Queen, when asked what she thought of being elected as queen, beamed as she told me, "It was something gorgeous."

Finland, a country of 4,900,000 population, stretches 700 miles from the Gulf of Finland on the south to Soviet Petsamo, north of the Arctic Circle. The U.S.S.R. extends along the entire eastern frontier. In area, Finland is slightly smaller than Montana.

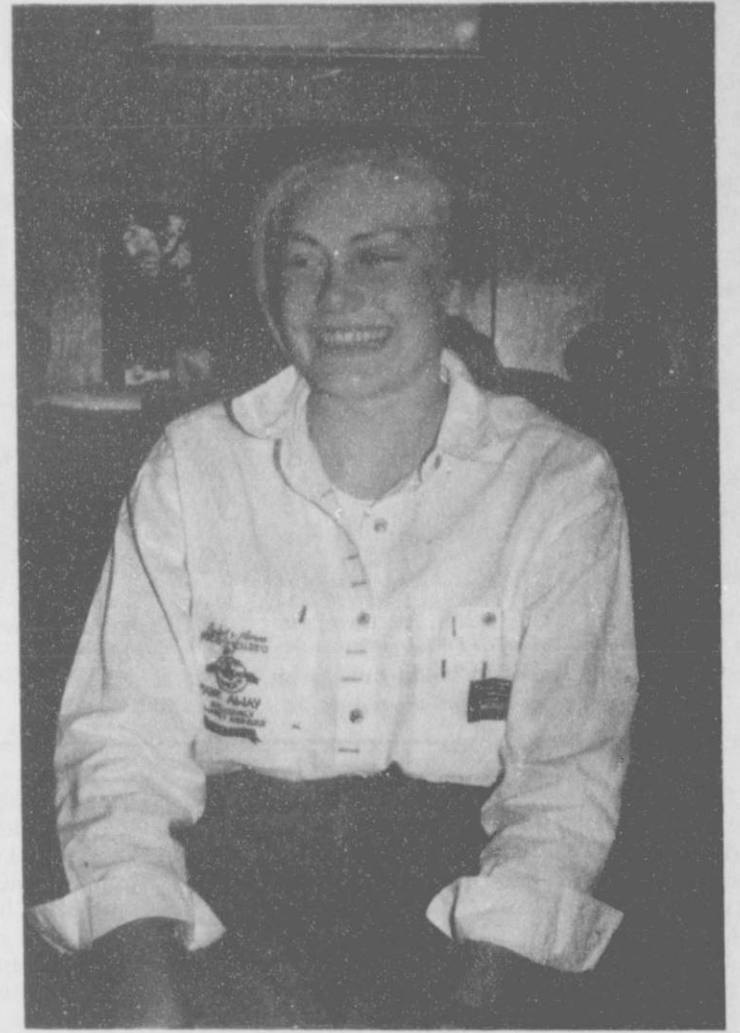
I tried to stay away from any political questions, but could not resist asking a little about Finland being so close to Russia. I asked Sanna if a lot of Russians went into and out of her country. She explained that it was very hard for a Russian to get out of his own country at all, and for anyone from Finland to go to Russia it took the usual visas that it takes to go to other countries. She said there are guards, but no fences.

Sanna made her host family a scrapbook with pictures of her family, parts of her culture, and scenes from her country. At the beginning of the book she wrote a preface that explains the beauty of Finland.

"Each of the seasons has its own charm, perhaps the least agreeable in some respects is autumn. School starts again, the weather gets colder and the nights longer. But autumn can be beautiful, depending on which part of Finland you live in. In Lapland, for example, the colors of 'Ruska' (rust) are breathtaking and there is a freshness and sharpness in the air, which make this a good time for a late holiday."



Arto Kunnola



Sanna Sinisalo

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The snow blanket covers the ground in winter and the whole Finland looks bright and nice. February tends to be the coldest month throughout the

Theme Parks Boost Tourism

Increasing interest in theme parks helped boost Dallas to the top destination for summer tourists, according to the latest issue of the highway department's Texas Auto Visitor Survey. The survey also shows how the characteristics of tourists visiting Texas change with summer season.

Among short-term visitors (those staying less than 30 days) between June and August, more than 21 percent reported attending a theme park. This is double the percentage who visited a theme park in spring 1989.

Although the Alamo and River Walk in San Antonio remained the two most-visited places according to the short-term visitor statistics, the State Fair Park drew the third largest number of people (16.1 percent). Sea World of Texas in San Antonio was fourth with 11.4 percent, and Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington checked in fifth with 11.1 percent.

The State Fair Park and Six Flags helped push Dallas up to the top of the list of Texas cities most visited by short-term travelers this quarter. San Antonio dropped to number 2 from its usual top spot, and Houston held at third. Among long-term visitors, San Antonio and Austin tied for the most popular city, followed by Houston and Dallas.

The tourist report was prepared from a 17-question survey completed by out-of-state travelers who stopped at Texas tourist bureaus. The bureaus serve as "Texas" front door, where travel counselors extend hospitality to visitors arriving from all directions. The survey sheds light on what, when, where, why, and how much tourists do here in Texas.

Free copies of the report, which shows data for winter, spring, summer and the year to date, are available by writing Texas Auto Visitor Survey, Travel and Information Division, P.O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763.

country, but the air in Finland is so dry that even -30 degrees C doesn't seem so very cold - provided you are suitably dressed.

Spring arrives a lot later in Finland, than in Britain for example. It almost seems as if the country suddenly awakens with a start and realizes it has to catch up with the rest of Europe. The snow suddenly melts, the temperatures soar and the leaves start appearing on the trees. It comes as a surprise to learn that Finland can be a lot warmer in summer than England. Summer in Finland, with July as the warmest month,

is something worth telling others about."

I was very impressed with these two young people. They are both Lutheran. They are both having difficulty with American History and Government. They were both very respectful and considerate of how they are treating others. They never hesitated to answer any question I asked. They made sure I knew they were enjoying their visit to America. They were not different from our own teenagers. They are both accepted by their

fellow students. They are people that I hope to get to visit with again.

Yes, I am ready to visit Finland.

Reporter's Note: Principal Jimmy Kirkland of Spearman High School, his office personnel Wanda Archer and Myrna Biggers, librarian Bobbie Birchfield, the Lonnie Hillers, and the Dale Jones' were all most helpful while I was writing this article. My thanks to each of them for setting up appointments or furnishing me with information.

Hansford County Hospital District Public Notice INDIGENT & NEEDY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

In compliance with Section 10.03 of the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District has adopted the following rules and procedures for the Hansford County Hospital District Indigent Health Care Program:

Applications for Indigent Health Care can be requested from Hansford Hospital between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact the Hospital Business Office for assistance.

Hansford County Hospital District will use rules and procedures established in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Human Services.

In summary these rules are as follows:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of Income, Termination of Income, Residence Household composition, and Resources is required, if questionable.
3. Net Income cannot exceed the Maximum Income Standards listed in the Income Standards Chart below.
4. Liquid resources assets cannot exceed \$1500. The equity value of a car greater than \$1500 is counted against the \$1500 limit. Personal property and home-stead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be residents of Hansford County.
6. Applicants must provide requested information and documentation requested or application will be denied.
7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

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Future Shaky For EMS System

by Karen Hampton

Americans have depended heavily on volunteer emergency medical services, EMS, for years, but there are rumblings from within that the future is shaky for the volunteer system.

While the quality of pre-hospital EMS care continues to improve, the ability to provide that care is threatened by the growing shortage of volunteers. Volunteer organizations all over the country are in trouble and they need the public's help to overcome some of their problems.

Some of the problems that volunteer EMS organizations are faced with:

1. There is a lack of personnel available during the day. With both men and women making up today's work force, there are not

too many people left with enough time to staff an ambulance without support and encouragement from the employers of the people who are willing to help.

2. There is a lack of awareness from the general public. For example, most people are not aware of when and how to call for an ambulance, what information to give to the dispatcher of what to do or not to do until the EMS crew arrives.

3. There is an overwhelming lack of support, cooperation, recognition and respect for EMS from the communities, law enforcement and hospitals. Attitudes are the biggest motivators or the greatest obstacles to effective management of volunteers.

According to Commander B. Thomas Scheib, chief of the EMS Division of the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration in Washington, D.C., a 1980 survey revealed that 65 percent of the pre-hospital care work force appeared to be volunteer.

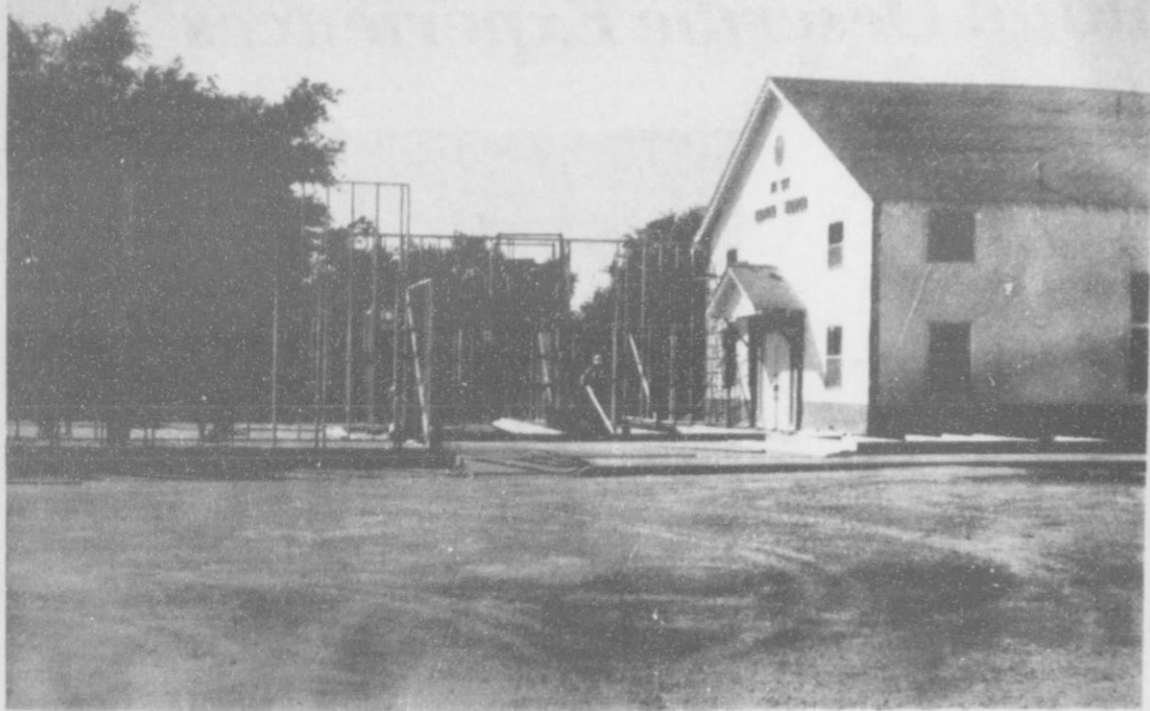
"That's a significant proportion of volunteers in one area," says Scheib, "particularly in a public safety area like EMS. You never see that, for example, in law enforcement, where about 99 percent of the force is paid."

What draws volunteers to a field that sometimes offers so little in return? They are in it because they love it. Unless you are, or have been, involved in EMS, you probably cannot fully understand what goes through their minds when they hear a call.

Once the adrenaline starts pumping, even though they know they may be faced with something that is not pleasant, it's exciting to think that you are going to be there helping someone.

EMS volunteers continue to give their time and energy year after year because their rewards are beyond any monetary measure. A nationwide survey recently found that the greatest fantasy that people have is to be able to save a life. That is why they do EMS volunteer work. That is why they continue to give, to provide the medical intervention that can make a real difference to someone's survival or quality of life. That is their reward.

The emotional support and medical stabilization that EMS has provided over the years has meant much to countless patients. Willingness to take action and to be a continuing part of this profession has saved many lives.



In its third week of construction, the new framework of the First Baptist Church of Morse already shows the large site of the addition being built, which will house a fellowship hall, kitchen, five classrooms and an office.

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this," he said.

The original building project was devised in 1986 by building Committee members Roy Harris (chairman), Thane McCloy, Jack Crowl, Naomi Schryer, and Virginia Poole. The project included the fellowship hall and kitchen and would have cost approximately \$90,000, but five classrooms and an office for the pastor were added to the original project, jumping the cost to the neighborhood of \$165,000.

What is amazing about the First Baptist Church of Morse's project is that all the funds have been accumulated without fundraisers, according to the pastor. Austin said, "We just put a sign on the wall and said 'We need this much' to our people and the money started coming in. I may have had some reservations myself about raising the money this way, but our committee knew the people of this church and told me we could get the money in this manner." The church's members have thus far collected over \$132,000 in just three years to pay for the building project, with about \$40,000 more needed.

The church has approximately 100 members, with an average attendance of 60 to 70 on Sunday mornings. "This has always been a generous congregation, whatever the need, financial or otherwise," Austin asserted. "Our people have given to this building fund for the right reason. No one person has tried to contribute more in order to make major decisions about the new building, for example. Our members know that the true rewards for giving are in heaven."

The history of First Baptist Church of Morse began in 1902, when a tiny congregation of worshippers met in a dugout south of Pringle. Later, the group met in a schoolhouse, with Methodist and Baptist ministers alternating preaching to them on the "Sunday circuit." The first church building the Baptists constructed in Morse went up in about 1939. It has been used as an "overflow" classroom building until recently, but will be demolished as part of this year's building project.

"We tried to give it away!" said Austin. "But the cost of moving it and the repairs it needs probably scared people off." He estimated these costs on the old building to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The local church men will tear down the old building using tractors to pull it over and haul it away. "In a way, this is sort of a highlight of the whole project," Austin says with a smile, explaining that it will be a hands-on experience for some eager volunteers.

The existing church building, to which the addition will connect, was built in 1950. The main sanctuary, or auditorium, will remain, but the pastor's small office will be taken out as part of the building project. Austin is looking forward to getting settled in his new office this winter which, he said, will have "lots and lots of bookshelves." If the size of his personal library crammed into the existing office is any indication, he will need them!

Austin came to pastor First Baptist Church of Morse ten years ago when a Stinnett man, Keith Bryant, was serving the church as an interim lay preacher. Bryant had been a college friend of Austin's at Wayland Baptist College several years earlier.

After obtaining a degree in

religion at Wayland, Austin went on to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife Sharon returned to their native Colorado after his ordination. There, Austin went to work as a dispatcher for a police department while "I waited for the Lord to open a door for me as a pastor." One year later, in 1979, the call came from Morse. Austin and his family have been here since his first sermon at the church in November of that year.

Austin's wife Sharon, who earned a degree in sociology at Wayland Baptist College in 1975, is active in the Morse church and as a mother to their three sons: Jeremy, 12, Matthew, 8, and Andrew, 6.

When asked what the building project at his church symbolizes Austin commented, "It is obviously a benefit to our church, but it also is an investment in our community. This building project makes a visible statement that we are willing to make a big investment in Morse. More impor-

tantly," he added, "it is a witness to our Lord that we are willing to give sacrificially for His Kingdom, for his purpose."

One of the most exciting aspects of the project, said Austin, is the spirit of cooperation it has evidenced in the congregation. "There have been no conflicts," he said. "But I knew there wouldn't be, because I came here as a pretty green pastor and these people let me learn and they trusted me. We're talking about some of the most loving and patient people there are!" When it came to the building project, the same unanimous support was behind the Building Committee, according to Austin.

There is a church wedding on the calendar for December 20, and Austin hopes the addition will be ready in time for this celebration.

Talking with Austin, it is obvious that a spirit of celebration is entirely appropriate for the building project at First Baptist Church of Morse.

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marijuana substance; Israel Vasquez, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance; Bob Griffin, Gruver, delivery of a controlled substance.

Others indicted include Tammy Birch, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance; Marilyn Hughes, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance; Carl Davis, whereabouts unknown, delivery of a controlled substance; Peppy Perez, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance.

The last four drug indictments were Monte Lesly, Spearman, delivery of marijuana and a controlled substance; Ernest Sandoval, Spearman, delivery of marijuana; Leopoldo Garcia, Spearman, delivery of a controlled

substance and marijuana; a juvenile, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance.

The four other suspects arrested but not charged were Ray Schrievagle, Kansas, delivery of a controlled substance; Willy Vasquez, Spearman, delivery of a controlled substance; Francis Borunda, Gruver, delivery of a controlled substance. These people have been released on bond.

Sheriff McFarlin further stated that with one exception, none of the drug arrests involved were juveniles. He would like to commend the students and the administrators for their efforts in promoting the just say no to drugs campaign, in the county schools.

U.S. Students behind Japanese

Senator Lloyd Bentsen recently released an analysis showing that American students finish behind Japanese students in study after study, and said education reform is critical if we are to compete successfully in world trade.

"Japanese students go to school more days a year, study harder, miss school less and score higher on achievement tests than American students. Time after time we see that American students are finishing second best -- and sometimes not that well -- in comparison to other countries. Particularly that's true when it comes to achievement tests," Bentsen said.

The analysis of several recent studies cited one study that measured student achievements in science which found U.S. fifth graders ranked eighth, lagging behind Japan, Italy, Hungary, Finland and Korea. By the ninth grade, U.S. student performance on science was last among those countries and nine others.

According to the analysis, "The average daily time spent on homework during high school in Japan is two hours. In the U.S. it is 30 minutes. Only one quarter of American high school seniors spend at least five hours per week on homework, whereas in Japan, two out of three students spend this amount of time."

"In addition, subject requirements are more rigorous in Japan than in the U.S. In Japan, three years of high school mathematics

are required for graduation while only one is required for the average American high school graduate. Six years of a foreign language is required for Japanese students, while the average American high school requires no foreign language for graduation," the analysis continued.

"And our students drop out of school more often than those in Japan. Above 90 percent of Japanese students finish 12th grade, compared with 71 percent in the U.S.," the analysis reported.

Over and over again the figures loud and clear. We aren't doing a good enough job of educating our children, and we aren't adequately preparing them for today's increasingly technological and highly competitive world," Bentsen said.

"I've urged that we set a national goal of eliminating our trade deficit over the next five years. To do that we're going to have to take several steps including setting a tough, effective trade policy for this country and cutting the federal deficit. But none of these steps is more important than education reform."

"If we are going to successfully compete with our trading partners we've got to be able to produce an educated, highly-skilled work force. I think that means we are going to have to pay our teachers more, but I also think it means we are going to demand more of them," Senator Bentsen said.

Businesses Get Tax Break

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently that businesses that buy and store materials in Texas will be given a tax break beginning October 1 as long as the materials are only used out of state.

"Basically, the legislature brought back an exemption it did away with in 1987," Bullock said. "It's a favorable change for businesses and one that won't affect the state's budget."

Bullock said that the exemption will affect the 500 Texas businesses that hold a direct pay permit which allows them to pay state and local sales taxes directly to the state. The business must buy the materials for its own use.

Bullock said that since the exemption was repealed two years ago, businesses have owed tax on materials that were bought and

stored in Texas even if those materials were used outside of the state. However, state tax wasn't due if businesses bought materials in another state, stored them here and then used the materials outside of Texas.

"We had a situation that hurt Texas suppliers," Bullock said. "The legislature recognized that and changed it."

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Contest Deadline Near

The deadline for entering the 1989 Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest sponsored by National Grain Sorghum Producers Association (NGSPA) is approaching. Entries must be postmarked at least thirty days prior to harvest of the contest field and harvest results must be mailed to National Grain Sorghum Producers Association by midnight December 1, 1989.

Winners will be named at the county, state and national levels. National and state winners will be recognized at a banquet during the NGSPA winter meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas February 11 and 12, 1990.

National First Place winners in each division, irrigated and non-irrigated, will win a trophy and a cash award of \$1000 from NGSPA.

In addition, the top three national winners in each division are eligible to attend the Leadership 2000 seminar sponsored by Ciba-Geigy and NGSPA. The seminar, to be held in Corpus Christi on February 13 and 14, is a training program designed to help sorghum producers develop leadership and communication skills.

"We are pleased to provide the national winners with the opportunity to attend the Leadership 2000 program. The workshops will be led by experts in their respective fields. The winners will acquire leadership skills that will help them in the future," said Pat George, contest committee chairman.

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Regional Spelling Bee Set

Public, private and parochial students are invited to participate in the Regional National Spelling Bee co-sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas State University.

The date of the 1990 Regional Bee will be April 7 and the site is the campus of WTSU in Canyon.

Each director in the four-state area, including the Panhandle of Texas, parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will coordinate their county contests.

Serving as director for Hansford County will be Eddie Gage, principal of Spearman Elementary School, Spearman.

The age limit is 16 and a participant must not be in a grade higher than the eighth by the end of the current school year.

There are two levels of competition: The Junior Bee is for students in the fifth and lower grades; the Senior Bee is for students in the eighth and lower grades. In some instances directors combine the two levels. Only Senior winners compete in regional.

The district sponsors will entertain each county Junior Champion and each county Senior Champion at a spellers luncheon. Medallions

will be given each county finalist.

The 1990 regional winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as a participant in this year's National Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Scripps Howard Newspapers.

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Gene Parker, placement director for WTSU, serves as bee coordinator for the Amarillo Globe News.

"I encourage all students to participate in this educational program," he said. "Those of us at WTSU who work on the Bee are pleased to assist the Amarillo newspaper in making young boys and girls aware of how important spelling is. It is more than memory work, or just putting letters in the proper sequence. It is communication."

Schools in the area use the study booklet, "Words of the Champions", prepared by the national sponsors.

The booklet, containing more than 500 new words over 1989, is priced at only 50 cents and is available from Jeane Bartlett, Spelling Bee Editor, Amarillo Globe-News, Box 2091, Amarillo, Texas 79166.

Obituary

Alma Gruver

Alma Barlow Gruver, 77, died Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Funeral services are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Gruver was born in Ochiltree County. She married Guy Gruver in 1933 at Guymon, Okla. She was a member of United Methodist Church and the Dilligent Dozen Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Marlene Winger of Gruver; a brother, Leonard Barlow of Perryton; two sisters, Mary Dietrich of Stratford and Ann Cooper of Gruver; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Hansford County Historical Commission Plans Dedication Ceremonies

Plans are being made by Hansford County Historical Commission members for dedication of the state marker commemorating the landing near Spearman of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife Anne in 1934.

The plane landed just south of Spearman on what is now land owned by Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. In 1934 Mr. and Mrs. W.J. (Bill and Vi) Whitson were residents on the land. Mrs. Vi Whitson was hostess to the Lindberghs and served refreshments to them.

Marion Close, Pete Allen and L.C. Wilson were the passing motorists who returned to town to order out fuel for the plane.

Though Spearman did have a small landing field north of town, Col. Lindbergh avoided the strip because of cattle in the field and the football field goal posts, choosing the strip of grassland north of Spearman.

The above mentioned local people's names do not appear in the text of the marker due to State Historical Marker Program rule 11. It says, "Marking individuals:

No individual may be mentioned in a marker text until 20 years after his or her death, except in the case of a deceased person of state or national significance, in which case the State Marker Committee of the commission will be the final authority on eligibility. Individuals must be eligible for marking on their own merits, rather than from their association with, or relation to, a historical person. Eligibility for an Official Texas Historical Grave Marker will also be determined by this rule."

The date for the dedication ceremony will be set for spring 1990.

The marker will be located on SH 207, four-tenths of a mile south of its intersection with 13th Avenue, Spearman.

Planned wording of the marker:

Lindberghs Land At Spearman

At ten minutes before 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 1934, a small monocoque airplane landed in a pasture about 1/4 mile west of this site. The pilot taxied

his craft to a stop near a windmill, deplaned, and asked the curious resident, "Lady, can I park my plane in your back yard?"

The day proved a momentous one for Spearman residents. The pilot was Charles Augustus Lindbergh [1902-1974], traveling from California to New York with his wife, Anne. With about one hundred miles' worth of fuel left in his plane, Lindbergh chose to stop in this small community to refuel in order to avoid the inevitable crowds his arrival would cause in a larger town. A passing motorist was sent into town to purchase fuel for the airplane while the Lindberghs rested, enjoyed refreshments, and gave their hostess a tour of the airplane.

As news of the Lindberghs' landing spread, school children were excused from classes to see the famous aviator and watch the plane depart two hours later. Although brief in duration, the visit by Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh to this small rural community was a significant local event.



Brownie Troop #126 is busy visiting Businesses in town. They visited the Reporter office on Tuesday afternoon. All this activity is part of the requirements for a patch the girls are trying to earn.

Residents Urged To Learn Fire Prevention

Children are most frequent victims of burn accidents, according to the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department. For this reason, Spearman firefighters urge each resident to take part in activities during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-14.

According to Butch Noble, parents should become aware of fire prevention techniques in order to save their children from injury caused by fire. Fire prevention information may be obtained by the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 2:00 p.m., when the department will furnish a display of fire fighting equipment and fire prevention information.

The display will be set up at the Plains Shopping Center as part of

the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Noble said, "Anyone who spends time with children should know how to avoid burn injuries and what to do in a burn emergency. Here are some items of information:"

*Children under the age of three suffer burn injuries at three times the national rate for people of any other age.

*Not only are children involved in more burn accidents than older people, but because their skin is thinner and more tender, their injuries tend to be more severe. For example, a child can die from injuries received in a bathtub scalding accident. An adult might not be injured as severely or as quickly by hot tap water, because

the adult has tougher skin and faster reflexes.

*Many burn injuries are fatal. Those that are not, often require long hospitalization and result in terrible disfigurement that cannot be corrected by plastic surgery.

*Most burn accidents happen to children at home under ordinary circumstances.

*Accidents to young children are more likely to occur when the caregiver is tired, angry, worried, tense, or preoccupied. The feelings and behaviors of people who take care of children play an important role in keeping children safe.

Spearman volunteer firefighters recommend that all caregivers learn how to keep their homes and families safe from fire.



Bob and Ruth Skinner recently visited their son, Bill, at Santa Barbara, Calif. While there they were invited, by Rue McClanahan, to attend the taping of a "Golden Girls" television show. The McClanahans and Skinners were friends in Ardmore, Okla. and Rue [Blanche] was Mike Skinner's baby sitter several times when she was in high school at

Ardmore. The "Golden Girls" were very friendly and made the Skinners feel "at home", as did Dick VanDyke, who was a guest on this show. This show will be aired probably in November. Pictured left to right are: Bob Skinner, Betty White, Rue McClanahan, Estele Getty, Bea Arthur, and Ruth Skinner.

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